

| MONTH | SEASON | ARTICLE THEMES | ARTICLE TOPICS | What to do in the garden | Ideas |
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| JUNE | Winter | This month in the garden | June | Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in June | |
| | | Kid's Activity (Father's Day) | Grass pot-stools for dad | Bulbs & Bulb Care: Narcissus/Daffodils; Liliiums available. Must be planted as soon as possible after purchase. | |
| | | Healthy Herbs for stews | Coriander and thyme | Rose care: Transplant roses if necessary; Water once a week; Fertilise only in sub-tropical areas; Spray fortnightly against black spot, particularly in winter rainfall areas; Dead-head | |
| | | Trending | Grow veggies indoors with special varieties that will produce fruit on pot plants! Use plants like Exacum Princess - indoor plant, Capsicum Pot Peppers | Social: Build-up to Father's Day | |
| | | Bedding plant of the month | Primula | | |
| | | Posters: Trending & Healthy Herbs | Growing veggies indoors, and Coriander & Thyme | | |
| JULY | Winter | This month in the garden | July | Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in July, incl. edible options | Wild Ways: Feeding Birds |
| | | Kid's Activity (School holidays) | Easy-harvest potato planter | | Lifestyle: Clivias, Strelitzias, Berries, Indoor Plants |
| | | Ideal for indoors | Air-cleaning plants, good for winter: asplenium, aspidistra, aglonoema | Rose care: Transplant roses if necessary; Most parts of the country - prune now; Water once a week; Feed your roses after pruning; Dig compost into your rose beds; After pruning - spray bare stems to kill insect eggs and fungus spores | Indoor plant: Cyclamen |
| | | Trending | Use plants to "warm" the cooler months - a simple container or 2 is all it takes - Remember to follow the simple "Thrillers and Spillers" rule: Upright plant in the middle (or back), mounding plants around it, and trailing to spill over the edge. Use a plant like Lobularia Stream | | Let your winter veggies go to flower for a late colour show and the bees will love it |
| | | Bedding plant of the month | Alyssum | | |
| | | Posters: Benefits & Ideal for Indoor | TBA & Ideal for indoors | | |
| AUGUST | Winter | This month in the garden | August: lawn care | Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in August incl. edible options | Composting - ask Tanya S. for article on this - Bokashi bins, - Worm farms, - Compost activators, - Mulching |
| | | DIY Activity | Promise in a Pot - Month 1: Patio Gardening (The Secrets to Success; Soil (potting soil, coir) Planting, How to Watering (weedgard, water retention granules, sprayer heads) Feeding (fertilizing) Mulching (waterwise) | | Look at Colorweis for promise in a pot campaign |
| | | Balcony gardening | Pelargoniums and Osteospermum Serenity Blushing Beauty & Diascia Diamond. CLIVIAS | Rose care: Apply a mulch; After pruning - spray bare stems to kill insect eggs and fungus spores; In very cold areas, prune your roses now; Water once a week | Wild Ways: Water in the garden for birds and other wildlife |
| | | Trending | If you can only afford one plant - make it count! Statement plants can be used to create great impact. So fill that container with that Daisy Bush or Strawberry and see how many comments you get! Use plants like Strawberry Delizz, Osteospermum Serenity Blushin Beauty & Diascia Diamond. Could do "crazy for daisies" and daisy-like flowers. Include osteos and Argys. | Statement plants: like yukka. Use OhMyGarden hashtag. Dasiy Bush. Consider your birds this month. Water features to attract birds, and for your pets. (Waterhouse to assist). How to keep pets off your garden - citrus, thorns | Lifestyle: Herb & Veggie seedlings, ferns |
| | | Bedding plant of the month | Gazania | Azaleas | Indoor plant: Zantedeschia |
| | | Posters | Trending & balcony gardening | | Plan for wildlife habitats in the garden |

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| SEPTEMBER | Spring | This month in the garden | September | Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in September, incl. edible options | Instagram campaign over Arbor Week - trees "spotted" in your neighbourhood or garden. Implement # for beautiful trees and start using asap |
| | | DIY Activity | Promise in a Pot - Month 2: Butterfly banquet window boxes (Planting for the season) | | Wild Ways: Nesting birds in the garden- creepers for wagtails, sisal nesting logs, owl boxes etc |
| | | Perfect for the patio | Gerbera (done 2015 as indoor option) | Rose care: Pinch-prune about a third of the shoots; Increase watering to at least twice a week; Fertilise; Spray fortnightly against aphids, thrips, bollworm and powdery mildew | Be climate conscious - this doesn't mean you need to stop gardening, in fact - don't forget how beneficial your flowers really are to the bees and environment. Choose plants with the climate in mind though. Remember that drought tolerant plants come in all shapes and sizes - so compliment your succulents with some colourful "water wise" choices too. Use plants like Salvia & Mystic spires to go behind Echeverias <- move all to June |
| | | Trending | Spring! Colour, excitement, lots of planting. Health benefits, exercise, | Tree of the year = yellow wood | Lifestyle: Fynbos, grasses, edible trees |
| | | Bedding plant of the month | Verbena | Social: Arbor week, Spring Day, Secretary's Day, Heritage Day | Indoor plant: Spathiphyllum |
| | | Posters | Perfect for the patio & Tree of the Year | Prep for Garden Day! | |
| OCTOBER | Spring | This month in the garden | October | Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in October, incl. edible options | Wild Ways: Bat boxes for Halloween |
| | | Kid's Activity (School holidays) | Dinosaur tyre-planter (use Peace in the home) | | Lifestyle: Agapanthus, Roses |
| | | Healthy Herb | Promise in a Pot - Month 3: Herb pots for the window sill, or patio (Pot holders - metal stands, shelves) Herbs: basil, rocket, thyme, sage, rosemary, parsley, coriander | Rose care: Pick blooms; Dis-bud; Fertilise; Increase watering to three times a week - water deeply; Spray fortnightly against powdery; mildew, aphids, beetles & bollworm | Indoor plant: Potted roses |
| | | Trending | Plant Perennials in your garden, bearing in mind when they flower. This way - you have a "spine" in the garden that remains constant, and you can plant your annuals around it to update the look with each season. Perennials are great because they may all flower at different points, meaning an everchanging display to enjoy in your garden. Use plants like Brachyscome Fresco Pink (companion). Monarda Balmy series. Shrubs, foliage, longevity. What is a perennial? | Bergamot Monarda come back each year - more light gives earlier flowers. Roses, pelargoniums, altrameliuous, hydrangeas, gardenias. Ghora. Salvia, greiida. Violas. plectranthus (for shade), honeyscukle. lavender | Companion planting for roses – link with gogga/chafer beetle |
| | | Bedding plant of the month | Impatiens | Social: Boss's Day, Rose Month | |
| | | Posters | Healthy herb | Garden Day! | |
| NOVEMBER | Spring | This month in the garden | November | Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in November, incl. edible options | Wild Ways: Creating habitat for birds and other wildlife – different plants and how to plant them |
| | | DIY Activity | Promise in a Pot - Month 4: Raising your sights (Hanging baskets, vertical gardening etc) | Agapanthus. Promise in a Pot: plant all different colour tomatoes, as well as types of tomatoes | Lifestyle: Poinsettia, Hydrangeas, Gaura |
| | | Vital Veggie | Cucumber, squash, watermelon or beetroot. | Rose care: Water 3 times a week or more; Spray fortnightly against black spot, aphids, beetles & bollworm; Check for red spider; Continue dis-budding and dead-heading; Fertilise | beetroot and red velvet cake, the greens for microgreens |
| | | Trending | Container Gardening - this is now expanded into pot gardening. For the space restricted, or for the extra eager gardener who wants to use up every last bit of space. Plant in large containers and put on a balcony, put pots on patio tables, and even indoors in the kitchen (especially edibles). Harvest from the pot as you're cooking! Even if the indoor or patio pot only lasts a couple of weeks, it will still be cheaper than a bouquet and just as rewarding. Use plants like Gerbera - mainly for indoor and patio containers etc - but also put on a good show in garden. | Do something on bats! Think about air plants. | Indoor plant: Hydrangea |
| | | Bedding plant of the month | Portulaca | Spooky plants for Halloween (See Donvae). Bat and owl boxes. | Colours: orange, black etc |
| | | Posters | As above | Diwali - plants that light up the garden | Growing for the Christmas dinner table |

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| DECEMBER | Summer | This month in the garden | December | Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in December, incl. edible options | Wild Ways: Attracting butterflies and helping the endangered bees. Talk about the seeds that can be planted as well as plants |
| | | Kid's Activity (School holidays) | Promise in a Pot - Month 5: strawberry bowl (The Scoop on Pots - The materials, Pot styles, selecting plants) | | Lifestyle: Landscape grasses, aloes, trachelospermum |
| | | Balcony Gardening | Coleus | Rose care: Spray fortnightly against black spot and insects; Check for red spider; Continue dis-budding and dead-heading; Water 3 times a week or more; Fertilise Watch for rose beetles this time of year | Carnivorous plants: novelty gifting for Christmas |
| | | Trending | Bring the outside in. Use plants, foliage, or cuts from your garden indoors. Use plants like Ornamental millet | Leucanthemum daisy | Indoor plant: Poinsettia |
| | | Bedding plant of the month | Coleus | Social: 5 December - World Soil Day | Holiday garden tips |
| | | Posters | strawberries | | |