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MONTH	SEASON	ARTICLE THEMES	ARTICLE TOPICS	What to do in the garden	Ideas	
JANUARY '19 (Finalised and sent to press)	Summer	This month in the garden	January	Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in January, incl. edible options	Wild Ways: Chemicals in the garden – how to use without killing all the good insects. Which chemicals are safe. Alternative ways of pest control	
		Kid's Activity (School holidays)	How to grow and get your 5-a-day			
		Ideal for indoors	Monstera deliciosa	Rose care: Water 3 times a week or more; Carry out summer pruning; Spray fortnightly against black spot, Beetles & bollworm; Check for red spider; Fertilise		
		Trending	Instead of from garden to table, do from table to garden. Use a plant as decoration, and when it has served it's purpose, put it in the garden for a long and rewarding display. Use plants like Calibrachoa Conga, Pot Peppers	New years resolutions, budget and save. Fix borehole, put in irrigation system. Value for money - marigold, and alisum, agapanthus,		
		Bedding plant of the month	New Guinea Impatiens			
		Gogga of the month	Flies			
		Poster	Monstera deliciosa			
February '19 (Finalised and sent to press)	Summer	This month in the garden	February: your bee-friendly plants	Bee Friendly month, biodiversity. How to spray responsible.		
		Project	Succulents as party or wedding favours	Rather use words like projects instead of DIY		
				Container gardening > use of ABSTA products		
				Wild Ways: bugs, bees, Roy Trendler books, (run excerpts past him and Dalene his wife)		
			Edible or patio/container gardening	Link to recipe for Valentines: chillies Cheesy chilli bites with edible chillies	Sustainability: Waterwise, indigenous gardening (only from our mainstream growers), recycling, worm farms and composting, hydroponics, Edibles: Veg, food, BPGA list	
		Bedding plant of the month	Mimulus	2 Feb: World Wetland Day > get a water plant for this from AquaFlora Rose care: Dead-head and dis-bud; Water 3 times a week; Fertilise; Spray fortnightly against black spot, beetles & bollworm		
		Gogga of the month	Brown Patch			
		Poster	Extreme chillies!			
March '19 (Finalised and sent to press)	Autumn	This month in the garden	Waterwise time. Lots of rain in Gauteng though. Purchase water tanks for your home. Collect rainwater. Plants which collect their own water. Flesia and bromeliad. Plant for your pets - Ask Vrone (pieter) and Doonholm (doug) they have a pamphlet on this subject.	Pets focus	Other ideas- Monthly environment and bee/beneficial insect tip or section - Easy as 1,2,3. How to change the impeller in your water pump Create a bug box or bug hotel - Creating a child friendly water feature - How to maintain your pond in winter	
		Family fun in the garden	Make a bee hotel Marigolds, gazania, lavender, salvia, plecranthus.	Rose care: Spray fortnightly against black spot, beetles & bollworm; Dead-heading will encourage flowering into winter; Water at least twice a week; In cooler areas, feed for the last time		
			Hibiscus, osteospermum, alyssum, portulaca			
		Edibles	Alternative pets - nasturtium for bearded dragons, pak choi for iguanas, chinese mustards (mazuna, tsa tsoi, pak choi, chinese cabbage, red mustard), cat grass, dog grass, cat nip.			
		Bedding plant of the month	"Blue Salvia" - National Plant a Flower Day			
		Gogga of the month	Bees (The good guys)			
		Poster	Edibles for alternative pets			
April '19 (Finalised and sent to press)	Autumn	This month in the garden	Plant the four Ps! Poppies, petunias, primulas and pansies! Add Peas if you'd like an edible - add a trellis, in your container. Bulbs, bulbs, bulbs!	Rose care: Dead-head; Water twice a week in cooler weather; Only in warmer areas feed your roses; Spray fortnightly against black spot, beetles & bollworm	- How to include your kids in the "Pond Chores" and make it fun at the same time	
		Kids Activity	Easter bunny planters		- Trending: Rectangular shaped water spaces and copper nozzles (nov and dec)	
		Earth Day	Indoor	Crysanthemums Hydroponics explained - different types (aquaponics, aeroponics, gravity feed), how they work and the benefits thereof		- How to make sure you are buying the right size water feature or pond pump
		Easter	Trending			- How can I prolong the life of my pump
		Nature Ways	Talk about Earth Day			

		Bedding plant of the month	Dianthus		- Solar pond or water feature pumps, are they reliable? (check with retailers if they stock these)
		Gogga of the month	Armyworm		
		Poster	Crysanthemums		
May '19	Autumn	This month in the garden	Aloes are looking stunning. Aloes in the house and aloes in the garden - aloes are flowering now which are attracting butterflies and bees. Time to focus on the indoor garden. Time for re-growth and change in the garden - start pulling out summer garden and plant winter plants. Mention spring bulbs and to look out for borer on plants. Feed plants. Start buying frost cover now, use in really cold areas like Bloemfontein from the first week of May	Rose care: Only in warmer areas, feed your roses; Dead-head; Water twice a week; Spray fortnightly against black spot, particularly in winter rainfall areas (Strawberry harvesting time)	Bulbine as a companion plant, great
Mother's Day		Mother's day project	Strawberry cheesecake		Food forest: bulbine as companion plant
		Balcony gardening	Poppies and petunias in containers		
		Bedding plant of the month	Cineraria		
		Gogga of the month	Scale on indoor plants		
		Poster	Poppies and petunias in containers		
June	Winter	This month in the garden	Curries and thai cooking - coriander, curry leaf (coastal only), thai lime, fennel, tumeric, ginger, harvest garlic. Curry recipe. Succulents, cactus etc	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	
		Father's Day	Bonsai for Father's Day gift		
World environment day		Indoor plant	5 indoor plant trends (Pim, Plantimex) - Platycerium bifurcatum netherlands staghorn fern, Calathea amabilis, Maranta tricolor, Stromanthe triostar, Spathiphyllum Sensation, Euphorbia trigona, Aspidistra spp??	Big leafy fig	
Indoor plant month!			Different types of pots, feeding and care, lighting conditions, watering		
		Bedding plant of the month	Pansy		
		Gogga of the month	Rust		
		Poster	Indoor plant - TBA		
July	Winter	This month	Add oleum when pruning, or SK eco oil. (Don't mention this specific products). Pick your citrus fruits now. Mention Manedla Rose for Mandela Day. Hard landscaping, prep for August and spring, water features and birdbaths for feathered friends	Pruning of roses and soft fruit.	
Mandela Day			Plants: argyranthemum (daisy bush) - ask Heyns for top five sellers for winter months. Octotus is flowering. Gazanias. Ranunculus.	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	
		Veggies and edibles	Leafy greens: cabbages, brocolis. cauliflowers. everything under the ground. Werid and wonderful colours. Soup greens.		
		Kids activity	Airplant shell planters		
		Bedding plant of the month	Arctotis	Talk about the regulation of personal bee hives	
		Gogga of the month	Harvester termites		
		Poster	Leafy greens		
		Nature Ways	Bird feeding - protein mixes, look for insects, suet and peanut butter		
August	Winter	This month	Planting month. Big lawn treatment month, scarifying, lawn dressing, irrigation checks	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	
		Project	Modern mom aloe in a vase		
		Trending	TBA		
		Bedding plant of the month	Aquilegia		
		Gogga of the month	White grub		
		Poster	Trending - Aloe vera and drinks		
September	SPRING!	This month		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 Social	

		Project		Tomato Week - 24th-30th	
		Balcony gardening	Annual seedlings - Impatiens, Begonia etc.	Secretary's Day - 5th (Aloes)	
		Bedding plant of the month	Marigold	Spring Day - 1st (Promote POM)	
		Gogga of the month	Codling moth	Arbor Day - 1st (tree of the year)	
		Poster	Tree of the year	World Ozone Day - 16th	
		Trending	Microgreens	Heritage Day - 24th (Sosatie made from Rosemary, or how to make an instant smoker)	
October	Spring	This month	Rose varieties available	Rose care: Pick blooms. Dis-bud; Fertilise; Increase watering to three times a week - water deeply; Spray fortnightly against powdery mildew, aphids, beetles & bollworm	
		Kids activity	Planting a rose patch with your grandparents "Cascading month" How to plant hanging basket combos (Like a colour chart for kids) Ask Shane for list	Social	
		Balcony gardening		Grandparents Day - 7th	
		Bedding plant of the month	Nemesia	World Teachers' Day - 5th	
		Gogga of the month	Whitefly	Garden Day - 20th	
		Poster	Rose varieties	Rose Month	
				Boss's Day - 16th	
		Other ideas:	How to make a germination chamber (kids summer activity)		
			Greenhouse (can be done all-year round)		
			Promote edibles in December - December edible sales are low		