



GARDEN ORGANIC

an introduction to organics
in the home garden

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SESSIONS

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Organic Weed Control | Soils & Cultivation
Composting | Botany & Propagation | Pests & Diseases
Worm Farming | Food Soil Web | Permaculture



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Garden Organic

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Tuesdays 7-9pm & Saturdays 9.30am – 1pm
21 March - 18 April 2023

Eight Specialised Sessions!

Our popular Garden Organic sessions tutored by the experts from the Organics College and the Canterbury Permaculture institute return this month. Expand your general gardening knowledge with these pick and mix sessions including new topics of Organic Weed Control and the Soil Food Web taught at the Kiosk and Richmond Community Gardens. Individual sessions from \$44 (\$55 Non-Members) or signup for all and receive one session free!

All 8 Sessions: \$375 (\$455 Non-Members)

[Book online](#)

Precision Pruning

When, Why & How with tutor Ryan Young

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.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

\$20 (\$26 Non-Members) [Book online](#)

Rose Pruning

Saturday 3 June 10am-12pm

(Rain day Sunday 4 June)

Learn the art of pruning your roses to ensure flourishing growth and flowers for the Summer season.

Tutored by Michael Brown

Location to be confirmed

\$44 (\$55 Non-Members) Bookings open soon

Winter Fruit Tree Pruning

Saturdays - June - September

Join tutor Hamish Kelland (B. Hort; Dip. Hort; Cert. Organic Hort; Dip. Teaching) at Richmond Community Gardens for these thorough theory and practical workshops.

Stonefruit Pruning

Saturday 17 June 9am-12pm

Establishing Fruit Trees

Saturday 22 July 9am-12pm

Pipfruit Pruning

Saturday 19 August 9am-12pm

Fruit Tree Grafting

Saturday 23 September 9am-12pm

\$65 (\$78 Non-Members) Bookings open soon

Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden Tour

Thursday 16 March 10am

Join owner Peter Joyce, along with botanist Colin Meurk for a 45 minute guided tour of this stunning sculpture garden.

Make a day of it with lunch at the Raspberry Cafe or The Store in Tai Tapu afterwards.

\$10 Entry Fee (includes guide book)

Ride Share: Meet at The Christchurch

South Library at 9.15am (park at the end of the car park nearest the river).

Garden Life

Wednesday 1 March 1pm and 7pm

Main Speaker: Marg and Geoff Allison

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



Marg and Geoff Allison, as volunteers under the umbrella of the Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, have taken responsibility for the dahlia collection for the past five years. Both retired, Marg has a health sector background and Geoff with the Ministry of Agriculture. Between them they can spend up to 30 hours a week working with the collection. In addition time is spent at home networking, researching and maintaining records.

In their illustrated presentation Geoff and Marg will outline their five year journey of recovering and re-imagining the New Zealand dahlia collection and including the species dahlias; the guidance and encouragement of Dr Keith Hammett and other New Zealand dahlia raisers and experts; the successes and challenges of developing and maintaining a collection in a public gardens.

Mini Speaker: Scott Astill
CHS Scholarship Recipient

The Kiosk

Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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

Tea, coffee and biscuits included
Pay on the door



The Kiosk
Canterbury Horticultural Society



Free Mona Vale Guided Walks

Saturday 11 & 25 March 1.30pm

Meet at the Rose Garden adjacent to the car park by the Eros statue for a 90 minute walk.

Free Guided Walks Botanic Gardens -

1.30pm from The Kiosk 45 - 60 mins

Wed Mar 1 Curious Conifers – a walk in the Pinetum

Thu Mar 2 Extraordinary Trees

Fri Mar 3 Conservatories

Sat Mar 4 General Interest Walk – 90 mins

Sun Mar 5 Biggest, smallest, quirkiest, tallest.....

Mon Mar 6 General Interest Walk – 90 mins

Tues Mar 7 NZ Gardens – NZ Natives

Wed Mar 8 General Interest Walk – 90 mins

Thu Mar 9 Plant Hunters – trees & their stories

Fri Mar 10 Extraordinary Trees

Sat Mar 11 Gondwana Collection

Sun Mar 12 General Interest Walk – 90 mins

Mon Mar 13 Guides' Top 10

Tue Mar 14 Extraordinary Trees

Wed Mar 15 Curious Conifers – a walk in the Pinetum

Thu Mar 16 NZ Gardens – NZ Natives

Fri Mar 17 Gondwana Collection

Sat Mar 18 General Interest Walk – 90 mins

Sun Mar 19 Extraordinary Trees

Mon Mar 20 Guides' Top 10

Tue Mar 21 NZ Gardens – NZ Natives

Wed Mar 22 Curator's House Potager Garden

Thu Mar 23 General Interest Walk – 90 mins

Fri Mar 24 Curious Conifers – a walk in the Pinetum

Sat Mar 25 General Interest Walk – 90 mins

Sun Mar 26 Exceptional Trees

Mon Mar 27 Biggest, smallest, quirkiest, tallest.....

Tues Mar 28 Curator's House Potager Garden

Wed Mar 29 General Interest Walk – 90 mins

Thu Mar 30 General Interest Walk – 90 mins

Fri Mar 31 Leonard Cockayne Garden – a hidden gem

Tickets: \$120 pp available from www.friendschchbotanicgardens.org

Or bring a party of ten for \$1,000!

For this discounted offer contact Jeanette: jeanette.christensen44@gmail.com



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](#)

Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 8 & 22 March 10am

All welcome, BYO materials

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Fruit & Vegetable Group

Wednesday 29 March 7pm

Green Manure & Winter Prep

Get your beds ready for Winter rest whilst nourishing the soil at the same time.

Tomato Tasting

Bring your prize tomatoes for a group tasting. Try new varieties and share their seed.

Free for CHS Members

\$5 for Non-Members

Garden Club Reps

Tuesday 7 March 12.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Chrysanthemum Group

Monday 20 March 7pm

at Michael and Susan's home.

General Cultural notes, plant problems. Discuss our local show. New Members or guests please contact **Robyn** on tel: 942 9871

Monthly Tips & Tasks

with Michael Coulter

March, is it late Summer or early Autumn?

For me it is both, the Dahlias are in full bloom and the early flowering chrysanthemums are also at their best, along with many Autumn flowering perennials all remind me that Summer is coming to an end.

This month is all about harvesting fruit and many of our vegetables. To store fruit over the next few months only choose the very best produce that is free of pests, diseases and damage. The other fruit can be cooked and frozen to be used later.

Harvest pumpkins when the fruit are fully mature, cut them and leave them in the garden for a few days until the cut stem is dry.

I like to store them on their side so that the top and the base are kept dry during storage.

As many of the Summer crops finish get them out of the ground and clean up the soil of any weeds. If the ground is not needed over Winter sow a green crop to improve the soil.

Compost crop residue if you are able to make compost that can be used to improve the organic matter in the garden next season.

Winter vegetable crops need to be planted so that they are well established before the colder Winter weather in May.

Lawns will respond to some maintenance now, treat for weeds, apply fertiliser, treat for grass grub and de-thatch - now that the days are getting cooler the grass grows faster.

Summer flowers will carry on flowering but need to be de-headed to encourage continual flowering.

Autumn is considered a good time to plant bulbs, trees and shrubs. Although this month may be a little early, it is good to prepare the ground in advance for the planting season. Remove any diseased plants including trees, shrubs and perennials so that they can be replaced with new healthy plants. In my experience poor plants do not recover over the Winter.

Many of the Summer perennials that have finished flowering may be lifted and divided later in the month. I usually pot up these divisions into a good potting mix to over Winter them and replant in the Spring once they have made good new roots and stems.

Enjoy the Harvest.

Michael Coulter

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



Exciting news everyone, Christchurch Envirohubs map is done!! That's right, the update is finished and it is looking mighty fine. [Click here](#) to have a play and explore the organisations working in the environmental sector, you will be surprised about how many are out there.

If you don't see your organisation or wish to update your listing please let us know.

Every month people who work or have an interest in the environmental field meet up for a drink at informal sessions known as Green Drinks. We have a lively mixture of people from NGOs, academia, government and business. It's a great way of catching up with people you know and also for making new contacts. If you are interested in being a guest speaker, contact Christchurch Envirohub at info@chchenvirohub.org

Check out Envirokids on Facebook [@CHCHEnvirokids](#) for Saturday events.

Floral Design

Wednesday 15 March 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Currently the group is studying the upright styles of Ikebana under the tutoring of Ray King.

Line. Practice a variation of the basic upright style in a shallow dish using a pinholder/Kensan. Same material as February



While the Museum undergoes its exciting redevelopment the Friends will meet in The Kiosk on the third Tuesday of the month for coffee at 10am, and a guest speaker from 10.15am.

The Hitchings Mayfly Collection
Jonathan Ridden - Curator Natural History
Tuesday 21 March 10am

Canterbury Museum has a significant collection of over 50,000 mayflies, a majority of these collected and identified by Research fellow Terry Hitchings. Terry retired as a chemistry teacher and principal at Riccarton High in the early 1990s. A chance encounter with two entomologists while fishing led him to amassing a nationally significant freshwater insect collection held at the Museum. This endeavour now involves his son Dr Tim Hitchings, a practicing GP and his son Richard who is currently studying to become a medical professional. *All welcome*

Interested?

Contact: Ray King tel: 021 037 0675

See the latest photos on the Flickr album [online](#)



Thursday 9th March - 9.30am

Louise Young

Louise's career at the Botanic Gardens started with an apprenticeship in the 1990's. It wasn't until 2000 in partnership with the Friends that she helped develop the Curator's garden. The purpose was to demonstrate how to grow fruit and vegetables in a small area. Examples of crop rotation, companion planting and different pruning styles are exhibited as an educational resource.

Louise will share her love of heritage vegetables as well as some more unusual culinary and medicinal plants.

Free to CHS Members

Meet at The Kiosk



Green Thumbs Podcast

Monday 13 March 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](#).

From the CHS Vice-President & Treasurer

Kia ora koutou! Greetings everyone! I hope you have all had a productive Summer growing season and are reaping the rewards of your hard work. He wā pai ki te mahi māra. It's a great time of the year to be in the garden. For myself, I've been more focussed on a group project than my own personal garden, so it has been a mixed season for me, although certainly very interesting.

I don't usually write for our newsletter, but there are some changes ahead and I wanted to provide members with a heads up. Unfortunately I will not be standing again for the Board at the AGM on the 30th March, and this will leave a vacancy for Vice President and for Treasurer. If you have been thinking about joining the Board,

and either of these roles interests you, I am very happy to talk through what they entail and my experiences on the Board.

My last couple of years on the Board have been interesting and enjoyable. Some of my highlights include:

- Working with some truly amazing people!
- Learning how to steward flower shows, and seeing all that goes in behind the scenes
- Meeting many new folks from all walks of life, all of whom are passionate about horticulture
- Participating in some amazing courses and workshops - and a huge thank you to our amazing Programme Coordinator, Rachel Oliver for all her hard work in this area. Ehara koe i a ia!

- Sharing enthusiasm and knowledge with members about all things plant-related

It is the hard work of our members that truly makes the CHS a successful society, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds!

Ngā mihi nui, Amy Wilson

From the Manager

Hello CHS members and hello Autumn! I'm certainly looking forward to some slightly cooler weather. For those of you not aware I am expecting a baby in early May. This means I will be heading off on Parental leave very soon.

We have now hired a manager to cover the role until I return in 2024. Thank you for your well wishes and I look forward to catching up with you all upon my return.

Sharnaé Beardsley, CHS Manager

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

Garden Life

Wednesday 1 April 1pm and 7pm

Main Speaker: Sue Molloy

Sue Molloy is a long-standing Botanical Resources Coordinator at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. In this role she maintains the garden, herbarium, and library records, and has a special interest in botanical and horticultural history of Canterbury. Sue has worked in the Gardens three times over 35 years.

Sue will be sharing her passion for all the historical aspects of the Gardens, especially the research project that she instigated that opened last year – the Magnetic Observatory Museum.

Mini Speaker: Dave Adams

Highlights from the 2023 Edible and Sustainable Garden Awards



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.

Working Bee

Saturday 4 March 10am - 12pm

Avebury House, Richmond

Plans for our ornamental garden in the grounds of Avebury House are coming together. We need help to start clearing the section and discovering the horticultural gems that may lie beneath! If you can help please contact Rachel Oliver.

rachel@chsgardens.co.nz

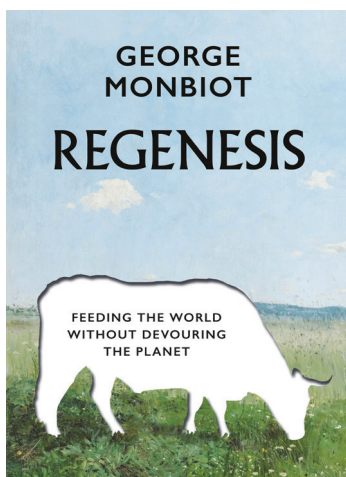
(Shared morning tea - we will advise new date if the weather doesn't play ball).

Scorpio Books

Regenesi: Feeding the World without Devouring the Planet

George Monbiot

ISBN: [9780241563458](#) | \$37.00



Regenesi is a fantastic deep dive into the complex and fascinating world of agriculture by George Monbiot, a British columnist and

and challenges everything we think we know about how we eat. Monbiot stresses the role that we can play in the climate crisis as consumers and introduces some exciting new alternatives to our flawed system – he visits farmers who are trying many different approaches to growing crops to lessen their impact on the earth, and explores the developing world of meat-alternatives. While the first half of the book can be a frightening and difficult (but completely necessary) read, the second half is full of hope, optimism, and innovation.

Regenesi is a provocative and much needed book for our times – a crucial and engaging read for anyone interested in soil and earth and what it can sustain; for those interested in the future of food and farming; and indeed, anyone who eats food and wants to continue to do so.

Many thanks to Claude from Scorpio Books for this review.

www.scorpiobooks.co.nz

environmental activist. Rational and passionate, Monbiot unpacks and dispels a lot of the popular mythology about farming

Annual General Meeting

The CHS Annual General Meeting is on **Thursday 30 March 7pm** at The Kiosk.

We will also have the option for members to attend by Zoom and will email out the meeting invite on the day.

Nominations are being called for President, Vice President and (4-6) Board Members. Nominations and items of general business and any notice of motion must be received at the CHS Office by Thursday 16 March with confirmation in writing from the nominated member.

Nominations must be signed by two Financial members and any notice of motion must be signed by two Financial/Honorary Life Members.

The Agenda, President's Report, Annual Accounts and Auditor's Report will be available from the CHS Office 7 days prior to and at the meeting.

You can now find voting documents on our website.

www.chsgardens.co.nz/agm