

Orchards in Schools

Autumn Update

Mary Tingey's Orchards in Schools programme continues to grow with seven new schools planting in August this year. Catch up with the youngsters and their fabulous orchards in the latest newsletter available from:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/orchards-in-schools



Bot Tots

Weekly on Mondays 10 - 11.30am

Gardening and nature themed activities for preschoolers. Drop-in during school term time (gold coin entry).

business.facebook.com/events/60562069346896

HortSkills Intermediate Course

Thursdays June - July 5.30pm

Starts Thursday 3 June - few spaces left

\$175 (\$148 Members)

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

Art of the Indoor Plant

Tuesdays June - July 7pm - 9pm

Popular evening classes providing a general understanding of house-plant health and maintenance. New Beginner's Propagation class added for 13 July.

From \$34 per class

www.chsgardens.co.nz/indoor-plants

Events at The Kiosk

Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 9 and 23 June 10am-12pm

All welcome, BYO materials.

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.

Art in the Park

Friday 25 - Sunday 27 June 10am-3pm

Local artists Therese Boustead and Sandie Brown present a variety of original artwork in watercolour and oil. On display and for sale.

Green Thumbs Podcast

Monday 14 June 9am

Plains FM96.9. This month Ray and Lorraine chat to Matt Morris, our July All About Gardening speaker.

Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Winter Talk Series - A Discovery of Gardening with Creative Results

Friday 18 June 10.30am

Julia Atkinson-Dunn

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-members

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.

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

\$5 members \$10 non-members.

Includes tea, coffee & biscuits.

Winter Talk Series

A Discovery of Gardening with Creative Results - Friday 18 June 10.30am

Julia Atkinson-Dunn, writer, designer and passionate amateur gardener, has a weekly column in the 'Press', sells her art and has recently published a book – 'Petal Power'. She will talk about catching the gardening bug and where it has lead her.

Plant connections between Christchurch and Rapa Nui - Friday 16 July 10.30am

Rosanne Hawarden talks about her findings on the Christchurch connection to Rapa Nui / Easter Island's plants.

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

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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

Diary Date 2022

Grow Ōtautahi will be returning to the Christchurch Botanic Gardens from 18 – 20 March next year

Floral Design

Wednesday 16 June 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Theme: The 7 grasses of Autumn, roadside Ikebana.

Flowers: anything on your roadside, park or left in your garden.

Other material: grasses, seed heads, branches, anything growing wild in your neighbourhood or garden.

Monthly Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter

June means winter is here. Fortunately we've had some rain but more is needed to increase soil moisture to a point where it is no longer in deficit.

The last of the leaves will have fallen so now is the time to give the whole garden a good clean up, removing all the leaves, weeds and plants that have finished.

Pruning fruit trees can be started but only on fine sunny days, there is no great hurry yet!

June is a great time to plant **garlic**. Use only good healthy cloves that are firm.

Winter vegetables will benefit from a hoe to loosen up the soil

Christchurch Envirokids

Envirohub would like to thank everyone that came along to the launch of Envirokids; you helped make it extra special and we hope you enjoyed learning about the exciting programme we have lined up! We would also like to thank the groups that showcased their activities.



Envirokids is a free, fun activity-based programme for children aged 6 - 13 years that are interested in all things environmental, from conservation to resource efficiency (e.g. creative reuse) and beyond.

Envirokids will be in The Kiosk (or outside, weather depending!) **Every Saturday** with activities available between **10am and 3pm**. **Come along and find out more.**

Support for your Group

If you would like support for your environmental or sustainability group, please contact the Envirohub at 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

Green Drinks at XCHC Cafe

Tuesday 22 June 6:30pm

The XCHC

Container: a shallow dish container for this. Any shape but not too small.

Mechanics: a Kesan or pin folder.

Note, try to find about 7 different types of plant material. Look for different heights, textures and forms and try to keep the selection harmonious.



and keep the weeds down.

In the **flower garden** perennials will benefit from lifting and dividing, I like to put the divisions into pots to grow on ready to plant back in spring.

Dahlias should be lifted and stored for the winter. Once they have finished flowering **Chrysanthemums** should be cut back by two thirds or lifted, trimmed and put into trays or pots ready to produce shoots for cuttings in the spring.

Lawns will need less mowing and can be

Chrysanthemum Circle

Winter Recess

Garden Club Reps

Tuesday 1 June 12.30pm

Annual General Meeting

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

cut at a higher level. Any signs of grass grub may still be treated. Winter is a good time to service lawn mowers. Keeping them in good cutting condition will ensure they are ready for spring grass growth.

Other winter time tasks include keeping paths clear of over hanging plants and removing moss and leaves so that they are not slippery.

Raised beds come in a huge variety of designs and materials these days and are a convenient way to grow vegetables, flowers and shrubs. Winter is a good time to build them so they're ready for spring planting - time to get creative!

Gardeners with **green houses** should undertake maintenance and cleaning now in time for the start of the growing season.

Good gardening, **Michael Coulter**

From the President

What beautiful autumn colours we have had this year but unfortunately the leaves are falling quickly and will soon be gone, hopefully into our compost bins or on the garden as mulch. Michael told us at AAG in April that we were going to have a warm end to autumn and so far he has been correct. I don't imagine this is going to last so make the most of it.

2021 is our 160th anniversary, do you remember the celebrations for the 150th? The board and staff are putting their heads together to plan some celebrations later in the year once we are over winter and into spring. If you have any ideas you would like to share do reach out to us.

Our workshops are attracting many younger people and a good number are becoming members so you will hopefully see some new faces about. Can you believe that macramé is back in fashion and is so popular that the classes fill up very quickly and keep Rachel very busy.

Ray King CHS President



Champion flower 'Pat Marsden' grown by Albie Peatie from Temuka

The Ilex Room in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens is an excellent venue for a flower show being a centre of horticultural excellence. Thank you to all the Botanic Gardens staff as their participation complimented the success of the show. *Michael Coulter*

Chrysanthemum Show

Last month's Chrysanthemum Show was a national show with exhibitors travelling far and wide to join our local growers. The resulting display was a riot of colour with the quality of flowers filling the Ilex Room to a very high standard.

A good number of entries were received by new members from the Chrysanthemum Circle. These novice entries were of a very high standard, using quality blooms, which showed the benefit of joining the group and they must be congratulated for their efforts.

Thank you to the Garden Clubs who complimented the display with the floral arrangements (Springston Evening Club pictured) and the Bonsai Club who also put on a great display and demonstration. Both displays were appreciated and enjoyed by the public frequently asking questions and taking photos.



Junior Gardeners

Thursday 17 June 3.45pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Fruit & Vegetables

Winter Recess

Ramblers

Tuesday 15 June 9.45am

Elmwood

Meet Wairarapa Terrace near Queens Ave

Tuesday 29 June 9.45am

Winter in the City

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 24 June 10am (repeated 7pm)

Tinctures and Oils with Michael

Tasting: Please bring something using herbs.

Craft Room, Avic Hill Craft Centre
395 Memorial Ave

Visitors welcome, \$5 per meeting

Annual Membership \$15

www.facebook.com/CANHERBSOC

Herb of the Month

Parsley is the 2021 Herb of the Year of the International Herb Association as well as the New Zealand Herb Federation.

There are several kinds of parsley but two types are much used in New Zealand namely curly parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*) and flat leaved variety, Italian parsley (*Petroselinum crispum* var. *neapolitanum*).

It is one of the most versatile and much loved and used culinary herbs. Parsley is a wonderful fresh addition to sauces, salads, and any dish that could use a pop of colour and a touch of herbal flavour. Use parsley generously in savoury dishes and combine with other herbs. The traditional combination of a bouquet garni consists of

parsley, thyme, and bay leaf, which goes in a pot of stock, stew or soup. Add chopped parsley at the last minute to ensure that it retains all its goodness and freshness. Or make a Gremolata (an Italian condiment made of about 1/4 cup Italian chopped parsley, 1 minced clove of garlic and the zest of 1 or two lemons) and sprinkle just before serving, over rich winter stews, roast chicken or seafood - yum!

The herb is rich in antioxidants, calcium, iron, vitamin C and vitamin K as well as chlorophyll. It is said to support bone health and even reduce inflammation.

Parsley roots, seeds and leaves have a long history of medicinal use and might help stimulate the appetite, improve digestion, increase urine production, reduce spasms, and increase menstrual flow. It is important

to note general information relating to various medical conditions and herbal medicine does not substitute advice provided by your doctor or qualified health professional.

Grow it in easy reach of the kitchen and ensure that you have a constant supply to grow year round. Over summer parsley is prone to go to seed. To avoid this water your parsley consistently, regularly pick, remove flowers and parts of the plant that go to seed. If your parsley does go to seed, the positive is that beneficial insects like bees love the flowers.

Never underestimate this wonderful herb. For more information visit www.herbs.org.nz

Supplied by Canterbury HERB Society

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monthly gardening programme
for the everyday gardener

Coming up at All About Gardening



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.

AUGUST

Monday 2nd 7pm & Tuesday 3rd 9.30am

Hayley Guglietta - Otakaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration

Hayley lives and breathes the Otakaro Avon River corridor and Food Security in greater Christchurch. She will be speaking about the regeneration of the Otakaro Avon River Corridor formally the Residential Red Zone and share with you some of the wonderful community led projects that are happening.

VENUE

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

Members: \$5 Non-members: \$10

Includes tea, coffee and biscuits

The CHS has teamed up with **Kiwi Gardener** this winter for a fabulous membership offer. Take advantage of this opportunity to secure a magazine subscription with our low half-year rates. Available from **1 July 2021**

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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 Coulter directly a day or two before the meeting.

Email: coulchrys@xtra.co.nz

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