



Orchards in Schools

Catch up with Mary Tingey and the latest progress from her green-fingered youngsters

February Events *The Kiosk & beyond...*

Photographic Exhibition

Thursday 6 - 9 February 10am - 4pm
Christchurch Photographic Society 2020 Photographic Exhibition. Presenting a variety of outstanding images from 20 different award winning photographers. Artwork is available to purchase. Free entry
The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens



Green Thumbs Radio

Monday 10 February 9am
Catch up with CHS President Ray King and Annette Hill on Plains FM96.9. Interesting interviews and great gardening advice.
www.chsgardens.co.nz/latest-podcasts-radio-stories

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.

FOCBG Friends Events

www.friendschchbotanicgardens.org.nz

Deep South Lazy Sundays

Sunday 2, 9, 16 February 3pm - 5.30pm
Botanic Gardens Archery Lawn. Free live music, bring a picnic.

Treasure Island - Anthony Harper Summer Theatre

Wednesday 29 Jan - Sunday 16 Feb
Evening and day time performances on the Weather Station/Observatory Lawn

FOCBG Summer Series - Garden Tour Sunday February 16 10am - 4pm

Two fabulous large gardens - Trotts and Broadfield.
\$15 per person (plus carpool petrol contribution)

Bookings: Contact Vicki Steven before **6pm on Sunday 2 February.**
Telephone or text: 022 130 4342
vicki_steven2005@yahoo.com.au

All About Gardening February 2020

Monday 3rd 7pm & Tuesday 4th 9.45am

Clare Scott – Growing in a Small Garden & 3rd Age Gardening



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 over 20 years as a buyer and manager.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens (just over the footbridge from Armagh St car park).

\$5 members \$10 non-members. Includes tea, coffee & biscuits

A warm welcome to the EnviroHub

The Canterbury Horticultural Society welcomes the Christchurch EnviroHub to the Kiosk, the Christchurch EnviroHub will bring environmentally focused activity in the form of displays, meetings, workshops and events to deliver their members' messages to the wider community.

The Christchurch EnviroHub was born out of the desire to have an Environment Centre back in Christchurch after the old Environment Centre closed down in 2009. We have a large number of small not for profit Environmental groups doing fantastic work in Christchurch and the Christchurch EnviroHub Kopapa is to help these groups by providing a space to collaborate and support.



The Christchurch EnviroHub is closely aligned with the work CHS is currently doing and we look forward to delivering together lots of great activities and events in the Kiosk.

Ramblers 2020

Exploring Christchurch through the Seasons

Walks start 9.45am every second and fourth TUESDAY of the month.

Last year the Ramblers enjoyed a full programme with no wet days and an average of 17 walkers each fortnight.

The reward has been seeing the same faces appear regularly or reappear to enjoy a walk and fellowship throughout the year.

The 2020 program has been planned with hopes of no wet days! The November Ramble on the 26th left from Rose Street to take in Hoon Hay Road, Sparks Road, Muirson Ave, McBeath Ave and Greenpark Street returning to Sparks Road via the walkway to Pablo Place. This area is 5km SW of Cathedral Square close to the Port Hills. From there the walkway along the Heathcote River at the back of Centennial Park was followed to return the group to their cars.

Succulent & Cacti Display

Saturday 28 March 9am - 5pm

Christchurch Succulent & Cacti Club - Find out information about growing and how to become a member. Enjoy the sales tables!

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Free (cash sales only)



Chrysanthemums

Monday 17 February 7.30pm

Dis budding and bud securing earlyies. Pest management.

The Kiosk
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Garden Club Reps

Tuesday 4 February 12.30pm

The Kiosk
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Junior Gardeners

Thursday 20 February 3.45 - 5pm

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Fruit & Vegetables

Wednesday 26 February 7.30pm

History of Orcharding in Canterbury
Richard Smith

The Kiosk
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Monthly Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter

As I write this we are settling into our new house without any lawns or gardens although I have started to prepare the ground by spraying out weeds, adding compost to the soil and bringing up the moisture content so that the soil is easier to work with.

The weather has been very changeable with a lot of cooler winds the odd hot day and not much rain. Not a great Summer so far (although we do have some fine weather on the way



I believe!)

The gardens need careful attention to watering with the winds we are having, even more regularly than in other years.

Plants will benefit from more support, especially those that grow fast like Dahlias and Chrysanthemums and other perennials. Also include plants in the vegetable garden like tomatoes, beans and sweetcorn. Diseases like mildew and botrytis will be less of a problem but



insects will be around as usual for the time of the year.

Summer fruits are now in season and should be harvested as soon as they are ripe. Berry fruits are coming to the end of their peak so an addition of fertiliser to encourage growth for next season's crop will be of benefit.

Continue the planting of vegetables for a continuous supply, leeks, silver beet, brassicas, beetroot and celery are some that can be sown or planted.

The lawns are looking very dry and in need of a good watering. Once they are greening up with new growth a fertiliser

The finale for the year was a ramble around Halswell Quarry Park on December 10th where there were new walkers joining in for the first time. From previous visits, the Park has matured to a pleasant place to visit and stroll. As the last outing for the year most of the group enjoyed the traditional picnic morning tea, sharing with each other their plans for the Christmas New Year break and anticipating the 2020 program which starts this month on Tuesday 11th from The Kiosk in the Botanic Gardens.

We hope you can join us!

Keith Mitchelmore

From the President

I hope you all had a lovely break over Christmas and New Year. The first AAG of the year is on Monday 3rd February, Clare Scott will tell us about her gardening experiences as a 3rd age gardener. If you listened to the January Green Thumbs programme you would have heard Annette interviewing Clare. Listen online at www.chsgardens.co.nz/latest-podcasts-radio-stories

I hope some of you were able to visit The Kiosk over the holiday break and take advantage of Jonny's pop up café serving cream teas. As far as I can tell it was a success and it certainly helped us with covering the days when the office was closed.

Grow Ō Tautahi Garden Festival is only 2 months away and I am still looking for volunteers to help with the CHS exhibit. We also need a team to help decorate The Kiosk and Grow are looking for volunteers to help with the actual show. If you are interested please let me know either at AAG or by email.

A recent development was signing a partnership with the Christchurch EnviroHub who will be sharing space and activities with ourselves and the Friends. In the coming months you will meet many of these new partners as they bring us activities and displays.

Our AGM is fast approaching so it's time to start thinking of people to nominate for the CHS Board. Nomination forms will be available at AAG in February.

I would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who have been such a great help over our first year at The Kiosk and also to those who are about to become assessors for the Edible and Sustainable Garden Awards, I am sure you will enjoy the experience and even come away inspired to try something new.

Ray King, CHS President

Ramblers

Tuesday 11 February 9.45am

Summer in the City

Meet Armagh Street Carpark at The Kiosk

Tuesday 25 February 9.45am

Addington

Meet Addington Cemetery Selwyn St

No walk if wet. FREE

2020 Programme:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

(also available from The Kiosk)



Floral Design

Wednesday 19 February 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
New members welcome.

See the latest arrangements experimenting with massed floral and line.

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

application will be of benefit.

Pip fruit are developing so keep up the watering so that the trees are not stressed to allow the fruit to get to a good size, they may also need a Summer prune of any strong vegetative growths to let more light on the fruit to achieve better colour.

Summer annuals and perennials are beginning to

flower; to encourage continuous flower remove the dead flowers, keep well weeded and watered for the best results.

Happy New Year in the Garden!

Michael Coulter



GROW Ō TAUTAHĪ

March 20-22

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 March 9am-5pm
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

This exciting, new homegrown festival is bursting with workshops, cooking demonstrations, panel discussions, exhibition gardens, school gardens, kids zone, flowers, adventures, food and great coffee.

Find out more online:

www.growotautahi.org.nz

www.facebook.com/growotautahi

www.instagram.com/growotautahi

And its free!

The CHS will be exhibiting in the Botanic Marquee so come and see us there!!

Orchards in Schools *Spring Progress Report from Mary Tingey*

Welcome

Welcome to Knights Stream, Sacred Heart, Kirkwood Intermediate and Hillmorton High School. These schools will be planting in August 2020.

Planting

This year orchards were planted at Marshland School, Wigram School, South New Brighton School, Breens Intermediate and Bishopdale School.



Thinning apples at Breens Intermediate

We had a wonderful run of fine weather for all the schools. On planting day the children learn to carry trees carefully. They dig the hole, hold the tree while the hole is being filled and then carefully firm in the tree. Next they bang in the stakes with a mallet. Finally they learn how to tie the trees. Through Orchards in Schools hundreds of children learn tree planting skills.

Unique Orchards

Over all the 29 participating school orchards the trees behave quite differently. In some schools the plums hang back for a couple of years before fruiting and at others they fruit in their first year. At Chisnallwood Intermediate, one pear tree has fruited heavily while the others have not.

Each school may have been delivered the same trees but every one has a distinctly unique orchard.



Planting day at South New Brighton School

Participating Schools

Planted 2019: Breens Intermediate, Bishopdale School, Wigram School, Marshland School, South New Brighton School.

Planted 2018: Burnside Primary School, Hornby Primary School, South Hornby School, Russley School and Avonhead School.

Planted 2017: Isleworth School, Haeata Community Campus, Fendalton Open-air School, Elmwood Normal Primary School, Wairakei School, Chisnallwood Intermediate.

Planted 2016: Waitakiri, Rawhiti, Wharenui, Cobham Intermediate, Casebrook Intermediate, Kaiapoi Borough.

Planted 2015: St Martins, Gilberthorpe, Northcote, Addington, Oaklands.



Removing stakes at Riccarton School

If you wish to join the programme contact Mary Tingey via email:

mary@aplaceloflearning.co.nz

Download a copy of the full newsletter from: www.chsgardens.co.nz/orchards-in-schools

Coming up at All About Gardening

MARCH

Monday 2nd 7pm & Tuesday 3rd 9.45am

David Adams – Daffodil Bulbs

David Adams is a Life Member and former President of the Canterbury Horticultural Society. He is also the former President of the National Daffodil Society with an International recognition in daffodil culture and breeding.

As a retired teacher he brings skills in

presentation and practical learning. A great meeting for daffodil fans!

APRIL

Monday 6th 7pm & Tuesday 7th 9.45am

Wendy Millichamp - Home Gardening

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens (over footbridge - Armagh St car park).

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 two before the meeting. coulthchrys@xtra.co.nz

[Facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk)

