Oderings Members Evening
**Thursday 11 October 4.30-6pm**
205 Cashmere Road

Open just for CHS Members - 1½ hours!

Stock up on the essentials or treat yourself to some new tools. And don’t forget the plants - Indoor, outdoor, roses, shrubs, bedding, even trees. And there is so much more – from shoes to candles, or early Christmas gifts? **Discount available on presentation of CHS Membership Card**

Once again Oderings Garden Centre are generously hosting a special “one off” evening for CHS members where everything except items already discounted will be reduced by 20%. Excludes purchase of gift cards, gift vouchers, credit vouchers, glass houses and all creative woodcraft and bee related products. No further discount off already discounted items. No Oderings Club Cards can be swiped at time of purchase.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH  SEPTEMBER EVENTS

ALL ABOUT GARDENING
*Mon 3 Sep* 7pm & *Tue 2 Sep* 9.45am
Colin Meurk: “Let’s turn the Canterbury Plains from Extinction Capital to Eco-Province – Starting Now!”
Also in the programme, Gardening Half Hour, Q & A.

Christchurch Bridge Club, 21 Nova Place
$2 Members $5 non-members
Includes tea, coffee and biscuits

SPRING FLOWER SHOW
NZ Alpine Garden Society
CHS Daffodil Circle
Rhododendron Society
*Saturday 15 September* 1 - 5pm
*and Sunday 16 September* 10am - 4pm
The Woolston Club
43 Hargood Street
Admission $5
Children under 15 free

2018 DAFFODIL SHOW
*Saturday 29 September* 1 - 5pm
*and Sunday 30 September* 10am - 4pm
See the World’s Newest & Finest Daffodils
Entries from all around New Zealand
Darfield Recreation Centre
Admission $5
Children under 15 free

FROM THE PRESIDENT
Spring is in the air early this year. I noticed a number of my flowering trees opening early and several perennials coming through the ground early. Let’s hope we don’t have too many late frosts.

Recent activities include our varied All About Gardening meetings (averaging approximately 85 people), four Fruit Pruning Workshops at various schools and the final in our Winter Speaker Series - the M J Barnett Memorial Address. All great activities.

The M J Barnett address was given by Jason Butt and titled, “Don’t Panic! It’s Only Nature”. Jason covered a range of topics regarding how natural re-vegetation techniques provide a signpost to how we might undertake re-vegetation projects in different ways, providing not only homes for native plants but for a wide range of native animal and insect species. Thank-you to all Members who attended this extremely well presented and entertaining address.

Please keep watch for information about coming events in our newsletters, emails and Facebook page.

Just a note, 839 people like our Facebook page.

Alan Jolliffe, CHS President
**YATES 2018 BUDDING YOUNG GARDENER**

**CALLING ALL YOUNG GREEN THUMBS**

_Growing a love of gardening and all things outdoors is behind the inaugural Yates Budding Young Gardener 2018 competition._

A national search is on for young gardeners, aged 5-15 years, who love getting into the garden. The lucky winner will become a Yates ambassador for one year and win an amazing family trip to Australia.

Seven regional winners will be selected by the judges and they will win a massive Yates Budding Young Gardener Hamper valued at over $300. They will also go through to the final with the grand winner being chosen through a public voting system and will be off to Queensland with their family.

Keen gardeners aged 5-15 years can enter by going directly to [www.yates.co.nz/budding-young-gardener](http://www.yates.co.nz/budding-young-gardener) and completing the entry form and uploading a short video about themselves and their garden.

Entries close **17 September 2018**

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**CHRYSANTHEMUMS**

**Saturday 1 September 1.30pm**

Susan & Michael Coulter’s
183 Weston Road St Albans

Workshop to take cuttings for plant sale
General cultural notes, preparing soil for potting on early flowering plants. Pests and sprays.

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**Saturday 6 October 1.30pm**

Susan & Michael Coulter’s
183 Weston Road St Albans

Potting on and labelling plants for the plant sale. Plant sale arrangements
General cultural notes, plant nutrition and fertilisers. Followed by take away tea provided by the Circle.

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**GARDEN CLUB REPS**

**Tuesday 4 September 12pm**

Christchurch Bridge Club, 21 Nova Place

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**JUNIOR GARDENERS**

**Thursday 20 September 3.45 - 5pm**

Terra Viva Home & Garden
242 Roydvale Ave, Burnside

Location of meeting venues subject to change. Please call the CHS office if in doubt. Tel 366 6937

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**NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK is back! 15-22 OCTOBER 2018**

Our Monarch Butterfly is under threat and this National Gardening Week Kiwis are being called upon to plant butterfly friendly plants to help save the caterpillars when they hatch in Spring and Summer, and provide nectar for butterflies.

Yates is getting behind the drive to avert a similar crisis this year by giving away various free butterfly friendly seeds including Yates new Butterfly Field Mix seeds between **1st and 14th October**. Just register online during this time to receive your seeds.

[www.yates.co.nz/nationalgardeningweek](http://www.yates.co.nz/nationalgardeningweek)

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**NEWS FROM FACEBOOK**

**HortTalk Discussion**

-Meili Duan shared a picture of this interesting fruit

_Claude McKavanagh said:_ That looks a very nice fruit Meili, what country does it come from?

-David Adams commented: Hi Meili, I know nothing about this plant. Please tell me more. Is the fruit for eating or just ornamental? If it is edible is it available in NZ and would you eat it cooked or raw?

_Its common name is Calcium Fruit in China._ It contains various mineral elements beneficial to the human body, especially the content of calcium is higher than that of ordinary fruits. It comes from China. There are many different varieties. It is fruit. It can be made into wine and snacks.

-Mary Brown was after help identifying these plants seen on a trip to Taranaki

_Rachel Vegan posted_: vireya Rhododendron (image right). Can anyone ID the other flower?

Join the discussion! [www.facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk)
This month is when Spring really begins to get going! Plants come into leaf, grass starts growing and so do many of the pests that attack our garden. Winter clean up should be completed and gardens prepared for planting and seed sowing.

We've not had a lot of rain lately so the soil is in a good condition for digging to get a good tilth for seed sowing and planting.

Many of my fruit trees are in blossom two weeks earlier than usual so I’m hoping for a good fruit set. Late frosts are always a possibility so it will pay not to get too keen to with planting even though temperatures are rising.

Vegetable Garden
1. Do final copper sprays on fruit trees before trees are in bloom.
2. Dig over soil and incorporate compost and fertilisers ready for planting and sowing.
3. Sow tomato, pepper, chilli seeds inside.
4. Peas, onions, silver beet and beetroot may be planted.
5. Brassicas and lettuce plants may be planted and existing trees fertilised.
6. Strawberries and other soft fruits may be planted but do keep them well weeded.
7. Pip and stone trees may be planted and existing trees fertilised.
8. Weed asparagus, garlic and broad beans.

Flower Garden
1. Complete rose pruning and prune Winter/Spring flowering shrubs as soon as they finish flowering.
2. Remove spent flowers on Spring bulbs and fertilise with potash to encourage next season’s flowers.
3. Cut back perennials old flower stems and leaves and treat for slugs and snails.
4. Prepare soil for planting Summer annuals.
5. Look for aphids on Spring flowering plants and remove old flowers to encourage more flowers.

Lawn
1. Catch grass when mowing at this time.
2. Apply first fertilisers and incorporate moss treatment if needed (sulphate of iron)
3. Repair any worn areas with topdressing or instant turf.
4. De-thatch by raking or using a machine.
5. Treat for weeds.

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**THE GREAT LIBRARY SEED & PLANT SWAP 2018**

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**RAMBLERS**
**Tuesday 11 September 9.45am**
Cashmere
Meet Fernihurst St & Ashgrove Tce crn

**Tuesday 25 September 9.45am**
Fendalton
Meet Waiewetu Reserve, Waiewetu St
No walk if wet. FREE
Programme available online: www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

**FRUIT & VEGETABLE**
**Wednesday 26 September 7:30pm**
Deaf Society of Canterbury
80 Fitzgerald Ave

Planning a New Garden by Alan Jolliffe, President CHS
A Visual Guide to Gardening through the Year 2 with Peter Saunders

**FLORAL DESIGN**
**Wednesday 19 September 3pm**
The group is working on basic ikebana techniques for the next few months.

New members welcome. Contact the CHS office Tel: 366 6937 Email: office@chsgardens.co.nz See the latest creations online: https://flic.kr/s/aHsm3HUR3N

**MONTHLY TIPS & TASKS with Michael Coulter**

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  Saturday 1 September until Sunday 16 September (All day)

- **Lytelton Library**
  Saturday 1 September to Saturday 8 September (All day)

- **Shirley Library**
  Saturday 1 September to Friday 7 September (All day)

- **Spreydon Library**
  Saturday 1 September (10am to 1pm)

- **South Library**
  Saturday 1 September and Sunday 2 September (All day)

- **New Brighton Library**
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- **Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**
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- **Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre**
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  Thursday 13 September (All day)

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TOURS WITH THE CHS

Welcome in Spring
**Wednesday 5 September 10am**
Visit to K & L Nurseries and Memory’s Café Springston. Carpool from Tai Tapu.
*$25* includes morning tea and light lunch.

Christchurch Spring Garden visits
**Wednesday 31 October 1.30pm**
The gardens of Sue & Alastair Stokes and Pat Pilkington, Merivale area
*$10* includes afternoon tea (self drive)

**Tour registrations via the CHS Office**
Tel: 366 6937 office@chsgardens.co.nz

Gail Scrivener is an experienced Tour Guide with over 30 years in the industry. Gail has led tours for the CHS to Thailand, Tasmania, Melbourne and Norfolk Island, as well as many in and around NZ.

**Spring Day Tour in Darfield & Hororata Wednesday 7 November 2018**

Our full day tour in the Darfield and Hororata regions features three garden visits as well as a buffet lunch at Homebush and a talk on the history of the property.

**Taradale** Annette & Michael Millar
This semi-formal garden on a lifestyle property at Charing Cross was started approximately 18 years ago. Larger trees and pittosporums form a sheltered background for natives, roses, rhododendrons and perennials. Winter roses and Spring bulbs are a feature as well as large lawns and manicured buxus and laurel hedging surrounding the garden.

*Morning tea will be served country style.*

**The Gums** Helen & Graeme Loe
This country garden was developed 14 years ago. The gardens consist of a mixture of mature shrubs, rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and hydrangeas, peonies, lavenders, trilliums, roses, perennials and clematis varieties.

**Terrace Station** Kate & Richard Foster
This garden dates back to the 1850s and has strong formal design features from the Victorian era. It has adapted with a relaxed informality that suits the present hosts Richard and Kate. Do not expect extreme neatness, but be prepared for surprises when you spend time in this extensive woodland garden. It is a very restful and uncontrived place with mass planting of bulbs, perennials and herbaceous plants. Notable features are the magnificent trees, vistas from one garden room to another and the effects of light and shade on the tree trunks.

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT MONTH OCTOBER EVENTS

**ALL ABOUT GARDENING**
**Mon 1 Oct 7pm & Tue 2 Oct 9.45am**
Michael Trengrove from The Electric Garden / Digital Future Aotearoa on a primary school project which supports digital learning through gardening. Also in the programme, Gardening Half Hour. Christchurch Bridge Club 21 Nova Place
*$2* includes tea, coffee & biscuits

**ODERING EVENING**
**Thursday 11 October 4.30pm - 6pm**
Oderings Cashmere, 205 Cashmere Rd
Stock up on the essentials or treat yourself to some new tools at the Oderings Shopping Night! 20% discount when you present your CHS Membership card.
Contact the office for replacement cards. office@chsgardens.co.nz or tel: 366 6937

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**15 - 22 October 2018**
Brought to you by Yates
To get involved visit: www.yates.co.nz/nationalgardening

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