

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 rings and toss lemon juice through salad. Serve.



Mid Winter LUNCHEON

With
Vi Cottrell



SAT JUNE 28 12 Noon

**CPIT Visions Restaurant
St Asaph Street, City**

Join us for a lovely meal followed by our speaker:

Vi Cottrell QSM

Founder of Trade Aid

Tickets: \$30pp

Available from the office at the CHS Centre

Limited numbers

Licensed restaurant, plenty of parking close at hand.

We look forward to seeing you!

Quiz Time

What is the National Flower/Plant of these countries?

1. France
2. Holland
3. Ireland
4. Japan
5. Switzerland

Answers online www.chsgardens.co.nz.

CHS TOURS

Tour with us



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2-9 November 2014 8 Day Tour

A unique destination of true unspoiled beauty **fully escorted**

\$2,999 SHARE TWIN Includes:

- Economy Class Air NZ Airfares ex CHC
- Hotel Accommodation
- Return Transfers
- 7 Dinners, 7 Breakfasts

And a selection of hand-picked Norfolk Island excursions

Brochure & Registrations available at the CHS Office now

Look & Learn Winter Tour

Lincoln Community Care Centre (followed by a cuppa at the home of Gail & Rod Scrivener)

12 noon Wednesday 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.

Alpine Triangle Short Break

1 - 4 October Hanmer/Kaikoura

Brochure out now

A Celebration of Canterbury Gardens

7-5 November 2014 Cup Week

Half & Full Day Tours

Christmas Open Homes & Gardens

December 2014 Half & Full Day Tours

Melbourne Flower Show & Gardens

25 -29 March 2015 Inspiration Blooms!

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

We would love to meet you on tour!

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 keruru.

So I counted the birds at home, 30 silvereye, 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 keruru. Tui were extinct in Canterbury and have been reintroduced and keruru 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.

CHS NEWS



Canterbury Horticultural Society
Newsletter No 203 June 2014

Calendar of Events

CHS RAMBLERS

Tue 10 Jun 9.30am Beckenham
Meet Eastern Tce by Beckenham Park

Tue 24 Jun 9.30am Aidenfield
Meet Reserve Corner McMahon Drive
and Aidenfield Drive

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES.

Members Free!

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

INTERACTIVE HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP.

COMPOSTING

Terry Windle

Saturday 21 June 10am -12pm
and Saturday 28 June 10am -12pm
(see over for further for details)

Members/students: \$5, non-members: \$10
Tickets: www.chsgardens.co.nz

CHS CIRCLES

Daffodil Circle

Mon 9 Jun 7.30pm Watling Room

Begonia Circle

Wed 11 Jun 7.30pm PC Browne Room

Chrysanthemum Circle

Mon 16 Jun 7.30pm Watling Room

Floral Art Circle

Thu 19 Jun 1.30pm PC Browne Room

CHS AFFILIATES

Orchid Society

Mon 2 Jun 7.00pm Watling Room

Canterbury Rose Society

Tue 17 Jun 7.30pm PC Browne Room

Garden Club Reps Meeting

Tue 1 Jul 10am PC Browne Room



This English garden was created between the walls of a church that had been bombed out during World War II.

Providing Community Leadership

Tony Kurowski, CHS Manager

"Demonstration gardens" is one of four key CHS strategies. It will require committed and ongoing leadership from the Society and its members. Of necessity it will create an interface with community groups and local authorities and it potentially could become a rich source of new members. The strategy has parallels with the "Britain in Bloom" programme currently run by the Royal Horticultural Society. As Chris Beardshaw observed in the RHS magazine Grass Shoots (No 17) "...genuine beautification of outside spaces needs more than mere aesthetic seasonal shows. In fact it must encompass issues of broad environmental concern, conservation, education, community involvement and long term sustainable projects".

Driven by community-based "Bloom groups" activities are selected by each group to meet local needs, but examples include:

- Caring for local parks and squares
- Helping to establish school gardens, run wildlife projects and school

food-growing initiatives

- Planting trees and bulbs and creating floral displays in community spaces
- Organising clean up events, repairing street benches and running anti-litter campaigns
- Regenerating unused areas with the involvement of local people
- Creating wildflower meadows and maintaining conservation areas
- Encouraging people to adopt environmentally-aware activities such as recycling, composting and water harvesting

The CHS is already active in some of these areas such as Orchards in Schools, Alhambra Gardens and the new Interactive Horticulture Series and Special Skills Workshops but so many more opportunities exist. Are you as a member up for the challenge? Can you identify a community-based project for CHS involvement? Better still are you prepared to lead it?

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 Peacock.*



MISTY MOUNTAINS

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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 gladiolas. 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.

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.

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,

matched only by the reflections in the water. A lighter boat took us to the cliff edge to see native flora up close...magic.

On board again we headed to the Tasman, seeing little 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.



Photo Credits: 1. Doubtful Sound at sunset 2. Ruth Bird & Gail Scrivener 3. The Navigator in Doubtful Sound 4. Denis Peacock & Gail Scrivener on Queenstown Luge 5. Da Vella Gore's garden at Lake Hayes 6. Maple Glen Gardens

INTERACTIVE HORTICULTURE WORKSHOPS.

COMPOSTING

Saturday 21 June 10am -12pm
Delta Community Garden
105 North Avon Rd
and Saturday 28 June 10am -12pm
Lincoln Community Garden, James St

Cost: members/students: \$5
non-members: \$10

A series of practically-oriented workshops led by well-respected and vastly experienced horticultural practitioners – Terry Windle, Alan Jolliffe, Dave Adams and Michael Coulter.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- *What manures make good compost*
- *How to construct a compost heap*
- *Things to avoid e. g bad weeds*
- *Adding extra fertiliser*
- *Moisture requirements*

Purchase tickets: www.chsgardens.co.nz or at the CHS Office tel: 366 6937

All About Gardening

June 2014

*7pm - 9pm Tuesday 3 June
9.45am - 11.45am Wednesday 4 June*

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 fledgling 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

Blackberry Nip has deep unfading purple blooms of a medium size on long stems and a powerful old fashioned fragrance. Now available as a climbing rose it is back at Oderings with better numbers available.

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