



Botanical Expo Bumper Edition!

Saturday 16 September 1-5pm and Sunday 17 September 10am-4pm



Join us at this exciting and affordable event that promises a great time for all gardening enthusiasts and plant aficionados! Engage with experts in the field and glean invaluable tips to nurture your green thumb. After your garden-related discussions, treat yourself to the delightful offerings of the on-site pop-up cafe.

A definite highlight of the event is the **CHS Daffodil Show**, boasting a collection of exquisite

and rare daffodil blooms - a must-see for anyone who appreciates the beauty and diversity of these delightful Spring flowers. Likewise, our **CHS Taster Workshops** on Sunday will leave you brimming with gardening inspiration. Mark your calendar and make sure not to miss out on this exceptional opportunity to connect with fellow gardeners, learn from experts and savour delectable treats at the pop-up cafe.

Only \$5 entry (bring \$ for the fabulous raffles too!)
Lincoln Events Centre www.botanicalexpo.nz

CHS Sunday Taster Workshops Sunday 16 September 10am - 4pm

45 minute sessions to inspire gardeners of all ages and abilities

Nurture with Nature

Sunday 10am - 11am

A Special Session for Tamariki

Enjoy a selection of nature inspired crafts and activities for kids (ages 0 - 10 years). Adult supervision required.



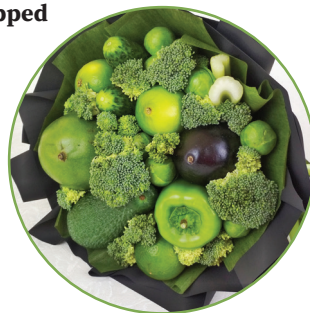
Edible Bouquets

Sunday 11.30am - 12.15pm

Gift, table decoration and salad all wrapped up together. The perfect potluck posy.

Taking inspiration from her kitchen garden, Caitlin will demonstrate how to prepare a beautiful bouquet. Fragrant and delicious, she will show you how to use ingredients that you may not have thought of to design an edible bouquet.

Presented by Caitlin Joy from FREYA FLORA



Be diverse!

Sunday 1pm - 1.45pm

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

Learn how you can enhance and bring local plants into your own garden and across the wider neighbourhood. Provide the basic needs for richer wildlife within an ecologically functional and legible landscape.

Presented by Dr Colin Meurk ONZM



For the Love of Bulbs

Sunday 2pm - 2.45pm

Learn all about propagating daffodils; as well as creating your own new varieties.

This Spring discover the art of daffodil propagation and create your own new hybridized cross breeds with your home plants. Our visiting expert will explain all the elements of choosing parent plants, growing to flowering size and the uniqueness of each seed so you can expand your collection.

Presented by Bill Carter, international daffodil breeder, and international judge from the USA



Sowing Sustainably

Sunday 3pm - 3.45pm

Local heritage seed raising with sustainable seeds. Discover how easy it is to grow healthy plants from seed with the Southern Seed Exchange.

A concise session on the ins and outs of growing and saving seeds, covering the basic principles of growing, isolation, harvesting, cleaning and saving seeds.

Presented by the Southern Seed Exchange (SSE)



Affordably priced at \$5 per session

[Book online here](#) or purchase your tickets at the **September Garden Life**. Limited availability at the Expo



Friends of the
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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 16 & 30 September

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.

\$5 (\$10 Non-Members)

Garden visit - Ohinetahi

Sunday 15 October

Details to be announced

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 13 & 27 September 10am

All welcome, BYO materials
The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Monthly Tips & Tasks

with Michael Coulter

Spring has arrived at last with the longer days and warmer sun. The ground is drying out and warming up so let the growing season begin!

The **lawns** will now respond to fertilisers as the grass begins to grow. After the grass has been cut two or three times I like to de-thatch the lawn then top dress with soil mixed with seed, especially in any low spots or areas of worn grass. Very wet areas will benefit from aeration either with a fork or by plugs. In extreme places, a top dress with sand will help to fix those areas.

Fruit trees will begin to blossom so any sprays must be applied before or after the flowers have opened to avoid the bees.



**Canterbury
Museum**

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.

Tuesday 19 September 10am

Annual General Meeting followed by:

Guest Speaker Trevor WATT

Athfield's architect. "UPDATE on Museum Redevelopment".

Free, bring coins for raffles and morning tea.

Spring Trail at the Gardens

CBG is joining the Art Gallery, Museum and Library for a school holiday trail starting 23 September. At the Gardens discover the plants and creatures that were around hundreds of millions of years ago. Can you find our mysterious dinosaur? Pick up your free booklet at all the trail locations. There is a wealth to explore; the trail may take more than one day to complete.

Green Thumbs Podcast

Monday 11 September 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](#).

Seeds of the **cooler growing plants** may now be sown in the ground, (ensuring a succession of crops if they follow seedlings raised in the green house).

Areas that are going to be used to grow **warm loving plants** like tomatoes, peppers etc. should now be prepared by digging in compost, adding lime if needed and putting in supports ready to plant in about a months time.

Citrus plants can now have their first lot of fertiliser applied around the drip line. Conquer oil applied before they move into growth or flowering will also help to control any pests.

As the **Spring bulbs** finish flowering remove the spent flowers so that the bulb will build up reserves for next year's flowers.

Winter and Spring **flowering trees and shrubs** should be pruned as soon as they



**Christchurch
Envirohub**

Christchurch Envirohub are our partners in the Kiosk. Reach out to the team anytime to know more.

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Stay connected with Envirohub with the following links:

[Eco Events Calendar](#), [Map and Directory](#) and [Facebook page](#) are valuable resources to keep you connected with environmental happiness in Ōtautahi.

Envirokids meet at the Kiosk every Saturday from 10am -3pm for FREE activities. Check out their programme: [@CHCHEnvirokids](#)

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

have finished flowering to allow the new growth time to initiate flowers for next year.

Container plants that require repotting will respond well if they are potted on now, especially if completed before they start their new growth.

Trees or shrubs that have ties should be checked now; as plants start to grow the circumference of the trunks will increase as they move into new Spring growth.

There is a lot to do from now on, to be well prepared will be to be well begun.

Enjoy the Spring, Michael

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](#).

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

From the President



The countdown to the Botanical Expo has begun. While you are reading this there is probably only two weeks until opening day on Saturday 16 September. The team at CHS are really excited about our part in this event, the CHS Daffodil Show promises to be a sea of rare and exquisite blooms. Come along and enjoy this stunning display or enter your own home grown blooms, follow the [link to our website](#) to find out how to enter the show as a novice.

The Expo has attracted a horticultural contingent from the USA who are judging the Daffodil Show. In the evening American, Becky Fox Matthews joins us as guest speaker at the Expo Dinner. Becky will talk about wild flowers from the cedar glades of Tennessee. Affordably priced at \$40 it's a great opportunity to meet like minded green-fingered folk. See [our website](#) for details on how to book.

Our course Coordinator has hand picked four guest demonstrators to represent a

variety of horticultural activities that CHS promotes. Our **Sunday CHS Taster Workshops** range from biodiversity and seed sowing to bulb propagation and floral art. CHS aims to promote horticulture for all ages and there is a special event for tamariki in the morning. Tickets for these taster workshops are only \$5. Read more about each session here in the newsletter then head to [our website](#) to purchase. You can also pre-purchase tickets at September Garden Life. There are only 40 tickets for each workshop and tickets might be limited on the day, sales are steady now for these events.

Allan Paterson, CHS President

Members' Event

Wednesday 20 September 3 - 6pm

Woodend Nursery

42 Chinnerys Road, Woodend

Woodend Nursery is Canterbury's Fruit Tree & Edible Specialists. They are the proud winner of **the Best Garden Centre of the**

Year 2020 and new sponsors of the CHS. Come along with your CHS Membership card to receive 15% off their fantastic products - from Dahlia tubers to seed potatoes and strawberry plants. Plus the chance to take home a **spot prize!** If you need a new membership card email office@chsgardens.co.nz and we can have one ready for you at Garden Life.

Working Bee

Saturday 23 September 10am - 12pm

(rain day Saturday 30 September)

Avebury House, Richmond

Volunteers are needed for the next stage of the Garden at Avebury House. The event is dependent on ground conditions so please check on [Facebook](#) closer to the time or text the CHS mobile: 021 056 7712.

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

Shared morning tea
[Facebook Event Link](#)

Garden Club Reps

Wednesday 6 September 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 20 September 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

[See the latest arrangements online](#)

Fruit & Vegetable Group

Wednesday 27 September 7pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Seed Swap & Sowing

Share your favourite seeds, find new varieties and swap seedlings.

Enjoy a cup of tea from 7pm prior to starting at 7.15pm

Free (\$5 Non-Members)

Canterbury Rose Society

Thursday 21 September 7.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Guest Speaker Becky Fox Matthews

Master Gardener, Judge and international speaker from the USA, she is also a science educator, artist, musician and gardener.

Her presentation will focus on growing and showing flowers in the USA. *All welcome*

Christchurch Paeony Club

Thursday 7 September 6.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Guest Speaker Geoff Gilligan

Paeony collector with over 300 plants sharing his wealth of knowledge on: dividing paeonies, relocating paeonies, and spring plant care.

Paeony Club Members: free,

Non-members: \$5

Spring Flower Show

Saturday 9 September 12.30 - 4pm

St Peter's Anglican Church Hall
22 Main South Road Church Corner

Riccarton Horticultural Society

Pop Up Tea Rooms, Plants, Cakes, Raffles and Displays. Admission: \$2

Garden Inspiration Screening

Monday 18 September 1pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

The last screening for the year!

Enjoy a visual feast of botanic beauty from around the world at the Kiosk.

Free to CHS Members & Friends of the Gardens

Includes a hot drink and biscuits

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 coultrchrys@xtra.co.nz

Garden Life September

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

Garden Life October

Wednesday 4 October 1pm and 7pm

Main Speaker: Julia Atkinson-Dunn
A Guided Discovery of Gardening - knowledge, creativity and joy unearthed

For some, gardening is a mysterious activity involving muck, unfathomable know-how and physical labour. To others, it is their gateway to creativity, well-being and magic. Julia Atkinson-Dunn knows what it is to stand on both sides of this fence and has channelled her discovery of gardening into a book to aid and inspire others in their own.

Her talk will focus on some of the unexpected aspects of gardening she has discovered as she has learned to grow. Instead of practical information, this talk will touch on the emotional and life-altering positive benefits that she had never expected to occur. A relatable reminder of what lies beyond our seasonal gardening work.

Mini Speaker: TBC

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.

CHS Workshops and Courses

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 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)

Growing Edibles for Beginners

Tuesday 11 & 18 October 6.30pm - 8.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Start your sustainable journey and learn how to grow your own vegetables.

Tutored by Rachel Oliver
\$90 (\$120 Non-Members)

Garden Organic

Tuesdays 26 Sep - 24 October 7-9pm

The Kiosk and Richmond Community Garden

An introduction to organics in the home garden tutored by specialists from the BHU Organic College and the Canterbury Permaculture Institute

\$299 (\$425 Non-Members)

Propagation Power

Thursday 12 October 7-9pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Discover how easy it is to grow healthy plants from seeds and cuttings.

Tutored by Pratima Dhakal Acharya

Online Bookings - open soon on our website www.chsgardens.co.nz/shop

Scorpio Books

Around the World in 80 Plants

Jonathan Drori

ISBN: 9781399610698 | \$37.99

After the incredible success of *Around the World in 80 Trees*, Jonathan Drori has returned for another trip around the world – this time with plants as the focus. *Around the World in 80 Plants* has recently been released in paperback, and is a stunning exploration of a broad range of important plants from every corner of the world. Drori's writing is informative and charming, and he skilfully weaves in stories of people and cultures, history and folklore, alongside the science. With this context, these plants are brought to glorious, full life, aided further by Lucille Clerc's bright and beautiful illustrations.

There is humour, delight, and trivia galore in these pages, ripe for dipping

in and rereading as it sits on your coffee table. With a deeper read, *Around the World in 80 Plants* provides a clear-eyed message about the ancient and crucial

connections between plants and humans for sustenance, meaning, pleasure, health, and wellbeing. It is a beautiful, vibrant reminder of these connections and why it is important now more than ever to protect them. A book to treasure!

Many thanks to Scorpio Books for this review.

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discount at Scorpio Books and Telling Tales - Scorpio Children's Books. Visit their inner-city stores and browse the shelves, settle into a comfy chair, discover staff favourites, the best new releases in fiction and non-fiction, and all manner of bookish delights. Five Lanes at the BNZ Centre, 120 Hereford Street, Christchurch Central City. www.scorpiobooks.co.nz

