



## A Spring Flower Show

160 years of Canterbury Horticultural Society



**Canterbury Daffodil Championships at A Spring Flower Show: 160 years of Canterbury Horticultural Society in association with the Christchurch Heritage Festival**

**Weekend of 8th & 9th October 10am - 4pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens  
Free entry

### 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 10 October 9am**

**Plains FM 96.9** Along with seasonal gardening advice Ray and Lorraine chat to interesting folk from the horticultural world. If you miss a session you can find the recordings on the [CHS website](#).

### Botanic Gardens Uncovered

**Thursday 13 October 1.30pm**

**David Barwick - Temperate Asian Border**  
Free to all CHS Members

### Softwood Cuttings Workshop

**Thursday 13 October 7-9pm**

Create multiples of your favourite plants from the new season's lush Spring growth  
\$40 (\$50 Non-Members)

[Book online](#)

### Butterfly Bounty

**Thursday 13 October 10.30am**  
*(School Holidays)*

An hour long session dedicated to butterflies! This fun session led by Maria Romero of the Butterfly Musketeers will ignite your children's passion and connection to nature. Suitable for children 5+ years.

\$5 per child

[Book online](#)

### Know Your Soil

**Wednesday 19 October**

Explore the life beneath your garden... for successful growing with Matthew Crampton.  
\$40 (\$50 Non-Members)

[Book online](#)

### Four Season Vegetable Growing

**Sat 29 Oct & Sat 5 Nov 9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Successful growing for year round supply**

Join Penny Platt from Untamed Earth Organics for a double header workshop!

Richmond Community Gardens

\$95 (\$120 Non-Members) for both sessions.

[Book online soon](#)

### Horticulture at Home

**Beginner's guide to home gardening**

Join tutor Ryan Young for this 5 week 6 session course starting Tuesday 25 October 7-9pm. Includes a morning practical session at Richmond Gardens on Saturday 26 November. [Book online soon!](#)

## Garden Life

*Wednesday 5 October 1pm & 7pm*

**Main Speaker: Matthew Crampton - 'Grow Good Soil'**



The old phrase 'it all starts with the soil' is certainly true when it comes to growing a healthy garden. Good quality soil improves water holding capacity, nutrient cycling and gives plants the ability to grow vigorous roots. Matthew will share some insider tips on how to influence soil health to build a strong foundation for healthy roots and therefore robust plants.

Matthew has spent his career working with growers and farmers throughout New Zealand. He has worked in the horticulture, agriculture and arable industries including setting up a successful hydroponic facility, working at Wattie's producing vegetables, producing export vegetable seed crops and providing technical on farm problem solving in some pretty tricky situations.

**Mini Speaker: Paul Hooper, Intelligro**

Paul Hooper is the Horticulturist at Intelligro in Rolleston. Paul joins us to talk about the makeup of organic compost and its benefits for the garden, as well as common problems and questions he encounters around composts, mixes and soil mixes.

### The Kiosk

Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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

Tea, coffee and biscuits included

Pay on the door

## Our Kiosk Partners



**Friends** of the  
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

### Friends' Events at The Kiosk

#### Flora of the Fynbos

**Sunday 9 October 4pm**

Wolfgang Bopp, Director of the Botanic Gardens, and his wife, Janet Cubey, will talk about their memorable trip to visit the 'fynbos' of South Africa. 'Fynbos' refers to the plants associated with the mountains of South Africa's Cape region.

\$5 (\$10 Non-Members)

#### Free Mona Vale Guided Walks

**Saturday 1 & 29 October 1.30pm**

Meet at the Rose Garden adjacent to the car park by the Eros statue.

#### Visit to TaiTapu Sculpture Garden

**Sunday 20 November 1pm**

This is a wonderful evolving sculpture garden and native regeneration project owned by Peter and Annabel Joyce. Meet at 1/199 Cossars Rd, Tai Tapu, for a picnic lunch (byo), with a talk by Peter at 2pm. \$10 per person

### Free Guided Walks Botanic Gardens

**1.30pm from The Kiosk 45 - 60 mins**

<b>Sat 1 Oct</b>	General Interest (90 mins)
<b>Sun 2 Oct</b>	Notable Trees
<b>Mon 3 Oct</b>	General Interest (90 mins)
<b>Tue 4 Oct</b>	NZ Gardens – NZ natives
<b>Wed 5 Oct</b>	General Interest (90 mins)
<b>Thu 6 Oct</b>	Gondwana Collection
<b>Fri 7 Oct</b>	Curator's House Potager
<b>Sat 8 Oct</b>	Cockayne Garden
<b>Sun 9 Oct</b>	Notable trees
<b>Mon 10 Oct</b>	General Interest (90 mins)
<b>Tue 11 Oct</b>	Biggest, smallest, quirkiest,
<b>Wed 12 Oct</b>	NZ Gardens – NZ natives
<b>Thu 13 Oct</b>	General Interest (90 mins)
<b>Fri 14 Oct</b>	Curious conifers
<b>Wknd 15 &amp; 16</b>	General Interest (90 mins)
<b>Mon 17 Oct</b>	Prince of plants – palm
<b>Tue 18 Oct</b>	NZ Gardens – NZ natives
<b>Wed 19 Oct</b>	Notable trees
<b>Thu 20 Oct</b>	Cockayne Garden
<b>Fri 21 Oct</b>	Gondwana Collection
<b>Sat 22 Oct</b>	Plant Hunters
<b>Sun 23 Oct</b>	General Interest (90 mins)

<b>Mon 24 Oct</b>	Conservatories
<b>Tues 25 Oct</b>	General Interest (90 mins)
<b>Wed 26 Oct</b>	Gondwana Collection
<b>Thu 27 Oct</b>	General Interest (90 mins)
<b>Fri 28 Oct</b>	Curator's House Potager
<b>Sat 29 Oct</b>	NZ Gardens – NZ natives
<b>Sun Oct 30</b>	Notable Trees
<b>Mon 31 Oct</b>	History walk



**Christchurch  
Envirohub**

**Providing support for environmental and community groups in Christchurch.**

Envirohub is excited to announce that the Stormwater Superhero Trailer will make an appearance at Dresssmart Hornby on the 6th and 7th of October. Please come along to learn about stormwater and the actions we can take to prevent contamination. Volunteers are welcome to help assist in facilitating the trailer. Contact [benalder@chchenvirohub.org](mailto:benalder@chchenvirohub.org) for more information.

## Ramblers

**Tuesday 11 October 9.45am**

#### Bottle Lake Forest

Meet at Waitikiri Drive

**Tuesday 25 October 9.45am**

#### Avonhead

Meet Westburn

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

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

## Floral Design

**Wednesday 19 October 2pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

**Interested?**

Contact: **Ray King** tel: 021 037 0675

## Fruit & Vegetables

**Wednesday 26 October 7.30pm**

Speaker TBC, The Kiosk

## Garden Club Reps

**Tuesday 4 October 12.30pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

## Watercolour Painting

**Wednesday 12 & 26 October 10am**

All welcome, BYO materials

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

## Monthly Tips & Tasks

*with Michael Coulter*

This month the ground will be starting to warm up and the plant growth will be more rapid. At the beginning of the month prepare the ground for the warmer loving plants which can be planted at the end of the month (tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers etc.).

Don't forget the application of fertilisers, compost and lime 2 to 3 weeks before planting young plants or sowing seeds, especially in gardens that have been in use for a number of years.

Citrus and other fruit trees that are well established will also benefit from fertiliser as they start to grow.

Cuttings of chrysanthemums, dahlias and begonias may now be taken from the new growth of parent plants, this helps to keep

the cultivars healthy and fresh. Many other perennial plants can be propagated from cuttings or division also.

This an important time for Spring bulbs. As they finish flowering remove old flowers and keep the plants well watered to help build up the bulb to produce flowers next year

Fruit trees will be flowering so take care timing sprays to avoid harming bees. Do ensure the right protection is given to the trees from pests and diseases. There are a number of ready to use sprays available that make it easy to treat plants as soon as any pest or disease is noticed (there are organic choices also) saving the need to mix yourself. Flowering trees and shrubs should be pruned as soon as they have finished flowering, ensuring new growth produced will flower next year.

Lawns will need some attention as they

will be growing rapidly. Now is the time to feed the grass and treat for moss. I treated my lawn with iron sulphate at the rate of 300 grams to 10 litres of water. I applied by watering can and the results were excellent, be careful not to get any of the liquid on the concrete as this will stain it!

Last year I used a tomato soil mix from Southhort for my glass house tomatoes and was very pleased with the results so will do the same this year, which reminds me of the saying, *if you are pleased with the results that you had last year don't change what you are doing!!*

Spring is a very busy time in the garden as there is a lot to do but do it right and the rewards will be seen later.

**Remember:** questions can be posted on [HortTalk](#) or you can email Michael directly at: [coulchrys@xtra.co.nz](mailto:coulchrys@xtra.co.nz)



Valued CHS Member,  
Happily, it's back to normal after the 160th Celebrations – thank you to all involved.

Another celebration last month was the opening of the Magnetic Observatory in the Botanic Gardens. A donation from the CHS to coincide with our 160th towards this important historical attraction helps to cement our position here in the Gardens and the relationship with our partners.

I'm very pleased to share more about our new venture with the Southern Seed Exchange. The CHS are working with the SSE to bring you a range of fabulous seed packs, for big and small gardens alike.

Very soon you'll be able to order from a small but desirable selection including the likes of, 'Grow Me Beans' and 'Pickable Patios'. The SSE supply fresh, locally sourced seeds specifically designed to grow in our region. Do try them, what have you got to lose?

The lights in the car park have been upgraded and are functioning a lot better.

More developments to come here, but a marked improvement already. The car park is undergoing a complete redesign.

We are always happy to hear from Members who want to learn more about joining the CHS Board, do get in touch if you are curious!

Remember, Garden Life is now on the first Wednesday of the month. In the afternoon 1 - 3pm and evening 7 - 9pm.

### Volunteers Needed Please

Come and spend some time in The Kiosk in the Botanic Gardens this Summer! A great environment for bird, people and plant lovers. The duties in The Kiosk are not taxing, and we'd love to hear from anyone with a few regular hours to spare. As the visitor numbers increase our staff spend more time in a customer-facing role, having someone to do this for us frees them to keep working on Society matters.

Please contact Sharnaé if you think you can help ([office@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:office@chsgardens.co.nz)).

*Allan Paterson*, CHS President

## Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Scott Astill, the 2022 recipient of the PC Browne and Jeannie Dunlop Scholarships.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity that these scholarships are able to offer me. I have already begun the course at the Organic College at the BHU, and have been learning a great deal from all the tutors. I am excited about being able to engage in the Stepping Stones Course following completion of the certificate in December. I have plans to grow a few crops as living history experiments - notably buckwheat for flour and linen flax for textile fibre, and I will also be attempting to grow a number of pepper varieties in a hoop house. I look forward to sharing these experiences with you all at the end of the season." Scott Astill (AKA Bear)

## Hello Club

Access to Hello Club (our new membership management system) is coming soon! Keep an eye out for your invitation later in October. All CHS members will receive an email to activate their Hello Club account. This will be a nice way to connect with other members and manage your membership subscription.

## A & P Show

As part of our involvement with the A&P Show next month we're pleased to extend a 15% discount on entry tickets (kids come for FREE this year). Use FLOWER22 in online bookings: [www.theshow.flicket.co.nz](http://www.theshow.flicket.co.nz)

## Chrysanthemum Group

**Monday 17 October 7pm**

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens  
General cultural notes, cuttings

All CHS members are welcome.

New Members or guests please contact

**Robyn** on tel: 942 9871

## Southern Seed Exchange

### Update

We are pleased to let you know our Heritage seed starter packs will be ready for purchase in a couple of weeks. If you are keen to be the first to know when these are available email [office@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:office@chsgardens.co.nz)



## News & Updates

### 160th Anniversary

A big thank-you to Lianne Dalziel, Christchurch Mayor for the warm words spoken at the celebration of Canterbury Horticultural Society's 160th Anniversary at The Kiosk. A special acknowledgment to our Patron Neiel Drain, for your insightful historical reflections. Also in attendance was Cr Yani Johanson and our honorary botanist, Colin Meurk for Fendalton. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces last month and to celebrate our new home with our partners in the Kiosk, Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and Christchurch Envirohub.

*Pictured opposite left to right: Cr Yani Johanson, Neiel Drain, Hon Lianne Dalziel, Allan Paterson, CHS President*



*and Sharnaé Beardsley, CHS Manager.*

### CHS 160 Years

We have another fabulous contribution to our online history archive from Alan Jolliffe which you can find at: [www.chsgardens.co.nz/160-years-of-gardening-horticulture-in-canterbury](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/160-years-of-gardening-horticulture-in-canterbury)

Alan has written about Percy Browne and May Browne and their roles within the CHS.

## Magnetic Observatory

The history of the Canterbury Horticultural Society and the Christchurch Botanic Gardens are closely entwined and the CHS has always maintained strong links with the CBG. When the fund-raising for the upgrade of the Magnetic Observatory coincided with the CHS 160th anniversary the CHS board decided that a donation to this project would be a suitable gift to the BG to reflect the fact that the CHS is back where it began 160 years ago, in these wonderful gardens.



# GARDEN LIFE

Monthly gardening programme  
for the everyday gardener

**We want your Problems!**

We love to hear from our gardeners, especially any niggling problems, be they edible or ornamental! Bring questions to Garden Life, post them on [HortTalk](#) or email Michael Coulter [coulchrys@xtra.co.nz](mailto:coulchrys@xtra.co.nz)

## Garden Life

This Summer we have a scintillating line up of speakers covering a broad array of horticultural inclined topics. Join us to discover how to use sculpture in your garden, enjoy all that dazzling dahlias have to offer, take a closer look at the Magnetic Observatory and find out what exactly is a walipini?! Keep an eye on the [website](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates.

## Gardening Quiz

**Tuesday 22 November 9.45am**

**Quiz, Croissant & Coffee!**

After the success of our inaugural gardening quiz earlier this year, we are back for another thyme! Grape this opportunity for leafing through your memory with a black spot of mental grafting and more horticultural conundrums than you can poke a celery stick at.

So come eat, drink and be rosemary and see if you parsley the test!

*Sorry that was a bit mulch....*

### The Kiosk

Christchurch Botanic Gardens  
Armagh Street car park footbridge  
\$5 (\$10 Non-Members)

Tea, coffee & biscuits included at Garden Life  
Croissants & preserves included at the Quiz

## Botanic Gardens Uncovered

**Thursday 13 October 1.30pm**

**David Barwick - Temperate Asian Border**

Born in Christchurch, David grew up surrounded by suburban gardens with diverse groups of plants to pique his interest in horticulture. After graduating from Canterbury University with a Geography Degree in 1998, he entered the Apprenticeship Training Scheme at the Botanic Gardens in 1999. Three years

later he gained his level 4 certificate in amenity horticulture and in 2003 took on the Collection Curators position.

The Temperate Asian Border includes the Herbaceous Border, Archery Lawn and Japanese Maples/Hydrangeas, but a significant chunk of the southern river boundary edge is also part of the collection. The border is a geographical collection with a focus on species, wild forms, plants of cultural uses etc, rather than garden hybrids

or cultivars. Plants from a wide area are deliberately jostled together to create more contrast or seasonal interest.

Although less showy, the collection offers a quiet antidote to the more busy horticultural areas around the Botanic Gardens and the installation of signage and interpretation panels in 2020 has helped immensely with visitor experiences as a whole. *Free to all CHS Members.*

## Scorpio Books

**Handmade: Learning the Art of Chainsaw Mindfulness in a Norwegian Wood**

**Siri Helle**

9781783787470 | \$32.99

When Siri Helle inherits a small, isolated forest cabin without electricity, water, or a toilet, she decides to build an outhouse herself. Having never made anything with wood before, this decision takes her on a steep learning curve. Along the way, she also digs deep into some big questions about producing and consuming, and about what happens to ourselves and to society when we become divorced from the act of making. Her story becomes less about how to build an outhouse, and is



much more preoccupied with why it is important to try.

Although the book follows someone learning to build a building from scratch

– from cutting down nearby trees for material to the final finishing touches on the toilet seat – Siri's funny, poignant and vital musings on working and creating with our hands are as relevant to gardeners and all kinds of other craftspeople as they are to those interested in woodwork. Her story hammers home just how profoundly positive the acts of being in nature, challenging oneself, and

getting a bit messy can be for our brains and our bodies.

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



**National Gardening Week**  
'Grow Good Soil'

**17 - 24 October 2022**

Nourish the soil and the soil will nourish you! Healthy soil is at the very foundation of gardening success – and life itself - and this National Gardening Week Yates wants to help you grow good soil.

[Explore online at Yates.](#)

## Plant & Garden Sale

**Saturday 15 October 9am - 12pm**  
St Peters Church Hall

22 Main South Road, Upper Riccarton  
Large range of plants, tools and garden accessories. Proceeds to St Peter's Church.