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Celebrate the wonders of Autumn this year at the Autumn Garden Show, a showcase of vibrant flowers and plants, from alpines to bonsai.

A joint effort by the Canterbury Horticultural Society and Christchurch City Council Botanic Gardens, the show takes place on Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May this year.

The show incorporates the National Chrysanthemum Show held at the Ilex Centre in the new Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre. There will be an outstanding display of colourful blooms presented by the region's best growers and is sure to impress.

The show continues at the adjacent marquee where an impressive crop of organisations have gathered to present, discuss, advise and sell their wares.

Canterbury Horticultural Society (CHS) will be on site promoting "HortTalk", where folk can discuss their horticultural or gardening issues, so if you have any troublesome 'green' problems why not come along for a chat.

Other exhibitors are Edible Canterbury/Ōtākaro Orchard, Christchurch Beautifying Association, Friends of Botanic Gardens, Christchurch Bonsai Society, New Zealand Alpine Society, Canterbury Orchid Society, Canterbury Begonia Society, Riccarton Horticultural Society, CHS Fruit & Vegetable and Chrysanthemum Circles and CHS Combined Garden Clubs.

The Christchurch Bonsai Society is using its presentation at the Autumn Show as its annual society show. Its judge is Hamilton-based Sandra Quintal, a NZBA accredited bonsai demonstrator who will assess its show trees just prior to the opening on Saturday morning.

Christchurch Beautifying Association's display is intended to assist people in choosing a

variety of plants to last through the cooler months from late summer to early spring.

“The winter months do not need to leave our gardens without colour. Our aim is to encourage the residents of Christchurch to engage more in bringing our Garden City image back to its former glory”, said display coordinator Mr Brian Lovelock.

Many of the exhibits will have plants and produce for sale. Entry is **free** and the show is open from **10am to 5pm** each day.

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