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GardenMail

GardenShop's Monthly eZine



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Dear Gardener

SUMMER - It's time to be thinking about all of the fun and relaxation that you can experience during the summer, right at home in your garden. Preparing your garden for the festive season is a lot of fun and right now GardenShops are brimming with fantastic ideas to help you make your summer season extra special.

Happy gardening!

Our Christmas Shops

GardenShop has it all wrapped up for Christmas. We have a wonderful selection of Christmas Decorations, Artificial Christmas Trees, Pre-lit Christmas Trees, Christmas Lights, Christmas Gifts for your home and garden.

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What to do in your Summer garden

Flowers

- Keep deadheading perennials to encourage a second flush of blooms
- Stake dahlias properly and remove the first flower buds to encourage more side growth
- Pinch back asters, fuchsias and chrysanthemums to encourage bushy growth and more flowers. Prune azaleas neatly after



Give a GardenShop Gift Voucher this Festive Season

GardenShop Gift Vouchers can be purchased from GardenShop in values from R50, R100 and R250.

They are valid for 12months and your lucky recipient can select from a vast range of quality plants and garden accessories.

they have finished flowering, then feed, mulch and water regularly

- Water hydrangeas regularly and don't forget to fertilise with Colourburst Azalea, Camellia, Hydrangea Food 22:7:13 (42) to enhance and to enrich flower colour
- Spray Roses with RoseCare 3 to control black spot, mildew and aphids
- Deadhead Roses and feed regularly with Wonder Vitaliser Rose and Flower Fertiliser



Lawns

- Raise the mower setting to cut the lawn higher so it can withstand hot, dry weather at the height of summer
- Fertilise your lawn every four to six weeks with either Wonder Vitaliser Lawns & Foliage 7:1:3 (21) or Blade Runner from Neutrog.
- Water very well and often after feeding to prevent chemical burn





WATER WISE for responsible gardening

Be water wise this summer and continue mulching. Mulching your garden reduces evaporation and is enormously beneficial for all plants. Organic Mulch comes in various forms like shredded bark chips, leaves, pine needles and compost. Apply in 5 to 10cm layers on top of the soil for overall soil improvement.



Herbs, Vegetables and Fruit:

- Plant and grow flavoursome 'braai' herbs like marjoram, thyme, sage, rosemary and chives
- Grow a variety of salad leaves that can be harvested throughout the summer (look out for SimplySalad – a variety of three salad leaves in one pot)
- Strawberry runners can be pegged down into soil or pots
- Pick Raspberries regularly
- Feed all vegetable and herb plants with an organic fertiliser Vita-Veg 6:3:4 (16)



General Tasks

- Keep on top of the weeding. Luckily weeds don't grow as quickly in mid-summer.
- Stake young plants and standard roses well to prevent summer storm damage
- Don't forget to water your trees and shrubs, as they need adequate moisture to weather the heat. This is especially important for any new trees and shrubs you have just planted this season
- Water hanging baskets and containers at least once a day and feed once a week

SimplySalad for the Summer

An easy and simple way to grow your own Mixed Salad at home! Harvest every 3 weeks by cutting back to 5 cm for more fresh salads.

Simply Salad can be enjoyed as both a colourful, mixed-texture ornamental and a delicious, nutritious edible. SimplySalad performs best in full sun in cool weather, or partial shade as temperatures warm up. The key to lettuce production is supplying moderate, but almost constant water -especially during hot weather.

Unless there is regular rainfall, lettuce must be watered deeply at least once a week - more frequently during periods of drought. Use a thin layer of mulch to help the soil retain moisture. Watch for lettuce rot, which first attacks the lower leaves in contact with the soil and then spreads throughout the plant.

- Al Fresco Mix - Red and green leaf lettuces with arugula, endive and radicchio give a true Mediterranean flavour and look.
- City Garden Mix - Traditional mix of red and green lettuces that are easy on the palate.
- Global Gourmet Mixture - Red & green leaf lettuces with spicy Asian greens.

Available at GardenShop for R29.95 a pot



NEW - The Potted Tomato for Summer Salads

Available for the first time in South Africa!

These Container and Balcony Tomato Pot crops all have compact growth with a high yield of tomato's. The varieties available are all ideal for container gardening and have an excellent resistance to disease.

For sweet tasting and soft skinned tomatoes look no further than the Tarzan F1, James F1 and Donna F1 varieties available at **GardenShop for R49.95 a pot.**



NEW Book Release: Gardening with Keith Kirsten

Just in time for Christmas!

Available in English and for the first time, an Afrikaans edition will be available.

It remains a practical, illustrated guide that is suitable for all gardeners, from novice to experienced, but has been updated to incorporate new plant species that will flourish in South African gardens.

A brief introduction covers planning and design, garden maintenance, and how to handle pests and diseases. The book concludes with a handy list of plants, grouped according to their suitability for particular circumstances, such as growing in containers, in full or partial shade, or to provide flowers for the vase.

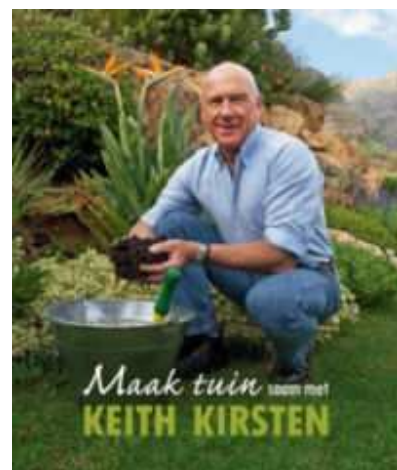
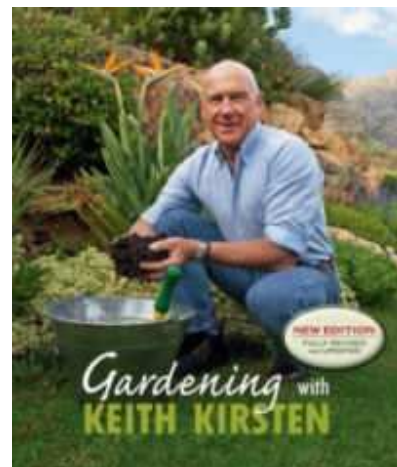
For the first time, an Afrikaans edition will be available.

Available at selected GardenShop stores for R250.

Competition

To stand a chance of winning one of five *Maak tuin saam met Keith Kirsten* (new title) or *Gardening with Keith Kirsten* (new edition) books email your name, postal address to marketing@gardenshop.co.za with Keith Kirsten in the subject line.

Competition closes at the end of December 2011.



NEW: Summer Plant Release: Euphorbia Diamond Fizz

In every way Diamond Fizz is a winner.

Being heat and drought tolerant with clouds of airy white double flowers that have pinkish bracts. It flowers all season and requires low maintenance.

Great for picking for the vase!

Hot Summer Price: R95.00



NEW : Hello to Jiffy Products : An Alternative to Plastic

- Made from a sustainable peat source
- 100% biodegradable
- Approved for organic production
- Earth friendly and non-toxic
- Greater root development and aeration in the root zone
- Reduces transplant shock as well as grow plant plants with a more healthy and natural root system



Jiffy Pots, Strips and Peat Pellets are available at GardenShop

FREE all day PLAYTIME

Children play for free all day and every day at our newly renovated children's playground at GardenShop Bryanston.

Children are welcome to play in our safe and secure outdoor play areas. Children will be able to make ample use of the outdoor trampoline, large jungle gyms, bike track, sandpits and maze.

Good food is available at GardenCafé for refueling and, for little childrens treats and presents, visit the Children's shop adjacent to the play area.

For more information on our outdoor play facilities and parties contact GardenCafé on 011 463 7056.



We say Farewell to GardenShop Constantia

After many happy years of trading in Constantia, Cape Town we are sadly saying goodbye to all our loyal customers. GardenShop Constantia will be trading for the last day at the end of November 2011.

Thank you to everyone for your loyal and continued support.

Contacting Us

To provide you with excellent service we have a team of dedicated and passionate gardening experts and there are several ways of directing your gardening queries to us:

Visit our website: www.gardenshop.co.za, call 0861 G A R D E N or alternatively email us on info@gardenshop.co.za.

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