



Amazing Edible Gardens

Tiria Stewart, Peterborough Street



Bill & Mary Allison, Daniels Rd



*Te Puna Orka
Early Learning Centre
Briggs Road*



Phillipstown Community Garden, Nursery Road



*Kees & Marisa
Swanink
Windermere Road*

WHAT'S COMING UP APRIL EVENTS

GREEN THUMBS RADIO

Monday 8 April 9am

Catch up with CHS President Ray King and Annette Hill as they chat live on Plains FM 96.9 for "Canterbury through the Seasons". Interesting interviews and great gardening advice.

GARDENING QUESTIONS?

Head to the The KIOSK

Fridays & Sundays 10-4pm The KIOSK

One-on-one gardening advice and inspiration, run by volunteers of the Friends of the Botanic Gardens and CHS.

TREE CLIMBING CHAMPS

Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 April 8am – 4pm

Outside Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre

Competitive climbing arborists, market stalls and free outdoor talks.

www.arbexpo.org.nz

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 April

10am – 4pm

The KIOSK, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

See a wonderful range of blooms from delicate, threadlike flowers to enormous globes of featherlike petals. *Entry gold coin donation*



Harvest Collection for Muslim Community
Members donate if you can - produce, baking or preserves. Bring to AAG April 1st & 2nd

ALL ABOUT GARDENING APRIL

Monday 1st 7pm & Tuesday 2nd 9.45am

Steve Bush joins us from Trees for Canterbury – more than just a nursery for plants!

Steve participated in our 2018 Winter Speaker Series where he spoke about what Trees for Canterbury have done and where they are at today, including what they do other than just growing native plants.

Also in the programme, Gardening Half Hour.

The KIOSK

Christchurch Botanic Gardens (just over the footbridge from the Armagh St carpark).

\$5 members

\$10 non-members

Includes tea, coffee & biscuits

AGM Welcome to our new Board Members

At the CHS AGM last month Members voted for a new President & Vice President along with new Board Members Kelly Perazzolo, Lorraine Campbell and Michele Moore.

CHS Board

- **Ray King** Vice President
- **Dudley Johnson** (Vice President)
- **Kelly Perazzolo**
- **Michele Moore**
- **Rachel Vogan**
- **Lorraine Campbell**
- **Allan Paterson**
- **Robyn White** (Garden Club Representative)

Get to know our new Board Members

Lorraine Campbell

Lorraine is an avid gardener who has been growing food for her family for over 45 years. A passion inspired by her father when she was just a young child. Small business owner with husband Brian, she has over 10 years of experience managing the company accounts, along with a myriad of other assorted jobs based around raising a family. Lorraine has been a volunteer at Hornby Salvation Army for many years and brings excellent communication and practical skills to her position on the board.

Kelly Perazzolo

Kelly is the Director and sole owner of EagleEye Labs, a software developing company which deals with small to medium businesses and non-profits. He has been involved with many non-profit groups at a volunteer level, including the New Zealand Blood Service, Friends of the

Canterbury Museum, Christchurch South Community Watch, Christchurch City Council.

Michele Moore

Michelle has a degree in Botany & Environmental Science and worked as an environmental analyst for the DSIR, University of Auckland and the Manukau City Council. She is also a Science/ Maths/ESOL teacher with experience in Science in Outdoor Education. Michelle has travelled extensively examining plants of the world and has a keen interest in her own garden, specialising in herbs, cut flowers, fruit and vegetables. She takes a keen interest in the work of local plant breeders.

Michelle is a committee member at the Canterbury HERB Society, and has been involved with the Otakaro Orchard and the proposed Christchurch Eden Project.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Monday 8 April 7.30pm

Michele's, 7 Wiltshire Mews Avonhead

General cultural notes. Preparing for Autumn Show, set up and breakdown etc. Tips on staging of flowers.

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

GARDEN CLUB REPS

Tuesday 2 April 12pm

The KIOSK
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

JUNIOR GARDENERS

Thursday 18 April 3.45 - 5pm

The KIOSK
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

HERB SOCIETY

Thursday 25 April 1pm

Avic Hill Arts and Craft Centre
395 Memorial Ave

(Please note the change of time).

Visit the Herb Society Facebook page
www.facebook.com/CANHERBSOC

RAMBLERS

The CHS Ramblers year got underway on a clear twenty plus degree early February day in Fendalton (*image right*).

Seventeen turned out for a walk starting from Waiwetu St, through Jeffreys Reserve and out into the surrounding streets where topiary shrubs were a delight. Due to the heat the Ramble was shortened with many heading for refreshments and fellowship at Fendalton Mall.

Sixteen turned out for the next February Ramble in Ilam from little known Annandale Park. From the park we walked along Maidstone Rd to Radbrook St and negotiated our way back to Avonhead Rd. With the help of the locals among the



Ramblers everyone got to know the early history of the area and were delighted with views of some stunning gardens along the way.

Redwood (*images right*) was the area for March's Ramble. This was a revisited area as rain sent everyone scurrying for cover back in mid-2018. With a warm day and clear blue skies on this outing we were



treated to pleasant gardens views and a bonus of viewing the bubbling Redwood Springs. There have been new faces introduced on all three Rambles to date.

Our April Rambles visit Marshlands and Knights Stream Park.





Canterbury Horticultural Society
presents the 2019 Chrysanthemum Show
at The KIOSK - Christchurch Botanic Gardens



CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW 2019

SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 APRIL
10am to 4pm at The KIOSK

See a wonderful range of blooms
from delicate, threadlike flowers to enormous globes of
featherlike petals

Meet members of the Chrysanthemum Circle who will be on hand to
chat, answer queries and give advice about growing these spectacular blooms at home

www.chsgardens.co.nz www.facebook.com/CanterburyHorticulturalSociety

HERB OF THE MONTH Canterbury Herb Society



Dandelion *Taraxacum officinale*

A member of the Asteraceae family, this plant has a variety of descriptive names around the world, eg Blow ball, Lion's Tooth, Cankerwort, Priest's Snout.

We pull out this perennial regarding it as a weed, but over many years it has proved to be a valuable herb. The plant has a long strong taproot, jagged, hairless leaves forming a base rosette, and hollow stemmed single flower heads which mature to form the "dandelion clock" we all know so well. All plant stems have a milky sap. The plant is smooth, cold, soft and moist to the touch, has an earthy, slightly savoury smell, the leaves are bitter, salty and pleasant to the taste, while the flower petals are sweet tasting. The young leaves may be eaten as a spring salad, the flower petals used in salads, in baking, and in drinks, the insulin rich roots, collected in autumn can be dried and used as a coffee substitute. All parts of the plant are a useful stimulant for liver and kidney function and have a high insulin content. The white latex in the stems is useful to treat warts.

If cultivated, the plants can provide an attractive, useful, quite large yellow flowered border plant. BUT, remember to snip off the seed "clock" heads before they mature and fly away or you may regret it!

For more great ideas with herbs visit:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/category/resources/herb-of-the-month

RAMBLERS

Tuesday 9 April 9.45am

Marshlands

Meet Rananga St Reserve, near Korowai St

Tuesday 23 April 9.45am

Knights Stream Park

Meet Ishwar Ganda Blvd by Noodlum Way

No walk if wet. FREE

2019 Programme available now:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

FRUIT & VEGETABLE GROUP

Wednesday 24 April 7.30pm

The KIOSK, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

New ways with Strawberries with Jean Osborne and **A Visual Guide to Gardening through the Year (#7)** with Peter Saunders

FLORAL DESIGN GROUP

Wednesday 17 April 2pm

The KIOSK, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Email: office@chsgardens.co.nz

New members welcome.

See the latest creations online:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsm3HUR3N>

MONTHLY TIPS & TASKS *with Michael Coulter*

April is when Autumn really gets going, the days are noticeably shorter and night temperatures cooler. The trees are starting to colour up and drop so we need to be preparing the garden for Winter.

As plants finish their flowering or fruiting then we need to cut back perennials, prune berry fruits, do clean up sprays on fruit trees so that any pest or disease will not be carried over to the next season.

In the vegetable garden any unused ground may be sown in a green crop and as crops finish the ground cleared of weeds.

The lawns are starting to grow quicker so now is the best time to get on and repair,

feed, rake out the thatch and treat for broad leaf weeds.

Spring bulbs may still be planted and Winter flowering annuals should be now finished planting by the end of the month.

Autumn is also a good time to plant some trees and shrubs so that they will have time to make new roots before the ground gets too cold and wet.

Tomato plants will be getting to the end of their season so remove the old plants and dispose of the vines, especially if they had any disease, best not to compost them.

Dig potatoes if the ground is likely to get water logged and store in a cool dark place, I generally only lift my potatoes

as I need them as I have found that they keep better that way for me. There are many other tasks that are best done before winter, one I consider important is to cut back over hanging branches on trees or shrubs along pathways and to treat the paths for moss so that we are safe when the weather is wet and cold. Any frost tender plants will need to be moved inside if in containers or covered for protection once the harder frosts start. Summer bulbs, corms or tubers should be lifted and stored for the winter before the hard frosts can damage them.

MAY PLANT SALE!

Friends of the Botanic Gardens

Sunday 5 May 11am-3pm

Outside The KIOSK

Cash & Eftpos available

EDIBLE GARDEN AWARDS 2019

Linwood-Heathcote-Central & Papanui-Innes

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2019 Edible Garden Awards.

The CHS partnered with the CCC to present these awards last month.

A special ceremony for the Linwood-Central-Heathcote participants took place on Thursday 7 March at the Woolston Working Mens Club. Those who gained special recognition include:



Hayley Guglietta with former CHS President Alan Jolliffe & Cr Sally Buck

Nancy Meherne Best Yield
(shared with Clare Taylor)

Joy Burt Best Tomatoes

Hayley Guglietta Best First Time Garden



Kimihia Early Learning Centre, Ferry Rd

Robin Furley Best Organic Garden

Dave Bryce Best Sustainability Features



Tiria Stewart, Peterborough Street

On Monday 25 March the Papanui-Innes residents celebrated their achievements at The Village, Frank St, Papanui.

Special awards were presented to:

Margaret Patterson Best First Time Garden

Northcote School Best School Garden

Kees and Marisa Swanink Best Sustainability Features

Rowan Trindall Best Tomatoes

Bill and Mary Allison Best Yeild
(shared with Sarah Morel)



Nancy Meherne with former CHS President Alan Jolliffe & Cr Sally Buck



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Kees & Marisa Swanink, Windermere Rd

COMING UP AT ALL ABOUT GARDENING

MAY

Monday 6th 7pm & Tuesday 7th 9.45am
Speaker to be confirmed

JUNE

Monday 6th 7pm & Tuesday 7th 9.45am

David Brittain from **Kiwicare** - Innovating pest control and garden care solutions to help you live with nature.

Also in the programme, Gardening Half Hour.

The KIOSK, Christchurch Botanic Gardens (just over the footbridge from the Armagh St carpark).

Members: \$5

Non-members: \$10

Tea, coffee and biscuits included



We want your problems!

Have a gritty garden problem you can't solve — or just need some general advice? Bring your questions to our monthly AAG meeting, post them on HortTalk or email Michael directly a day or 2 before the meeting. coulchrys@xtra.co.nz
facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk

