



HydroGarden

## Growing Hydroponically

Thursday 25 November 7 - 8.30pm

An informative talk on home hydroponics with Kane McNeill from Pet and Garden Supplies



### Events coming up at The Kiosk

#### Green Thumbs Podcast

**Monday 8 November 9am** Plains FM96.9 Ray and Lorraine talk to Caitlin Thorburn from Freya Flora about creative floristry.

#### 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

**On hold until Level 1**

#### Watercolour Painting

**Wed 10 & 24 November 10am - 12pm**

All welcome, BYO materials.

#### Macramé Plant Hanger Workshop

**Thursday 4 November 6.30pm - 9pm**

In this beginner class participants will learn how to make two plant hangers for trailing plants. All materials supplied.

**\$40 (\$50 non-members)**

[Book online](#)

#### Macramé Wall Hanging Plant Holder Workshop

**Thursday 18 November 6.30pm - 9pm**

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

**\$40 (\$50 non-members)**

[Book online](#)

#### Growing Hydroponically

**Thursday 25 November 7 - 8.30pm**

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[Book online](#)

**Find your festive spirit with our week of Christmas Craft!**

#### Christmas Terrariums

**Tuesday 7 December 7 - 9pm**

Create a miniature festive garden. Includes all materials and a mini terrarium to take home. **\$52 (\$65 non-members)**

#### Living Wreath Workshop

**Wednesday 8 December 7 - 9pm**

Adorn your home this Christmastime with a long-lasting succulent wreath. This year we are all about sustainable decor, so wreaths are crafted from an enchanting selection of succulents that celebrate the natural beauty of Aotearoa. Includes all materials.

**\$65 (\$80 non-members)**

#### Christmas Kokedama

**Thursday 9 December 7 - 9pm**

Celebrate the festive season with nature's very own baubles! Under the guidance of moss-master Allan Paterson, create a Christmas-themed Kokedama ball using festive flora. **\$52 (\$65 non-members)**

**NOVEMBER GARDENING**  
**NOVEMBER 1st 7pm & Tuesday 2nd 10am**  
**Most likely to go ahead at Level 1**

#### Elizabeth Jenkins

A Tale of Two Welbecks.

An illustrated talk on Elizabeth's two favourite homes. One in England where she grew up and the other that she created in Okuti Valley.

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

**\$5 (\$10 non-members)**

*Includes tea, coffee & biscuits.*



### Volunteers Needed

Planning for the 2022 Edible & Sustainable Garden Awards has begun and the CHS is looking for a great team to serve as garden assessors (expenses covered). Contact the office on 366 6937 or email [office@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:office@chsgardens.co.nz) to register your interest.

The Friends are helping Mona Vale with the regeneration of their 'Hot Border'. Many of the original plants have been lost or taken over by more dominant species, and are not available in plant nurseries.

If you are able to donate any of the plants on [this list](#), or know where we might be able to get them, please contact Jeanette Christensen

tel: 021 263 7229

[jeanette.christensen44@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.christensen44@gmail.com)

### Mona Vale Guided Walks

**Saturday 13 & 27 November 1.30pm**

Meet at the Rose Garden entrance by the car park. 90 minutes duration. *Free*

*Kate Sheppard tour is SOLD out sorry*

### Free Daily Guided Walks

Meet at The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens 1.30pm (walks are approx 45 mins).

**Mon 1** Curator's House & Garden

**Tue 2** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

**Wed 3** Heritage Rose Garden

**Thu 4** Notable trees

**Fri 5** General Interest (90 mins)

**Sat 6** Plant Hunters

**Sun 7** Rock & Crevice Garden

**Mon 8** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

**Tue 9** Heritage Rose Garden

**Wed 10** Heritage Rose Garden

**Thu 11** NZ Gardens – NZ Natives

**Fri 12** Gondwana Collection

**Sat 13** Notable Trees

**Sat 13** MONA VALE (90 mins)

**Sun 14** NZ Gardens – NZ Natives

**Mon 15** History walk

**Tue 16** Curator's House & Garden

**Wed 17** Curator's House & Garden

**Thu 18** Notable Trees

**Fri 19** Heritage Rose Garden

**Sat 20** General Interest (90 mins)

**Sun 21** Gondwana Collection

**Mon 22** NZ Gardens – NZ Natives

**Tue 23** General Interest (90 mins)

**Wed 24** The Prince of Plants (Palm)

**Thu 25** Heritage Rose Garden

**Fri 26** Heritage Rose Garden

**Sat 27** Gondwana collection

**Sat 27** MONA VALE (90 mins)

**Sun 28** The Prince of Plants (Palm)

**Mon 29** Leonard Cockayne Garden

**Tue 30** NZ Gardens – NZ Natives

The Christchurch Envirohub is a meta-organisation to provide support for environmental and community groups in the wider Christchurch area. If you would like to find out what support is available for your environmental or community organisation, email [info@chchenvirohub.org](mailto:info@chchenvirohub.org).

You're also welcome to contact Kat by telephone: 021 744 909.

Envirohub have regular events and often help connect and coordinate other organisations with events. Their website is in the final stages of development but all events will be available [here](#) in the future. In the meantime the Facebook page is kept updated and can be accessed [here](#).

The Christchurch Envirohub run an **Envirokids** programme. Pop into The Kiosk in the Botanic Gardens on Saturdays between 10am - 3pm even in the school holidays. Activities are provided and inspired by organisations in the Envirohub Network for primary and intermediate aged children with help from the Envirokids facilitator, Kate. Check out the Facebook page [here](#).

Volunteers needed for a Braided River weed busting event. More info [here](#).

## Floral Design

**Wednesday 17 November 2pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

This month the group is going to try wiring cones and flower buds. Please bring along small pine or fir cones and some rose buds or carnations. Wire will be provided.



## Garden Club Reps

**Tuesday 2 November 12.30pm**

The Kiosk, Chch Botanic Gardens

## Watercolour Painting

**Wednesday 10 & 24 November 12.30pm**

All welcome, BYO materials

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

## Junior Gardeners

**Thursday 18 November 3.45pm**

Meet at The Kiosk for an informative and fun horticultural session. Aimed at children aged 7 - 12 years.

New children welcome.

*Please contact us beforehand on*

[office@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:office@chsgardens.co.nz).

## Monthly Tips & Tasks

*with Michael Coulter*

Unfortunately Covid-19 is still restricting us from meeting. As I write this I do miss the personal contact at the monthly meetings, but the plants carry on regardless!

One advantage of the restrictions is we have plenty of time to get up to date in the garden. My garden is coming along with many of the new plants now in their second year starting to grow as I'd hoped (see the photos on Facebook [here](#)).

This month plants will begin to grow rapidly so it's important to get on with planting and sowing summer vegetables and flowers.

**Fruit trees** will benefit from some fertiliser and spraying for pests and fungal diseases. Stone fruit may need to be thinned so that good size fruit will develop.

Summer flowering bulbs and tubers can now be planted. Plant gladiola every 2-3 weeks to get a succession of flowers. Begonias will be growing so the bedding and tuberous types can be safely planted or potted on. Don't leave this until the plants have become leggy as they will not develop strong stems to support the flowers.

**Roses** will be starting to bloom so look out for aphids and black spot. These will often go unnoticed until we look to pick some flowers, so treat the plants to prevent infestation and enjoy picking clean flowers.

**The grass** has been growing fast for a couple of months now so the lawn will need some fertilisers and water to keep it looking green. Later in the month treat the lawns for grass grub and porina with one of the granular insecticides available.

**Tomatoes, peppers and chillies** may now be planted outside in a warm place in the garden. Remember to put the stakes in first and also be prepared to spray them regularly for the psyllid with an insecticide.

Main crop **potatoes** will also need to be treated for psyllid as last year there was a lot about.

**Citrus** will need to be fertilised, kept well watered and given a mulch during the summer months. Also look out for any signs of scale insects and treat if needed.

**Green house tomatoes** will be in flower and growing fast. Remove the laterals, keep up constant and even watering and liquid feed once a week to get good even fruit development.

Post problems on [HortTalk](#) or email [coulchrys@xtra.co.nz](mailto:coulchrys@xtra.co.nz)

Good gardening, **Michael Coulter**



## From the Manager

Kia ora koutou, a warm hello to you all from the CHS office this Spring.

For members whom I haven't met, my name is Sharnaé and I am the new CHS Manager.

To those of you who I have had the chance to chat with – thank you for making me feel so welcome since beginning at The Kiosk earlier this month. Starting a new job under Alert Level restrictions is not what I had anticipated, however the silver lining is I have been able to quietly settle in and focus on systems and continue to learn about how the Society runs. I am so looking forward to when we can hold our All About Gardening meetings again and things can slowly return to a 'new normal' - whatever that might look like!

One thing I have loved since starting here, is seeing the community spirit come through in our workshops



and the ever-growing interest in our membership, each week we have new members signing up and it's wonderful to see how much reach the CHS has.

We have begun working on plans for the Edible and Sustainable Garden Awards for 2022 and we are currently on the hunt for some CHS volunteers to help assess the gardens - please contact the office if you'd like to get involved in next year's awards. I've been told it's a very inspiring and rewarding experience!

Coming up at The Kiosk we have two Macramé plant hanger workshops and another offering from our popular HortSkills series, "Horticulture at Home", an introduction course running throughout November.

We are also looking forward to the Christchurch Paeony Show which is happening later this month. Christchurch Paeony are a newly affiliated group of the CHS and meet monthly at the Kiosk. Read more about them [online](#).

*Take care and keep gardening!*

## From the President

Congratulations to all of you who have been double vaccinated. After the news this morning of Covid-19 cases having been found in the city we are especially appreciative of the efforts you have made for the wider motu.

We will wait for any new directives from the government and follow any guidelines as they are announced. Of course this is a great disappointment for us all, however the sooner we can overcome this virus the sooner we can get back to a more settled programme for you. We still hope to see you all again at AAG next month for our 160th anniversary party. Fingers crossed this can proceed. Stay safe, **Ray King**, President

## Christmas Garden Tour

**Wednesday 15 December** afternoon

Enjoy three gardens in the Lincoln area followed by a Christmas afternoon tea at the Tai Tapu home of Gail Scrivener.

**\$15** car pool. Register your interest [gail.scrivener@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gail.scrivener@xtra.co.nz)

*A CHS Garden Club Reps Initiative*

## Chrysanthemum Circle

**Saturday 20 November** 1.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

General cultural notes, Division of Plants, pinching and timing. Bring excess plants for sharing with members.

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

## Fruit & Vegetables

**Wednesday 24 November** 7.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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



## Herb of the Month

### Rosemary

Rosemary is the herb of remembrance. The scent of the needle-like leaves seems somewhere between the tang of a sea breeze and the spicy clean smell of pine. There are two distinctly different varieties of rosemary, upright or bush-like (as well as creeping and trailing).

Rosemary was used by the Romans and Greeks as an aromatic herb in cooking and medicinally for boosting memory and reducing inflammation.

The leaves are best used sparingly in cooking due to the pungent flavour. As with most herbs, rosemary should be harvested for drying just before the plant flowers and when the flavourful oils are at their peak.

Lay sprigs in a warm, airy place out of direct sunlight.

When the leaves are brittle, strip from stems, crumble roughly, and store in tightly capped jars. The flavour matches well with many foods. In addition to seasoning meat, poultry and fish, this pungent-tasting herb adds appeal to soups, herbal salt, mulled wine and bread. Barbeque chefs use a branch of rosemary as a brush for distributing seasoned oil onto meats and veggies; throwing it on top afterwards. Pro tip - stripped branches serve as excellent skewers for kebabs!

Rosemary is often seen as a Christmas herb and has a long association with Mary, the mother of Jesus. Tradition has it that

## Ramblers

**Tuesday 9 November** 9.45am

**St Martins** - Bunyan St by Waltham Park

**Tuesday 23 November** 9.45am

**Westburn** - Meet Westburn Terrace near Braco Pl. Bring a picnic morning tea to share (this is our last walk for the season).

**2021 Programme out now:**

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

**Contact:** Alison Fussell tel: 027 251 3757

the shrub is fragrant because Mary laid the garments of the Christ child on its branches. The night he was born, legend has it, the trees suddenly bore fruit and flowers blossomed out of season.

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

### Monthly Meetings

**Thursday 28 October** 10am & 7pm

**Heather Crow** Planning a Herb Garden  
Avice Hill Craft Centre, 395 Memorial Ave.

**Thursday 25 November** 6pm

Visit to Lavender Fields, 224 Waikuku Beach Road. BYO picnic dinner.

**Thursday 2 December** 6pm

Christmas dinner, please bring a salad or dessert to share.

*Visitors welcome, \$5 per meeting.*



# ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monthly gardening programme  
for the everyday gardener

## Coming up at All About Gardening

### DECEMBER

Monday 6th 7pm & Tuesday 7th 9.30am

#### 160th Anniversary Celebration

We're hopeful the December All About Gardening will kick off (an uninterrupted) year-long celebration of the 160th anniversary of the Canterbury Horticultural Society. We will be delving into the history of the club and its evolution through the years with stunning images and entertaining stories. Free to all members and with a special supper and morning tea. Closer to the time we will ask Members to confirm their attendance.

### VENUE

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens  
(over footbridge - Armagh St car park).  
*December AAG is free to members and \$10 to non-members.*  
*Includes special supper/morning tea.*

### The Paeony Flower Show

Saturday 27 November 11am - 4pm

The Kiosk, Botanic Gardens  
Free entry, koha welcome

Christchurch Paeony club presents its inaugural Paeony cut flower show. Experience the range of these huge and magnificent homegrown blooms as well as some fabulous arrangements by our wonderful CHS Garden Clubs.

If you have Paeonies in your garden you're encouraged to enter them. Register [here](#).

*Subject to covid levels, masks essential, social distancing, controlled entry.*



160  
MACRAMÉ  
Plant Hanger  
Workshop  
beginner class

\$40  
\$50 Non-Members

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### We want your Problems!

We love to hear from our gardeners, especially any niggling problems, be they edible or ornamental!

Bring your questions along to AAG, post them on [HortTalk](#) or email Michael Coulter directly a day or two before the meeting.

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