



## Christmas Terrarium Workshop

**Thursday 8 December 7-9pm**

### Create a miniature festive world

Looking for the perfect sustainable gift or simply fancy some hand-made festive decor? Look no further than our Christmas Terrarium workshop and make your own personalised mini arid or temperate terrarium garden. *Includes all materials and your own terrarium to take home.*

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens  
**\$58** (\$70 Non-Members)

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

## Home Gardening

**\$20** (\$26 Non-Members)

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

## Waterwise Gardening – Hydration 101

**Tuesday 6 December 7 – 9pm**

With drier months, summer holidays and water charges coming, discover quick easy solutions to keep your garden, containers and indoor plants happy, healthy and hydrated.

## Know Your Enemy – Pests & Diseases

**Tuesday 31 January 7 – 9pm**

What is munching my lettuce? Why are my dahlias dusty? Aphids are covering everything!!! Don't let pests and diseases rule your garden. Learn how to identify the culprit and manage them for a happier garden and gardener.

## Precision Pruning – When, Why & How

**Wednesday 8 March 7 – 9pm**

When should you prune which plant? Learn the basic principles of pruning ornamentals



(perennials and shrubs) for general plant health, future flowering, shape and regeneration.

## Green Thumbs Podcast

**Monday 12 December 9am**

**Plains FM 96.9** Along with seasonal gardening advice Ray and Lorraine chat to interesting folk from the gardening world. If you miss a session you can find the recordings on the [CHS website](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz).

## Floral Photography

**Wednesday 15 February 7-9pm**

**Easy tips to photograph and capture the beauty of your garden with Julia Atkinson-Dunn.** Learn how to utilise natural light and compose images to record the beauty of your garden using just your smartphone or camera.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens  
**\$40** (\$50 Non-Members)

Book online soon!



## Christmas Ideas

Interested in gifting something a bit different this year? Consider a CHS Membership or workshop for a memorable gift. Keep an eye on this page on our website:  
[www.chsgardens.co.nz/shop](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/shop)

## Garden Life

**Wednesday 7 December 1pm & 7pm**

**Main Speaker: Mark Chandler**  
**Ōhinetahi**



Mark Chandler took on the role of head Gardener at Ōhinetahi in 2011, with over 125 hectares of garden, Ōhinetahi is also home to two galleries, sculpture and woodland trails, and a significant 19th century homestead. It was gifted to the nation in 2012 and is now run by the Ōhinetahi Charitable Trust. Mark's horticultural background is hugely varied. He began his career at a mixed horticulture and stock farm in Nelson and later went on to develop a native plant nursery. In Townsville, Australia he established a garden business, eventually becoming a 'mobile' gardener; which led him back to New Zealand and then all around the world.

Mark will talk about the history of this unique and special property, the connections it has with the CHS and the development of the garden during Sir Miles Warren's time.

**Mini Speaker: Juliet Nicholas**  
Author of "New Zealand Gardens to Visit".

The author of Scorpio Books' December Book of the Month will introduce her inspiring guide to outstanding gardens that are open to visit (and sometimes to stay). Scorpio will also have a selection of sumptuous books for sale for Christmas gifts.

## The Kiosk

Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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

Tea, coffee and biscuits included  
Pay on the door



**The Kiosk**  
Canterbury Horticultural Society

## Our Kiosk Partners



### Free Mona Vale Guided Walks

**Saturday 10 & 31 December** 1.30pm

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

### Free Guided Walks Botanic Gardens - December

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

**Thu 1** Heritage Rose Garden

**Fri 2** General Interest Walk – 90 mins

**Sat 3** Curator's House Potager Garden

**Sun 4** Notable Trees

**Mon 5** Biggest, smallest, quirkiest, tallest...

**Tue 6** Notable Trees

**Wed 7** Curious Conifers – a walk in the Pinetum

**Thur 8** Notable Trees

**Fri 9** Notable Trees

**Sat 10** General Interest Walk – 90 mins

**Sun 11** Trooping the colour – our

Herbaceous Border

**Mon 12** Curator's House Potager Garden

**Tue 13** General Interest Walk – 90 mins

**Wed 14** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

**Thu 15** Gondwana Collection

**Fri 16** Trooping the colour – our Herbaceous Border

**Sat 17** General Interest Walk – 90 mins

**Sun 18** Curious Conifers – a walk in the Pinetum

**Mon 19** Trooping the colour – our Herbaceous Border

**Tues 20** General Interest Walk – 90 mins

**Wed 21** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

**Thu 22** Conservatories

**Fri 23** General Interest Walk – 90 mins

**Sat 24** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

**Sun 25** NO WALK – CHRISTMAS DAY

**Mon 26** General Interest Walk – 90 mins

**Tue 27** General Interest Walk – 90 mins

**Wed 28** General Interest Walk – 90 mins

**Thur 29** Love of Trees 101

**Fri 30** Plant Hunters – trees & their stories

**Sat 31** NZ Gardens – NZ natives

## An Edwardian Garden Party

**Sunday 12 March 2023** 3-6pm

Mona Vale Homestead

Enjoy bubbles, canapés, music and croquet on the lawn. Proceeds to help restore the historic Bathhouse to its former glory.

Dress for the occasion - Edwardian-inspired fashion encouraged.

\$120 per person available from

[www.friendschbotanicgardens.org](http://www.friendschbotanicgardens.org)



*There are no meetings in December for Watercolour Painting, Floral Design, Garden Club Reps or the Fruit & Vegetable Group*

## Fruit & Vegetable Group

**Wednesday 25 January** 7pm - 8.30pm

Speaker: **Carol Smith**

**From Brambles to Bountiful Harvest**

The trials, tribulations and triumphs of allotment gardening in the UK.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

*Free, all Members welcome!*

## Chrysanthemum Group

**Saturday 10 December** 6pm

Christmas Function Pot Luck Tea

Robyn & David's, 11 Ruakaka St Hornby

**Monday 16 January** 5.30pm

Picnic Tea at Halswell Quarry to check the planting. General cultural notes

All CHS members are welcome.

New Members or guests please contact

**Robyn** on tel: 942 9871

## Heritage Seeds for Sale

We are now taking orders for our four heritage seed packs. The order form is available on our website or at The Kiosk.

Each pack is \$14.50 and includes three thoughtfully curated heritage seed packs. and 15 jiffy pots.

Order online at [www.chsgardens.co.nz](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz)



## Monthly Tips & Tasks

*with Michael Coulter*

December heralds the start of Summer and a wonderful time in garden with the ripening of berry fruit and stone fruit not far behind.

We have just received a good fall of rain (69mm) which provides an excellent top up to the soil moisture and will keep plants growing without having to use the hose.

I have been planting out and potting up my chrysanthemums and other Summer flowering plants, these will ensure good colour in the garden later in the season.

I haven't noticed many insect pests on my plants yet so have not needed to spray very often but will keep looking for them.

Now that the grass has finished growing seed heads I have raised the mower up and fed and sprayed the lawns to keep them looking

green.

Citrus plants are growing fast so some citrus fertiliser will be beneficial, also look out for aphids on the new growth and treat if needed. Mulch around the plants to keep in the moisture and the roots cooler when the hot weather is here.

Spring bulbs will have finished so you may lift them or remove the spent foliage, it is a good idea to mark where the bulbs are if you are leaving them in the ground.

Roses are looking great so the usual tasks of deadheading, watering (as needed) and spraying for pests and diseases will keep them looking good all season

Rhododendrons are finishing their flowering so may be pruned and deadheaded, the same will apply to camellias and other Spring flowering shrubs.

Apples, pears and other fruit trees will have

their fruit developing and will need to have a spray programme to keep them pest and disease free.

The vegetable garden is now in full production with tomatoes, beans, potatoes etc. growing rapidly; even after the rain they may need to have some more moisture to keep them growing.

As always weeding is one of the important tasks to keep up especially when the weeds are small as this is the most effective time for maximum control.

There is much to do in and around the garden but we also need to stop and enjoy our garden and the garden of others.

Have a happy Christmas and good gardening.  
*Michael Coulter*

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





**Join Envirokids on Saturdays anytime from 10am - 3pm at The Kiosk for these FREE December events**

**Saturday 3 December**

**Predator Free Port Hills: Tunnel Tracks and Trap Making** - a collaboration with Predator Free Port Hills

**Saturday 10 December**

**Christmas Nature Ornament Up-cycle Workshop** - Create beautiful ornaments made of nature-based materials

**Saturday 17 December**

**Virtual Reality Marine Education with Blake NZ** - an unforgettable VR experience with Blake NZ in addition to other marine based educations games

**Saturday 24 December**

**Christmas Up-cycle Workshop & Sustainable Gift Wrapping** - Come and make an up-cycle gift or bring your presents to wrap sustainably in reusable gift wrap

## From the CHS office:

Seasons Greetings CHS Members. What a year 2022 has been, we've had; some excellent Garden Life meetings, a selection of interesting workshops, new ideas come into fruition such as the Botanic Gardens Uncovered walks and those popular film screenings in Winter. The CHS office closes on Friday 23 December and on behalf of the CHS staff (Rachel, Emma and I), a very Merry Christmas to you all. Thanks for making the CHS such a wonderful place.

By now many of you will be receiving your subscription renewals and invoices via HelloClub, please feel free to phone me with any questions or concerns, I don't want anyone to be confused - I am always happy to help.

Thanks to the hard work of CHS member Anne Gillanders, the CHS Library is now open and operating from The Kiosk! From December 2022, any members of the CHS or Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens are welcome to borrow a book from the library. The system is self check out (there is

a form you fill out), one book only per month (one month loan time). Anne will be at every 7pm session of Garden Life to assist with bookings and answer questions and I can assist at the 1pm session.

The CHS office opens again on **Tuesday 10 January**, during the Summer break The Kiosk will still be open staffed by our Kiosk partners and lovely CHS Volunteers, if you're keen to do an afternoon or morning slot please get in touch - it's good fun.

*Have a safe and happy Summer!*

**Sharnaé Beardsley**

## From the President

Merry Christmas from Me and the Team at CHS, may you travel safely and enjoy our NZ Summer. Remember, "those plants like a drink too!" **Allan Paterson**

## Orchards in Schools

The Spring Newsletter is now available on [our website](#). Full of great tips for making a successful orchard, it's well worth a read.

## Ramblers Wrap Up

After many years of regular walks around the city and beyond, the Ramblers are hanging up their boots.

A very big thank-you to Alison Fussell for her time and energy leading this group throughout 2022 and for running this fortnightly programme.

Do take a look at some of the Ramblers highlights on Flickr [here](#)

## Coming up in the New Year

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**Free Members Talk - Carol Smith**

From Brambles to Bountiful Harvest - The trials, tribulations and triumphs of allotment gardening in the UK. All welcome to the first session of the Fruit and Vegetable Group

**Tuesday 31 January**

**Know Your Enemy - Pests & Diseases**

**Wednesday 8 February**

**Semi Hardwood Propagation** with Pratima Dhakal Acharya

**Thursday 9 February**

**Botanic Gardens Uncovered Walk**

**Bench Top Bounty**

Microgreens, sprouts and more... with Rachel Oliver

**Garden Organic Workshops with BHU**

From composting to biodiversity to worms

**Wednesday 1 March**

**Growing Seeds to Save**

**Wednesday 8 March**

**Precision Pruning - When, Why & How**

**Book Now**  
online at:  
[chsgardens.co.nz](http://chsgardens.co.nz)



*Gail Scrivener and team at the 2022 A & P Show*

Under the guidance of CHS Garden Club Representative Gail Scrivener, club members created table displays for the Canterbury A&P Show Members tent. Thank you Gail and team for continuing our relationship with the A & P Show once again.





# 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

**Wednesday 1 February 1pm and 7pm**

**Main Speaker: Melissa Reimer**

*How to use sculpture within your garden*

As Curator of the Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden Melissa works alongside some of the most interesting artists in the country. She is committed to the Arts in New Zealand, with a passionate drive to see more sculpture in public spaces, homes and gardens.

Join us to hear about Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden's 10-year history and their purpose; a

little about the history of sculpture in private gardens; and to learn more about how sculpture can enhance your own garden and enrich your outdoor experience.

From creating a dramatic focal point or energising a space, to detracting from the neighbour's fence; paying tribute to someone or something by way of a memorial and a place for reflection; to creating pockets of tranquillity or drama, sculpture belongs in every garden, big and small.

**Mini Speaker: Colin Meurk**

*CHS Honorary Botanist*

**Wednesday 1 March 1pm and 7pm**

**Main Speaker: Marg and Geoff Allison**

*Not Just Pretty Flowers - the NZ Dahlia Collection at Christchurch Botanic Gardens*

**Mini Speaker: Scott Astill**

*CHS Scholarship Recipient*

## The Kiosk

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

Tea, coffee & biscuits included

See our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates.

## Educators' School Hui

Rachel Oliver, CHS Orchards in Schools Coordinator and CHS Manager, Sharnaé Beardsley joined the Educator's School Gardening Hui at the Otakaro Orchard site late last month. This was a great opportunity

to promote the Orchards in Schools Programme and to find out more about other programmes happening for local tamariki.

Thank-you to [Portstone Garden Centre](#) for the loan of these beautiful potted fruit trees!



## Scorpio Books

### New Zealand Gardens to Visit

Juliet Nicholas & Rosemary Barraclough  
9780143776086 | \$55.00

This is a gorgeous, large, lush and detailed guide to gardens across the country that are open for visitors. Moving from north to south, and covering 50 gardens in total, this book spans a wide variety of styles, exploring the great diversity of gardens we have here in Aotearoa. Both Juliet Nicholas (photos) and Rosemary Barraclough (words) are celebrated and award-winning creatives, whose work has appeared in NZ House & Garden for many years.

In New Zealand Gardens to Visit, they capture the essence of the incredible spaces they visit, through awe-inspiring photos and detailed, practical and personal descriptions – so whether you're planning a trip to visit these gardens in person, or prefer to travel to them via your armchair, this book will serve you well. Thanks to [Scorpio Books](#) for this review.



## Get Involved

The CHS now has a patch of land to call our very own – situated behind the lovely heritage building of Avebury House and adjoining the Richmond Community Gardens. This will become an ornamental garden where we can showcase the CHS' work and run workshops. We are looking for members who are keen to take part in a working bee. Please let the office know on [office@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:office@chsgardens.co.nz) or 03 366 6937 if you are interested in helping out and we will arrange a date to get stuck in.

## Volunteers Needed

The Kiosk is open every day of the year except Christmas Day. If you can help us for a few hours a day over Summer to staff The Kiosk please get in touch.

2023 Edible & Sustainable Garden Awards - a great opportunity to get involved with the local community.

Register with the office on 366 6937 or email [office@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:office@chsgardens.co.nz)