

LOVING AND LIVING WITH PLANTS

BY LAILA KARIM



Once again winter is here at our doors with its festivity call.

It is time to revamp our garden and prepare the beds and pots, collect seeds and saplings – decorate our roofs, balconies. It is time to think about the colours we want to bring in to our lives. To update myself along with my readers, I have spent almost half a day in a nearby nursery to see its preparation. The activities centring around the winter needs of the plant lovers is like preparing for a fest!

Be with the planting vegetables of this season or with the seasonal flowers, winter offers everything. Some beds are in the making, some are just showing the birth of the young plants – sprouting out from the seed shells and some beds are just ready for the new home. The peeping faces of the young saplings are so inviting I am sure nobody can resist their calls – take me home!

I am speaking about the nursery – many of you already know about it. It offers a wide variety of plants of all types – ranging from mango to tulsi – the popular herb (winter essential to curb cold and cough!). A wide variety of popular winter flowers, cuts and saplings are ready in different sizes.

Winter calling ... join the fest!



Look at the tiny saplings of winter special corolla, lau (gourd) or egg plants or green chillies; you just decide and pick. For a veteran plantlover, I do not need to impart anything new, you are the expert when it

comes to supporting and motivating others. But for a new comer, it's like bringing a child(ren) in the family. We need to set our mind and have our family ready to welcome the new comes. Do the preparatory work i.

e. learn and educate, then have the right kind and size of containers (earthen, plastic, metal –drums) fitting to the individual need. The planting soils, require fertilizer and insecticides along with garden equipment, shovels, water pipes or jugs, pruning scissor, buckets or baskets and they are all to be ready.

Last week, I spent half a day in the nearby nursery – many of you perhaps already did the same. This is one of the government supported nursery adjoined with the Gulshan Lake view park. The park and adjacent lake, the walking tracks put added value to this nursery. Besides the regular joggers, people of all types, whoever goes there at least, spend sometime in this nursery. During the weekends, lots of expats bring their children to make them familiar with greenery. The staffs are trained and are available to provide you extra support (home visits). The saplings are sold at a government rate. Before I conclude, I must make you aware that you must collect your containers and fertilizer from another nursery during the preparatory phase and then go to this nursery.

Photo: Laila Karim



THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY

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FRENCH TRADE SHOW

Date: 27 November – 28 November

Time: 10am – 8 pm

Venue: Le Meridien Dhaka, 79/A Commercial Area, Airport Road, Nikunja 2, Khilkhet, Dhaka

The FRENCH FASHION BRANDS (a CORONA GROUP initiatives) to promote French high fashion products in Bangladesh will be launched at the French Trade Show to be held at 'LE MERIDIEN HOTEL' DHAKA on 27/11/15 & 28/11/15 from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm. An exclusive range of products from CHANEL, LANCOME, CRISTIAN DIOR, ESTEE LAUDER & YSL will be on display. Special discount will be offered during exhibition period.

WORDS OF SILENCE BY LAURENT DECOL

Date: 25 November 2015.

Time: 3 PM for primarily for children and then again at 7 PM as a regular show for adults

Venue: Red Shift Coffee Lounge, Radius Centre, 5th Floor, Bay's Galleria, 57 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan, Dhaka

This is an extremely rare opportunity for us in Dhaka to watch a world-class mime performance by a leading French performer who has a stellar international reputation. Laurent Decol was privileged to be a student of the legendary Marcel Marceau and graduated from both the Marcel Marceau Paris International School of Mimodrama

and the Institute for Researching the Actor in Holstebro (Denmark). He was then Professor at the Marcel Marceau Paris International School of Mimodrama. He is also an actor and director of a theatre company. In the language of gesture and mime the mono-performance "Words of Silence" is a reflection on twelve of the existential human issues such as love, life and creativity. Since no speech is involved, communication is universal. "He is a worthy successor to Charlie Chaplin, Marcel Marceau or Buster Keaton, an incredibly talented artist who makes us smile and moves us to laughter and tears," wrote The New York Times describing the artist. For the children's show ticket is priced at Tk. 500 available at Red Shift/Radius or online and Tk. 550 at www.imdhaka.com. For regular show, tickets will cost Tk. 900 available at Red Shift/Radius or online for Tk. 990 at www.imdhaka.com (Limited seating so please book early)

GROUP OF FOUR ARTISTS PAINTING EXHIBITION, AQUATIC

Date: Fri, Nov 27, 2015

Time: Daylong

Venue: Alliance Francase, La Galerie Traditionally, the people of Bangladesh used to grow up in an atmosphere where water was a ubiquitous part. Nowadays we see skyscrapers everywhere, but the long-standing feelings of water still remain. At

times it stimulates every person and their particularly personal emotions.

Joloj' or 'Aquatic' is an endeavour by Bishan Bhakta, Golam Moshir Rahman Choudhury, Md. Al-Akhir Sarkar and Sadek Ahmed consisted of these very feelings which makes one recall that he or she was one from the riverbanks with very exclusive dreams and aspirations. The malleability in the point of view that makes a Bangladeshi Bangladeshi has its roots in the earth and clay they grow up with that have water in their essence to begin with. Finally, the artists are inspired by the mystique of the Mughal Muslim tradition, the Kali temple etc.

FINSTERWORLD, GERMAN MOVIE NIGHT

Date: 27.12.2015

Time: 6 P.M.

Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh Every last Sunday of the month we show independent and experimental films as well as documentaries from Germany beyond mainstream – with English subtitles. Finsterworld, directed by Frauke Finsterwalder (2013, 91 min) is being screened this week. The movie depicts a journey through a surreal Germany with a police officer in a bear costume. The story revolves around a female documentary filmmaker who is unable to find an interesting story, a pedicurist who carefully sets aside the hard skin removed from the feet

of his aged female patient, a rich couple that refuses to sit in a German-built car, a history student uninterested in a class visit to a concentration camp and a wild man training a raven in the woods.

BENGAL CLASSICAL MUSICAL FESTIVAL 2015

Date: 27.11.15- 01.12.15

Time: 10:00 am till 7:00 pm every day

Venue: Bangladesh Army Stadium

The world's largest classical musical festival in terms of the number of performers on a single stage, audience capacity and duration, is being held this year with performers such as Pandit Balmurali Krishna, Ustad Zakir Hossain, Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, Guru Karaikudi Mani, Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty, Ustad Rashid Khan, Ustad Shujat Khan, Dr. N Rajam, Vidushi Shubha Mudgal, Vidwan Radha and Raja Reddy, Vidushi Alarmel Valli amongst many more. Many Bangladeshi artistes and institutes will take part in the festival. Music Department of Rajshahi University, 8 artistes of Sylhet, 30 artistes directed by Warda Rehab and also noted sarod artiste Yusuf Khan will perform at the festival. The event will be held from November 27 to December 1, 2015, at the Army Stadium in Dhaka.

Admission is free for all but registration is a prerequisite. Online, mobile and booth registrations will start from early November. For more details visit : <http://bit.ly/1Oqyt5M>