



**Flowers at The Kiosk**  
2022 Christchurch Paeony Flower Show  
Saturday 12 November  
Canterbury Rose Society Display  
Weekend, 26 & 27 November

**Garden Life**

Wednesday 2 November 1pm & 7pm

Main Speaker: Lisa Williams  
RhodoDirect



RhodoDirect has been supplying rhododendrons throughout New Zealand to keen gardeners for over 20 years. Owners, Lisa and Stephen Williams are both extremely passionate gardeners and together they have developed an extensive rhododendron propagating site, enabling them to stock over 500 different varieties of rhododendrons.

Lisa will present a practical session with tips and tricks for growing healthy, bushy rhododendrons. She will cover all aspects of rhododendrons including pruning, thrip control and the best foliage sprays on the market.

Mini Speaker: Alternative Hanging Baskets with Rachel and Anne Gane

Hanging baskets don't have to be all fuchsias and trailing lobelia. Anne and Rachel will share a variety of different ideas for interesting and edible baskets this Summer.

**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](#)

**Botanic Gardens Uncovered**

**Thursday 10 November 9.30am**  
**Toby Chapman - Throughout the Gardens**  
Free to all CHS Members  
Meet at The Kiosk

**Green Thumbs Podcast**

**Monday 14 November 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](#).

**Christchurch Paeony Flower Show**

**Saturday 12 November 11am - 4pm**  
Beautiful flower displays and flower arrangements by local florists. Free. For flower entry email [chchpaeony@gmail.com](mailto:chchpaeony@gmail.com) - chance to win awards and prizes!

**Gardening Quiz**

**Tuesday 22 November 9.45am**  
**Quiz, Croissant & Coffee!**  
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. Come eat, drink and be rosemary and see if you parsley the test!  
Sorry that was a bit mulch.....  
Free to all CHS Members, includes croissants and preserves, The Kiosk

**Handy Home Hydroponics**

**Thursday 24 November 7 - 9pm**  
**Take your green thumb indoors!**  
Join tutor Matthew Crampton and discover how to grow food hydroponically at home with everyday re-purposed materials.  
\$40 (\$50 Non-Members)  
[Book online](#)

**Canterbury Rose Society Display**

**Saturday 26 November 10am-4pm**  
**Sunday 27 November 10am - 3pm**

**Christmas Workshops**

Get the calendars ready for these wonderful workshops at The Kiosk!

All Workshops - \$58 (\$70 Non-Members)

**Christmas Kokedama**  
Tuesday 29 November 7-9pm

**Christmas Succulent Tree Workshop**

Thursday 1 December 7-9pm

**Christmas Terrariums**

Thursday 8 December 7-9pm

Online booking available soon or email [office@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:office@chsgardens.co.nz) to be first in line

## Our Kiosk Partners



**Friends** of the  
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

### Free Mona Vale Guided Walks

**Saturday 12 & 26 November** 1.30pm

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

### Visit to Tai Tapu 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 - November

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

Tue 1 General Interest Walk (90 mins)

Wed Nov 2 Heritage Rose Garden

Thu 3 Gondwana Collection

Fri 4 NZ Gardens - NZ natives

Sat 5 Notable Trees

Sun 6 Curator's House Potager Garden

Mon 7 Heritage Rose Garden

Tue 8 Curator's House Potager Garden

Wed 9 Heritage Rose Garden

Thu 10 History Walk

Fri 11 General Interest Walk (90 mins)

Sat 12 General Interest Walk (90 mins)

Sun 13 Gondwana Collection

Mon 14 Biggest, smallest, quirkiest...

Tue 15 Asian Temperate Border

Wed 16 Gondwana Collection

Thu 17 General Interest Walk (90 mins)

Fri 18 Curious Conifers

Sat 19 & Sun 20 Heritage Rose Garden

Mon 21 NZ Gardens - NZ natives

Tue 22 General Interest Walk (90 mins)

Wed 23 Curator's House Potager Garden

Thu 24 Leonard Cockayne Garden

Fri 25 Prince of plants - the noble palm

Sat 26 General Interest Walk (90 mins)

Sun 27 Gondwana Collection

Mon 28 NZ Gardens - NZ natives

Tue 29 Trooping the colour

Wed 30 Curator's House Potager Garden

## Interested in becoming a Guide?

With on-the-job training in place all you need is a: **Passion for plants**  
| **Enjoy people/enjoy learning** | **Good communication skills** | **Team player**

The Guides are a friendly group who enjoy learning together. They meet monthly for upskilling and fellowship.

If you would like to find out more, or meet for coffee to have a chat please contact Guiding Coordinator Susan Lawrence:  
Tel: 021 120 6258 / [susan.l@xtra.co.nz](mailto:susan.l@xtra.co.nz)

## Plants for Sale

**Heaths and alpines from the Botanic Gardens**

For Friends and CHS members - the Growing Friends have a selection of special Heaths and Alpines raised from plants in the Botanic Gardens Alpine section, to sell to plant lovers. (This area is beautiful at the moment.) *CHS Members check your email for order details.*

## Ramblers

**Tuesday 8 November** 9.45am

**Spencer Park**

Meet in main car park

**Tuesday 22 November** 9.45am

**Marshlands**

Meet at 19 Taiore Cres, Prestons.

*Bring a plate to share for Christmas morning tea*

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

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

## Floral Design

**Wednesday 16 November** 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

**Interested?**

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

## Fruit & Vegetables

**Wednesday 30 November** 7.30pm

Speaker TBC, The Kiosk

## Garden Club Reps

No meeting this month

## Watercolour Painting

**Wednesday 9 & 23 November** 10am

All welcome, BYO materials

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

## Monthly Tips & Tasks

*with Michael Coulter*

November is the month that our gardens move from Spring growth to Summer. Some of our early plantings will be almost ready for harvesting and the first of the strawberries will be ripening. Although we have had plenty of rain over the Winter there has not been much this Spring with rainfall at 50% of the average for this time of the year.

Watering may be needed to keep plants growing but as there is plenty moisture in the sub soil only the top few centimetres will be required for the plants that have their roots near the surface (including lawns).

Many Spring flowering shrubs and trees will have completed their flowering; to keep them tidy prune now to promote new growth that will flower next Spring.

Shrubs that have been in the ground for a number of years will respond to some general fertiliser and a good mulch to freshen them up.

This month is the traditional time for planting out the Summer annuals so prepare the soil by adding compost and fertiliser. Choose good quality plants and plant them in the evening, or on a cool day to reduce any transplant shock.

Pest and disease control on fruit trees is important this month as the rapid growth on the trees can mean missing signs of infection. This can make control difficult once the problem is already affecting fruit quality.

Perennials will be growing fast and will need



to be staked before they get out of hand

Begonias, dahlias and chrysanthemums should be ready for planting out (most of these will be started off inside a greenhouse), they should harden off outside for at least a week beforehand.

Greenhouse tomatoes will grow rapidly; regular watering, liquid feeding once week and removing the laterals are the main tasks. Also keep a watch out for white fly before it becomes a problem.

In the vegetable garden warm loving crops can be planted and all other crops sown or planted to ensure a continual supply of produce.

**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)





Established in 2018, Christchurch Envirohub provides environmental and sustainability organisations in Greater Christchurch. Contact [benalder@chchenviroh.org](mailto:benalder@chchenviroh.org) for more information.

### NOVEMBER with ChchEnvirokids

#### **Saturday 5 10am-3pm Bee Awesome**

This collaboration with Bee Awesome gives insight to the life of a bee-keeper!

#### **Saturday 12 10am-3pm**

#### **Be a Stormwater Superhero!**

Engage with the Stormwater Superhero trailer.

#### **Saturday 19 10am-3pm**

#### **World Sustainable Toy Day**

Sustainable toys with the EcoSplat team!

#### **Saturday 26 10am-3pm Keep CHCH Beautiful**

Spread awareness about ways to keep our city clean! 46A Vogel St. Richmond, Christchurch.

For info and locations visit Envirokids on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/chchenviroh)

The CHS spring show was a hit and thank you for all attending, So many interesting blooms on display and beautiful Heritage Floral Displays by some of the local Garden Clubs. A special thank you to CHS Life Member Dave Adams, CHS Vice President / Treasurer Amy Wilson and CHS Board member and Garden Club Representative Gail Scrivener for all their amazing hard work at making it such a success.

**Subs Increase** - After a long time the CHS Board has increased the subs. It will come as no surprise given the times that we are in. We have tried to keep the increases minimal; a single subscription will now be \$60 and a double will be \$90. There is a also new category for students which is \$30 and a reminder that children are free.

For Members who frequently attend our Monthly Garden Life meeting we are offering a \$30 optional addition to attend 11 meetings per year. 11 meetings of Garden Life would normally be \$55, by paying an additional \$30 you will effectively receive 6 meetings for

free. For a double membership, there is an optional addition of \$50.

Members will be able to purchase this 'add on subscription' via your Hello Club account or at the CHS office. Please note this 'add on' subscription is simply that – an additional option, it is not compulsory and you are more than welcome to continue paying for each meeting as they come at \$5 per meeting.

I will speak about these changes at the November Garden Life meeting and will be happy to answer any questions or concerns.

**Please read the important update regarding Parking for Garden Life on the back page of this newsletter.**

Enjoy this November newsletter, there is heaps going on at the moment and it's such an enjoyable time of year. Definitely one for your calendar is the CHS Gardening Quiz on the morning of Tuesday 22 November, come along for coffee, croissants and a good time – free for all CHS members.

**Allan Paterson**, CHS President

## Chrysanthemum Group

**Monday 14 November 5.30pm**

Halswell Quarry Japanese Garden

BBQ Picnic tea. We will be planting an area as part of Sister City Celebrations. General cultural notes, division of plants, pinching and timing.

All CHS members are welcome. New Members or guests please contact **Robyn** on tel: 942 9871

## Southern Seed Exchange

We will be taking orders for our four heritage seed packs during November's Garden Life meetings. The order form will also be available on our website.

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



## Hello Club

Access to Hello Club (our new membership management system) is coming soon! Keep an eye out for your invitation. 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.

## News & Updates

### Canterbury A & P Show

**9-11 November 2022**

As part of our involvement with the A&P Show this 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.flicker.co.nz](http://www.theshow.flicker.co.nz)

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

### Beautiful Gardens

Congratulations to all the gardeners who participated in Christchurch Beautifying Association's Spring Garden Competition. Results are online now at:

[www.christchurchbeautifyingassn.org.nz](http://www.christchurchbeautifyingassn.org.nz)



### Garden Party

*The Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens invite you to*

#### **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.friendschchbotanicgardens.org](http://www.friendschchbotanicgardens.org)



# 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 7 December 1pm and 7pm**

**Main Speaker:** Mark Chandler  
Head Gardener, 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: Bel Monypenny

Marketing Manager, Scorpio Books

Bel introduces the December Book of the Month as well as other gardening-related titles perfect for Christmas gifting. Get ahead on Christmas shopping!

## 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.

## Botanic Gardens Uncovered

**Thursday 10 November 9.30am**

**New Time!** Meet at The Kiosk

**Toby Chapman** - Throughout the Botanic Gardens

Toby Chapman joined Christchurch City

Council as the City arborist in 2019 and is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Trees within the Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park. Toby brings with him over 15 years of experience working in the Christchurch region as an arborist.

Join Toby as he walks through the garden and explains how he inspects trees and explains some of the work have been undertaken around some of the trees within the Gardens

*Free to all CHS Members*

## Scorpio Books

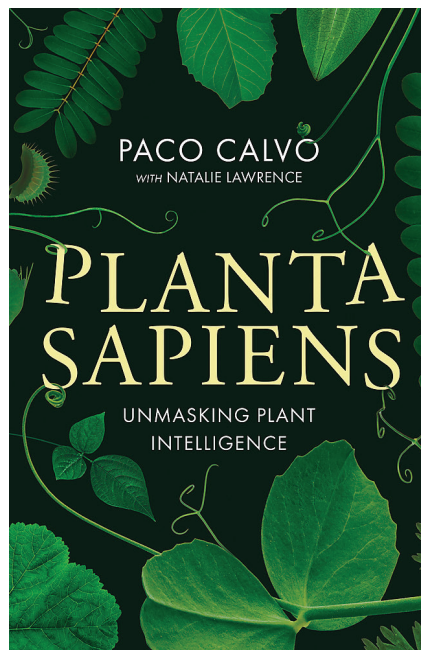
### Planta Sapiens

**Paco Calvo**  
9780349128443 | \$39.99

Are plants intelligent? 'Planta Sapiens' is the result of decades of research into this question. Scientist and philosopher Paco Calvo explores – with fascination and insight – to what degree plants are able to do things like plan ahead, communicate with one another, and have sleeping and waking states. This book argues that plants are doing a great deal, just at a very different timescale. This knowledge opens us up to a new way of thinking about the environment, and our role in it.

This is a mind-expanding, creative, and important book, blending science and philosophy in ways that challenge and inspire. For gardeners, you'll see your plants in new ways, and have a greater understanding of how plants and their environments are working with you. It's a great read for the deep thinker, for those who see a world of connections and life in seemingly simple things.

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



## Garden Life Parking

**An important note on car parking for the 1pm Garden Life meeting**

Christchurch Botanic Gardens have generously made the old Petanque court area available for us during the daytime session of Garden Life. Please look out for a sign and CHS Manager Sharnaé, which will indicate where to turn into. This area is located half way down the carpark on your right, just past the toilets that are being renovated. Parking is available here from 12.30-3.30pm for CHS Members only.

## Volunteers Needed

Planning for the 2023 Edible & Sustainable Garden Awards has begun and the CHS are looking for enthusiastic garden lovers who will form four great teams of people to serve as garden assessors (expenses covered). Please contact the office on 366 6937 or email [office@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:office@chsgardens.co.nz) to register your interest.