



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**From flaxes to buxus - it's time for Christchurch gardeners to sharpen their edges and shine their grasses.**

**The Canterbury Horticultural Society (CHS) invites dedicated garden owners to show off their blooming Summer gardens in the Society's annual Summer Garden Awards.**

The CHS Garden Awards are a way of acknowledging the great work home gardeners, landscape designers, city planners, teachers and employed gardeners are doing - and a chance for just a little bit of showing off for all the hard yards on the ground.

This year we have a number of new categories to reflect the changing nature of our city and for home gardeners, the generous support of Oderings Garden Centres with over \$3,000 of Oderings vouchers on offer.

"Oderings has a close relationship with the CHS and is proud to support Canterbury home gardeners in their efforts to create unique Summer gardens. We are very much looking forward to seeing inspirational colour, new concepts and innovative designs" said Julian Odering, spokesman for Oderings Garden Centres.

We would love to see some new gardens and meet some new gardeners, so if you know anyone who has worked hard on a garden - for home, school or work why not nominate them today (just make sure you get their approval first)!

Classes range from pocket gardens right through to commercial properties. A special class for house and gardens under 3 years old provides an opportunity for new homeowners to show off their hard work over the last few challenging years.

The awards have an emphasis on recognising achievement across a range of gardening skills, and cater for every style of garden from early colonial to contemporary design. So if you think your garden would not be up to 'competition standard' you could be mistaken.

All entrants whose garden gains an award receive a certificate at the CHS Summer Garden Awards function and a complimentary membership to the CHS. Home gardeners with top scoring gardens receive either a \$250 (1st), \$100 (2nd) or \$50 (3rd) Oderings gift voucher. There is also a Premier Garden Award with a \$500 Oderings Gift Voucher awarded to the best garden from the Home Gardens category.

Entry is FREE. To learn more simply download an entry form from the Canterbury Horticultural Society website :[www.chsgardens.co.nz](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz) or visit the Horticultural Centre in Hagley park and collect an entry form. This includes all details including judging criteria and what judges will be looking for when they visit your garden.

*Open to all residents of Christchurch as per the CCC guidelines.*

**Entries close: Wednesday 27 January 2016** judging takes place on Saturday 30 January 2016

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