

THE LIFESTYLE ISLAMIC GARDEN CLUB

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SEPTEMBER IS LAWN CARE MONTH

AUGUST IS LAWN CARE MONTH. Follow these four easy steps for a wonderful summer lawn; however before getting started, remove all weeds as when you feed the lawn and there are weeds in that lawn you will be feeding the weeds! (Horrid thought).

SCARIFY

Scarify your lawn (this means to remove any of the old growth from the previous season). Make certain that your lawn mower is set at the lowest setting; now mow the lawn at least twice to remove this old growth. Rake up all the cuttings with a hard garden broom or rake.

TOP DRESSING

If your lawn is looking worn out with a few bald patches here and there or there are some uneven patches in the lawn or it might be that your lawn is just looking rather tired and worn out, then you should consider top dressing the lawn. (This need not be done every season, infact I top dress my lawn every second spring provided that it is still in a good condition). Lawn dressing should only be purchased from a reputable nursery.

SEPTEMBER QUIZ

- 1). Give me the name of a yellow and a purple rose?
- 2). Give me the name of two summer annuals?
(Please put your answers in our quiz box)

hundreds of weeds to the garden. Remember one bag should cover approximately three-square meters.

AERATE

By aerating the lawn, it not only assists the fertilizer getting down to the root zone but it is most beneficial to help improve the air circulation to the roots.

FEEDING & WATER

There are many different products that can be used and here it is all about personal opinion; however here are some of my selections: - 2:3:2: an old fashion but wonderful feed that is very good for root making which is what you want at the start of a new season! A product called Bounce-Back is also a wonderful organic lawn food.

Neutrogs product called "Upsurge" is another one I would recommend. However, which ever product you favour please remember the most important part is the watering, please do NOT just water lightly as this does not penetrate to the root zone a DEEP watering is required, that is for at least forty minutes.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 1 September 2007 (Spring Day)
Time: 1:30 for 2:00p.m.
Venue: Lifestyle Lecture Hall
Topic: Creating a hanging basket and all about summer colour
Guest speaker: Heide from Sittigs Plants.

In & Around your Garden

- Lets start becoming cost effective gardeners, by collecting seeds from the previous seasons flowers, collect Calendula, Namaqualand Daisies and the beautiful Felicia seeds. Allow to dry in a dark cool room (a garage) and store in brown paper packet for the next season.
- To encourage abundance growth on your Fuchsias, nip out some of the buds and feed with either 3:1:5 or Multifeed.
- Remember before planting seedlings, prepare the beds well in advance and don't skimp on any of the following; this will get the best out of your seedlings. Start by loosening the soil about a spades depth, scatter some super-phosphate or bonemeal and add large amounts of compost.
- Plant magnificent Arum Lilies for a truly wonderful summer display.
- The queen amongst creepers has to be CLEMATIS, these beautiful creepers can stand a variety of positions provided their roots are shaded and the plant can grow towards the sun
Clematis can be grown on a pole, against a wall or on trelliswork. An ideal creeper for the small garden.



*Yours
in the
garden*

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