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www.chsgardens.co.nz/indoor-plants

EVENING COURSE NEXT MONTH
Thursdays 5 - 26 November 7-9pm

Events coming up at *The Kiosk & Beyond*

Bonsai Show

Weekend of 3rd & 4th October 10am-4pm

Come along to the annual Avon Bonsai Society Show at the Kiosk. A chance to see some of the very best Bonsai in New Zealand. From Maples to Pohutukawa and Kowhai to Larch. Check the facebook page for demonstration times

business.facebook.com/events/351152132582891

Orchid Society Annual Show

Weekend of 3rd & 4th October 10am-4pm

Mineral & Lapidary Hall, 110 Waltham Rd
Amazing displays and extensive sales table with rare varieties. Tea, Coffee & refreshments available. \$5 (kids free)

facebook.com/canterburyorchidsociety

Sea Cycle Christchurch

Sunday 4 October 10.30am - 1pm

EnviroHub and friends invite you on a bird watching bike ride from Ferrymead to Sumner with Guest Speaker, Tanya Jenkins. "Why our Estuary is of International Significance; and the extraordinary birds who share it with us." A gentle bike ride with some activities to help people improve their bird spotting and identification skills.

Meet at Tidal View car parks. facebook.com/christchurchenvirohub

Plant & Garden Sale

Saturday 10 October 9am-12pm

St Peter's Church Hall, Church Corner, Upper Riccarton
Large range of plants, tools and garden accessories. Proceeds to St Peter's Church. *Cash only*

Our Braided River

Friday September 25 - Tuesday 27 October 10am - 3pm

New Zealand's braided rivers and their ecosystems are unique and rare, and they need our help! Learn about the importance of protecting these unusual ecosystems then, take a journey through the Christchurch Botanic Gardens via an augmented reality app.

facebook.com/christchurchenvirohub
The Kiosk - Free

Green Thumbs Radio

Monday 12 October 9am

Catch up with CHS President Ray King and Lorraine Campbell on Plains FM96.9. Interesting interviews and great gardening advice.

Q & A at The Kiosk

Winter Hours Extended 7 days 10am-3pm

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

Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 7 & 14 October 10am - 12pm

Elizabeth Yuill-Proctor will be giving a special lesson on Wednesday 7 October. All welcome, The Kiosk, BYO materials.

Diary note - Christmas Courses

Door Decoration

Monday 23 November 7 - 9.30pm

Tuesday 24 November 9.30am - 12pm

Table Decoration

Monday 30 November 7 - 9.30pm

Tuesday 1 December 9.30am - 12pm

All About Gardening OCTOBER 2020

Monday 5th 7pm & Tuesday 6th 9.45am

Cornelia Holten - KoruKai Herb Farm



KoruKai produce a range of natural herbal products – health and healing from farm to your doorstep. They grow over 80 medicinal herbs and harvest and process 40 of them to be used for their products.

www.korukai.co.nz

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

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

Membership cards that have been ordered but not collected can be picked up at AAG in October or from The Kiosk at the Gardens between 10am and 3pm.



Garden Visit

**Guided tour of the Canterbury
Rhododendron Society's Garden at Orton
Bradley Park**

Sunday 18 October 10:30am - 12:30pm



Bring a picnic or enjoy a coffee at the Park's rustic cafe.

Bookings essential: contact Vicki Steven on 022 1304 342 by 11 October.

Cost: \$5 CHS Members, \$10 Non-members.
\$10 per car entry to Orton Bradley

University of Canterbury Summer Course - Practical Field Botany

19-27 January 2021

Mountain Biological Field Station at Cass,
Canterbury

Practical Field Botany (BIOL305) is an intensive, short summer course designed to meet the need for training in the collection, preparation, and identification of botanical specimens. Of interest to members of the workforce who need to acquire or upgrade taxonomic skills, e.g., from Crown Research Institutes, Department of Conservation, Local and Regional Councils, Botanic Gardens, horticulture, and teaching.

Registration and course information:

<https://apps.canterbury.ac.nz/1/biology/outlines/biol305.pdf>

Free Guided Walks

Learn more about our wonderful Gardens. The Guides will be offering free 45 minute walks from the Kiosk at 1.30pm daily.

During October six walks will be offered and rotated through the month starting on Monday 5 October. The six walks are:

- Gondwana collection
- New Zealand Gardens
- Rock and Crevice Gardens
- Armstrong Lawn
- Curator's House potager garden
- Archery Lawn

Summer Talk Series

Visit to the Curators House Garden

Sunday 15 November 3.30pm

Meet at The Kiosk

Louise Young, Curator of the Curators House Garden, leads an informative walk through this section of the Botanic Gardens explaining her plantings and philosophy - as well as some 'hidden gems' from behind the scenes.

\$5 CHS Members, \$10 Non-members
includes afternoon tea

Chrysanthemums

Monday 19 October 7pm

Michael & Susan's home. General cultural notes, cutting demonstration

Canterbury HERB Society

Thursday, 22 October 10am & 7pm

Avice Hill Craft Centre
395 Memorial Ave

Theme is Herb & Spice Drinks

Garden Club Reps

Tuesday 6 October 12.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Junior Gardeners

Thursday 15 October 3.45pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

New members welcome

(Bring gloves/masks for potting)

Fruit & Vegetables

Wednesday 28 October 7:30pm

Phil Ducker Organic treatments for pests and diseases. A Visual guide to gardening through the year (2) with **Cindy Hey**.

Peter & Phil, Gardening suggestions for late Spring.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Monthly Tips & Tasks *with Michael Coulter*

Spring has arrived early this year with many of the Spring flowers and blossoms out about a fortnight earlier than usual.

The weather temperatures are above seasonal averages and the rain fall is about 140mm below the yearly average. This does give us a good start to the garden but we also need to be aware of the problems that the early season will pose. Newly planted trees and shrubs may need to be watered and any tender plants will need to be watched as we could still get a late frost

The ground is very dry so when sowing seeds ensure that there is good moisture in the seed bed so that good germination will be achieved.

Insect pests have already become active on

some plants so some control will be needed before their numbers get too high causing damage to the new soft growth.

Fungi may also be around earlier as plants will grow more quickly with soft leaves that may be more susceptible to infection.

Weeds are on the move and when they are just germinated a good hoe on a sunny day will deal with them most effectively.

The garden will need to have a good layer of mulch as soon as possible to retain the moisture as the predictions are for a drier Summer with more westerly winds.

The main tasks in the ornamental garden are to prune flowering trees and shrubs as soon as they have finished flowering, water

Spring bulbs and prepare the ground for the planting of Summer bedding flowers.

Weed control, feeding, turf repairs and regular mowing of the grass are the tasks for the lawn.

Watering all around the whole garden from now on will help to keep the moisture up in the soil so that plants will grow well before the stresses of the Summer can have effect on them.

We can now plant all the tender vegetable plants and get the main crop potatoes in. Beans like warm ground to germinate so they are better left until later in the month. Stagger planting of all the vegetables to get a continuous supply and to avoid having too much produce at any one time which could be wasted.

Shopping Afternoon - Wednesday 7 October 1-5.30pm

Oderings Centres: 116 Philpotts Road, Mairehau and 92 Stourbridge Street, Spreydon



ODERINGS
GARDEN CENTRES

Shoppers must present proof of CHS 2020 Membership

HELLO SPRING SAVINGS

20% off shopping at Oderings Garden Centres this month.

Oderings Garden Centres Philpotts & Barrington welcome CHS Members to an afternoon of discounted shopping.

Everything* except items already discounted will be reduced by 20%. Stock up on essentials or treat yourself to some new tools. And don't forget the plants - roses, shrubs, bedding, even trees!

Only current Membership cards will be accepted across the counter. If you do not have a current card please email Liz at office@chsgardens.co.nz for an email which confirms membership.

*Excludes items already on sale, gift card purchases, glasshouses, saunas, bee gap range and all houseplants.

Floral Design

Wednesday 21 October 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
This month: **Arrangement:** Modern Still Life
Materials: Fruit, vegetables, flowers and leaves of choice but here the fruit and veges. **Container:** free choice but reasonably formal. **Mechanics:** wire, floral tubes, tape but no floral foam. **Accessories:** Cloths, feathers, placemats **Theme:** Salad Days. <https://flic.kr/s/aHsm3HUR3N>

Ramblers

Tuesday 13 October 9.45am

Ilam
Meet New World carpark, Peer St side

Tuesday 27 October 9.45am

Jellie Park, Ilam Road Carpark

No walk if wet. FREE

2020 Programme:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

Rose Society

75th Anniversary Display

Weekend 28 & 29 November 10am - 4pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Enjoy roses of all types picked from gardens of the Rose Society's members. A feast of colour to the senses, and a feast of fragrance for your noses.

Experts from the Society available to answer sticky rose questions! *Free entry*

Cuttings of dahlias, chrysanthemums, begonias and many other perennials may be taken this month as the new growth appears. There is much to do in the garden this month so enjoy what you do - the rewards are great.

Good Gardening, Michael Coulter

BOT TOTS
MONDAYS 10AM - 11.30AM

Starts
**Monday
12 October**
Koha entry



Gardening & Nature themed activities for preschoolers - drop in

<https://business.facebook.com/events/605620693468967>

From the President

Spring has suddenly arrived and what lovely warm days we have had. It is very tempting to get out and get planting but I can imagine Michael saying, "calm down, it is too early, there is still a chance of late frosts". Hard to believe when there is new growth appearing everywhere.

We are now officially in Level 1 and can resume almost normal life so AAG will be going ahead from this month. All our planned speakers have been very obliging and have happily rescheduled to next year. There are also some great displays coming into the Kiosk over the school holidays and during the rest of October so keep an eye on the website for these events.

Neiel and I have been putting a lot of thought into the CHS Awards and we are planning on presenting these at AAG in November. With the various upsets over the past few months it has taken us much longer to work through the nominations than we would have hoped, however, we are there now and it will be a pleasure to make the presentations in November.

Enjoy the lovely Spring weather and the longer evenings now daylight saving has arrived.

Ray King President - Canterbury Horticultural Society

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monthly gardening programme
for the everyday gardener

Coming up at All About Gardening



NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd 7pm & Tuesday 3rd 9.45am

Rachel Teen and Colin Meurk

Joint presentation on water issues and water friendly gardens.

Colin Meurk is a Crown Research associate and consultant ecologist. Rachel Teen has a Masters in Water Resource Management and is working towards a Ph.D., investigating the concept of water sensitive cities.

DECEMBER

Monday 7th 7pm & Tuesday 8th 9.45am

Speaker to be confirmed.

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

Members: \$5 Non-members: \$10
Tea, coffee and biscuits included

Planting for a better planet has never been more important - for food, for the environment and for health. The call is out to New Zealanders to get growing this National Gardening Week and reap the rewards of home-grown food.

19-26 OCTOBER 2020
NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK

Plants for a better planet



To help kick start your veggie patch and live a more sustainable life, Yates is lending a helping hand. Just register online at www.yates.co.nz/national-gardening-week/2020 between 1st and 18th October to receive a free packet of veggie seeds.

Also, in the lead up to National Gardening Week the online Yates Growing Community will be launched. It's an ideal online blog for gardeners to come together to share their successes, problems and aspirations while having fun growing that runs all year round.

The first challenge within the **Yates Growing Community** is the Veggie Growing Challenge - there are great prizes up for grabs, and it's open to all skill levels, including newcomers - you just need a passion for gardening and a willingness to share your journey.

For more information visit:

www.yates.co.nz/spring-vegie-growing-challenge/this-year/2020

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