

Canterbury Horticultural Society **NEWSLETTER**

The Kiosk Christchurch Botanic Gardens Open every day 10am – 3pm *Newsletter No 279 JULY 2021*

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INDOOR EDIBLES

Bring gardening indoors

Learn to grow herbs and vegetables indoors year round.

Wednesday 28 July 7pm - 8.30pm \$38 / \$45 The Kiosk

Events at The Kiosk

Bot Tots

Monday 5 & 26 July 10 - 11.30am Gardening and nature themed activities for preschoolers. Drop-in during school term time (*gold coin entry*).

<u>Facebook Event</u>

Art of the Indoor Plant

General Indoor Plant Maintenance *Tuesday 6 July 7pm - 9pm* Beginner's Propagation *Tuesday 13 July 7pm - 9pm* Macramé Plant Hanger *Tuesday 10 August 7pm-9.30pm \$34 members / \$40 non-members Book online www.chsgardens.co.nz*

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Green Thumbs Podcast

Monday 12 July 9am Plains FM96.9. Ray and Lorraine chat to Hayley Guglietta (Otakaro Avon River

Corridor) and Neiel Drain (CHS 160th)

Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 14 and 28 July 10am-12pm All welcome, BYO materials.

Indoor Edibles

Wednesday 28 July 7pm-8.30pm Learn how to grow a selection of herbs and vegetables year round indoors. \$38 members / \$45 non-members Book online: ww.chsgardens.co.nz

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.

Rose and Winter Pruning

Saturday 31 July 9.30am - 4.30pm Richmond Community Gardens Acquire skills for pruning your roses and discover how to tame garden bushes and shrubs to promote lush foliage. \$76 members / \$90 non-members Book online www.chsgardens.co.nz

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*

Fruit Tree Establishment and Fruit Tree Pruning

Richmond Community Gardens **Saturday 14 August** 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 **Bach enline wwww.ebsgard.es.e.e.p.**

Book online www.chsgardens.co.nz

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.

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 at the Kiosk

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.

Spring Talk Series at the Kiosk

Geological Evolution of the South Island Sunday 15 August 4pm

Dr Kate Pedley, Geoscientist, University of Canterbury.

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

Mona Vale Guided Walks

All walks leave at 1.30pm from the Rose Garden entrance by the car park

Saturday 31 July 1.30pm Saturday 28 August 1.30pm

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

Floral Design

Wednesday 21 July 2pm The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Theme: A Winter's Tale, an exercise in self fixing method.

Flowers: Your choice of winter colours

Branch material: Large, sturdy branch material, probably bare at this time of year

Filler material: Small flowers or buds and

Christchurch Envirohub

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

Networking with a Purpose *Tuesday 20 July 6:30pm.* Conversations on implementing a sustainable economy.

Green Drinks at XCHC Cafe Tuesday 17 August 5:30pm

Christchurch Envirokids

<u>Envirokids</u> is a free, fun activity-based programme for children aged 6 - 13 years Envirokids is about connecting kiwi kids to

leaves.

Container: a tall container try to reflect winter colour.

Mechanics: We will be practicing self-fixing this month.

Garden Club Reps

No meeting in July

our environmental community and having fun while we are at it!

The Kiosk, every Saturday 10am - 3pm

Over the holidays we will be having a zero waste party every Saturday! There will be inspiration on how to have a zero waste party, and why do we need to be looking at using zero waste?

Here is what we will be focussing on each week:

Week 1 Saturday 10 July 10am - 3pm Matariki - Zerowaste connecting with nature, Matariki theme.

Week 2 Saturday 17 July 10am - 3pm Preparing for a zero waste party. Activities Inspired by plastic free July philosophies refuse, reuse.

Week 3 Saturday 24 July 10am-3pm The Party! <u>Book Here - free</u>

Zero waste games, zero waste food and cake! Find out why you should always have a reusable container in your bag!

On Saturday 31 July we will be looking at Christchurch predators and we will be making traps with Summit Road Society and Predator Free Porthills.

Junior Gardeners

Thursday 15 July 3.45pm The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens



if just for a few hours), this will help prevent mould growing on plants.

Lawns won't be growing so now is the time to get the lawn mower serviced ready for the spring growth. The temperatures are also too low for selective weed sprays to work, wait until the warmer spring weather arrives.

Tubers and corms of dahlias, begonias and gladiolas that have been lifted and stored for winter should be checked often to ensure they are sound and not being eaten by insects or mice.

Garden tools need to be cleaned and sharpen to work well. A good indoor winter job that can be done when it is wet and cold outside.

Good gardening, Michael Coulter

Monthly Tips & Tasks

with Michael Coulter

July is better spent indoors and certainly not the time to undertake any big outdoor projects! The recent rain will recharge the ground water, hopefully we'll continue to get more before the spring work starts.

As the ground is now very wet it's important to avoid digging or planting until the moisture in the soil dries out a little. This prevents damaging the structure of the soil.

Lime can now be applied to the vegetable garden. Aim for a ph of about 6.5 (usually about once every 3 - 4 years) which is ideal for most vegetable crops.

Bare ground will benefit from the addition of compost or other organic matter, it can be dug in once the conditions are suitable, nearer spring time. Strawberry plants are now available but as the ground is too wet to plant I recommend potting them up into small pots in good potting mix ready for planting in the spring, this will give them a very good start.

Winter pruning continues this month but wait until a fine day (there is still plenty of time). Keeping on top of the weeds before the rapid spring growth is also a job for a sunny day.

Spring bulbs will start to poke through the ground so take care when working in the borders so not to stand on them, or cut their tops off if using a hoe!

It's still a little too early to think about sowing seeds, even in the unheated green house, but a good time to order new seeds or plants for the spring.

Remember to ventilate green houses (even



From the Manager

Hi everyone...

Thank you for all making me feel so welcome over the last few months. As you may have noticed we have been bringing the outside in here at The Kiosk. Our nursery of indoor plants is rapidly growing. Therefore, any excess pots or cuttings you may have would be much appreciated!

The CHS turns 160 in December this year! We are busy planning some celebratory events for spring including a special All About Gardening event in September.

Keep an eye out for photos from the archives on Facebook and Instagram (the image top right is from an old postcard courtesy of Alan Jolliffe - how different we are now! More details to come soon.

Nos. River Avon and Gadees Child

Coming up in the Kiosk we have The Art of the Indoor Plant workshops and Kidsfest

activities for the school holidays. Dave Milne will be tutoring a couple of pruning workshops at the end of this month in Richmond Community Gardens.

Stay warm and dry *Chrissy Stevens* CHS Manager



Chrysanthemum Circle

Sunday 18 July 1.30pm Susan and Michael's Home, Mairehau AGM

Fruit & Vegetables

Winter Recess

Ramblers

Tuesday 13 July 9.45am **Burnside -** Meet Nunweek Park, Wooldridge Road near Harewood Road

Tuesday 27 July 9.45am Kaiapoi - Meet Kaiapoi Park near Ranfurly Street

2021 Programme out now: www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

Contact: Alison Fussell tel: 027 251 3757

Canterbury HERB Society

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FIRST (SPECIAL) EXHIBITION, NOVEMBER 9, 1870.

SECOND (GENERAL) EXHIBITION, DEC. 16, 1870.

THIRD (GENERAL) EXHIBITION, FEB. 23, 1871.

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Thursday 22 July 7pm Speaker: Rachael Stott from Rachael Stott Natural Health

Topic: Herbal First Aid Kit

Craft Room, Avice Hill Craft Centre 395 Memorial Ave

Visitors welcome, \$5 per meeting Annual Membership \$15

www.facebook.com/CANHERBSOC

Herb of the Month Garlic

Traditionally, garlic (Allium sativum Liliaceae) should be planted on the shortest day of the year and harvested on the longest. It is not the only time to plant it, but it is a good time to do it. Allium includes garlic, onions, leeks, chives and shallots.

Plant garlic next to roses, beneath apple and peach trees and near tomatoes as a companion plant. However, do not plant garlic close to peas, beans, cabbages and strawberries as they don't thrive when in close proximity. *Read the full article online*

www.chsgardens.co.nz/garlic

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KidsFest

'Enua Mai Plants of the Pacific Trail

Voyage through the Botanic Gardens and discover the plants of the Pacific Islands. Learn about tropical food plants and try your hand at making Tongan ngatu patterns and more on this self-guided discovery trail.

Collect your free trail brochure from the Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre or The Kiosk.

The Kiosk is one of the stops on the trail. Here you can create your own tapa/ngatu cloth designs. We will also have a sensory table where you can hold and experience coffee beans, taro, tapa cloth, cocoa pods and more.

Coconut Workshop

Come crack open a coconut! In this workshop you will discover the stories and legends behind the coconut. Members of the Pasifika community will talk you through the parts of the coconut and you can have a taste.

Workshops are limited to 20 children plus their caregivers (required).

Email <u>office@chsgardens.co.nz</u> or call the office to register: tel: 366 6937

Workshop Dates

Monday 12 July 11am - 11.45am **Monday 19 July** 11am - 11.45am Free, registrations essential

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monthly gardening programme for the everyday gardener

Coming up at All About Gardening

AUGUST

Monday 2nd 7pm & Tuesday 3rd 9.30am

Hayley Guglietta - Otakaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration

Hayley 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.

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.

VENUE

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

Friends Plant Stand

This reopens Saturday 3 July with a fresh stock of healthy home grown plants. A fundraiser for the Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. \$5-\$7 per plant.

Canterbury Horticultural Society 2021 Awards Nominations are invited for the annual CHS Awards.

Please click here to make a nomination: https://forms.gle/HvCV8GWEsSLS7f4DA

SILVER SERVICE AWARD 2021

In appreciation of the outstanding contribution made to the Canterbury Horticultural Society. This award is for Outstanding Service to the CHS in any capacity usually over a long period of time.

KOWHAI AWARD 2021

In appreciation of the outstanding contribution made to the Canterbury Horticultural Society.

This award is to recognize a wide range of people who have shared their love of

gardening and plants with others through their individual efforts and in their own way significantly supported the CHS.

Note this award is not available to Board members for Board work. There is no limit on the number that can be awarded in each year.

OUTSTANDING HORTICULTURALIST AWARD 2021

For a person demonstrating an outstanding contribution in Horticulture.

Sign-up

Online

chsgardens.co.nz

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JOHN TAYLOR AWARD 2021

For Leadership in Horticulture. For a person demonstrating outstanding leadership and service to horticulture.

GARDEN MEDIA AWARD 2021

For outstanding contribution to horticulture through media.

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More details on each award can be found online at <u>www.chsgardens.co.nz/awards</u>

ART PLANT

MACRAMÉ

Wall Hanging

Plant Holder

intermediate class

\$34

Half Price Membership!

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

We want your Problems!

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: coultchrys@xtra.co.nz Facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk

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15% off a Kiwi Gardener

subscription* when you join the CHS '6 issue subscriptions

and higher

15% off courses, events

& workshops for members