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## Garden Club Creations

Local Garden Clubs transformed The Kiosk during their preparations for the GROW festival mid March. These posies were a real delight.



## Events coming up at *The Kiosk*

### Greenthumbs Radio

**Monday 12 April 9am**

Plains FM96.9. Interesting interviews and great gardening advice. April guests include Wendy Milichamp on lilies and Maria Romero on Monarch Butterflies.

### Bot Tots

**Weekly on Mondays 10 - 11.30am**

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

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

### Watercolour Painting

**Wed 14 & 28 April 10am-12pm**

All welcome, BYO materials

### Art in the Park

**Friday 9 - Sunday 11 April 10am - 4pm**

Three local artists present a variety of original artwork. All works for sale.

[facebook.com/events/432654651358016](https://facebook.com/events/432654651358016)

### Alinos Ceramics Exposition

**Thursday 1 - Monday 5 April 10am - 4pm**

Free Entry, all works for sale

### Autumn Plant Sale

**Sunday 11 April 11am-3pm (or until sold)**

Under the palm tree over the Armagh Street car park bridge in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Bring cash & carry bags.

### Bulbs in Containers

**Thursday 29 April 7pm - 9pm**

Join knowledgeable Dave Adams for this hands on workshop. Includes unique narcissus and crocus bulbs in a container to take home.

\$34 members \$40 non members

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

### Art of the Indoor Plant

**Tuesdays 4 - 25 May 7pm - 9pm**

These concise evening classes provide a general understanding of house-plant health and maintenance with the opportunity to learn more in depth techniques including propagation and the lost art of macramé. \$34 members \$40 non members per class

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

### 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.

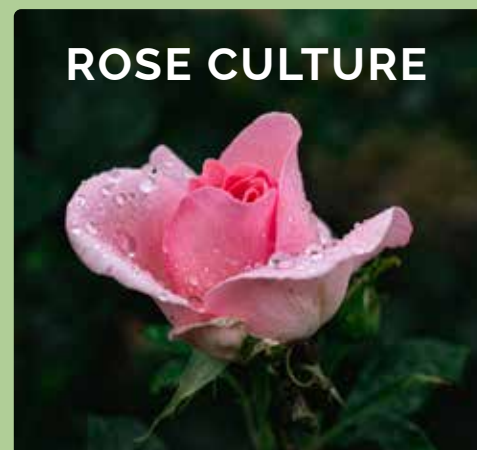
### Chrysanthemum Display

**Weekend of 1 & 2 May 10am - 4pm**

To coincide with the National Chrysanthemum Show local growers exhibit their blooms at the Kiosk. Free, all welcome

## ALL ABOUT GARDENING APRIL

**Monday 5th 7pm & Tuesday 6th 9.30am**



## ROSE CULTURE

### Michael Brown - All About Rose Culture

Michael will share some of his extensive knowledge on new rose varieties that grow well in Canterbury conditions.

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

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



## Autumn Plant Sale

**Sunday 11 April 11am - 3pm (until sold out)**

Join the Friends of the Botanic Gardens for their famous Autumn Plant Sale!



A great range of native and exotic trees, shrubs, perennials and succulents will be available to purchase for just \$5 each.

Cash and Eftpos available, please bring your own carry bags.

The sale tables will be set up outside the Botanic Gardens' Kiosk.

[facebook.com/events/763130787974599](https://facebook.com/events/763130787974599)

## 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.

### Summer Talk Series

'Our piece of paradise' Frank Boffa

**Sunday 18 April 4pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Frank Boffa, a well known landscape architect, will talk about how he got into his career; the practice he started in Christchurch in 1972; and his own award winning garden in Wellington.

## Support for your Group

If you would like support for your environmental or sustainability group, please contact them on [info@chchenvirohub.org](mailto:info@chchenvirohub.org).

You're also welcome to come into The Kiosk and meet with Kat Miller on Thursdays 10am - 2pm, or by appointment on other days.

**Contact Kat:** 021 744 909

### EnviroHub Regular get togethers:

Environmental Chat with Kat

**Thursday mornings** at The Kiosk

Networking - Drinks with a purpose

Once a month at the Exchange

## Floral Design

**Wednesday 21 April 2pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

**Theme: It's Autumn. Flowers:** autumn coloured flowers, burgundy, yellow, orange, deep reds.

**Branch material:** try to find branches with autumn leaves still on, blend the colours of your leaves with the flowers you choose.

**Filler material:** Smaller branches or

berries of similar or contrasting colours.

**Container:** a shallow dish type container. Consider the colour of your material.

**Mechanics:** Kensan or pin folder

## Chrysanthemums

**Monday 19 April 7pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Preparations for the National Show in May.

## Garden Club Reps

**Tuesday 6 April 12.30pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

## Junior Gardeners

**Thursday 15 April 3.45pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

## Monthly Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter

April is the real month of autumn when the trees put on their spectacle of coloured leaves.

Although we are approaching the end of the growing season for summer fruit, vegetables and flowers, we still have time to prepare the ground for the autumn planting of trees and shrubs.

This is a busy month for **bulb planting** and for winter annuals such as pansies, violas, polyanthus, primulas, wall flowers, forget-me-nots and poppies.

**Autumn flowering perennials** like chrysanthemums and perennial asters will be in full bloom. Once they are finished they can be cut back by 2/3 thirds, as we do for the dahlias and lilies.

Now is the time to have a good clean up of all the garden areas removing weeds, fallen leaves and any plants that have died or are not in good condition.

**The compost bin** that has mature compost ready can be emptied so that all the plant residue and fallen leaves can then be made into new compost ready for the spring.

The cooler temperatures and the dewy mornings make the grass grow quickly. As the soil is still warm it is a good time to **sow new lawns** and repair damaged areas.

Grass grub and moss should be treated before it becomes too cold. Also remember not to cut the grass too low.

**Fruit trees** can be given clean up treatments for pests and diseases once all the fruit has been harvested.





# Sustainable and Edible Garden Awards 2021

Congratulations to all our inspiring gardeners who entered the awards, especially to our Special Award recipients.

## Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote

**Penny Reid** - Fruit and berries

**Karl Velde** - Yield

**Lyla Heaslip** - Beginner gardener

**John Norton** - Organic garden

**Rosalina Abadilla** - Tomatoes

**Lynn McConnell** - Sustainability features

## Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere

**Cameron Bell** - Fruit and berries

**Garry and Eileen Kerr** - Yield

**Kat and Brendon Kircher** - Beginner gardener

**Philippe Meyer** - Organic garden

**Shelley McMurtrie** - Tomatoes

**Ruth Vercoe** - Sustainability features



## Ramblers

**Tuesday 13 April 9.45am**

### Fendalton

Meet Waiwetu Reserve, Waiwetu St

**Tuesday 27 April 9.45am**

### Autumn in the City

Meet Armagh St carpark at The Kiosk

**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 28 April 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)

## Canterbury HERB Society

**Thursday 22 April 10am (repeated at 7pm)**

**All About Bees with Michael**

Bring something using honey.

Craft Room, Avic Hill Craft Centre  
395 Memorial Ave

Visitors welcome, \$5 per meeting

[www.facebook.com/CANHERBSOC](http://www.facebook.com/CANHERBSOC)

This year I have seen a lot of the tomato/potato psyllid which has resulted in some disappointing crops on tomatoes and potatoes. Take note of when you first noticed the damage this year and remember to treat the plants a month before (about November), this will help prevent the infestation next season.

Green houses should be given a good clean out after crops have finished, especially if there was any white fly or fungal disease present. This will prevent any carry over to the next season, especially if you want to over-winter frost tender plants.

I like to plant up pots of bulbs and flowers so that I can add colour to areas around

pathways and terrace in the winter.

I use large pots (10 litres or more) with a good quality potting mix, and will combine bulbs and annuals. This gives a long display and because they are in sheltered areas close to the house they will bloom earlier than if they were in the garden.

There are a lot of other tasks that need to be attended to during this month making it one of the very busiest times in the garden.

Happy gardening, **Michael Coulter**





# ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monthly gardening programme  
for the everyday gardener

## Coming up at All About Gardening

### MAY

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

**Wendy Millichamp - Lilyfields**

Having owned the Mt Somers Lilyfields for over 25 years, David and Wendy Millichamp bring considerable plant and Lily growing expertise to the gardening table. Whilst David is passionate about trees and plants, Wendy feasts on all things floral and is a keen marketer.

The opportunity to take on the established Dunhampton Lilyfields, now branded as Lilyfields Mt Somers, enabled the

couple to use their various backgrounds to establish a wide customer base across the country. More importantly they are personable and passionate about what they do and love meeting their customers at the numerous garden events and A & P shows they attend.

Wendy will speak in May on behalf of her and David and is known as an entertaining and confident speaker. She will bring prepacked tulips and lilybulbs to sell.

*Cash or EFTPOS will be available*

### JUNE

**Monday 7th 7pm & Tuesday 8th 9.30am**

**Luke Martin** - Collection Curator of the New Zealand plant collection at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens talks about his recent travels to New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands. Luke will share with us some of his highlights of the flora and fauna he encountered on these far away islands rich with history.

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

Members: \$5 Non-members: \$10  
*Includes tea, coffee and biscuits*

### National Chrysanthemum Show

**Saturday 1 May 10.30am - 5pm**

**Sunday 2 May 10am - 4pm**

Ilex Function Room, Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

See a wonderful range of blooms from delicate, threadlike flowers to enormous globes of featherlike petals. Meet members of the Chrysanthemum Circle who will be on hand to chat, answer queries and give advice about growing these spectacular blooms at home. *Free, all welcome.*



### HortSkills Intermediate Course

**Thursdays 3 June - 1 July 5.30pm - 7.30pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens  
Six sessions to grow your passion for horticulture in a practical and theory based course.

**\$175** (\$148 Members)

Purchase together with the advanced course (September 2021) for \$300 (\$255).

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courses and  
workshops for  
Members

### 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](mailto:coulтчrys@xtra.co.nz)

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