**Plot to Pot**

Orange Cauliflower Salad
1/2 Cauliflower broken into florets
1 Lemon (juiced)
1 Orange (peeled and broken into segments)
1 Small Red Onion (sliced into rings)
2 Sticks Celery (chopped)
1 Eating Apple (grated)

Bring cauliflower florets to the boil and drain. Once cool mix with orange segments. Add celery, apple and onion and toss. Serve.

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**Mid Winter LUNCHEON**

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**View from the Deck**

Alan Jolliffe

Over the weekend we were able to have lunch on the deck and I reflected on the talk given by Prof Dave Kelly at the CHS last week. In a nutshell he told us that birds are really important in spreading native plant seeds and shifting pollen from one plant to another. The best birds are silvereye, bellbird, tui and kereru.

So I looked for the birds at home, 30 silvereyes, five fantails, four blackbirds, two thrush, eight sparrows and two starlings. Also two monarch butterflies. Not bad! We have only had bellbirds in the trees for short periods in the last two years. We also have had kingfishers and white faced herons, ducks, pukeko and a few others.

So the best we have is silvereyes, a few bellbirds no tui and no kereru. Tui were extinct in Canterbury and have been reintroduced and kereru are increasing slowly in numbers.

To increase the numbers we have to look at bird habitats where there is plenty of shelter, food and water with no cats or other predators. Easy? Not likely. We need to spend a bit of extra time thinking about our gardens and urban landscape, what to plant where and then keep our predator population down.

I am looking forward to Colin Meurk’s talk on 12 June about “Threats and Opportunities for Native Plants in Canterbury” so I can do my bit to increase plant and bird numbers.

**From the President**

Elizabeth Peacock

How lucky our members are with the number and quality of events our volunteers are giving their time and energy to organize. In the last month we have had the first of our new Speaker Series with Professor Dave Kelly giving a fascinating power point presentation on how our native birds and native plants rely on each other for survival.

At our Annual Quiz Night, Dave Adams again gave us a great night of light-hearted fun, great raffle and quiz prizes.

The Ramblers two walks: Riccarton Bush where the Ranger explained the restoration programme there and Travis Wetland, another good experience. Please join in something new this month to support the volunteers who work so hard for you.

Happy gardening, Elizabeth

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**Calendar of Events**

**CHS RAMBLERS**

Tuesday 10 June 9.30am Beckenham Meet Eastern Tce by Beckenham Park
Tuesday 24 June 9.30am Aidenfield Meet Reserve Corner McMahon Drive and Aidenfield Drive

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**WINTER SPEAKER SERIES**

**OUR LIVING LANDSCAPE**

Thursday 12 June 7pm

**THREATS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIVE PLANTS IN CANTERBURY**
Dr. Colin Meurk
PC Browne Room, CHS Centre
Non-members: $15; students: $10
Tickets: www.chsgardens.co.nz

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**INTERACTIVE HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP**

**COMPOSTING**

Saturday 21 June 10am -12pm
Organising clean up events, repairing street benches and running anti-litter campaigns

**CHS CIRCLES**

**Daffodil Circle**
Mon 9 Jun 7.30pm Waiting Room

**Begonia Circle**
Wed 11 Jun 7.30pm PC Browne Room

**Chrysanthemum Circle**
Mon 16 Jun 7.30pm Waiting Room

**PC Browne Room**

**NATIVE PLANTS IN CANTERBURY**

**OUR LIVING LANDSCAPE**

**SPEAKER**
Terry Windle

**Tickets: www.chsgardens.co.nz**

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**CHS NEWS**

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**Quiz Time**

What is the National Flower/Plant of the following countries?
1. France
2. Holland
3. Ireland

Answers online www.chsgardens.co.nz
Top Tasks June
Michael Coulter

Flower Garden
Now is the time to get the last of the Spring bulbs planted especially tulips and lilies. As the ground allows plantings of polyanthus, pansy, violas and other Spring flowers can continue. New stock of roses are arriving in the nurseries so get in early to get the best choice of plants. Prepare the ground before you buy the plants so that you can plant straight away. Clean up and cut back any perennials as they finish flowering including chrysanthemums. Only cut back to one third of the height of the plants. Lift and store dahlias, tuberous begonias and gladiolus. Keep only those that are firm and healthy looking.

Give roses a good clean up spray before the leaves fall to help stop any disease carry over to next season. Spraying with Roundup to kill the weeds which any unused ground can have lime applied if needed and copper before the start of pruning next month. If possible only mow the grass when it is dry and catch the clippings. When mowing walk on or work the soil as this can do some damage by compacting it and destroying the organic matter and structure.

Fruit & Vegetable Garden
With wet ground be careful not to try to walk on or work the soil as this can do some damage by compacting it and destroying the organic matter and structure. If conditions allow prepare ground for planting shallots and garlic. Sow broad beans if too wet these can be sown in small pots and transplanted later. Spray fruit trees with their first Winter oils and copper before the start of pruning next month.

Any unused ground can have lime applied if it has not had any for 3-4 years. Any weedy area too wet to dig that is wanted for Spring planting can be sprayed with round up to kill the weeds which should leave it clean in time for Spring.

As glasshouse crops finish clean out the old plants and if possible get it really empty then disinfect everything - walls, roof, paths and ground. This will help get rid of any pest and disease carry over to next season.

Lawns & Paths
The ground is wet and as a result we have not yet had enough frosts to stop the grass from growing. Do not be tempted to cut the grass too low as this will expose it to the frosts when they come making it yellow and stop growing which can also make it become very muddy.

If possible only mow the grass when it is dry and catch the clippings. You can still treat for moss on paths and in the lawn but do it on a fine sunny day. Any bare hard wearing areas of lawn can be repaired with instant turf now as with the cooler days they do not dry out so quick and seem to take better.

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Misty Mountains Tour
Elizabeth Peacock, CHS President

What is your definition of an exceptional trip? Faultless organization, clean, comfortable accommodation and transport, diverse itinerary, great food and hospitality with friendly, entertaining company and an excellent Tour Manager. With Gail Scrivener as leader, the Misty Mountain tour had it all.

Travelling to Dunedin, Invercargill and TeAnau with gardens to visit and nurseries to tempt us, the highlight of the tour was Doubtful Sound. Sailing across Lake Manapouri to the Power Station, by bus over the Wilmot Pass to Doubtful Sound, we boarded The Navigator, home for the next 24 hours and set sail up the Sound. Blue sky, water like glass and no wind, simply perfect. The majesty of the sheer cliffs rising out of the water, covered in forestation with very little to grow on was breathtaking.

A lighter boat took us to the cliff edge to see the native flora up close, magic.

On board again we headed to the Tasman, seeing yellow-crested penguins pretending to be dolphins in the water and seals silhouetted against the sunset on the outer islands before returning into Hall Arm for dinner and bed. Next morning, we sailed to the end of Hall Arm where we were asked to turn off our phones, take no photos and not to move. All the engines stopped too... our senses were captivated by the silence then the bird song that followed. A truly spiritual moment which we all regretted ending.

I could tell so much more about this trip, but I have run out of space. If you haven’t been to Doubtful, it is a MUST on your bucket list.

All About Gardening
June 2014
7pm - 9pm Tuesday 3 June
at CHS Centre, South Hagley Park

Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter
From Your Gardens & Question time
Garden Tools 101
How to use, sharpen and maintain your garden tools. Gardeners rely on their trusty tools, and each one has a few personal favourites, but are we using them and caring for them properly?

Morning Tea/Supper
Truffles & Trees with Chris Smith of Southern Woods Nursery
This Templeton-based nursery is a ‘one stop shop’ for the rural planter, landscaper and home gardener. They also supply truffle inoculated trees for the exciting fledging Canterbury truffle industry. Chris will show us some of these special trees which are grown for commercial enterprises and also discuss a selection of trees that are suited to smaller city gardens.

Raffles
CHS Centre, South Hagley Park
Members: $5 non-members: $10
Tea, coffee and refreshments included

Plant of the Month
Blackberry Nip
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