



Christmas Workshops

Join Floral Art Canterbury designer and tutor Shirley Russ for two classes as we bring the spirit of Christmas into our homes.

Designer Doors and Designer Tables

Events coming up at *The Kiosk & Beyond*

Art in the Park Exhibition

Thu 29 Oct - Sun 1 Nov 10am-4pm

A variety of art, including watercolour, oil and photography on display and for sale. The Kiosk. Free entry

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BotTots

Weekly on Mondays 10 - 11.30am

Gardening & Nature themed activities for Preschoolers. Drop-in. Koha entry

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Cactus & Succulent Display

Saturday 7 November 10am - 4pm

Discover these quirky and unusual plants in a day long display organised by the Christchurch Cactus and Succulent Society

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchCactusandSucculentSociety)

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Rose Society Display

Weekend 28 & 29 November 10am - 4pm

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 The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

business.facebook.com/events/478545346454206

Green Thumbs Radio

Monday 8 November 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 10 & 24

November 10am-12pm

Elizabeth Yuill-Proctor will be giving a special lesson on Wednesday 11 November. All welcome, The Kiosk, BYO materials.

Designer Doors Workshop

Monday 23 November 7 - 9.30pm

Tuesday 24 November 9.30am - 12pm

Explore concepts and create a floral design for hanging on your door during the Christmas season. Bring a friend and discover your creativity in this fun festive workshop.

\$72 Members \$85 Non-Members

Includes all materials, bubbles and festive nibbles. Book online:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/product/designer-doors

Designer Tables Workshop

Monday 30 November 7 - 9.30pm

Tuesday 1 December 9.30am - 12pm

Create a floral table design for all to share in the Christmas spirit.

\$72 Members \$85 Non-Members

Includes materials, bubbles and nibbles.

www.chsgardens.co.nz/product/designer-tables

Hanging Baskets Demonstration

Saturday 5 December 10am - 11.30am

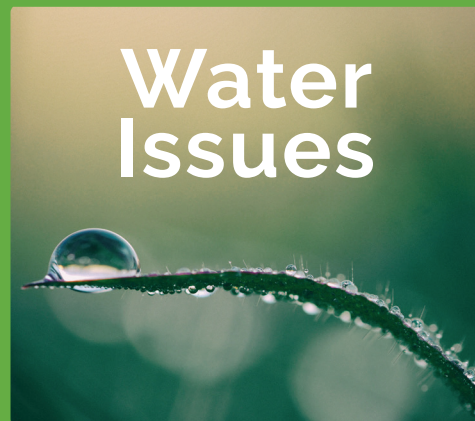
An inspiring demonstration to ignite your hanging basket creativity!

\$15 Members \$20 Non-Members

All About Gardening NOVEMBER 2020

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.

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

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





Friends of the
Christchurch Botanic Gardens



Christchurch
Envirohub

Free Guided Walks

Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Learn more about our wonderful Gardens. The Guides are once again running free walks from the Kiosk at 1.30pm daily.

During November numerous walks will be offered and rotated through the month starting on Sunday 1 November and running for approx 45 minutes. The Heritage Rose Garden near the new hospital wing is particularly spectacular in early November so there are multiple tours offered there.

Check the blackboard outside the Kiosk for the weekly schedule.



Summer Talk Series

Visit to the Curators House Garden

Sunday 22 November 4pm

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

Forest and Bird River Protection

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 November

Arthurs Pass

Forest and Bird first initiated this event in 2018. Volunteers travel to Arthur's Pass to take part in a weed busting event for 2 days over a weekend. The Arthur Pass community welcome everyone and we all get together for a pot-luck dinner in the evening. This year the Christchurch Envirohub will be organising volunteers from Christchurch and Forest and Bird are subsidising accommodation at the YMCA. We also have involvement from Conservation Volunteers, Arthurs Pass Wildlife Trust, Environment Canterbury and Sustainable Ōtautahi Christchurch.

Find out more information about the event through Conservation Volunteers here:

<https://bookings.conservationvolunteers.org/project/arthurs-pass-weed-blitz>

Chrysanthemums

Saturday 21 November 1.30pm

Workshop

General cultural notes, Division of Plants, pinching and timing. Bring excess plants for sharing with Members.

*The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Free for CHS Members*

Canterbury HERB Society

Thursday 26 November 6.45pm

Welcome to My Garden

At the home of the president.
78 Balrudry St. Avonhead.

Garden Club Reps

Tuesday 3 November 12.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Junior Gardeners

Thursday 19 November 3.45pm

Meet at 31 Seven Oaks Drive, Bryndwr for a rock garden visit.

New children welcome

Monthly Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter

As I write this it has been raining overnight (18mm) which is the first real rain that we have had over the last month, the plants will really appreciate this and it will mean a few days without the need to water the garden.

I noticed that some plants are showing signs of significant frost damage which is causing the leaves to be rather distorted.



This may appear as if the plants have been harmed by a herbicide, given time they should grow through the damage.

The frost may have also caused the fruit set on stone fruit plants to drop so it may be a light crop this year.

This month is the right time to plant up the Summer annuals, either for bedding displays or in containers. Once they are established pinch out the tips to encourage the plants to bush up.

Dahlias and tuberous begonias can be propagated by cuttings now or the tubers planted out in the garden. Chrysanthemums that are in the garden can be lifted and divided up now and those that are rooted



from cuttings should be potted on.

Camellias, rhododendrons and other Spring flowering shrubs are now finishing so any pruning needed must be done now.

Mulching around all of the garden will help prepare for the hotter Summer days. Give special attention to any newly planted trees or shrubs to help them get established.

From the President

Hasn't the year flown by, with all the ups and downs that Covid-19 has brought us, here we are in November and Christmas is almost upon us.

On Monday evening we will be presenting our special awards to people who have worked hard for the CHS and wider horticulture community. These awards would have been presented earlier in the year but with all the interruptions this is the first opportunity when it has been settled enough to do so. I look forward to seeing

you all at All About Gardening on Monday. Do keep an eye on our website for the interesting workshops Rachel has planned for later in the month and early December. Numbers are limited so if you see something you would enjoy don't hesitate to book in.

As Michael has predicted it has been very dry and unsettled so gardening has been challenging. Hopefully once we are in to November the weather patterns will change, however, I think we are in for very dry conditions for most of summer which will mean keeping up the watering and

Christchurch Cactus & Succulent Society Display

Succulents are plants that retain water in arid climates or soil conditions. Cacti are one family of succulents, mostly confined to the Americas, whereas succulents have a near global distribution.

Cacti and succulents are perfect for xeriscaping (landscaping that reduces the need for supplemental water from irrigation) as they are drought hardy. Although many people associate them with the hot, dry deserts, some cacti and succulents are frost tolerant and can be grown outdoors in

Christchurch's Winter.

In cultivation, cacti have been extensively hybridised to form new shapes, colours, growth patterns, and flower colours. Variegation, cresting, and monstrose (deformed) growth are often seen as desirable by collectors. Some of these cacti, such as moon cactus, only survive when grafted to another cactus.

Although there are no cacti in New Zealand, there are native succulents such as ice plant. Many of our alpine species show

mulching as much as possible. Sparrows have wreaked havoc with my lettuces and young peas and I heard today that the sparrows ate the blossoms off one of our members crab apple tree, have sparrows suddenly become vegetarians?

Ray King *President*
Canterbury Horticultural Society



make xeriscaping. succulent traits (e.g., raoulia, speargrass) which them good choices for

Come along and see some of the cacti and succulents from local collections. And while at the Gardens, check out Garrick House, a large collection of cacti and succulents to the Gardens in the late 1950s.

Saturday 7 November 10am - 4pm The Kiosk

Fruit & Vegetables

Wednesday 25 November 7:30pm

Phil Ducker Organic treatments for pests and diseases. A Visual guide to gardening through the year (3) with **Cindy Hey**.

Peter & Phil, Gardening suggestions for early Summer.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Floral Design

Wednesday 18 November 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
This month: **Arrangement:** Green and white.

Materials: light and airy branch material, softer flowing material Flowers, a mix of green and white flowers and leaves.

Container: glass container. **Mechanics:** minimal, you are using glass. **Accessories:** Free choice, scarves, umbrellas, windmills
Theme: Bright and breezy.

Ramblers

Tuesday 10 November 9.45am

Linwood

Meet Hereford and Tancred St Cnr

Tuesday 24 November 9.45am

Merivale

Meet Millbrook Reserve, Carlton Mill Road.

No walk if wet. FREE

2020 Programme:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

The lawns are now growing fast and may need an extra mow to keep them in good order. Repair work and weed control need to be done this month as it is more difficult to establish grass when it is very hot.

This is the peak month in the vegetable garden as all those plants that need the warmth to grow are ready to be planted.



In the green house tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and chillies will all be growing fast. Regular watering and feeding is needed to keep them growing and healthy.

Keep a look out for any early signs of white fly and take action as soon as seen before they become a problem (look under the leaves as this is where they will be).

Just as the plants will grow fast so will the weeds. What I do is go around the garden once a week with the hoe which takes little time; this also allows me to see how all my special new plants are doing.

Plants that are under any stress are always more susceptible to pests and diseases, our main task this month is to make sure that the plants are not under any stress.



Remember that gardening should always be a pleasure not a problem so do not put off until tomorrow what needs to be done today.

Remember to bring some of your special plants to AAG and any problems

Good Gardening, Michael Coulter

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monthly gardening programme
for the everyday gardener



All About Gardening DECEMBER

Monday 7th 7pm & Tuesday 8th 9.45am

Paul O'Donnell and Gordan Nairn from the Christchurch Hobbyist Beekeepers Club will be presenting 'Bee Kind' - teaching us how to keep bees happy in our gardens. There will be live bees in the building and they will touch on the art of beekeeping. We're delighted the NZ Lily Society will

be having another sale - (perfect for Christmas presents) starting Monday 30 November and running through to Tuesday 8 December (AAG).

There is no All About Gardening Meeting in January

FEBRUARY

Monday 1st 7pm & Tuesday 2nd 9.45am

Forager **Peter Langlands** aims to promote

wild foods and foraging in New Zealand. He works with chefs all over the country, advising on how to forage for everything from seaweed to edible flowers.

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

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



BotTots

Weekly on Mondays 10 - 11.30am

Come along to the Kiosk on Mondays to enjoy a simple garden and nature-themed activity for preschoolers. This is a drop in session, make a cuppa and have a play. Entry with gold coin koha.

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

English Style Hanging Baskets

Saturday 5 December 10am-11.30am

With Summer entertaining just around the corner surely it's time to freshen up the outdoors with some flamboyant pops of colour!

This informative demonstration by Maggie Croy will give you all the know-how you need to have bright bedding plants flowering into late Summer. There is also a chance to win one of ten \$10 Portstone vouchers to put towards creating your own colourful hanging basket.

\$15 Members, \$20 Non-Members
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or online at www.chsgardens.co.nz

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Subs Reminder

**2021 Member Subscriptions are due soon.
Single \$40, Double \$60.**

Invoices will go out early November, please note, there is a 20% reduction for 2021 due to the cancellations of All About Gardening sessions and workshops because of COVID-19.

Thank you for your patience in 2020.