



Impressive Edibles

Our judges have been all over the city - East to West - admiring the highly productive and sustainable gardens from the four participating communities in the 2020 Edible and Sustainable Garden Awards.

Certificates are presented this month. Keep an eye out in the April newsletter for some wonderful photos of participating gardens.

March & April Events *The Kiosk & beyond...*

Summit Road Society Talk

Sunday 1 March 11am-12pm
Spur Valerian Di Carter, CCC Ranger
Free entry, *The Kiosk*

Green Thumbs Radio

Monday 9 March 9am
Catch up with CHS President Ray King and Annette Hill on Plains FM96.9. Interesting interviews and great gardening advice.

Grow Ō Tautahi

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 March 9am-5pm
Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Visit the CHS in the Botanic Marquee
www.growotautahi.org.nz

AGM - CHS

Tuesday 24 March 7pm
The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens.
Nomination and proxy voting forms can be downloaded from:
www.chsgardens.co.nz/agm

Art Exhibition

Thursday 2 - 5 April 10am - 4pm
Photography, oil and watercolour painting from 3 local artists. Artwork available to purchase. Free entry, *The Kiosk*

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.

Kenton Seth, landscape gardener from Colorado specialising in crevice gardens.

Thursday 12 March 8pm
Philatelic Centre, Mandeville Street
\$2, includes lucky draws and supper.
New Zealand Alpine Garden Society
www.nzags.com

FOCBG Friends Events

www.friendschchbotanicgardens.org.nz

Ornamental to Detrimental: the invasion of New Zealand by non-native plants

Sunday 8 March 4pm
Professor Philip Hulme explores the history of plant invasions in NZ.
\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members
The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Autumn Plant Sale

Sunday 26 April 11am-3pm (or until sold)
Under the palm tree over the Armagh Street carpark bridge in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Bring cash.

All About Gardening March 2020

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!

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

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

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)



Celebrating 350 years of plants and people

**Friends of RBGE Conference
3 to 6 June 2020**

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh is 350 years old in 2020.

As part of the celebrations, the Friends of RBGE are holding an international conference, from **3 to 6 June 2020**, for Friends and Volunteers of botanic gardens.

Join us in the Edinburgh Garden for this opportunity to meet up with Friends and Volunteers from across the world.

For more information, see www.rbge.org.uk/friends2020



Ramblers 2020 *Exploring Christchurch through the Seasons*

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

Twenty four walkers turned out to start the CHS Ramblers 2020 Year with a walk around the Botanic Gardens in very pleasant weather conditions. Two were visitors to New Zealand who enjoyed joining in to view and learn about the inner-city sanctuary. The summer viewing of the gardens found treasures among the various borders as everyone rambled around the various pathways through the different sections.

Considering the recent hot weather Christchurch have been experiencing of late the Botanic Gardens are pleasant viewing and a credit to the staff in trying conditions. The Curators Vegetable and Herb garden was full of bounty of numerous herbs and vegetables showing full splendour along with pears and apples hanging from the trees. A garden to aspire too that demonstrates many techniques

Chrysanthemums

Monday 16 March 7.30pm

The Satterthwaite home
35B Hamilton Ave

General cultural notes, pest control. Housing of Lates, problem solving and questions.

Garden Club Reps

Tuesday 3 March 12.30pm

The Kiosk
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Junior Gardeners

Thursday 19 March 3.45 - 5pm

The Kiosk
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Fruit & Vegetables

Wednesday 25 March 7.30pm

Planning Our New Garden
Michael Coulter

The Kiosk
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Monthly Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter

March is the harvest month and preparation for the coming Winter means that this is a very busy time in the garden.

We are still very short of rain and we now have watering restrictions but if we manage our allowance this will have little effect on our plants and lawns.

Watering the plants and lawns well and deep rather than a light sprinkle will be much more effective and will also mean that all the garden may not need to be watered each allowable day.

I have filled a large barrel with water on one of my water days to keep as a reserve so that any plants in containers that are in need of extra water on my off day can still be given water.

Pip fruit and stone fruit are all ripening ready for harvest I like to pick the fruit in the morning before it gets too hot and the fruit is cool as this helps the fruit keep better.

Vegetables are in full production so any excess may be frozen, but remember to use only the best for this.

The lower leaves on tomatoes should be removed to help ripen the fruit. Look out for the Diamond back moth caterpillars that are about now and will eat the fruit.

Water the vegetable garden well to keep them growing as any check will reduce the crop in the Winter when they do not grow as fast.

Very dry lawns may be better left until we get cooler weather and morning dews before trying to rejuvenate them.

In the flower garden the main tasks are de-heading, staking up taller perennials, weeding and treating for pests and diseases. Seeds of some of the Spring flowering annuals, pansies, violas, primulas, stocks etc. can now be sown.

Michael Coulter



to best utilise a small garden space. There were stunning displays on the Armstrong Lawn from the formal bedding plantings. Everyone was in awe of how the different colours and textures of the trees, shrubs and flowers were pleasant viewing and looked forward to returning again as the seasons change. Fellowship continued with coffees at the Ilex Café.

The Ramblers March 10 outing is from the New World carpark in Peer Street seeking the source of the Avon River with March 24 meet is on Hunter Terrace in Beckenham near South Library checking the Heathcote River and it's all free. Come and join in.



Ramblers

Tuesday 10 March 9.45am

Avon River 1

Meet New World carpark, Peer St side

Tuesday 24 March 9.45am

Beckenham

Meet Hunter Tce near South Library

No walk if wet. FREE

2020 Programme:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

(also available from The Kiosk)

From the President

Here we are already into March, I know we say it every year but doesn't time fly. I hope you are managing to keep your gardens going with the watering restrictions.

A group of volunteers has been busy assessing the Edible Gardens for four Community Boards and have been having a lovely time meeting lots of enthusiastic gardeners. Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who have given up time to do this, I am sure you have learned something along the way. Thank you especially to Dave Adams and Liz Parder, in the office, for organising and coordinating this huge exercise.

Now March is with us it is time to think of nominations for the CHS board. Nominations must be into the office by the 10th of March so if you do want to nominate someone please do so as soon as possible, there are at least 2 vacancies on the board. It is also time to put the date for the AGM in your diary, **Tuesday 24 March at 7pm**, we would love to see you all there. Voting forms are available on the CHS website www.chsgardens.co.nz/agm.

Our exhibit at Grow Ō Tautahi is underway and we are looking for volunteers to man the exhibit over the 3 days of the festival. If you are able to give some time, an hour or two would be a great help, please give your contact details to Liz or chat to me if you need more information.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at AAG where Dave will tell us everything we need to know about planting daffodils and other bulbs.

Ray King, President

Canterbury Horticultural Society

Please note - the Armagh Street carpark will be closed all day on Sunday 15 March for the Mosque Service.



Floral Design

Wednesday 18 March 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>

Chrysanthemum Circle Michele Moore

The Chrysanthemum Circle met recently at the home of president, David Purcell. What a wonderful collection of plants he has stacked neatly in soldier-like rows in his shade house. Just beside that he has a row of huge cream coloured 'earlyies' in full bloom, 15cm across each bloom. For the last 40 years David has been a nurseryman at Landcare Research - growing some very rare and interesting plants for various research projects.

By the way the food was fabulous; so many great cooks, and the desserts! Many members are growing special categories of blooms for the upcoming show in April at The Kiosk. Michael and David explained what we need to be doing with our Chrysanthemums this month. They also answered many questions; specifically, when to spray and what to use and how to manage watering on really hot days. Another offering was how to disbud, a process to encourage one central bloom to do its thing on its own without other competing blooms on that stem. It's a real science.

Do come along to the show - it's free and there will be some fabulous prize-winning blooms displayed. **Chrysanthemum Show, Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 April 2020**, The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

CHEQUE FREE BANKING

You may have seen in the news that a number of banks and institutes are shifting to cheque free banking. Kiwibank will be free by February 2020 and IRD from March 2020.

Many of our members pay their subscriptions by cheque and we appreciate that this will be a big change. We will continue to accept cheques as long as possible. However, it appears likely that 2020 is the last year that our members will be able to pay their membership subscriptions by cheque. Please feel free to phone Liz in the office to discuss alternative arrangements going forward.

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monthly gardening programme
for the everyday gardener

Coming up at All About Gardening



APRIL

Monday 6th 7pm & Tuesday 7th 9.45am

Wendy Millichamp - Home Gardening

MAY

Monday 4th 7pm & Tuesday 5th 9.45am

Hayley Guglietta

Christchurch Enviro Hub

Hayley will provide an overview on the Enviro Hub, a centre point for

environmental organisations in greater Christchurch who are currently sharing The Kiosk with the CHS.

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. coulтчrys@xtra.co.nz

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



There's something for everyone at Christchurch's FREE, three day garden festival – Grow Ō Tautahi.

Celebrity chefs, how-to workshops, garden exhibits, science and sustainability talks, a kids' zone, plants, flowers, entertainment and much more! Christchurch Botanic Gardens, **20-22 March 2020** - see you there!
www.growotautahi.org.nz



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chsgardens.co.nz

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