



Botanical Drawing for Beginners

Observe – Draw – Journal

1 Day Workshop - Extra date added:

Sunday 27th August

This special one-day workshop is focused on drawing exercises referencing New Zealand's rich Botanical art history. The subject for the day's workshop will be beautiful leaves and foliage gathered from the gardens and will cover basic drawing techniques including pencil work, composition, form and building detail.

Book online: \$85 (\$105 Non-Members)

Grow Great Vege

Inside & Out - Double Header

Year Round Vegetable Growing

Saturdays: 12 & 19 August 1pm - 4pm

Enjoy a constant supply of homegrown vegetables

Session One: 12 August

Planning for a year round harvest.

Session Two: 26 August

Fitting more into the garden

Book online: \$128 (\$160 Non-Members)

Grow Under Glass

Saturday 26 August 1pm - 4pm

Successful Greenhouse Growing

Maximise your greenhouse or polytunnel

Book online: \$65 (\$78 Non-Members)

Fruit Tree Grafting

Saturday 30 September 9am - 12pm

Seven Oaks, Hassall's Lane, Waltham

What is grafting? Discover how it is different to budding. After identifying why and when to graft, you'll learn all about rootstock, scion wood selection, collection and storage. After an in-depth grafting demonstration, try your hand at the techniques yourself using the correct grafting tools and equipment.



Book online: \$65 (\$77 Non-Members)

Botanical Expo 2023

Spring is Blooming

Sat 16 September 1-5pm Sun 17 10am-4pm

A fun, affordable event for gardeners and plant lovers. Chat to experts, then enjoy the lovely onsite pop-up cafe. Not to be missed is the CHS Daffodil Show, full of exquisite and rare blooms.

Only \$5 entry. Lincoln Events Centre

www.botanicalexpo.nz

CHS Taster Workshops at the Botanical Expo

Sunday 17 September 10am - 4pm

45 minute sessions to inspire gardeners of all ages and abilities. Affordably priced at \$5 per session. Online bookings open mid August on the CHS website.

Sowing Sustainably

Local heritage seed raising with sustainable seeds.

Be diverse!

Discover your garden's biodiversity and help preserve natural environments.

For the Love of Bulbs

Learn all about propagating bulbs; as well as creating your own new variety.

Edible Bouquets

This session is dedicated to edible bouquets – gift, table decoration and salad all wrapped up together to make the perfect potluck posy.

Nurture with Nature

A special session for tamariki
Enjoy a selection of nature inspired crafts and activities for ages 0 - 10 years old. Adult supervision required. *Gold coin koha*

Garden Life

Wednesday 2 August 1pm and 7pm

Main Speaker: Ines Schonberger

Herbarium Manager at Maanaki Whenua
Landcare Research



A herbarium is sometimes referred to as a 'hortus siccus' (dry garden) or a plant morgue. What is believed to be the oldest herbarium specimen, held at Kew, is an olive branch discovered in 1885 in a tomb not later than the period of Ptolemy, which began in 305 BC.

The Allan Herbarium, named in 2001 to honour H.H Allan, is New Zealand's largest collection of dried plants, with over 700,000 specimens. It specialises in indigenous and exotic plants of the New Zealand and Pacific regions, and contains the largest collections from the Subantarctic islands of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

Users of the herbarium include amateur and professional botanists, students, ecologists, biosecurity officers and the general public. Desks, microscopes, and photography and scanning equipment are available and everyone is welcome to visit and use the facilities.

Mini Speaker: Rachel Oliver

Orchards in Schools

An update on the CHS' Legacy Project

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

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

Saturday 26 August

Saturday 16 & 30 September

Plant Stall Reopened

The Plant Stall has now reopened with lots of new stock.

A Plant For Every Place

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 27 August 4pm

Paul Roper-Gee and Adrian Taylor, award winning landscape architects, will talk about planting design in their residential and public realm project work, and where New Zealand planting design could go in the future.

Fish in the Gardens and beyond

Sunday 17 September 4pm

Dr Don Jellyman is a leading freshwater fisheries scientist at NIWA. He will be speaking about the native and introduced fish to be found in our local rivers, focussing on long fin eels, inanga and lampreys as well as the brown trout often seen in the Avon by visitors to the Gardens.

Garden visit - Ohinetahi

Sunday 15 October

Details to be announced

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

Chicken Manure Fundraiser

Saturdays 26 August & 2 September (if stocks last) 8.30am - 4pm

Christchurch South Rotary Club

Fundraiser 12kg (approx.) bags - \$7 per bag. For available sites click here: <https://www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz/hicken-manure-street-sales-2023>



Friends

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

August Guest Speaker: **Mélanie Méthot**
University of Alberta, Canada

Tuesday 15 August 10am

Love, Hate, Entitlement, Self-righteousness: Fear, the missing emotion in the 1890 John McLeod's legal saga

With more than a thousand newspaper articles dealing with the 1890 trial, a few letters from the pen of the accused bigamist, civil records, divorce papers and court judgements, John McLeod's legal saga offers a smorgasbord of emotions. Come and join Melanie as she recounts the martial adventures of the Reverend Doctor John McLeod. **Free, bring some coins for raffles and morning tea.**

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 9 & 23 August 10am

All welcome, BYO materials

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Chrysanthemum Group

Propagation Workshop

Saturday 23 September 1.30pm

Anyone interested in propagation of Chrysanthemums can contact Robyn and she will let you know the address.

Robyn Purcell tel: (03) 942 9871

Green Thumbs Podcast

Monday 14 August 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](#).

Monthly Tips & Tasks

with Michael Coulter

August is the month that divides some gardeners; is it Spring, or is it Winter? There are many reasons to say that it is mostly Winter, but we do see the signs of Spring around the garden and in the greenhouse. Early daffodils and many other Spring bulbs are starting to bloom.

We should now be thinking about preparing the garden for the growing season by completing Winter pruning, spraying and clean up of the greenhouse. For those who have heat pads, check them over to ensure that they still work before starting to sow the early seeds. I always start the season off with clean trays, pots and fresh seed raising mix to reduce the risk of seedlings damping off from poor hygiene.

The start of the season is a difficult time to raise seeds and cuttings due to changeable weather and shorter days (even with a heat bed to start them off). For most types of seeds it will be six to eight weeks from sowing before the seedlings are ready to be planted out. This may be longer in the very beginning of August. There are seeds that do not need to have a heat pad to germinate and will grow in an unheated greenhouse. These include brassicas, lettuce, onions, silver beet to name a few. Before sowing seeds read the back of the packet, this will advise on the conditions the seeds need to germinate.

The ground is still too cold for fertilising lawns or citrus; it's better to wait until you see new growth starting.

Stone fruit will soon be coming into blossom; that all important copper spray at green tip just before the flowers open can be now applied.

On the warmer sunny days open up the vents and doors of the greenhouse to get fresh air through and reduce the humidity.

Slugs will be starting to be active around the garden, especially on some of the perennials that are emerging through the ground. If you haven't already, remove old leaves at the crown of the perennials, do this now to prevent slugs from hiding in the crown.

One of the new seasons seed catalogues has arrived so I must resist temptation and only order what I need, but the new introductions do look so tempting. The CHS are working with the Southern Seed Exchange (SSE) to bring you a range of fabulous seed packs, for big and small gardens alike. Take a look [here](#).

Looking forward to Spring, *Michael*

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



Envirokids Meet at the Kiosk every
Saturday from 10am-3pm
www.facebook.com/CHCHEnvirokids

The **Environmental Calendar** also has
environmental initiatives and activities.
www.chchenvirohub.org/eco-calendar



Garden Club Reps

Wednesday 2 August 10.30am

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

The main topic of the meeting
will be regarding the 2023
Botanical Expo and displays.

Floral Design

Wednesday 16 August 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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

Interested? Contact: Ray King

Tel: 021 037 0675

Fruit & Vegetable Group

Wednesday 30 August 7pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Speaker: Matthew Falloon from **Aspara
Pacific Asparagus**. Matthew will be sharing
his insight into establishing a successful
asparagus bed and obtain a plentiful crop.

Enjoy a cup of tea from 7pm prior to
starting at 7.15pm *Free (\$5 Non-Members)*

From the Manager

Feeling the chill of Winter I find myself
wandering in the garden looking for joy.
Scents of Daphne, Witch Hazel, Winter
Sweet and lemon fragrant Michelias
are delightful. Delving into shady areas,
white flowers are like glowing lights and
variegated leaves are luminescent. In a
small courtyard, a large cobalt blue pot
planted with a contrasting lime green
Coleonema "Sunset Gold" makes a bright
statement. In the dry garden, frozen
flower heads of Sedum "Autumn Joy" look
architectural. Bright orange spears of
Libertia peregrinans are like flames of fire.
Amongst native plantings, 3 Muehlenbeckia
astoni with their semi deciduous Winter
form look like large tangled red balls. I hope
all of you are able to find joy and inspiration
from the winter landscape. *Sonja Tschepp*

Working Bee

Saturday 12 August 10am - 12pm

Avebury House, Richmond

Volunteers are needed for the next stage of
the CHS Teaching Garden at Avebury House.
We will be concentrating on soil levelling.

This is a new date due to ground conditions
being so wet in July.

If you can help please contact Sonja at
office@chsgardens.co.nz

Shared morning tea

Canterbury Rose Society

**Presentation on the History of Rose
Gardens and Breeders in New Zealand**
Thursday 17 August 7.30pm at The Kiosk,
Free, all welcome.

Dispute Resolution Procedure

At our 1pm September Garden Life Meeting
we will be asking CHS Members to vote on
the following item as an amendment to our
constitution.

Dispute Resolution Procedure

The purpose of this procedure is to guide
two or more parties toward a mutually
acceptable outcome in the event that they
are unable to agree upon an issue arising
during CHS activities and events. If either
party is not legally competent to participate
in this process, they shall be represented by
their legal guardian.

Read more detail online:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/dispute-resolution

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 6 September 1pm and 7pm

Main Speaker: Mel Haskell and Chris Allen

Casa Rossa: A 25 year journey from Pit to Picture



Chris Allen purchased a former shingle pit in West Melton in the late 1990s. He and his wife Mel Haskell will share the story of developing this land into a Garden of National Significance.

Mini Speaker: Rachel Oliver & Dave Adams

Discover highlights from the upcoming Botanical Expo



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.

Chelsea Flower Show Screening

Monday 14 August 1.30pm

Join us at the Kiosk for more inspiring footage from the 2023 Chelsea Flower Show.

Free for Members

OIS Volunteers

Orchards in Schools is looking for volunteers experienced in fruit tree pruning once again this year. Over two weekends in August CHS pruning gangs will help schools with the trees left over from the school visits. If you'd like to get involved please contact Rachel for more details: orchards@chsgardens.co.nz

Scorpio Books

The Everyday Herbalist: The Essential Guide to Growing & Using Herbs in Aotearoa

Jane Wrigglesworth

ISBN: 9781991006165 | \$49.99

The Everyday Herbalist is a comprehensive and timely guide to herbs and their uses in Aotearoa. Author Jane Wrigglesworth has written for publications like NZ Gardener and Lifestyle Block for many years, with a focus on herbs and herbal remedies, and has now compiled her wealth of knowledge into this gorgeous, modern, and inviting handbook.

The book begins with a detailed profile on thirty of the authors' favourite and most widely used herbs, with growing advice and some usage and safety notes. These thirty herbs form the backbone of the rest of the book, though of course many others are mentioned and explored. Each chapter covers a different area of health and wellbeing,



from gut health to coughs and colds, from household cleaning to beauty products, from first aid to sleep and relaxation. There are recipes aplenty in these pages, for a wide

range of concoctions – teas, sauces, salves, balms, soaps, and much more.

Wrigglesworth writes with a clear and direct voice, and takes a practical and evidence-based approach to her topic. Throughout the book, simple and beautiful photos by Lottie Hedley accompany the text, which will aid in identifying and correctly using the plants explored. *The Everyday Herbalist* is practical, straightforward, and insightful – a perfect companion for seasoned herbalists as well as those just beginning their journey.

Many thanks to Scorpio Books for this review.

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