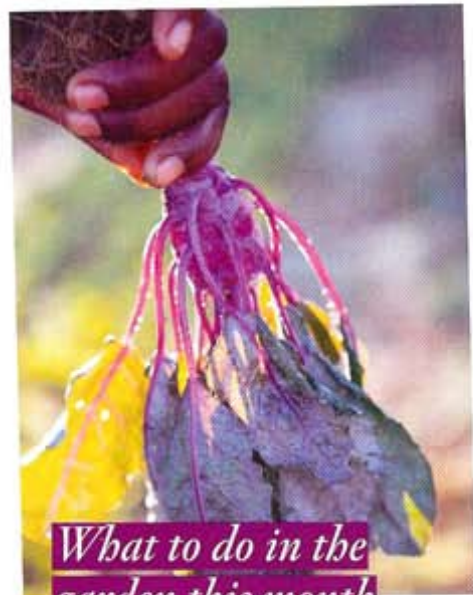


Winter Wonders

Heidi Bertish takes the chill out of winter with nature walks, horticultural information and garden sculpture du jour



What to do in the garden this month

Annuals: Feed, water and mulch beds.

Bulbs: Sprinkle crushed egg shells to protect from snails. **Roses:** Feed with organic matter/compost in warm winter areas. Spray for black spot, bollworm and beetles. Water weekly. **Lawns:** Water in the mornings in dry areas and especially where frost occurs. **Propagation:**

Hardwood cuttings can be made now. **Pruning:** Prune deciduous trees and Camellia sp. if necessary. **Vegetables:** Harvest peas two to three times a week. Provide support by inserting twigs next to planting rows. Harvest Jerusalem artichokes. Heap ground up around protruding onions. **Fruit:** Prune fruit trees and grape vines in winter rainfall areas. ■ **For more information visit**

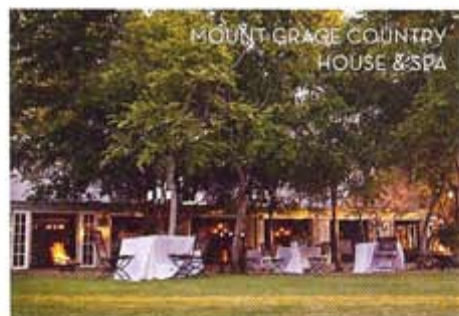
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HARE AND NOW

Creative maverick, Carol Slabolepszy has turned her life-long passion for sculpture into an artistic project which is sure to add flair to any garden

Most famous for her assembling of the Keiskamma Tapestry – an embroidered depiction of the history of the Xhosa people and also the longest tapestry in the world, which now hangs in the Cape Town Parliament buildings – Slabolepszy recently turned her focus to clay sculpting. Originally from East London, the Joburg resident started her project Hares and Graces in 2011, creating life-size clay hares. These sculptures are not only waterproof, but look great when grouped together and put on display in the garden. Slabolepszy makes six different hares, varying in size and positions, each with their own special characteristics owed to the hand-finished details, such as 'Lalela', a cast-clay hare (right). She has now also started making life-size whippets, all available to order. ■ **My Hares and Graces** www.myharesandgraces.co.za



EVENTS

■ Step out with **La Motte's** latest offering of guided walks through the vineyard gardens on Tuesdays mornings, suitably concluded with a wine tasting. R50 per person, booking essential.

■ **La Motte** ☎ 021 876 8820; 🌐 la-motte.co.za

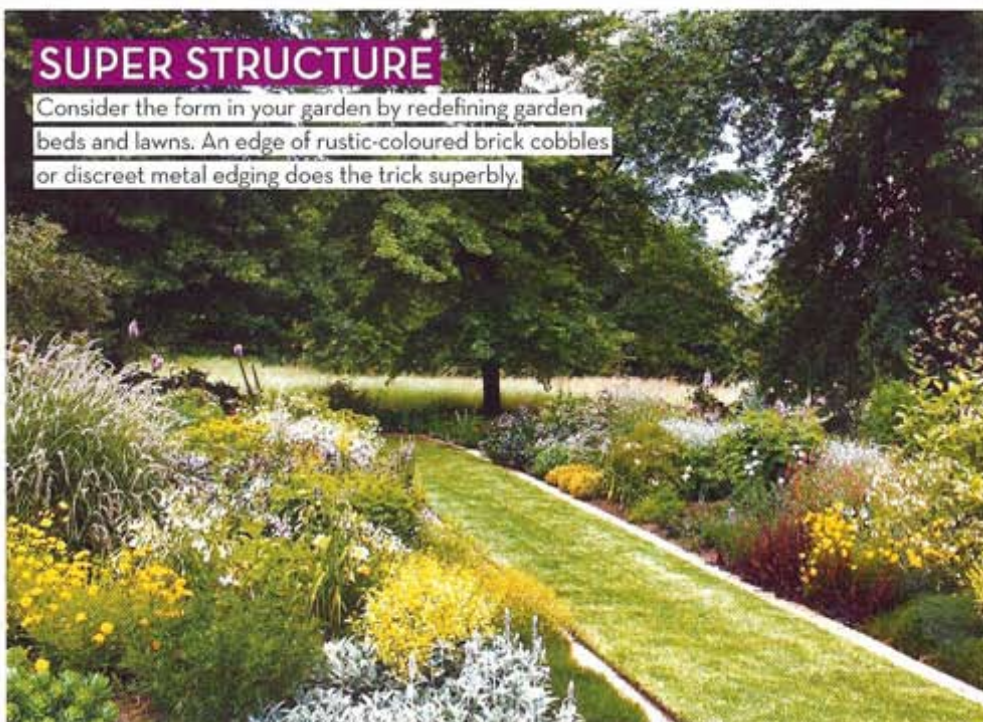
■ **Mount Grace Country House & Spa** in the Magaliesberg is offering picnics and walks throughout its gardens, at R250 per couple. ■ **Mount Grace Country House & Spa** ☎ 014 577 5600; 🌐 www.mountgrace.co.za

■ Don't miss the Room to Grow talk with Anthony Hitchcock on Ericas and Fynbos gardening, which forms part of the **Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden's** centenary programme, at the Sanlam Hall on 5 June at 10.30am.

■ **For enquiries contact Cathy Abbot** ☎ 021 464 5440; ☎ 072 201 2535; 🌐 cathy@wol.co.za

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