



BONSAI CURIOUS

Absorb the ancient Japanese art of Bonsai under the careful tutelage of the Avon Bonsai Society in a six week evening course



Bot Tots

Mondays 10 - 11.30am (term time only)

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

Green Thumbs Podcast

Monday 11 July 9am

Plains FM96.9

Along with seasonal gardening advice, Ray and Lorraine chat to interesting locals.

Chelsea Flower Show Screening

Thursday 14 July 1.30pm

Botanics Uncovered is paused during Winter, replaced with a cosy afternoon in The Kiosk with coverage of this year's **Chelsea Flower Show**. Join us for a cuppa and clips of gardening inspiration to get you enthused for the upcoming growing season. *Free*

Rose Pruning with Michael Brown

Saturday 16 July 10am – 12pm

Learn to prune roses to ensure flourishing growth and flowers for the summer season \$40 (\$50 Non-Members) [Book online](#)

Bonsai Curious

Thursdays 7pm -9pm 21 July - 25 August

With comprehensive demonstrations and practical instruction you will discover the history of Bonsai, traditional styles, material selection, propagation methods, wiring techniques and create your own Saikei (planted landscape).

\$180 (\$225 Non-Members)

[Book online](#)

Pip Fruit Pruning

Saturday 6 August 9am – 12pm

Tame your apple, pear and quince trees! Understand how pruning can increase production and ensure the longevity of your fruit trees.

\$52 (\$65 Non-Members)

[Book online](#)

Fruit Tree Grafting

Saturday 24 September 9am – 12pm

Produce your own fruit trees and preserve heritage trees.

\$52 (\$65 Non-Members)

[Book online](#)

Save the Date!

Margaret Watling Demonstration

Friday 12 August 7pm

Mummery & Lace

Join florist extraordinaire, Freya Flora for a wonderful evening at The Kiosk.

Tickets available soon.

Keep an eye on emails and our website for for updates.

All About Gardening is going through a metamorphosis and will re-emerge with a new identity in Spring.

Can you think of a fabulous and catchy name that encapsulates AAG?

All suggestions are welcome!

Make your ideas count: [enter online here](#) or email office@chsgardens.co.nz

All About Gardening

Wednesday 6th July 1pm & 7pm



New day & time!

Main Speaker: Lisa Williams

Lisa will introduce you to the world of truffles - the fungi that is worth more than gold!

She will focus on what a truffle is, the symbiotic plants for growing truffles, the life cycle and the sensorial analysis of the truffle, including tastings!

Tresillian Truffles is a family business, with a shared vision to be creative and innovative in developing premium truffle products using locally sourced ingredients.

Mini Speaker: Alison McIntosh - Avon Bonsai Society

Alison will share information on this active society that has upcoming demonstrations, workshops and courses at The Kiosk.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

\$5 (Non-Members: \$10)

Tea, coffee and biscuits included

Welcome New Sponsor

A warm welcome to our new sponsor [Scorpio Books](#), who support CHS Members with a generous 10% discount at both Scorpio Books and Telling Tales, their speciality children's bookstore (image right). Scorpio are sharing their favourite gardening related books with us in the newsletter and [online](#).

Plan a visit to their wonderful stores, staffed by friendly, knowledgeable, eclectic readers always ready to help with a recommendation.



Scorpio Books

Telling TALES

Scorpio Children's Books



Lose yourself in this treasure trove for book lovers

Five Lanes at the BNZ Centre,
120 Hereford Street, CBD

Our Kiosk Partners



Friends of the
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Free Mona Vale Guided Walks

Saturday 23 July 1.30pm

Meet at the Rose Garden adjacent to the carpark by the Eros statue.

Free guided walks of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens resume in October.



Christchurch Envirohub

Providing support for environmental and community groups in Christchurch.

Envirokids is on every Saturday. Drop in anytime between 10am and 3pm, usually on at The Kiosk in the Botanic Gardens. Check out the Facebook page [here](#) for updates.

For more information about Envirohub contact **Ben Alder** tel: 022 157 2413

benalder@chchenviroh.org
www.chchenviroh.org

Ramblers

Tuesday 12 July 9.45am

Winter in the Botanic Gardens

Meet at The Kiosk

Tuesday 26 July 9.45am

Bishopdale Park

Meet Leacroft Street

www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

Contact: Alison Fussell tel: 027 251 3757

Garden Club Reps

Tuesday 5 July

12.30pm

The Kiosk,
Christchurch Botanic Gardens



Floral Design

Wednesday 20 July 2pm

The Kiosk,
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

This month we are creating arrangements for celebrations.

Interested?

Contact: **Ray King**

Tel: 021 037 0675

Monthly Tips & Tasks

with Michael Coulter

Welcome to July in the garden. Most of the work needed to be done at this time of the year involves pruning and maintenance around the property.

Pruning

- Before you start pruning make sure you have good tools which are sharp and clean.
- Spray the plants to be pruned first to help stop the carry over of any pest or disease that may over Winter in any bits and pieces left on the ground.
- Only prune on fine days as wet conditions can help spread disease in new cuts.
- Only prune those plants that need it at this time of the year i.e. do not

prune stone fruit in Winter as this can encourage silver leaf infection.

- Start pruning by cutting out those parts which may be in the way of paths or are diseased.
- Thin out any weak growth then prune to encourage fruit or flower production and shape.
- It is a good idea to clean tools between each plant as this will help stop any disease spread.

For a hands-on demonstration consider a [Pruning Workshop](#) with the CHS!

Other work

- Do a clean up of weeds in those hard to get to areas when plants are in leaf, around fences, in shrub borders, along paths and around foundations.
- Check over the lawn mower and get it serviced and sharpened.

- Remove any plants that are not at their best and prepare ground for planting replacement plants.
- Plant garlic and shallots, or if the ground is too wet plant in pots to transplant later in the Spring.
- Check over the greenhouse; clean the inside and repair any broken parts ready for the Spring.
- Sort out the seed packets and bin any that are past their use by date. Order new seeds so you're ready for Spring sowing and you know that you have all the seeds you need.
- Give spray equipment a clean out using ammonia to remove any residue and check seals and washers.

Good Gardening, **Michael Coulter**

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

Kia ora koutou, hello to all CHS members. Now that we are past the shortest day, Winter is well and truly here and we have just celebrated our first Matariki holiday - I hope you all did something special to mark the occasion.

Thanks to all of you who came along to some of our 160th Anniversary celebration events in June, we had such a special time looking back together on the history of the CHS and I really enjoyed the opportunity to put so many more faces to names.

Over the next few months you may hear more about HelloClub, this is a new system we are using to take care of your membership details. Your annual membership subscriptions will be issued using this programme and we are hoping for a more streamlined system, watch this space! A quick note on memberships - these are now no longer pro-rata, so if you sign up in July to become a member, your subscription will be current until July the following year (not anchored to the calendar year), our new

system will help with automatically issuing these.

If anyone needs a new membership card please call or email me at the office and I'll make sure you have one.

Our courses and workshops are going very well, we have some great pruning workshops on offer and an introduction to Bonsai course starting next month. Now is the perfect time to learn some new skills!

AAG Rename & New Time!

Please don't forget about the renaming 'All About Gardening' competition - share any name suggestions you have and please do make an effort to come along to one of our July meetings on **Wednesday 6th July**.

The first session is at **1pm**, second one at **7pm**. We will have lighting on the footbridge for our evening session. I look forward to seeing you there. Take care and keep warm!

Sharnaé Beardsley

CHS Manager



\$20

Plan a visit to the Gardens

CHS Members can enjoy 2 coffees and 2 scones for just \$20 at the Ilex Café this month. Collect a voucher from The Kiosk weekdays.



Volunteers - we need your help!

The CHS has a variety of different volunteering opportunities, if you are keen on learning more please get in touch.

Chrysanthemum Circle

Monday 18

July 7.30pm

New Members please contact Robyn on Tel: 942 9871



Fruit & Vegetables

Winter recess

Next meeting:

Wednesday 31 August

7.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 13 & 27 July 10am

All welcome, BYO materials

The Kiosk
Christchurch Botanic Gardens.



Canterbury Horticultural Society Members awarded NZ highest honour in horticulture.

Associates of Honour of the RNZIH AHRIH (NZ)

In the history of the CHS 12 members have been awarded this honour.

This award was introduced by the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture in 1948. In that year two of our members were honoured, Sir Heaton Rhodes and Morris Barnett, two outstanding leaders in horticulture.

The following list of our members were also awarded this honour

Edgar Taylor 1953 | John Templin 1959

Huia Gilpin 1962 | John Watling 1967

John Taylor 1974 | Margaret Watling 1986

Leo Clark 1990 | Ron Proctor 1992

Neil Drain 2013 | Alan Jolliffe 2020

Of note there are about 12 other people in Canterbury who have received this award. It is limited to 60 people at any one time.

Congratulations!

During the 160th Celebrations last month we were honoured to present our long awaited awards.

Our warmest congratulations go to **Neil Drain**, recipient of the **Silver Service Award**, in appreciation of the outstanding contribution you have made to Canterbury Horticultural Society.

Outstanding Horticulturalist Award went to **Texture Plants**. Well done Hamish and Tim Prebble (image right) for your continued work and achievements.

Lastly, the **John Taylor Award for Leadership in Horticulture** was presented to Jeanette Christensen, former President of the Friends.

"I would like to thank the CHS for this special award and hope that the Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and the CHS can continue a close and rewarding relationship into the future."

- Jeanette Christensen



Thank-you to all Members that made a nomination. Recognition for the individuals working tirelessly in our industry is valued enormously, and is a legacy Canterbury Horticultural Society are proud to continue.

All About Gardening

Wednesday 3 August

Afternoon: 1-3pm Evening: 7-9pm

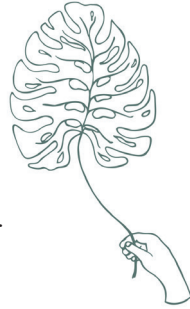
Main Speaker: Ben Murgatroyd

Monstera & Men

Ben fell into the business of maintaining indoor plants having grown microgreens for prominent Christchurch restaurants.

His mission is to bring 'The Garden City' to the indoor spaces of Christchurch using locally sourced plants and choosing for what works best in our climate.

The horticulture industry is responsible for creating a huge amount of new plastic and Ben has main initiatives to reduce, reuse and recycle it.



Indoor plants by Monstera & Men

[Get event reminders via Facebook](#)

The Kiosk

Christchurch Botanic Gardens
(Just over the footbridge - Armagh Street carpark).

\$5 (Non-Members: \$10)

Tea, coffee and biscuits included



CHS 160 years

Celebrating our history

How Christchurch became 'The Garden City'

Christchurch has borne the label garden city since 1906 when Sir John Gorst a Special UK Commissioner at the International Exhibition in Hagley Park called Christchurch a 'Garden City'.

Sir John spent a number of his younger years in Waikato teaching and was appointed a Local Commissioner. He returned to England to practice law and became a conservative politician holding senior positions but not in cabinet. He returned to New Zealand in 1906 as a Special Commissioner to the

International Exhibition.

On his last day he described his stay in Christchurch as one of the happiest fortnights he has ever spent. "It is the loveliest town I have ever seen. It is a 'Garden City'. To my mind Christchurch is what we are trying to make our 'Garden Cities' in England. It has the same broad streets, open spaces and beautiful gardens."

The CHS began in 1861 and over the next 45 years had a major influence on horticultural and garden development in Christchurch. Hosting meetings, lectures, competitions and shows it encouraged all aspect of gardening and horticulture.

Alfred (Alf) R Ragg was Chairman of the CHS

Management Committee from 1904 to 1917 and again from 1919 to 1925. This committee organised the Society's contribution to the International Exhibition. They organised and built a Fernery, organised competition flower shows and a landscape gardening competition.

There is no doubt that the role the CHS had played in Christchurch over 45 years and during the International Exhibition helped set the stage for Sir John Gorst to call Christchurch a 'Garden City'.



Scorpio Books

Grow – Wāhine Finding Connection Through Food

[Sophie Merkens](#)

9780995142367 | \$59.99

'Grow' follows Sophie Merkens – a photographer and food writer – as she travels the length of Aotearoa seeking stories from women who have special connections with place and community through food. From divers and hunters to chefs, foragers, and gardeners, the conversations in these pages are insightful explorations into the importance of food and its' role in connecting people.

Merkens captures a wide range of environments, projects, and communities



through the 35 interviews in 'Grow'. There's Fleur Sullivan, a restaurateur with a passion for foraging food from the wild Otago shorelines; Angela Clifford, a Canterbury local who co-owns The Food Farm, a permaculture hub with a focus on education; and Pania Te Paiho, who, through running 'Wahine Toa Hunting', aims to do more than simply teach women to hunt – but to encourage connection to self, whānau, and land. And that's just to name a few! All 35 interviews are accompanied by striking photos of these women and their environments, making 'Grow' a stunning book to revisit time and time again. The stories and people within it are welcome sources of inspiration for anyone who is on a journey to connect more with their food and where it comes from, and for those who find that the best conversations happen over a well-stocked dinner table.

Thanks to [Scorpio Books](#) for this review.

KidsFest at The Kiosk

Visit the Christchurch Botanic Gardens during the July school holidays and venture into a Magical Forest via a self-guided trail. Discover the mystical creatures and plants who make it their home.



At the end of the trail have a go at making your own magical creature out of natural materials at a crafting area in The Kiosk.

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