



## WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

## OUR LIVING LANDSCAPE

Developments in viticulture from Akaroa beginnings to Waipara today

MAY - JUNE - JULY - AUGUST The KIOSK  
7pm - \$5 Members/Students \$10 Non-members

## WHAT'S COMING UP MAY EVENTS

### GREEN THUMBS RADIO

**Monday 13 May 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

**Every day 10-4pm The KIOSK**

One-on-one gardening advice and inspiration.

### WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

**Thursday 16 May 7pm - 9pm**

The KIOSK

**Rupert Tipples**

Developments in Canterbury viticulture from Akaroa beginnings in 1840 to Waipara today (see inside for details).

### CURATORS EDIBLE GARDEN WORKSHOP

**Sunday 5 May 10am - 12.30pm**

Join Curator Louise Young and Sustainability Expert Rhys Taylor for an Autumn themed Edible Gardening Workshop (plus tasty seasonal Spanish tapas courtesy of the Curators House restaurant).

**Tickets \$42 [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz)**

CHS Members get 10% off using

**FRIENDS10** when booking on Eventfinda

### CHILDREN'S BULB PLANTING

**Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May**

**10.30-11.30am and 1-2pm**

The KIOSK

Come along and plant a daffodil bulb, take it home and watch it grow.

**Free**

### ALL ABOUT GARDENING MAY

**Monday 6th 7pm & Tuesday 7th 9.45am**

**David Brittain** is the Technical Support Manager for Kiwicare - Innovating pest control and garden care solutions to help you live with nature.

David will cover the background and history of Kiwicare and their garden brands. He will also talk about the Kiwicare problem solver, website, Facebook and Instagram presence and how this can provide ongoing help to gardeners. Time permitting there will be a Q&A session afterwards.

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*

## WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

### *Our Living Landscape: Developments in viticulture from Akaroa beginnings to Waipara today*

Four highly qualified and experienced speakers present this series of stimulating talks culminating in the M J Barnett Memorial Lecture on Thursday 15 August.

**Venue :** The Winter Speaker Series 2019 venue is **The KIOSK**, Christchurch Botanic Gardens. (Just over the footbridge by the Armagh Street carpark).

There is plenty of parking available.

Talks start promptly at 7pm.

#### Admission prices

\$5 per talk for CHS members, BG Friends and students,

\$10 per talk for non-members.

Includes light refreshments

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at: [www.chsgardens.co.nz/winter-speaker-series-2019](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/winter-speaker-series-2019)

**Thursday 16 May 7pm**

#### RUPERT TIPPLES

***Developments in Canterbury viticulture from Akaroa beginnings in 1840 to Waipara today.***

Rupert Tipples retired at the end of 2014 but is an Honorary Associate Professor of the Department of Land Management and Systems, Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce, Lincoln University.

He was one of the three authors of 'Canterbury Grapes & Wines 1840-2002' along with the late Dr David Jackson and Danny Schuster. He was responsible for the book's historical chapters. In them he presented the history of grape growing and wine making in Canterbury from 1840-2002.

Dr Tipples is the first of four speakers in the Winter Speaker Series. His presentation will recall developments from 1840 to

2002, concluding with a brief overview of the changes which have occurred in the viticultural landscape in Canterbury over the past 17 years.

**Thursday 13 June 7pm**

#### STEVE WRATTEN

***Biodiversity in Waipara vineyards***

**Thursday 11 July 7pm**

#### PETER ALMOND

***Soils and viticulture for Canterbury***

**Thursday 15 August 7pm**

#### DANNY SCHUSTER

**MJ Barnett Memorial Lecture**

***Pioneering grape growing and wine making in Canterbury***

## CHRYSANTHEMUMS

*We hope everyone enjoyed the fabulous display of blooms at the Chrysanthemum Show on 27 & 28 April.*

The next meeting is the July AGM. Details next month.

## GARDEN CLUB REPS

**Tuesday 7 May 1pm**

The KIOSK  
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

## JUNIOR GARDENERS

**Thursday 16 May 3.45 - 5pm**

The KIOSK  
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

## HERB SOCIETY

**Thursday 23 May 7pm**

Avice Hill Arts and Craft Centre  
395 Memorial Ave

The May Guest Speaker topic is, "Chinese Traditional Medicine"

Visit the Herb Society Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/CANHERBSOC](http://www.facebook.com/CANHERBSOC)

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Our inaugural School Holiday Programme ran from 16th to the 24th of April in The KIOSK.

An enthusiastic bunch of volunteers led by President Ray King ran two popular sessions per day. Activities ranged from cutting and colouring, using the digital microscope to planting up small plants.

Mother Amy Passant said,

***"Thank you for putting this on. My children love their own wee plants they got to take home and the digital microscope was fascinating. It prompted us to look more closely at details as we explored the gardens afterwards."***

Image right: *Brothers George (11yrs)*

*and Henry (8yrs) Bissland test drive the programme on Tuesday 16 April.*



## MONTHLY TIPS & TASKS with Michael Coulter

May is the middle of the Autumn and we now see the trees dropping their leaves. The days are shorter and noticeably cooler so much of the garden work is controlled by the weather.

Leaves are a valuable resource to be used in compost making, mixing them with other green material, they will break down to make a compost, that will help to put back into the soil, humus and other minerals needed for healthy plant growth next season.

As the growing season draws to a close for Winter, spent crop residues may be

# PLANT SALE

## Friends of the Botanic Gardens

**Sunday 5 May 11am-3pm**

Outside The KIOSK

Come along to the Botanic Gardens for a bargain this Sunday!

The Friends sale includes a wide variety of native and exotic plants - trees, shrubs, perennials, and succulents and there is a special deal for CHS Members!

**5 PLANTS FOR \$20 FOR CHS MEMBERS**

**Please present your Membership card.**

\$5 per plant, cash or eftpos

### **Bargain Table**

The Friends also have some plants in need of care and attention - mainly larger grade trees and shrubs that are outgrowing their pots.

Excellent value - 2 plants for \$5 (no discounts)

## HERB OF THE MONTH

### Canterbury Herb Society

#### **RED HENNA - MIGNONETTE TREE - *Lawsonia inermis***



Many of us know henna as a colour long used in art, tattoos, hair dye, paints, textiles, silk, leather and rug dyes. But, have we thought about what it is? The Herb Society was privileged to have a guest speaker from Iran to tell us.

True, natural henna which we were shown, is a greenish powder made from the dried leaves and end twigs of the Henna/ Mignonette Tree/ Egyptian Privet, a tall shrub, the sole species of the genus *Lawsonia*. It is native in semi arid, hot areas of North Africa, West and Southern Asia and Northern Australia. The greenish brown leaves are longish and narrow. The flowers vary from white, pink, red, the seeds, small and brown. The shrub produces the most dye when grown between 35 & 45 C. It could only be grown, if obtainable, in a pot indoors here in Canterbury.

The henna tree has played an important role in religion and mysticism in the East for centuries. In Iran, today, henna parties are often held as a preparation for marriage.

Dampened it is a cheap ingredient to wash the body and to strengthen the skin. It is also an antibacterial cleansing agent and is used to clean the teeth but will stain if left on too long. Henna is NOT EDIBLE. 'Black Henna Powder' consists of inferior leaf and synthetic dyes.

For more great ideas with herbs visit:

[www.chsgardens.co.nz/category/resources/herb-of-the-month](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/category/resources/herb-of-the-month)

## RAMBLERS

**Tuesday 14 May 9.45am**

**Richmond**

Meet Richmond Park, Poulton Ave

**Tuesday 28 May 9.45am**

**City Walk**

Meet Armagh St Carpark near The KIOSK

No walk if wet. FREE

**2019 Programme available now:**

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

## FRUIT & VEGETABLE GROUP

**Wednesday 29 May 6.30pm**

The KIOSK, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

### **AGM, Dinner**

Bring food to share plus utensils, glasses and plates.

**A Visual Guide to Gardening through the Year no.8 with Peter Saunders**

## FLORAL DESIGN GROUP

**Wednesday 15 May 2pm**

The KIOSK, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Email: [office@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:office@chsgardens.co.nz)

New members welcome.

See the latest creations online:

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

composted as long as they have not been effected by any disease that could be carried over (tomato, potato, stone fruit leaf curl and black spot on apples/roses are examples of material that I would not use in compost).

Summer perennials may be lifted and divided or cut back. Dahlias may be lifted now to over Winter away from the wet and frosts that may damage them.

Chrysanthemums can be lifted once they have finished flowering and put into seed trays to over winter before they produce new growth to be used for cuttings in the spring.

Moss control in lawns and pathways should be treated and general clean up of weeds in all the gardens completed before

the on set of the colder wet weather of Winter begins.

Green houses and conservatories should be given a good clean out and any plants with pests and diseases either treated or disposed of, to prepare for the next Spring new growth. Any shading on the outside should be washed off to let in more light and repairs made to make the green house weather tight.

Now is still a good time to plant up pots of winter/spring flowering plants to give some colour around the house (I have a lot of pots that I can place around the terrace, steps and paths that add interest in the duller months).

Soon we will be thinking about the pruning of fruit trees, roses and many other

deciduous plants so look at the tools, sharpen them and clean them up to get them ready to make the task easier.

Lawns are still growing rapidly and now is the time for de thatching, top dressing and improving aeration to get the grass ready for the winter in good condition.

Enjoy the lovely Autumn colours which are outstanding this year.



2019 Chrysanthemum Show blooms

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Ray King first President's Report*

The first two months in The KIOSK have flown by and it gets more exciting every day. Congratulations to the Chrysanthemum Circle for their wonderful show this last weekend, I hope many of our members were able to get along and see the display, a great start to exhibitions in our new home.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have been coming along so regularly and helping out as we set up The KIOSK. The volunteers who were on duty during the school holidays were a great help as we ran a simple school holiday programme which brought many visitors into The KIOSK and helped make a friendly atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

Combining with The Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens has been working very well and as we get more used to working together it will be a huge advantage to both groups both in variety of activities and in joint memberships.

It has been good to see members just popping in to see us in the gardens, it has been such a long time since we have been able to do this and I hope you all take the opportunity to do so whenever you are there, it is now our home and after such a break where we were quite nomadic it is so good to at last be settled and able to plan ahead. Liz will be away for all of May having a well-deserved break. The office will be manned mainly by myself and Annette Hill with Dudley Johnson standing in at times. I look forward to catching up with many of you at All About Gardening in the coming months.

## FUNDAMENTALS OF HORTICULTURE

Designed for home gardeners or those in the trade needing to up-skill their knowledge.

### **The Kiosk - Christchurch Botanic Gardens**

A five week practical and theory based course in which participants will learn the basics of horticulture.

#### **Learning outcomes:**

- Plant Names & Classification
- Plant Functions
- Pests, Disease & Disorders
- Plant Propagation
- Tree & Shrub Planting (practical)

Instructor Dave Milne.

#### **Wednesdays 5.30-7.30pm**

June 5th, 12th, 26th and 3rd July with a practical component on Saturday 15th June.

**Price to be advised.** Places limited.

More info online [www.chsgardens.co.nz](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz)



## RAMBLERS *with Keith Mitchelmore*

**Join the CHS Ramblers on the second and fourth Tuesday each month to see the city for free.**

Each month the Ramblers cross the city to view different areas, some old and some young. April's first walk was in the Prestons Subdivision in Marshlands (see photos on the left). Developed in late 2015 it is still growing and much of the landscaping is still young. All not far from golf courses and Bottle Lake Forest. Sixteen were on this Ramble and enjoyed the view across the city to the back drop of the Port Hills. Late April's Ramble was on the opposite side of the city in Knights Stream Park, Halswell.

This Month the Ramblers explore the Richmond area from Richmond Park on May 14th and on May 28th there is a City Walk, Meet outside The KIOSK, Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

## COMING UP AT ALL ABOUT GARDENING

### JUNE

**Monday 3rd 7pm & Tuesday 4th 9.45am**

**Colin Meurk** - Honorary Botanist for the Canterbury Horticultural Society and Associate Ecologist at Landcare Research.

**Christchurch-Otautahi – a green and kind city of the future**

### JULY

**Monday 1st 7pm & Tuesday 2nd 9.45am**

**Jane Lancaster** from Catalyst Ltd joins

us to talk about Food labelling and regulation: what do consumers look for, what is reasonable to deliver and what are the trends.

Also in the programme, Gardening Half Hour.

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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](mailto:coulchrys@xtra.co.nz)

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