



GARDEN ORGANIC

Learn the principles of organic home gardening



Garden Life

Wednesday 7 September 1pm & 7pm

Main Speaker: Steve Bush
Trees for Canterbury

Do you think native plants are all a selection of dull green trees? Think again! The manager of Trees for Canterbury, Steve Bush, will open your eyes to the many wonderful colours, textures and sizes of natives. He'll show you how to easily incorporate them into any garden to help increase biodiversity and valuable habitat for our native fauna.

Steve Bush has been managing the native nursery, Trees for Canterbury, for over 30 years. He was awarded the Queens Service Medal for services to environmental rejuvenation and has helped create the successful community project TFC is today. Steve cares passionately not only about plants, but people too.

Mini Speaker: The Southern Seed Exchange

The Southern Seed Exchange (SSE) are a charitable trust run by a small team of volunteers based in Christchurch. They facilitate the exchange of seeds between gardeners by receiving seeds from seed saving gardeners (guardians) and producing online seed lists for members.

The Kiosk
Christchurch Botanic Gardens
\$5 (Non-Members: \$10)
Tea, coffee and biscuits included
Pay on the door



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 12 September 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](#).

Film Screening

Thursday 15 September 1.30pm

The monthly Botanic Gardens Uncovered Walk is on hold until October when the weather warms up. Instead there will be another instalment of garden inspiration on the big screen at The Kiosk. Free to all CHS Members.

Fruit Tree Grafting

Saturday 24 September 9am – 12pm

Richmond Community Gardens

Learn how to produce your own fruit trees and preserve heritage trees. A comprehensive workshop including theory and practical tuition led by Hamish Kelland at Richmond Community Gardens \$52 (\$65 Non-Members)

[Book online](#)

Garden Organic

Starts Tuesday 20 September

Tuesday Evenings 7-9pm 20 Sep – 18 Oct

Practical **Saturday 1 October 9am – 1pm**

Delve into:

- Soil science and analysis
- Hot and cold composting
- General gardening techniques
- Plant science fundamentals
- Biodiversity and ecosystems
- Combating pests and diseases
- Permaculture design principles
- Worm farming for beginners

\$260 (\$310 CHS Membership plus Course)

[Book online](#)

Riccarton Horticultural Society Daffodil & Spring Show

Saturday 10 September 12.30 - 4pm

Nostalgia with a Contemporary Twist

St Peters Church Hall
22 Main South Road, Upper Riccarton

Come and see "a host of golden daffodils" plus cut flowers, vegetables, floral art and baking competitions. Bird Feeder Demonstration using a 3D Printer.

Plants and baking sales, raffles.

Free entry

Our Kiosk Partners



Friends' Events at The Kiosk

Lichens

Sunday 18 September 4pm

Melissa Hutchison is a consultant ecologist based in Christchurch. Her ecological interests include native plants, invasive weeds, lichens, and community ecology.

She will talk about New Zealand as a global hotspot for lichen biodiversity, and current work to understand more about the ecology, conservation status etc. of NZ lichens.

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.

All Talks \$5 (\$10 Non-Members)

Ramblers

Tuesday 13 September 9.45am

Spring in the Botanic Gardens

Meet at The Kiosk

Tuesday 27 September 9.45am

Wigram Warren Park

Meet New World supermarket, Sky Hawk Road

www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

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

Monthly Tips & Tasks

with Michael Coulter

September is the real start of Spring, often accompanied by highly unpredictable weather!

The 2022 Winter has been one of plenty of rain along with some hard frosts, leaving the ground wet and cold and making it difficult to ready the soil for planting. I think it will be advisable to wait until ground conditions improve before working on the soil, this may mean delaying by a week or two before starting to plant or sow seeds. September is the time to sow the seeds of plants that need warmer temperatures to grow, it takes about six weeks from sowing for the plants to be ready for planting out, so seeds sown in the middle of the month should be ready to plant out by the end of October.

Free Mona Vale Guided Walks

Saturday 24 September 1.30pm

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

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

Visit to TaiTapu

Sunday 20 November

Visit to the Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden. This is a wonderful evolving sculpture garden and native regeneration project owned by Peter and Annabel Joyce. Meet at the venue: 1/199 Cossars Rd, Tai Tapu, from 1pm for a picnic lunch (byo), with a talk by Peter at 2pm.

\$10 per person

www.taitapusculpturegarden.co.nz

Floral Design

Wednesday 21 September 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
This month's theme is "Back to Basics", a vertical arrangement using a flat dish and a pinholder. Please bring suitable straight branches and strong flower material.

Interested?

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



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@chchenvirohub.org www.chchenvirohub.org

Rākau o te tau Tree of the year NZ Aotearoa

The search for Aotearoa's most interesting tree is on!

The aim of **Tree of the year** is to highlight our significant trees and share what makes them important. Nominations should be a specific tree that has significance to you personally or your community (as opposed to a general tree species, e.g, "Pōhutukawa").

We encourage Members to make a submission directly, or contact us if you'd like to make a combined submission with the CHS. www.register.notabletrees.org.nz might be a good place to start!

More info: www.treeoftheyear.co.nz

Fruit & Vegetables

Wednesday 28 September 6.30pm AGM

Speaker TBC, The Kiosk

The green house is where a lot of time can be spent - from planting tomatoes and sowing seeds to taking cuttings of chrysanthemums and other perennials. I'm also starting my tuberous begonias and dahlias and chitting potatoes, all in all making it a very busy month.

Fruit trees will be coming into bloom and care needs to be taken if spraying for diseases, especially on stone fruit. Research the right time for spraying to get the best results and ensure the protection of bees.

Lawns will be starting to grow so now is the time to give them some fertiliser and treat for moss and weeds. Repairs to bare areas and a top dress in any low areas of the lawn will help prepare the grass for the Summer. Shrubs that have completed flowering will benefit from a prune to keep them in shape and help next season's flowering.

Citrus plants should be fertilised later in the month, just as they begin to move into growth. A spray with conquer oil now will control any scale that is on the plants.

Spring bulbs are in full bloom and will need to have spent flowers removed to ensure the bulb will flower again next year.

I grow a lot of plants in pots and like to have any that need re-potting moved on by the end of the month. I always use a premium quality potting mix.

The start of the growing season is busy but much of what is started this month will give the results later on as the season progresses. Do what is needed today and tomorrow will look after itself!

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

From the Manger, Sharnaé Beardsley

Kia ora CHS membersfinally, Spring is here!

After a cold and wet Winter I am so pleased to be seeing new growth budding on everything and to be experiencing slightly longer days. I do hope you have all been making plans for the coming months in your garden and soaking up some much needed Vitamin D while you can! I've been enjoying finding a sheltered spot in my garden at home to read and get some sunshine on my skin.

Spring is a very busy time at the CHS. The Avon Bonsai Society have their Annual Show 24-25 September. We have a Spring Show at The Botanical Expo (17-18 September) and the Daffodil Championships at our own Spring Flower Show at The Kiosk as part of Christchurch Heritage Festival 8-9 October).

We're lucky enough to have some stunning heritage themed floral art displays from a few local Garden Cubs too. If you'd like to get involved with either event, now is the time - please get in touch with me at the office. The shows promise to be fun and engaging and an

absolute visual treat, it would be great to have you involved!

This month we see Garden Organic kicking off (a five week, six session theory and practical course) and towards the end of the month a Fruit Tree Grafting workshop happening on a Saturday morning at Richmond Community Garden. You'll find all the booking details on our website.

One CHS event I'd like to draw your attention to is Bot Tots. Did you know every Monday morning during School term time from 10-11.30am at The Kiosk, the CHS runs gardening and nature themed activities for young children. It's only a gold coin entry and is a really lovely way to connect with other caregivers and engage toddlers in learning more about nature. Rachel does a wonderful job at planning each session, do come along if you have some young people in your life.

Over the next month you will learn more about an exciting new initiative we are launching with the Southern Seed Exchange. In a nutshell it's a Heritage Seed Programme

which will allow CHS members the exclusive opportunity to join the initiative, grow heritage seeds and acquire seed starter packs.

In time we will have sowing days, seed swaps, hold harvest competitions and more! We are also looking for CHS members who are interested in becoming Guardian Growers, watch this space!

Enjoy this Spring newsletter which Emma so beautifully puts together each month for you and I look forward to seeing many of you at Garden Life this month.

Sharnaé Beardsley
CHS Manager

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.

Garden Club Reps

Tuesday 6 September 1pm

A Guided Walk around Mona Vale

Please RSVP the names of the people attending as soon as possible - this will determine how many guides we will need. There is no cost.

To register please contact:

Gail Scrivener tel: 0274 892906

gail.scrivener@xtra.co.nz

Chrysanthemum Group

Monday 19 September 7pm

Michael and Susan's, Mairehau.

Cuttings and propagation of plants. Could members please bring a list of the plants they are growing.

All CHS members are welcome.

New Members or guests please contact

Robyn on tel: 942 9871

Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 14 & 28 September 10am

All welcome, BYO materials

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

Avon Bonsai Show

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 September

10am - 4pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

CHS 160 Years

Sir Heaton Rhodes AHRIH (NZ)

There are three different dates given in different publications about Heaton Rhodes being elected President of the Canterbury Horticultural Society. Rice (2008) in his book suggests he was elected in June 1898 while the CHS history (2001) suggests 1999. A further date of 1903 is given by Wikipedia but this date relates to the amalgamated Canterbury United Horticultural Society.

Sir Heaton Rhodes died in July 1956 while still holding the office of President of the CHS. He was President from 1898 to 1956 a total of 58 Years.

Not only was he President of the CHS he was also Member of Parliament and member of Cabinet holding up to six different Cabinet posts. He also held many local positions on

various agricultural and community related organisations He was knighted in 1925.

His property, "Otahuna" at Tai Tapu was built on land he repurchased after the Rhodes family sold their 'Ahuriri' run. The mansion was designed by Frederick Stouts and the gardens laid out by John Joyce of the CHS and a large staff. EA Lowe developed the property into one of NZ's finest gardens and was succeeded by Alexander Wilson (1926 - 1942) then R Overend and then Reginald Tilley.

Famed for its daffodils (including many old world specimens), trees, borders and vegetable gardens it was opened to Horticultural Society members for its first open day in 1919.



From 1927 on the Spring Daffodil Day was open to the public until Sir Heaton Rhodes death in 1956.

Sir Heaton Rhodes as President of the CHS was a leadership role rather than hands on. He had a great interest in all things horticultural including all its shows. He was busy with Parliament, war duties and national organisations.

The Chairman and Committee of the CHS carried out all the continuing work of the CHS.

For Alan Joliffe's full article please visit: www.chsgardens.co.nz/160-years-of-gardening-horticulture-in-canterbury

Sir Heaton Rhodes pictured above with Percy Browne

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

coulchrys@xtra.co.nz

Garden Life

Wednesday 5 October

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

Speakers to be confirmed

The Kiosk

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

Tea, coffee and biscuits included

With Winter illness and Covid still circulating a wee reminder that we should be wearing our face masks when we are in The Kiosk.

Once you have your drink etc. please sit down before you take your mask off.

[Get event reminders via Facebook](#)

Rakaia Fete and Garden Day Trip

Thursday 13 October 9am - 5.30pm

St John Garden Fete

Held at the home of Sue & Ted Rollinson

Come and join us for a great day out.

100+ vendors selling a variety of artisan handmade products, plants & garden art, gourmet food and more. Great shopping, gorgeous gardens, delicious food, live music, cooking demonstrations and an opportunity

to support Ashburton, Methven and Mayfield St John while having a fun day out.

To conclude the day we will visit the **Spring garden of Brenda & Norman Dunlop** in Rolleston where afternoon refreshments will be served.

Pickup and drop off points include:

Princess Margaret Hospital, Burnside Park, outside Rugby Rooms and Rolleston Pub. Further details will be advised on booking.

A simple boxed lunch is included (this is a fundraiser for the Dorie School).

\$75 per person

Includes: coach travel, entry to fete and gardens, boxed lunch and afternoon refreshments.

Contact **Gail Scrivener** to book

Email: gail.scrivener@xtra.co.nz

Mob: 0274 892 906

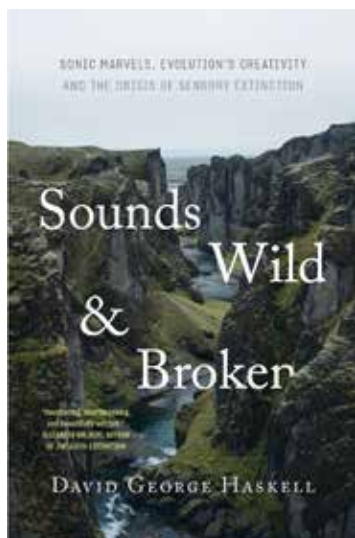
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Scorpio Books

Sounds Wild and Broken: Sonic Marvels, Evolution's Creativity and the Crisis of Sensory

David George Haskell
9781760642587 | \$40.00

Many of us around the world noticed the almost immediate effect of lockdowns on our ability to hear the natural world around us – as we turned the volume down on human activity, other sounds became more obvious to us again. In 'Sounds Wild and Broken', Haskell takes the reader on a journey through time and across the planet, exploring the diverse and wondrous range of sound – from birdsong to whale song, from the movement of wings to the



movement of tectonic plates. In this world of noise, Haskell pays particular attention to the impacts of human-engineered sound – how 'noise pollution' affects the careful ecosystem of sound and communication in the natural world.

Beautifully and creatively written, this book will be endlessly fascinating to those who enjoy the sensory experience of being in nature – whether it's in your own garden or further afield. If the buzzing, bustling, humming nature of the world around you is something you've drawn peace or comfort from, this book will inspire you

to think about sound in new and complex ways.

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

Daffodil dates!

Canterbury Horticultural Society Spring Show at the Botanical Expo Saturday 17 September

1pm - 5pm

Sunday 18 September 10am - 4pm

Lincoln Events Centre
\$5 Entry

Woodend Spring Flower Show

Saturday 1 October 1pm - 4pm

Woodend Community Centre
\$2 Entry (children free)

Canterbury Daffodil

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

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 October

10am - 4pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Free entry

