



## Meri Kirihimete

To all our Members and supporters. Have a safe and fruitful Summer season enjoying the garden with whanau and friends.

## December Events *The Kiosk & beyond...*

### Lily Fund-raiser at AAG

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

Don't miss the chance to take home a beautiful potted Oriental, Regal or Christmas lily plant. (See details inside)

**Cash sales only - \$10 per pot**

### Green Thumbs Radio

**Monday 9 December 9am**

Catch up with CHS President Ray King and Annette Hill on Plains FM 96.9. Interesting interviews and great gardening advice.

[www.chsgardens.co.nz/latest-podcasts-radio-stories](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/latest-podcasts-radio-stories)

### Gourd Planting workshop

**Saturday 14 December 10.30am & 1pm**

Come along and plant your very own gourd to take home. Open to children of all ages. Caregiver required, Free The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

### Q & A at The Kiosk

**Summer Hours : every day 10am-4pm**

One-on-one gardening advice with volunteers from the CHS and Friends of the Botanic Gardens.

### Edible & Sustainable Garden Awards 2020

Growing an edible garden? Enter the 2020 Awards - a partnership project between Christchurch City Council and the CHS. **Entries close 20 Jan 2020.**

### FOCBG Friends Events

[www.friendschchbotanicgardens.org.nz](http://www.friendschchbotanicgardens.org.nz)

**Sunday 8th December 4pm**  
**Friends Christmas party**

### UC Summer Course - Practical Field Botany 21-29 January 2020

Practical Field Botany is an intensive, 8-day Summer course designed to teach students and professionals basic skills in field botany. The course is designed to accommodate participants with various entry levels: from students with limited plant knowledge to experienced career professionals. BIOL305 is a 'flipped-classroom' course in which traditional lectures are replaced by field-based projects and associated workshops and discussions. **Enrolment now open:**

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/summer-school/how-to-enrol](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/summer-school/how-to-enrol)

## All About Gardening December

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

**Christine Blance** Canterbury Community Gardens Association



The CCGA is a support network for 30 community gardens throughout Canterbury. Part of a thriving global movement for people to grow their own food together. Christine Blance fronts the Christchurch South Community Gardens and will share more about this thriving garden with us.

This talk is followed by *Gardening Half Hour* with Michael Coulter. On Monday night Mary Tingey will give a mini presentation on the Orchards in Schools project. **The Kiosk**, Christchurch Botanic Gardens (just over the footbridge from Armagh St car park). **\$5 members \$10 non-members. Includes tea, coffee & biscuits**

## Lily Fund-raiser NZ Lily Society

*The perfect living gift for Christmas time & beyond..*

The NZ Lily Society Christmas is fundraising with a range of beautiful potted Oriental and Regal Christmas lily plants. Grown from Bakker bulbs in Rakaia, they are healthy and disease resistant.

Oriental lilies thrive with a cool root run and heads in the sun with large fragrant flowers blooming in January and February.

### Oriental Lilies available in the following colours

- **Redford** - red
- **Zambesi** - white
- **Shelia** - pink
- **Letsotho** - solid lemon

**\$10**  
per pot



Available for \$10 a pot, these little beauties have been planted in special lily growing mix so they can remain in pots.

For orders people can contact Paulette Smail tel: 027 675 3815 or Fiona Day tel: 022 026 9332. These will also be available at the December All About Gardening meetings. **Cash sales only**



## Chrysanthemums

**Saturday 7 December 5pm**

**Christmas BBQ - Faye & Bob Fyfe's**

BYO meat and drink

**Sunday 19 January 11.30am**

**Visit to Michael & Marian Browns garden**

Loburn. Bring picnic lunch and chair

Dis budding and bud securing  
earlyies. Pest management.

## Garden Club Reps

**Tuesday 3 December 12.30pm**

The Kiosk

Christchurch Botanic Gardens

## Junior Gardeners

**Thursday 19 December 3.45 - 5pm**

The Kiosk

Christchurch Botanic Gardens

## Ramblers

*October / November*

North New Brighton was the feature of the late October ramble with seven venturing out into a brisk breeze. Although a harsh environment near the sea and very sandy gardening conditions, there were very colourful gardens in Royalist Ave, Pacific Rd, Cygnet St, Jutland St, Marine Parade and Beach Rd. This coastal suburb is a mix of older homes and rebuilds making this area a pleasant walking environment with gardens showing off their new season colours.

The first November walk in Woolston was in an early part of Christchurch's history where small ships serviced the city from the Heathcote River. The old homes with large gardens were in their splendour showing off masses of colour, Rhododendron, Cordyline australis (cabbage tree) all in flower along Marshall St and Clarendon Tce. A newly planted older type garden proved to bring back memories of large sections. The return to

## Fruit & Vegetables

*No December Meeting*

**Saturday 25 January 4:30pm**

**Garden Party at Phil & Linda's Ducker's**

Decorate and wear your garden hat.  
BYO meat, salad, veggies and dessert.

Silent auction - bring items for this event.

There will be some games - be prepared.

## Annabel Langbein's Kale and Cranberry Toss

*Kale is so-hot-right-now and full of all kinds of wonderful nutrients. This festive salad is courtesy of Annabel Langbein [www.annabel-langbein.com](http://www.annabel-langbein.com)*

### Ingredients

2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil

2 large shallots or small onions, finely sliced

1 clove garlic, finely sliced

24-36 kale leaves

finely grated zest of ½ an orange

¼ cup water

¼ cup orange juice

1 tbsp. white wine vinegar

¼ cup dried cranberries

salt and ground black pepper, to taste

¼ cup slivered almonds, toasted and coarsely chopped

Heat oil in a large frypan or pot and cook shallots or onions and garlic until soft (2 minutes). Discard kale stems, coarsely chop leaves and add to pan with orange zest and water. Cook 2-3 minutes then add orange juice, vinegar and cranberries and cook until liquid is almost evaporated (another 2 minutes). Toss through salt, pepper and almonds to serve.

This recipe is from the book *The Free Range Cook: Through the Seasons*

**Prep time : 10 mins | Cook time : 10 mins | Serves : 6 - 8**



the cars was via Radley Park where the Roimata Food Commons has established fruit trees. This is just the very first step in creating a food system in the park.

The Ramblers have enjoyed a full 2019 programme to date with no wet days and an average of 17 on the fortnightly Rambles. The reward has been seeing the same faces appear regularly to enjoy the walk and fellowship throughout the year.

The last walks for 2019 are Hoon Hay on November 26 and Halswell Quarry Park on December 10 (Picnic Morning Tea).



## Edible and Sustainable Garden Awards 2020

Entries close 20 Jan 2020

The Edible Garden Awards were initiated in 2013 as a partnership project between the Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board and the CHS. We have assisted in the promotion, judging and hosting of the awards and look forward to another great season of celebrating edible and sustainable gardens in Christchurch. Four community boards are participating in 2020.

### The Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board

is delighted to be hosting its inaugural Edible and Sustainable Garden Awards. We encourage your innovative use of space, resources, and sustainable practices, and hope that these awards inspire people to start a new project and learn something along the way.

### Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote

This is an opportunity to recognise all types of food gardens great and small, new and established. We encourage innovative use of space, resources, and sustainable practices, and hope that these awards inspire people to start a new project and learn something along the way.

### The Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board

is committed to encouraging the growth of localised food production. The Board's active and ongoing support for activities and initiatives that build strong and resilient communities is a priority.

### Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere

This is an opportunity to recognise all types of food gardens great and small. We are particularly interested in highlighting sustainability, as the Board is committed to ensuring the bounty of ecodiversity and well-being that flows from caring for our environment.

More information and online entry links available from: [www.chsgardens.co.nz/ediblegardens](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/ediblegardens)

## Ramblers

**Tuesday 10 December 9.45am**

### Halswell Quarry Park

Meet main carpark past old Caretaker's House.

*Bring a picnic morning tea*

No walk if wet. FREE

### 2020 Programme:

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

(also available from The Kiosk)



## Floral Design

**Wednesday 18 December 1.30pm**

**Christmas Lunch** - bring a plate to share

Freestyle arrangements with Christmas theme.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens  
New members welcome.

*See the latest arrangements experimenting with massed floral and line online:*

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

## Monthly Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter

As I write this we are still experiencing changeable Spring weather, but in spite of this there has been plenty of good plant growth.

Although we have had some rain it has been intermittent and the warmer temperatures have meant that some watering is still required.

The planting of Summer vegetables and bedding plants should be completed by Christmas to give the plants time to grow to maturity.

As growth will be rapid for many plants, staking and supports should be in place before they get too tall.

The fruit trees will all have set fruit and

will need to be thinned out to improve the quality of the fruit, some of the stone fruit will be ripening soon and any treatments for brown rot will need to be completed.

The berry fruits are all ripening and may need to be harvested daily - watch out for birds as they can strip the fruit before you can!

Roses should be dead-headed to help encourage more blooms and as the Spring bulbs have their leaves dry off they can be lifted or the leaves removed.

The lawns will need to be watered and mowed each week. Be sure not to cut them too low to help keep them green.

At this time there are pests (thrips and

mites) that cause much damage to the leaves of plants causing them to have a silvery appearance. To prevent this treat plants with conquer oil, especially on the undersides.

Take time to observe your plants daily, watching for pests, diseases or signs of stress; act straight away as prevention is easier than a cure.

If you are going away make sure that somebody can look after the garden and lawns as an overgrown dry garden is a sure sign you are not at home - and an invitation to burglars.

Have a Happy Christmas,

**Michael**

## From the President *Ray King*

Looking back on the year haven't we come a long way? We started the year still camped in Liz's lounge and here we are as we finish the year pretty well established in The Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens with a home of our own again. Thank you to everyone who helped in this transition, it has been an upheaval but one with great rewards for us all.

Congratulations to the Events team for the very successful Margaret Watling demonstration held last month. Franca Logan was a breath of fresh air with her lovely light and playful arrangements, it was a pleasure to watch her work (event images right and below).

As this is the last newsletter until February a reminder that if you are interested in helping with the CHS exhibit at 'Grow Ōtautahi' in March please don't hesitate to let me know. We will need to start planting very soon.

The year is running away with us, Christmas and holiday season is just around the corner, I hope you are all looking forward to getting together with friends and family and making the most of the time you have together.

**The Board and staff of the Canterbury Horticultural Society wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year.**



### All About Gardening February 2020 **Monday 3rd 7pm & Tuesday 4th 9.45am**

Retiree Clare Scott is an active garden columnist with a deep affection for all plants, in particular heritage roses and the stories they tell. Hailing from a farming background she was a sole green keeper for three years and has been involved in garden centres for the past 30; 20 years as a buyer and manager. Her talk is on **Growing in a Small Garden & 3rd Age Gardening**.



*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 two before the meeting.

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