



National Chrysanthemum Show

Saturday 1 May 10.30am - 5pm | Sunday 2 May 10am - 4pm

Ilex Room, Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

See a wonderful range of blooms from delicate, threadlike flowers to enormous globes of feather-like 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.*

Events coming up at *The Kiosk*

Greenthumbs Radio

Monday 11 May 9am

Plains FM96.9. Interesting interviews and great gardening advice.

Bot Tots

Weekly on Mondays 10 - 11.30am

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

business.facebook.com/events/60562069346896

Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 12 (11am-1pm time change)

Wednesday 26 May 10am-12pm

All welcome, BYO materials

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.

From \$34 per class

www.chsgardens.co.nz/indoor-plants

Q & A at The Kiosk

Winter Hours 7 days 10am-3pm

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 (The National Show will be on in the Ilex Room)*

Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Winter Talk Series

Terra Viva Stories

Friday 21 May 10am

Peter Worsp will talk about Terra Viva Home and Garden, his very successful plant and homewares store, café and landscape design service.

A Discovery of Gardening with Creative Results

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

ALL ABOUT GARDENING MAY

Monday 3rd 7pm & Tuesday 4th 9.30am

Wendy Millichamp - Lilyfields



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. Wendy will speak on behalf of the couple and will also bring prepacked tulips and lilybulbs to sell.

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

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Includes tea, coffee & biscuits.*



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Plant connections between Christchurch and Rapa Nui - Friday 16 July 10am

\$5 CHS Members, \$10 Non-members

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

The free guided walks run by the Friends will resume in October

Christchurch Envirokids

Launch!

Saturday 15 May

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

- Bring your kids or your neighbour's kids! Come and learn what it's all about. Take part in some Envirokids activities to inspire resource efficiency and ecological awareness:
- Bring a t-shirt or jumper that you love and turn it into an Envirokids top
- Bring your drink bottle or favourite mug and make it into an Envirokids drinking vessel
- Get your Envirokids passbook and start collecting stickers of Christchurch species
- and more!

Support for your Group

If you would like support for your environmental or sustainability group, please contact the EnviroHub 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
Tuesday 18 May 6:30pm

This is the first Networking with a Purpose, event for the year and is held at the XCHC.

The XCHC is a not-for-profit, meaning your money enables them to continue supporting the creative ideas and communities they serve.

Floral Design

Wednesday 19 May 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Flowers: one large or 3 smaller chrysanthemums in any colour you choose.

Branch material: large, sturdy branch material to balance the flowers.

Filler material: small flowers and or buds.

Container: a tall container in neutral tones.

Mechanics: we will practice our Ikebana cross bars this week.



Chrysanthemum Circle

Monday 17 May 7:30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

No meeting in June

Garden Club Reps

Tuesday 4 May 12:30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Monthly Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter

May heralds the end of autumn and the beginning of winter so many of the tasks this month involve cleaning up around the garden and doing repairs and maintenance on green houses, shade houses and any structures used for climbing plants.

Autumn has been mild and dry so far, so many of the plants have not yet dried off (dahlias and begonias) or frosted back. This may delay lifting them for the winter but if you want to plant some of the winter /spring plants you can lift them and place them in trays to dry off.

Spring bulbs will need to be planted before the end of the month as the colder wetter weather will make it

more difficult once it arrives.

Any frost tender plants in pots need to be moved into sheltered areas or in a green house to over winter them.

Plants that are in the ground and in need of protection will need to have the frost cloth cleaned and ready to put over the plants.

Winter vegetable crops must be kept weed free. Broad beans can be sown now, the ground prepared for garlic and any empty ground sown in a green crop.

Once all the leaves have fallen from the fruit trees the first of the winter copper/ conquer oil sprays may be applied.

The last of the indoor tomato, cucumber,

chilli and pepper crops will now be finished so clean them out of all their plant material and give the area a good wash before any other plants are moved in for the winter. This will help prevent any pest or disease carry over to next season.

Soon the grass will stop growing and once the ground gets cold repairs and new grass seeding will not be as successful.

The grass should not be cut too short now so raise the cutting height.

Moss treatment should now be completed.

Geranium cuttings may be taken this month before the frosts spoil them.

Good gardening, **Michael Coulter**

Welcome - New CHS Manager

I hope you all had a very happy and relaxing Anzac weekend, lovely days but chilly in the morning and evening. Autumn is well underway with leaves falling everywhere.

We have had a busy month in The Kiosk and now have our new office installed. We also have our new manager who has been busy coming to terms with all the different people involved in the CHS.

Our new manager is Christine (Chrissy) Stevens and I will leave it to Chrissy to introduce herself.

Ray King
CHS President

Well done to our participating HortSkills students (pictured right) who completed their beginner course with David Milne in April - with a great day for their practical session by the look of it. We're sure our fledgling gardeners will be feeling ready to embark on their garden projects.



Hi, I am Chrissy, I am delighted to have been appointed as The Manager at Canterbury Horticultural Society. I look forward to continuing the good work that my predecessor,

Liz has done to date.

I am extremely enthusiastic to take on this role as I recently completed my Certificate in Horticulture.

I have always had a passion for gardening and houseplants. I look forward to meeting existing and welcoming new members to our society and hearing your horticultural experiences.

When I am not tending to my plants you will find me here in The Kiosk, Monday – Friday 9am till 4pm.

HortSkills Success



Junior Gardeners

Thursday 20 May 3.45pm
The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Fruit & Vegetables

Wednesday 26 May 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)

Ramblers

Tuesday 11 May 9.45am
Merivale
Meet Rugby Street, opposite Nasby Street

Tuesday 25 May 9.45am
City Walk
Meet Armagh St carpark at The Kiosk

2021 Programme out now:
www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers
Contact: Alison Fussell tel: 027 251 3757

Canterbury HERB Society

Thursday 27 May 7pm
Guest Speaker: Soil & Compost
Tasting: Please bring something herby
Craft Room, Avic Hill Craft Centre
395 Memorial Ave
Visitors welcome, \$5 per meeting
www.facebook.com/CANHERBSOC

HortSkills Intermediate Course

Six sessions to grow your passion for horticulture in a practical and theory based course.

- Weeds and Control Methods** Identifying weeds in the garden, lawn, the vege plot etc. To spray or not to spray?
- Composting in the Garden** Why not recycle from the kitchen and the garden? What can be used and what are the benefits.
- Plant Classification** Latin or Common? An insight into how plants are named and grouped.
- Soils 2/ Botany** A follow up from the Fundamentals Course. How do we look after/improve our soils. Plant Life cycles.
- Plant Propagation** Seed sowing and Bulb Scaling. More demos of propagation techniques.
- Practical** Shrub & Tree Planting. Mulching and aftercare. Building a compost heap.



Pricing

\$175 (\$148 Members)
Purchase together with the advanced course (September 2021) for \$300 (\$255 Members). **Join the CHS for a 15% discount on courses**

www.chsgardens.co.nz/product/hortskills-intermediate-course

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monthly gardening programme
for the everyday gardener

Coming up at All About Gardening

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.

JULY

Monday 5th 7pm & Tuesday 6th 9.30am

Matt Morris - Author of "Common Ground: Garden Histories of Aotearoa"

While a lot of gardening books focus on the grand plantings of wealthy citizens, Matt Morris explores the historical processes behind 'humble gardens' those created and maintained by ordinary people.

VENUE

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens (over footbridge - Armagh St car park).
Members: \$5 Non-members: \$10
Includes tea, coffee and biscuits

The Art of the Indoor Plant

Tuesdays 4 - 25 May 7pm - 9pm

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Macramé: 4 May Learn how to make two hangers for trailing plants

General Indoor Plant Maintenance: 11 May

Understand how to keep your plants healthy and happy. Explore different indoor plant species and their growing medium, light, temperature, water and feeding needs. Learn to identify common pests and diseases and how to combat them.

Beginners Propagation: 18 May

Addicted to indoor plants, but don't have the budget for more plant babies? Learn to propagate and extend your collection for free. From how to sow seeds correctly to taking cuttings, all will be revealed.

Intermediate Propagation: 25 May

Explore in-depth techniques to expand your collection.

\$34 per class Members, \$40 Non-Members

Book online to secure your spot

www.chsgardens.co.nz/product/the-art-of-the-indoor-plant

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ART
of the indoor
PLANT

from **\$34**
come to one or all sessions
Includes take home
macramé hangers and
potted cuttings

The Kiosk
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available now

Sign-up
Online
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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. coulthchrys@xtra.co.nz

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