



## Kick start your passion for horticulture

### FUNDAMENTALS OF HORTICULTURE COURSE

A six session practical and theory based course held at The Kiosk

Thursdays 5.30pm - 7.30pm 4 March - 16 April 2021

\$148 (\$175 Non Members)

## Events coming up at The Kiosk

### Greenthumbs Radio

**Monday 8 February 9am**

Catch up with CHS President Ray King and Lorraine Campbell on Plains FM96.9. Interesting interviews and great gardening advice. This month's guest is David Milne, tutor for our upcoming horticulture course.

### Alinos Ceramics Exposition

**Over Waitangi 4 - 8 February 10am - 4pm**

Free Entry, all works for sale

### BotTots

**Weekly on Mondays 10 - 11.30am**

**Restarts Monday 15 February**

Gardening & nature themed activities for preschoolers. Drop-in (gold coin pp).

[business.facebook.com/events/60562069346896](https://business.facebook.com/events/60562069346896)

### Watercolour Painting

**Wed 10 & 24 February 10am-12pm**

All welcome, BYO materials.

### Art Exhibition

**Fri 26 - Sun 28 February 10am - 4pm**

Showcasing different media and styles, this exhibition presents an array of work from six Canterbury-based printers, painters and photographers.

Free Entry, all works available for purchase (cash and eftpos)

### Q & A at The Kiosk

**Summer Hours 7 days 10am-4pm**

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

### Indoor Plant Course



**Five Tuesday evening sessions**

**23 Feb - 23 March 7 - 9pm 2021**

Learn how to select perfect houseplants and keep them healthy and happy.

From \$34 per class. Book online

[www.chsgardens.co.nz/indoor-plants](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/indoor-plants)

### Lily Workshop

**Monday 15 March 7-9pm**

**Growing Lilies as a Hobby**

A short workshop covering all you need to know from propagation to how to care for cut flowers.

\$15 Members \$20 Non-Members

[www.chsgardens.co.nz/product/lily-workshop](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/product/lily-workshop)

## New Tuesday morning start time!

### ALL ABOUT GARDENING



## Foraging

### FEBRUARY

**Monday 1st 7pm & Tuesday 2nd 9.30am**

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 (just over the footbridge from Armagh St car park).

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



**Parking Notice:** If you plan to visit the Botanic Gardens on Waitangi Day (**Saturday 6 February**) be warned that there is a big concert (Six60) in North Hagley Park from 5pm. Parking is likely to be at a premium from the afternoon.

## Free Guided Walks

### Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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

**Mon Feb 1** Gondwana collection

**Tues Feb 2** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

**Wed Feb 3** History walk – Armstrong Lawn

**Thur Feb 4** Herbaceous Border

**Fri Feb 5** Conservatories

**Sat Feb 6** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

**Sun Feb 7** Notable trees

**Mon Feb 8** Rock & crevice Garden

**Tues Feb 9** Conservatories

**Wed Feb 10** Notable trees

**Thur Feb 11** Gondwana Collection

**Fri Feb 12** General Interest walk (90 mins)

**Sat Feb 13** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

**Sun Feb 14** Curator's House Potager Garden

**Mon Feb 15**

Gondwana Collection

**Tues Feb 16** Conservatories

**Wed Feb 17** Notable trees

**Thur Feb 18** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

**Fri Feb 19** Herbaceous Border

**Sat Feb 20** Plant Hunters

**Sun Feb 21** Gondwana Collection

**Mon Feb 22** Curator's House potager garden

**Tues Feb 23** A walk amongst the Palms

**Wed Feb 24** Conservatories

**Thur Feb 25** General Interest Walk (90 mins)

**Fri Feb 26** Herbaceous Border

**Sat Feb 27** Herbaceous Border

**Sat Feb 27** Mona Vale (90 mins)

Meet at Mona Vale

**Sun Feb 28** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

Check the blackboard outside The Kiosk for the weekly schedule.

## Summer Talk Series

**Sunday 21 February 4pm**

**'My experience in the Subantarctic Islands'**

Luke Martin, Curator of the New Zealand Section in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, gives an illustrated talk on his trip to the Subantarctic Islands in December 2020.

**Sunday 21 March 4pm**

**Te Kohinga Harakeke o Aotearoa – National New Zealand Flax Collection**

Katarina Tawiri, Research Technician from Manaaki Whenua (Landcare Research), gives an illustrated talk about this valuable collection of flax.

**All welcome**

\$5 CHS Members, \$10 Non-members  
The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

## Chrysanthemums

**Monday 15 February 6pm**

David and Robyn's Home  
Potluck dinner

General cultural notes, pest control and bud securing of lates.

## Garden Club Reps

**Tuesday 2 February 12.30pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

## Junior Gardeners

**Thursday 18 February 3.45pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens  
New children welcome, please contact the CHS if attending, tel: 366 6937 (BYO mask and gloves for handling potting mix).

## Floral Design

**Wednesday 17 February 2pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

### Minimal Arrangements

**Container:** now is the time to use a "statement" container. **Materials:** branches, twigs, vines anything that can be reduced just to its line. **Flowers:** few and simple.

**Mechanics:** free standing or using a Kensan. New members welcome!  
Next month: Autumn Colours

## Monthly Tips & Tasks *with Michael Coulter*

February heralds the beginning of peak harvest time for most of our fruit and vegetables that were planted in spring and early summer before Christmas.

The flower garden will be blooming as the dahlias, begonias, perennials and summer annuals reach their showy best.

To get the best from the garden, fruit should be picked as it ripens to avoid it becoming over ripe and spoiling, the same applies to the vegetables, especially if you are intending to preserve or freeze any of them.

As we finish harvesting, the ground should be prepared for the planting of winter crops. Many of which can be planted now.

Once the stone fruit trees have finished, a spray of fungicide to control leaf curl and brown rot should be applied.

Tomatoes will be ripening now and will benefit from a weekly liquid feed to help them to keep growing. Continue to remove the laterals and lower leaves to let more light in to help ripening.

Water restrictions are now in place so we must manage our watering carefully so that the plants are still able to grow and produce as expected.

Pest and diseases are most noticeable now and any treatments must be done with due care, especially on fruit and vegetables which are close to harvest.

Weeds are very fast growing now so regular hoeing when they are small will deal to them.

To keep flowers at their best regular removal of the spent flowers will encourage the plants to continue to flower.

Taller plants and perennials will require staking as we seem to have had a lot of wind this year.

Plants that are growing in containers dry out quickly, regular watering and a weekly liquid feed will help to keep them in peak condition.

Lawns dry out very quickly with the heat and wind. To keep them green, water

## From the President

We start this year with new challenges, firstly with Liz, our office manager deciding that it was time to retire. As many of you will remember Liz came to our aid when our previous secretary, Helen, died and left us bereft. Liz stepped in and stayed with us through all our changes of venue until now it is time for her to spend time having some new adventures, we all wish her the very best.

Now the challenge of finding a replacement, we are working on this and will keep you all up to date with where we are heading. We also have set the date for our AGM and the next challenge is to attract a board to see us into the next stage of our development into the third decade of the 21st century. Please think about where we need to be over the coming years and consider nominations that will help us move forward.

I hope to catch up with most of you over the next month or two as we return to All About Gardening and other events in The Kiosk. Enjoy the rest of summer and best wishes,

**Ray King** President, CHS

## AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc., (CHS) will be held in The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens **on Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 7pm.**

Nominations are being called for President, Vice President and (4-6) Board Members.

Nominations and items of general business and any notice of motion must be received at the CHS Office by **Tuesday 16 March** with confirmation in writing from the nominated member. Nominations must be signed by 2 Financial members and any notice of motion must be signed by 2 Financial/Honorary Life Members.

The Agenda, President's Report, Annual Accounts and Auditor's Report will be available from the CHS Office 7 days prior to and at the meeting.

The nomination form can be downloaded from [www.chsgardens.co.nz/agm](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/agm)

## Garden Tours

**Begonia Gardens & More Afternoon Tour**  
**Wednesday 24 February 2021**

**\$10 pp** (includes afternoon tea)

Please report to the first garden gate at 12.55pm for payment and to have your details recorded (Covid-19 requirement).

**1pm Russell & Carole Jeffares**

32A Mathers Road Off Hoon Hay Road  
(Plants for Sale)

**2pm Pauline & Barry Scott**

2 William Britten Drive Halswell

**2.45pm Audy & Frances Smith**

4 Blankney Street

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**Autumn Colours Tour**

**4 nights / 5 days Fri 16 – Wed 21 April 2021**

Visiting Gardens and places of interest in Tekapo, Mt Cook, Wanaka and surrounding areas. *Register your interest now.*

**RSVP to Gail Scrivener**

Tel: 0274 892906 or 329 6966

Email: [gail.scrivener@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gail.scrivener@xtra.co.nz)

*Please note that this is a CHS Garden Club Reps initiative*

## Ramblers

**Tuesday 9 February 9.45am**

**Travis Country**

Meet at Cnr Mairehau Rd & Putake Drive

**Tuesday 23 February 9.45am**

**Ilam**

Meet Annandale Park, Carruthers St

**2021 Programme out now:**

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

**Contact:** Alison Fussell tel: 027 251 3757

## Fruit & Vegetables

**Wednesday 24 February 7.30pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Admission is free to CHS members but bring some gold coins for the raffle and sales table! (Non-members \$2 entry)

February Meeting Speaker TBC

## EnviroHub

**EnviroHub Regular get togethers:**

**Environmental Chat with Kat**

**Thursday mornings and BYO lunch** at The Kiosk

**Networking - Drinks with a purpose**

Once a month at the Exchange

**Enviokids** - Activities inspired by what is happening in the Envirohub networks at the Kiosk **Saturdays 10am-3pm**

regularly and feed them every 4 to 6 weeks, slow release fertilisers are also a good option.

Avoid cutting the grass very low and only cut about one third of the leaf each cut.

I enjoy working in the garden in the morning and later in the evening, avoiding the very hot part of the day. This allows time to enjoy other activities during the day giving a good balance to life.

**Happy Gardening,** Michael Coulter



# ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monthly gardening programme  
for the everyday gardener

## Coming up at All About Gardening



### MARCH

Monday 1st 7pm

Taylor McConnell of [Sporeshift](#)

Mushrooms NZ is our March evening speaker. Taylor will talk and demonstrate home mushroom growing. All attendees will qualify for a \$5 voucher with Sporeshift.

Tuesday 2nd 9.30am

Speaker to be confirmed

### APRIL

Monday 5th 7pm

Speaker to be confirmed

Tuesday 6th 9.30am

**Matt Morris** - Author of 'Common Ground' a book about the history of gardening in Christchurch is our morning speaker.

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

Members: \$5 Non-members: \$10 (includes tea, coffee and biscuits)

### 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. [coulthrys@xtra.co.nz](mailto:coulthrys@xtra.co.nz)

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

Find the CHS & Partners at The Kiosk during the festival

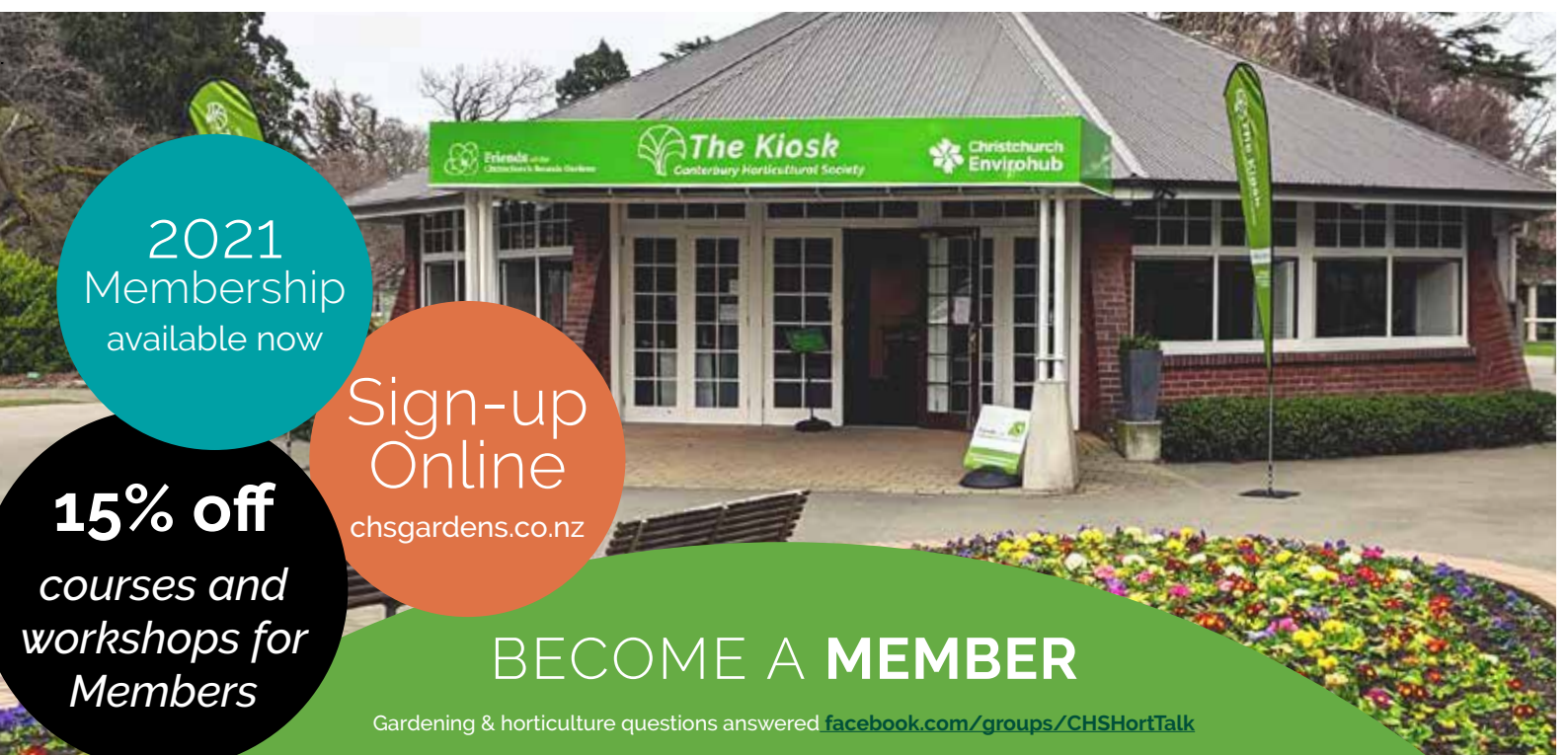


Christchurch Botanic Gardens, **12-14 March 2020** - see you there!

Website [www.growotautahi.org.nz](http://www.growotautahi.org.nz) | Facebook [www.facebook.com/growotautahi](https://www.facebook.com/growotautahi) | Instagram [www.instagram.com/growotautahi](https://www.instagram.com/growotautahi)

**Grow Ōtautahi, Christchurch Garden Festival is a vibrant, contemporary garden festival for the people of New Zealand.**

It will showcase cutting edge garden and landscape design, provide opportunities to learn in workshops, cooking demonstrations and informative seminars, encourage conversation about food resilience, water usage and sustainability and provide entertaining and fun opportunities to engage with all things plant based!



2021 Membership available now

Sign-up Online [chsgardens.co.nz](http://chsgardens.co.nz)

15% off courses and workshops for Members

## BECOME A MEMBER

Gardening & horticulture questions answered [facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk)