NATURAL BORN WEED KILLERS
A KEY WEAPON FOR THE WAR ON WEEDS
LYNLEY HAYES

M J BARNETT MEMORIAL LECTURE
Thursday 11 August 7pm
PC Browne Room, CHS Centre
Free to members, $10 non-members
Light refreshments served

ALL ABOUT GARDENING
September 2016
Tuesday 6th 7pm & Wednesday 7th 9.30am
NB: Wednesday morning meeting now commences at 9.30am
"Arrival Cuppa" Self serve tea & coffee from 9am
From Your Gardens: This month’s featured produce: Leeks, rhododendrons and daffodils. Success and problem plants equally welcome!
Planting and Growing Fruit Trees
John Penny of Thirkettle Nursery, suppliers of fruit trees, berries and citrus, discusses what’s new and what will flourish in our Canterbury conditions, focussing on plants that are suited for small gardens and containers.
Fruit growing in a Pocket Garden – Peter King
$5 Members, $10 non-members
Morning tea included
CHS Centre, South Hagley Park

Winter Speaker Series
Our Living Landscape
Join us for the final talk of the Winter Speaker Series & M J Barnett Memorial Lecture

New Zealand is one of the weediest countries in the world and the problem is far more complex and intractable than many realise. Conservation areas, farms, roadsides, river beds and greenspaces in our cities all host an incredible diversity of unwanted plants.

Lynley Hayes will explain how New Zealand has already benefitted from the release of some natural born weed-killers, outline projects in the Canterbury region, share secrets to success, provide reassurances about safety, and consider the future outlook for this approach. This is a talk with everything - a cast of thousands, science, interesting creatures, smut, economics, joy and despair.

Lynley Hayes is the leader of the Biodiversity and Conservation team at Landcare Research, the Crown Research Institute charged with driving innovation in the management of terrestrial biodiversity and land resources.

The M J Barnett Memorial Lecture was established to honour the memory of one of New Zealand’s most distinguished horticulturists, Morris John Barnett M.B.E., A.H.R.H.S., A.H.R.I.H. (NZ) who died 15 October 1964. Canterbury Horticultural Society instituted the memorial lecture in 1965 to perpetuate his memory.

$10 non-members $5 students.
Door sales available on the night or book online: www.chsgardens.co.nz

Never miss an AAG Session!
Sign up with your mobile number to receive SMS alerts to all AAG sessions. Simply text CHS followed by your name to 226 and you’ll be added to our list (you can also email us or add your details to the form available at AAG).
The CHS has partnered with Ferrymead Heritage Park to present a free heritage rose pruning demonstration.

Taking place on site in the Addington Workshop Memorial Garden, located inside Ferrymead, it will cover the basics of pruning these unique blooms.

A heritage rose, also known as an old garden rose, is defined as any rose belonging to a class which existed before the introduction of the first modern rose, La France, in 1867. In general, heritage roses of European or Mediterranean origin are once-blooming woody shrubs, with notably fragrant, double-flowered blooms primarily in shades of white, pink and crimson-red.

**When & Where**
**Saturday 13 August 10am**
Addington Workshop Memorial Garden
Truscotts Rd & Ferrymead Park Drive
Entrance A (Education)
Plenty of parking available opposite entrance

**image top:** the shrub rose ’Molineux’.

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**ALL ABOUT GARDENING AUGUST**

**Tuesday 2nd 7pm & Wednesday 3rd 9.45am**

All About Gardening returns with a special truffle-inspired session led by Dr Alexis Guerin-Laguette from Plant & Food, Lincoln. Alexis is an entertaining speaker and loves to share his passion for truffles. There will also be a session on breakfasting with truffles - yum!

$5 Members, $10 non-members
Morning tea included, CHS Centre

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**GARDEN CLUB REPS**

**Garden Club Reps**
**Tuesday 2 August 10am**
PC Browne Room, CHS Centre

**CHRYSANTHEMUM CIRCLE**

**Monday 15 August 7.30pm**
Watling Lounge, CHS Centre
Preparing for taking cuttings, general cultural notes

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**JUNIOR GARDENERS**

**Thursday 18 August 3:45 - 5pm**
Watling Lounge, CHS Centre

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**FLORAL ART CIRCLE**

**Thursday 18 August 1.30pm**
Watling Lounge, CHS Centre

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**FRUIT & VEGE CIRCLE**

**Wednesday 31 August 7.30pm**
Watling Lounge, CHS Centre

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**Combined Spring Show**

**Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 September 2016**

New Zealand Alpine Garden Society, Rhododendron Society and Canterbury Horticultural Society Daffodil Group have once again joined together to present the Combined Spring Show.

The 2016 show also includes the Rhododendron and Bonsai Societies and the Cacti & Succulents Group. These organisations will present their own unique mini-shows, promising to make the event even better and bigger than ever before!

The CHS Daffodil Group is running twice as many classes compared with last year, and has doubled the amount of space available.

There is also a number of smaller displays with something for all visitors, young or old, to enjoy. Not to mention the chance to stock up on plants for your Summer garden, with sales tables from well-known specialist growers from around the South Island.

The event is well supported at the Woolston Club, easily accessible off Ferry Road. Parking is excellent, as is the range of refreshments. Enjoy a coffee or lunch in the cafe or stay for dinner in the well-priced Whitford’s restaurant.

*We hope to see you there!*

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**WHEN & WHERE**

**Saturday 17 September 1pm - 5pm**
**Sunday 18 September 10am - 4pm**

Woolston Club
43 Hargood Street, Woolston
Entry $5
Children under 15 years old free

For further information contact:
**Jude Stephens:** tel: 382 9199
email: jude.stephens@gmail.com
**Spring Fever Quiz!**

**Wednesday 14 September 7pm**

Calling all gardeners, landscapers, florists, growers and quizzers all!

It’s the time of year to sharpen your senses and prepare for battle at the CHS Spring Fever Quiz.

Once again we are looking for a champion team, so pick your team mates wisely!

We have the usual mix of challenging general knowledge and horticultural questions prepared, as well as those generous meat packs.

A special bar licence has been secured and we look forward to a fun and relaxing night with our members and friends - spread the word!

Which Team, Club or Society can topple the current Champions?

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**QUIZ TIME**

Which country name begins with these letters?

1. Qa
2. Rw
3. Se
4. Th
5. Ur

Answers online at: [www.chsgardens.co.nz](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz)

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**RAMBLERS 2016**

**Tuesday 9 August** 9.45am

Burnside
Meet in Bowling Club car park on Avonhead Rd

**Tuesday 23 August** 9.45am

Woodham Park
Meet Woodham Rd near Tancred St

No walk if very wet. FREE

[www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers)

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**BOTANIC D’LIGHTS**

**Its time to celebrate Winter!**

**Wednesday 3 - Sunday 7 August 6-9pm**

Don’t miss the Botanic Garden’s annual extravaganza of lights.

Dress warmly with sensible shoes and bring a gold coin donation.

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**OPEN WORKSHOP**

Chrysanthemum Cuttings & Propagation

**Saturday 3 September 1.30pm**

Coulters Nursery, 183 Weston Rd
Saint Albans

This workshop and demonstration is open to all CHS members. A hands-on interactive session led by Michael Coulter.

No registrations required

Will take place rain or shine.

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**MONTHLY TIPS & TASKS with Michael Coulter**

August sees the transition of the seasons from Winter to early Spring. The days are getting longer and the sun has more warmth. This time of the season can be very challenging in the garden; it can be very cold to quite warm which tells us that we must get on and finish all those Winter tasks before the real start of Spring is here.

We often get impatient to start planting and seed sowing but I still think it is too early for most plants so much of our work should be preparation for planting and sowing.

This is a good time to stock take what we have in the shed as far as seeds and fertilisers and replace any old seeds past their use by dates and any fertilisers that will be needed in the coming season.

The ground can be dug over and compost incorporated to get the soil ready for planting. Any old crops should be removed to make way for more planting.

**Lawns**

1. Get the lawn mower serviced and ready for the growing season.
2. Make first cut of the season, only cut at a height that will make the lawn look tidy.
3. Always catch the grass at this time of the year.
4. At the end of the month the lawn can be fertilised.
5. After the first cut the lawn may benefit from a rake to reduce the thick thatch.
6. Repairs to bare areas by mixing grass seed and fine soil spread over the area which has been roughed up with a fork may be completed from the end of the month onwards.

**Good gardening! See you all at All About Gardening to answer any questions.**
**HORTICULTURE FUNDAMENTALS COURSE**

Wednesdays 10 August - 7 September 2016
5.30 - 7.30pm. PC Browne Room, CHS Centre

A fantastic opportunity to learn the basics of horticulture in a concise 5 week, 6 session course led by David Milne, a qualified horticulturalist from Scotland. Also includes a practical session on Saturday 27 August.

Cost $130 per person

Enrolment & payment online (close 4 August)
www.chsgardens.co.nz or via the CHS Office

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**ROTARY FUNDRAISER**

Christchurch South Rotary Club’s community fundraising project

Sat 27 Aug & Sat 3 Sep 8.30am - 4pm
12kg bags of excellent garden manure $6 per bag, or 4 bags for $20

Available from the following sites:
- Wairakei Road close to Wairakei School
- Innes Road Malvern Park
- Harewood Road Nunweek Park
- Ferrymead McCormacks Bay Road
- Cashmere Club Colombo Street South
- Cashmere Road opposite Crighton Tee
- Pages & Woodham Road corner Halswell Road near Aidanfield entrance
- Springs Road Prebbleton (south of Blakes Rd roundabout)

Delivery also available in Christchurch city area. 5 bags $30, 10 bags $50.

Please order by Friday 12 August.

For further details, advance, or bulk orders, please contact: Graham Foulds
tel: 355 6348 email: gfoulds@xtra.co.nz

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**MONTHLY TIPS & TASKS**

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**Fruit & Vegetable Garden**

1. Finish all pruning by the end of the month.
2. Treat fruit trees for diseases, spray with copper.
3. Spray conquer oil on trees to control insects.
4. Plant new fruit trees, choose only good quality healthy plants.
5. Plant strawberries and other soft fruits, choose a sunny site for best results.
6. Hardy crops like brassicas and lettuce may be sown and planted towards the end of the month.
7. Broad beans may need to be staked and keep garlic and onion crops weed free.
8. Warm loving crops like tomatoes may be sown indoors but they may do better with some bottom heat or wait few more weeks.

**Flower Garden**

1. Keep Spring bulbs weed free and make sure that daffodils have plenty of water.
2. Spring flowering shrubs should be pruned straight after flowering to encourage next year's flowers.
3. Complete rose pruning and treat plants for pests and diseases.
4. Side dress roses with rose fertiliser to promote good healthy growth.
5. Gladiola may be planted towards the end of the month. Plant only healthy firm corms for best results.
6. Dead-head Spring flowering annuals (poppies, pansies, violas, polyanthus etc...) to prolong their flowering.
7. Keep weeds free from around perennials and look out for slugs, especially around hostas.
8. Prune hydrangeas - remove all the old wood and last year's flower heads. Look out for the white scale on the lower stems which can be cut out and then treat plant with an insecticide.
Due to some considerations relating to the NZ Flower Show location at Okahu Bay the organisers have sadly advised that they have had to postpone the show until November 2017. Kate Hillier and her team apologise for any inconvenience.

With so many wonderful gardens to be seen in the Auckland region we have decided to continue with our tour as planned.

In place of the NZ Flower Show we will experience a wonderful day in the Coatesville area visiting the beautiful gardens of "A La Fois", "Pinelee", "Mincher" and "Totara Waters" at Whenuapai.

The following is a glimpse of "Mincher" where we also enjoy a light lunch.

Approached by a chestnut-lined drive which winds past old orchards and streams, Mincher, a large rural garden just north of Auckland’s CBD, is home to many varieties of waterfowl and birdlife including Grey Teal, Aylesburys, Kingfishers, Shining Cuckoos, Tui and Kaka.

The structure and formality of the Georgian styled home is reflected in the immediate surrounding planting with long perennial borders and a parterre before gradually loosening to a more cottage style area under the ancient apple trees.

Passing through the “kissing gate” under the mature willows reveals a different vista of expansive grassed areas, encompassing “The Ride” edged with pin oaks, winding gravel paths weaving through a mix of native and exotic planting and the Rhododendron Walk, a blaze of glorious colour in Spring.

The neighbouring traditional walled kitchen garden with its Victorian inspired glasshouses and adjoining gardener’s cottage nestled in its own pretty garden provides a quiet spot for contemplation.

**TOUR DIARY**

**Amuri Garden Tours**
*Thursday 27 October - Overnight*
*We have just secured additional accommodation - more places available!* Book now: $499

**Spring Garden Award Tour**
*Wednesday 7 September 1-4pm*
*After a BYO luncheon (tea & coffee provided) in the Watling Lounge following the September AAG members are invited to visit (via car pool) any Spring Garden entries from the tour list provided on the day.*
*The selected gardens will be open 1 pm - 4 pm.*

**Discover Auckland at its Best**
**Auckland & Waiheke Short Break**
*23 - 26 November 2016*
*$1849 (ss $475). Includes return airfares, accommodation, coach travel, garden entries, most meals & more!*

**Blooming Tasmania Flower & Garden Show**
*Laurenceston, Tasmania*
*19 - 28 September 2017*
*Register your interest now*

**THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN OF MINCHER BECKONS**

Set against a backdrop of typically Northland podocarp forest, the Bush Walk features lookouts over the Mahonui Stream. Explore the 60m long bog garden and Drogo, the croquet lawn encircled with trimmed Totara and stroll under the pergola, espaliered with Manchurian pears.

*Auckland at its Best short break runs from Wed 23 to Sat 26 November 2016. $1849 (ss $475). Includes return airfares, accommodation, coach travel, garden entries, most meals & more!*
Member of the Month
Lois Buckley

Where were you born and where did you spend most of your childhood?
Born and educated in Invercargill, married and had three children, then worked full time in the family photographic business. Secretary Invercargill Horticultural Society for a number of years.

Where do you live now?
Retired to Queenstown for fifteen years, but moved to Christchurch in 2010. Bought house here in Christchurch 12 hours before first earthquake! President and Life member of the Wakaipu Garden Club.

What aroused your interest in gardening or horticulture?
I guess my mother-in-law introduced me to floral art and I learnt to love flowers. The Duncan & Davies mail catalogue was my bible for learning.

What gardening or horticultural interests do you have now?
I’m a plantaholic, love starting new gardens and keeping up with the botanical names of plants. I suffer withdrawal symptoms if I don’t get to a nursery each week.

What’s your favourite plant and why?
All the early Spring flowers heralding the start of a new season, especially those first snowdrops.

What’s been your most challenging and/or rewarding gardening project?
Being President of the Cashmere Garden Club the last two years. A very busy time amongst fabulous people. Challenging to find new members after the quake, but most rewarding to know it had been achieved.

When did you join the CHS and why?
Joined the Wakatipu Garden Club up as a member then took over their membership when they resigned, so I feel I have been part of CHS for longer than I have lived here.

What is your passion for the future of the CHS?
For the Society to encourage more people to join the wonderful world of gardening. So rewarding. So peaceful.

DO YOU KNOW A GREAT GARDENER?

In September Yates is launching an exciting new initiative to celebrate all kinds of gardening and gardeners. They are hoping our members might be able to help.

They are looking for great gardeners around New Zealand to share their stories. This could be you or it could be someone you know. Yates would like to tell these stories in local and national newspapers, television or radio.

The story might involve:
- An inspirational story of achievement
- Someone who has gone the extra mile to do something special around gardening
- A quirky garden
- Growing something very unusual/rare
- A successful community garden
- A great school garden

It doesn’t matter whether your garden is big or small, you live in the city or the country, you grow vegies or violets… as long as it’s unique in some way.

If you or someone you know has a great story to share, please send us the person’s name, contact details and a few sentences about why we should talk to them about their story.

If the story is something the media is interested in, that person and the person who nominated them will receive a gift pack from Yates.

If you have a story to share or a gardener to nominate please contact Liane Donovan tel: 027 222 7348 liane@donovanpr.co.nz

Thank you for your help and happy gardening!