Golden Ellerslie!
Elizabeth Peacock, CHS President

This year at Ellerslie has been our best effort yet, with Gold for the display and a gold lighting award for Grandad’s Shed.

A huge thank you and congratulations from all of us to Annette Hill, Ray King and husbands Richard and Peter, and to Michael and Susan Coulter who were responsible for such a wonderful result. We must not forget a thank you to John Taylor for bequeathing his collection of old tools to the Society, and to Morag his widow who cut the ribbon to declare the Shed officially open. 

Congratulations also to our Begonia Circle who won gold for their stunning display and silver for lighting. Very well done for a first-time designer.

Our thanks and congratulations go to Kate Spackman and her team for the work they put in to the very successful Kidzone. If there are more Kidzones in the future, we will work to have them more centrally placed for better visibility.

Well done too to our Tour leaders for the very high quality of their Ellerslie Tours. Everyone I have spoken to had a great time and would like to try different tours in the future. Finally our thanks to Athol McCully for the time he gave as M.C. in the Speakers Tent and to all our members who volunteered in so many ways.

With Ellerslie now over, we are back to the debate as to whether it will happen again in Christchurch. We look forward to the Council’s final decision.

Stay safe and good gardening, Elizabeth

Summer Garden Awards 2014 Results

HOME GARDENS
Premier Garden
R T Tosswill Memorial Trophy
Peter Lawrence
Cadian Shield
Highest points combined, Spring 2013 and Summer 2014
Peter Van Der Zee
Class 1 Sun Newspaper Challenge Rose Bowl
Peter Lawrence, Winner 5 Star Garden
Class 2 R E McDougall Challenge Trophy
Brian & Janet Lovelock, Winner 5 Star Garden
Class 5 Canterbury Horticultural Society Doyle Trophy
Peter Ward, Certificate of Merit
Class 6 Westminster St George’s Trophy
Mervyn Rodgers, 4 Star Garden

COMMERCIAL GARDENS
Premier Garden
North Canterbury Flower Milling Trophy
Anthony Wilding Retirement Village
Outstanding Feature Academy Funeral Services Challenge Cup
Rosendale Vineyards, (Trees & Shrubs)
Class 7 Peter Skellerup Trophy
Anthony Wilding Retirement Village Winner, 5 Star Garden
Class 8 Bowling Clubs Trophy
Halswell Bowling Club, 4 Star Garden
Class 9 Commonwealth Games Garden Promotion Committee Trophy
Avon City Motel, 4 Star Garden
Class 10 Edmonds Challenge Trophy
Rosendale Vineyard, 4 Star Plus Garden

More results online www.chsgardens.co.nz

Calendar of Events

ALL ABOUT GARDENING
Tue 1 April 7pm
Wed 2 April 9.45am

CHS GARAGE SALE
Sat 5 April 8.30am – 12.30pm
Canterbury Horticultural Centre

CHS RAMBLERS
Tue 8 April 9.30am Halswell Quarry
Meet Old Caretaker’s cottage
Tue 22 April 9.30am Riccarton Bush
Meet Titoki St (as we are meeting with the Ranger, there is a small gold coin charge).

OUR LIVING LANDSCAPES
Monthly Speakers Series of high interest topics culminating with the Barnett Memorial.
Commencing Thur 8 May 7pm
PC Browne Room, CHS Centre
Free to members, $10 students, $15 general public. Further details available in the May newsletter

CHS CIRCLES & AFFILIATES
Orchid Society
Mon 7 Apr 7.00pm Watling Room
Begonia Circle
Wed 9 Apr 7.30pm PC Browne Room
Daffodil Circle
Mon 14 Apr 7.30pm Watling Room
Canterbury Rose Society
Tue 15 Apr 7.30pm PC Browne Room
Floral Art Circle
Thu 17 Apr 1.30pm PC Browne Room
Chrysanthemum Circle
Mon 21 Apr 7.30pm Watling Room
Fuchsia Circle AGM
Mon 28 Apr 6.30pm Watling Room
Fruit & Vegetable Circle
Wed 30 Apr Watling Room
Garden Club Reps Meeting
Tue 6 May 10am PC Browne Room

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW
Sat 26 & Sun 27 April Templin Hall
Floral Art display by the Garden and Floral Art Clubs.
Plant of the Month

Papple Sweet Johnny

Looks and tastes like an apple but has the skin and texture of a pear. A NZ bred hybrid of European and Asian pears with stunning almost fluorescent pinkish-red skin. Sweeter and more complex flavours than traditional nashi with the same juiciness. This plant was released in small numbers last year and was a hit and is now available again. The papple is self fertile but will fruit better with another pear or nashi close by. Available in store or online at www.oderings.co.nz

Top Tasks April

Michael Coulter

Flower Garden

As summer flowers pass their best remove them and prepare the ground for planting for Winter/Spring flowers like pansy, wall flowers, polyanthus and violas. Now is bulb planting time. Choose good firm unblemished bulbs and plant as soon as possible so they get a good start. Sow sweet peas now in good deep dug soil to get a good early flowering. Cut back any perennials that have finished flowering; many can be lifted and divided later in the month. Pelargonium and geraniums can now be propagated for next season.

Fruit & Vegetable Garden

Continue to harvest tomatoes, peppers, beans and cucumbers as soon as they are ready to encourage them to continue to produce. Remove and dispose of any plants that show signs of disease to stop it from spreading to other plants do not compost.

Sow green crops on any ground not in use over the winter to improve soil structure. Harvest apples and pears as soon as they are ready and still firm so that they will keep better. Cut pumpkins and leave to dry for a few days before storing them. Remove old tomato plants from the green house as soon as the crop has finished so the green house can be disinfected before the cold of winter.

Lawn & Paths

Spray for the weeds before the weather gets too cold. Apply fertilizer now to get a good cover of grass before the frosts. Do not cut the grass too low. Spray any paths that tend to get moss on them and prepare the ground for planting before it starts.

Daffodil Circle

- It’s bulb planting time. Daffodil aficionado Dave Adams will share tips on how ensure we get the best blooms come Spring.

Lilies Galore

- Lily experts Wendy and David Milliceramp; Millichamp of Lilyfields, Mount Somers, tell us about Asiatic, Trumpets and Oriental-Auratum lilies. They’ll describe new plants and old favourites and tell us how to plant and care for these exotic bulbs to achieve a marvellous display in your garden from December to February. They will also have a selection of bulbs for sale so bring your cash!

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- 3 cups chopped parsley
- 2 cups grated carrot
- 1 stalk celery finely chopped
- 2 spring onions chopped

Blend together then toss through vegetables. Sprinkle 1/4 cup walnuts on top. Serve & enjoy!

Planting Goodness

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/8 cup vinegar
- 1/8 cup lemon juice
- 3 cloves crushed garlic

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Norfolk Island Tour

8 Day Tour 23 - 30 November 2014

Highlights: Sights and history, local gardens, progressive dinner to Island homes, sound and light show, convict night and more...

Alpine Triangle Short Break

1 - 4 October Hanmer/Kaikoura

Visit our website for full listings or contact tours@chsgardens.co.nz

Look & Learn Autumn Tour

Half Day Tour, Hunter’s Garden, Rangiora 10.30 - 2.30pm Sat 10 May & Wed 14 May

Demonstration with Freda Perennials – Propagation by division. Surplus plants free for your garden. Shared lunch and a visit to Woodend Landscape Supplies.

Register now at CHS Office: $20;$5 car pool (includes morning tea), limited numbers

Look & Learn Winter Tour

At the home of Gail & Rod Scrivener, Lincoln 12 noon Wed 9 July

Celebrate Winter with members at this social occasion. Includes: Simplicity with winter flowers for your home - demonstration with Elizabeth Jenkins Floral Artist. Shared lunch (soup provided).

Register now at CHS Office: $20;$5 car pool. Bring your favourite winter flower for display.

Quiz Time

What is the National Flower/Plant of these countries?

1. Germany 4. Denmark
2. USA 5. Finland
3. Brazil

Answers online www.chsgardens.co.nz

Quiz Night!

7.30pm Wednesday 21st May
PC Browne Room, CHS Centre

All About Gardening

MAY 2014

7pm - 9pm Tue 6 May
9.45am - 11.45am Wed 7 May

Farewell

Des Riach is stepping down from giving talks to groups after a lifetime of involvement in horticulture and giving people valuable information through talks and demonstrations.

Des was for many years the Superintendent of the Canterbury District Health Board grounds, gardens and vegetable production. He has a wealth of knowledge that we all enjoyed gained from many years involvement with the industry.

His hobby is also about plants especially alpines, bulbs and orchids. With his wife they ran a small nursery in Mays Road.

Des is an expert gardener and plantsman and we have all benefited from his immense knowledge and wisdom.

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