



CHS 2021 Awards

Nominations are invited for the annual CHS Awards. Details on each award: www.chsgardens.co.nz/awards [click here to make a nomination](#)

FRUIT TREE ESTABLISHMENT & FRUIT TREE PRUNING

Richmond Community Gardens
Sat 14 Aug 9am - 12.30pm (**Fruit Trees**)
and/or 1.30pm - 5pm (**Pruning**)

Identify the best locations and varieties for establishing new fruit trees in Canterbury. Learn how to winter prune fruit trees for improved health and fruiting.

Half-day: \$38 / \$45 Non-Members
Full-day: \$76 / \$90 Non-Members

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

ALL ABOUT GARDENING AUGUST

Monday 2nd 7pm & Tuesday 3rd 9.30am



Hayley lives and breathes the Otakaro Avon River corridor and Food Security in greater Christchurch. She is currently the Chair of the Richmond Community Garden Trust and Network Manager for Otakaro Avon Network. She will be speaking about the regeneration of the Otakaro Avon River Corridor formally the Residential Red Zone.

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

\$5 Members \$10 Non-Members.
Includes tea, coffee & biscuits.

Visitors welcome

Events coming up at The Kiosk

Special General Meeting

Thursday 12 August 2.30pm

An SGM will be held in The Kiosk on Thursday afternoon to present an updated constitution for Members' approval. A quorum of at least 20 financial Members is required. Join us for afternoon tea afterwards.

Green Thumbs Podcast

Monday 9 August 9am Plains FM96.9

Alan Jolliffe was made an Associate of Honour of the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture in 2020. Ray will chat to him about the changes he's seen in his long career (from curator of the CBG to UC's Civil & Natural Resources Engineering).

Bot Tots

Mondays 10 - 11.30am

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

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.

Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 11 and 25 August 10am-12pm

All welcome, BYO materials.

Art of the Indoor Plant

Macramé Plant Hanger

Tuesday 10 August 7pm-9.30pm

\$34 Members / \$40 Non-Members

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

September - Art of the Indoor Plant

Tuesday 7 Terrariums with Magic Moss

Tuesday 14 General Plant Maintenance

Tuesday 21 Beginners Propagation

Tuesday 28 Kokedama with Magic Moss

Macramé Wall Hanging Plant Holder

Tuesday 24 August 7pm - 9.30pm

In this intermediate class participants will each create a wall hanging plant holder.

\$34 Members / \$40 Non-Members

[Book online](#)

Garden Tools Maintenance

Wednesday 16 September 7 - 9pm

Fine tune your gardening tools for the upcoming season with Geoff MacMillan of Kiwiflora Nurseries.

\$40 Members / \$50 Non-Members

Perfect for Father's Day! Book soon

Friends of the Gardens events

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 1 August 4.00pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Spring Talk Series at the Kiosk

Geological Evolution of the South Island

Sunday 15 August 4pm

Dr Kate Pedley, Geoscientist

The Art and Craft of Beekeeping

Sunday 19 September 4pm

Paul O'Donnell and Gordon Nairn talk about the art and craft of beekeeping, using live bees to illustrate their life cycle.

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

Mona Vale Guided Walk

Saturday 28 August 1.30pm

Meet at the Rose Garden entrance by the car park.

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

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 Facebook Page](#)

Envirohub Regular get togethers:

Environmental Chat with Kat

Thursday mornings at The Kiosk

Green Drinks at XCHC Cafe

Tuesday 17 August 5:30pm

Christchurch Envirokids

Envirokids is a free, fun activity-based programme for children aged 6 - 13 years. Envirokids is about connecting kiwi kids to our environmental community and having fun while we are at it!

The Kiosk, every Saturday 10am - 3pm

Te Putahi - Christchurch centre for architecture and city-making

Te Pūtahi are presenting a series of events:

Christchurch Conversation - Towards 2030

This series is designed to help us transition to a sustainable lifestyle and help people understand how their actions can make a difference. The next event is:

Can we be a zero waste city?

Saturday 4 September

Tūranga - Christchurch Central Library

This event will examine what it would take to shift our city from a linear economy to a circular economy.

All Christchurch Conversations - Towards 2030 events are listed below - more info available at www.teputahi.org.nz

Can we be a zero-waste city?

Saturday 4 September

Our future energy

Wednesday 29 September

15-minute neighbourhoods

Saturday 6 November

Moving around a 21st century city

Sunday 7 November

Floral Design

Wednesday 18 August 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Theme: Free style with a twist.

Arrangement: An exercise in using wire.

Materials: Basic structure, strong branch material that you can wire objects on to.

Flowers: Medium sized to contrast or compliment your chosen objects and some leaves.

Objects: Cones, small citrus fruit, artificial berries, dried flowers.

Container: Either a flat dish or a taller container

Mechanics: either a Kensan or the branch fixing you have practiced.

Note: Wire will be provided



Garden Club Reps

Tuesday 3 August 12.30pm

The Kiosk, Chch Botanic Gardens

Junior Gardeners

Thursday 19 August 3.45pm

Meet at The Kiosk for a visit to Foweraker House to see some of the prettiest alpine plants of the season. *New children welcome, please contact office@chsgardens.co.nz beforehand.*

Monthly Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter

August, is it spring or still winter... the annual debate!

Most of the work in the garden this month is about completing the winter pruning and spray programme. Later in the month is time to prepare for early spring work.

For gardeners who have a **green house** with a heat pad early seed sowing may be started. Autumn cuttings of pelargoniums and fuchsias should be well rooted by now and will need to be potted up into their first small pot.

Any **potting mix** must be carefully handled especially if it has been stored over from last season i.e.. open bags outside and leave open for several hours before using.

Wear a mask and gloves, especially if using potting mix inside.

Good hygiene for seed sowing containers will give good germination results. Use fresh sowing mix and discard any seed or mix that is past its use-by date.

New shoots from perennials can be used for cuttings, this includes plants like chrysanthemums and dahlias but they must be free of pests and disease so give them an all purpose spray a few days before (most of these plants will give better cuttings in September).

Green crops in the vegetable garden should now be dug in and compost applied to other areas to prepare the soil for planting next month.

Dig over the ground ready for potato planting, incorporating a potato fertiliser two

to three weeks in advance. Seed potatoes will be starting to shoot (citting) ready for early planting.

Keep on top of the weeds before they get too big. As it gets warmer weeds will grow much faster and smother young plants.

Lawns will be looking a bit untidy so a mow at a higher level will improve appearances. Later in the month feeding and maintenance work may begin.

Spring flowers will respond to a side dressing of a balanced fertiliser as they start their new growth later in the month.

Good gardening, Michael Coulter

Don't be shy!

Bring your gardening questions to AAG or email us: office@chsgardens.co.nz

From the President

Spring is on the way! At least as I sit here writing this the sun is shining and my Dutch irises outside the window are in flower so obviously we are on the right side of winter. I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely indoor plants that have been appearing in The Kiosk, they certainly make the space much more attractive and we are, after all, a Horticulture Society so it is great to see the green livening our space. Thanks must go to Rachel who has brought in most of the plants and also to Chrissy who is enjoying nursing them along. If you have any indoor plants to share please chat with Rachel, I am sure there will be room for more.

You will see that your Board has called a Special General Meeting for Thursday 12 August to review suggested changes to our constitution.

This is an important document which forms the basis of how the Society is run. We are holding the meeting at 2.30 in the afternoon so we don't have to drag you out on a cold winter's night. We promise a cup of tea and a treat to follow the meeting.

Who can recognise this familiar face from Floraganza February 1993? Extra points if you can identify the woman on the left!



CELEBRATING 160 YEARS

The constitution and suggested changes will be available online from next week.

All About Gardening in September will start off our year of celebrations for our 160th anniversary. We need an indication of numbers who plan to attend either session so there will be a pre-registration sheet at the August AAG or click here to register now online.

Best wishes

Ray King, CHS President



Chicken Manure

Chch South Rotary Club's fundraiser

Saturday 28 August 8.30am - 4pm

& Saturday 4 September (if stocks last)

12kg Bags

\$8 per bag or 3 bags for \$20

Available from:

- Wairakei Rd, close to Wairakei School
- Innes Rd, Malvern Park
- Harewood Rd, Nunweek Park
- Ferrymead, McCormacks Bay Rd
- Thorrington, Colombo St (outside the Cashmere Club)
- Cashmere Rd, opp Crighton Terrace
- Pages & Woodham Rd corner
- Halswell Rd, opp Halswell Timber
- Yaldhurst Rd, west of Racecourse Rd

Don't miss out on this great product!!!

Chrysanthemum Circle

Monday 16 August 7pm

David and Robyn Purcell's home.

Discussion will focus on growing Chrysanthemums in the garden and in pots, including where to plant, soils and potting mixes. Please bring a list of the plants you are growing to the meeting.

If you are a new Member and would like to attend please contact Robyn on tel: 942 9871

Fruit & Vegetables

Wednesday 25 August 7.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Free to CHS members but bring some gold coins for the raffle and sales table!

New programme available soon.

Ramblers

Tuesday 10 August 9.45am

Avon River - Meet Armagh Street car park at The Kiosk

Tuesday 24 August 9.45am

Cashmere - Meet Centaurus Park, Centaurus Road

2021 Programme out now:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

Contact: Alison Fussell tel: 027 251 3757

Herb of the Month

Herbal First Aid Kit

At the Canterbury HERB Society's July meeting we had a very informative talk by local Naturopath, Rachael Stott. Rachael was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in her mid-30's. As a means to better her health she studied naturopathy and became a naturopath and medical herbalist. She talked to us about having a herbal first aid kit with remedies from the kitchen, backyard or growing wild.

During our June meeting, Michael Winter demonstrated how to make a tincture from Echinacea. Rachael told us how easy it is to grow Echinacea from seed in the home garden. The plant has an attractive flower



in late summer that the bees love. After three years, the roots may be harvested for use. Most people in NZ would know of echinacea as an immune herb and for many it is what they turn to when they have coughs and colds and aside from the commonly known uses, it can also be used externally for skin conditions such as ulcers, abscesses, cellulitis, psoriasis and shingles. Also for tummy upsets and infections, UTIs, mouth infections and to prevent dental decay.

To access Rachael's presentation on herbal first aid kits click [here](#) or visit: www.chsgardens.co.nz/canterbury-herb-society
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Canterbury HERB Society

Thursday 26 August 10am & 7pm

Michael Winter will demonstrate making Calendula Cream

Avic Hill Craft Centre, 395 Memorial Ave
\$5 per meeting, annual membership \$15

Daffodil season approaches

Christchurch Daffodil Circle Championships

Weekend of 11 & 12 September

Spring Expo, Lincoln Events Centre

Riccarton Hort Society Spring Show

Saturday 18 September

St Peters Church Hall, Upper Riccarton

South Island National Daffodil Show

Weekend of 25 & 26 September, TeAnau

Woodend Spring Flower Show

Saturday 2 October

Woodend Community Centre

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monthly gardening programme
for the everyday gardener

Coming up at All About Gardening

SEPTEMBER

Monday 6th 7pm & Tuesday 7th 9.30am

160th Anniversary Celebration

This month's All About Gardening kicks off a year long celebration of the 160th year of the Canterbury Horticultural Society. We will be delving into the history of the club and it's evolution through the years with stunning images and entertaining stories. Free to all members and with a special supper and morning tea. AAG will be free

of charge to Members in September, however we need confirmation of attendance for catering purposes.

OCTOBER

Monday 4th 7pm & Tuesday 5th 9.30am

Brad Lake of Tāpapa Store and the Brothers Green will be sharing his passion for all things hemp. His businesses produce and sell high quality nutritious local food products in an environmentally regenerative way.

VENUE

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!

Bring your questions along to AAG, post them on **HortTalk** or email Michael Coulter directly a day or two before the meeting. Email: coulterchrys@xtra.co.nz
[Facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk)

Plant Swap + Plant Care Q&A with the Canterbury Horticultural Society

Saturday 4 September 2-3pm
Shirley Library

Do you want to refresh your plant collection? Is one of your plant babies not thriving? Do you need to know how to get rid of those weird spots? Come along to swap plants and ask our guest indoor plant enthusiast Rachel from the Canterbury Horticultural Society all your plant care questions.

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