



Growing Organic Peppers

Spice up your Garden Journey!

Tuesday 21 November 7 – 8.30pm

Curious about cultivating chilli peppers and capsicums, but unsure where to begin? Get the low-down on all things pepper from Bear Astill, a passionate local grower.

\$15 Members (\$20 Non-Members)

[Book online](#)



Hanging Baskets Demo

Craft an Abundant Hanging Basket

Saturday 25 November 2pm

Portstone Garden Centre

Price includes a complete hanging basket kit (plus an extra basket) to take home to create your own beautiful creation. Plus a 20% discount on any purchase made on the day for CHS Members!

\$35 per person

[Book online](#)



GARDEN LIFE NOVEMBER

Main Speaker

Brian Kwan

Carnivorous Plants

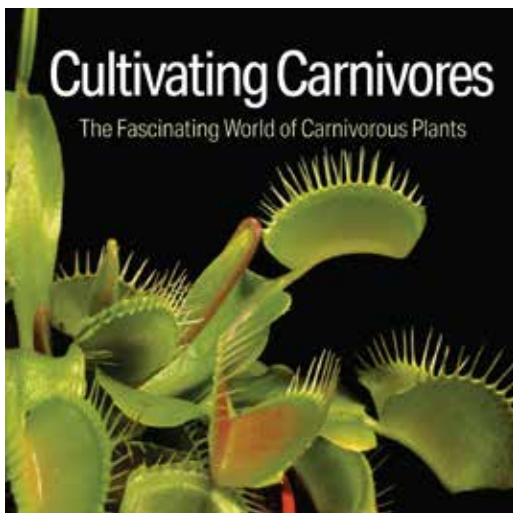
Wednesday 1 November 1pm and 7pm

Discover the fascinating world of carnivorous plants with Brian Kwan.

Mini Speaker: Rachel Oliver will share a visual presentation on the Hampton Court Flower Show.

The Kiosk, Botanic Gardens

\$5 (Non-Members: \$10) Pay on the door
Tea, coffee and biscuits included



Cultivating Carnivores

The Fascinating World of Carnivorous Plants

Wednesday 22 November 7 – 8.30pm

Unveil the secrets of cultivating thriving carnivorous plants for a lifetime! Explore the numerous varieties and gain insights into their optimal care.

\$20 Members (\$27 Non-Members)

[Book online](#)



Terrariums

Create a Miniature Festive Forest

Tuesday 5 December 7-9pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Join our Christmas Terrarium Workshop for handmade festive decor and craft your personalised mini arid or temperate garden. Includes all materials, festive sweet treats and non-alcoholic bubbles.

\$65 (\$75 Non-Members)

[Book online](#)



CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

Rustic Wreaths

Includes all materials, festive non-alcoholic bubbles and sweet treats

Rustic Wreaths

Craft a Simple Natural Wreath

Wednesday 29 November 7-9pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Discover the secrets of crafting with foliage and fresh or dried flowers. We'll guide you through weaving a grapevine wreath, adding a refillable container for fresh blooms, and teach you expert wiring techniques for attaching foliage and festive baubles.

Includes all materials, festive sweet treats and non-alcoholic bubbles.

\$65 (\$75 Non-Members)

Online bookings open soon



**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 11 & 25 November 1.30pm.**

Free Guided Walks of the Botanic Gardens

Join a knowledgeable guide every day at 1:30 pm from October through April for a leisurely 45-60 minute stroll (unless otherwise specified). Meet at the CHS Kiosk.

Wednesday 1 Nov Curious Conifers

Thursday 2 Nov Curator's House Potager Garden

Friday 3 Nov Notable Trees

Saturday 4 Nov NZ Gardens – NZ natives

Sunday 5 Nov General Interest Walk – 90 mins

Monday 6 Nov Heritage Rose Garden

Tuesday 7 Nov Plant Hunters

Full schedule of walks online at:

www.friendschchbotanicgardens.org.nz



**Canterbury
Museum**

Friends

Join the Friends for coffee at 10am, and a guest speaker from 10.15am. The Kiosk

Tuesday 21 November 10am

Speaker **Paulien Martens** – Curator Human History, Canterbury Museum

The Barker Collection at Canterbury Museum

The Barker Collection, cared for by Canterbury Museum, contains a great number of letters, photographs and personal artefacts related to the Barker family. This talk will discuss Dr. Barker's photographs alongside family items and letters from the Collection to illuminate aspects of Christchurch's colonial history as well as the Barker family's domestic life, including items related to Emma Barker and the Barker children.

Free, bring coins for raffles and morning tea.



**Christchurch
Envirohub**

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

Ben Alder - Trust Manager
benalder@chchenvirohub.org

Kate Gislason - Envirokids Facilitator
envirokids@chchenvirohub.org

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 - 1pm for FREE activities.

Check out their programme:

[@CHCHEnvirokids](#)

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 November 10am

All welcome, BYO materials
The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Fruit & Vegetable Group

Wednesday 29 November 7pm

Ōtākaro Orchard, off Kilmore Street.

The Group will be celebrating Christmas for their last meeting of the year at Ōtākaro Orchard. Roz Rolls, the orchard and farm kaitiaki, will give the guided tour we missed out on earlier in the year. The new eco building will be open and available for festive shared treats (bring a plate) after.

Chrysanthemum Group

Saturday 18 November 1.30pm

David & Robyn's home

Chrysanthemum Propagation, potting up and stopping. General cultural notes, preparing soil and potting on. Pests and sprays. New Members welcome.

Contact: **Robyn Purcell** tel: (03) 942 9871

Monthly Tips & Tasks

with Michael Coulter

As the Summer weather arrives many gardeners will be looking to navigate water restrictions and charges. Maximising the effectiveness of hand watering is crucial.

In the past I've used NovaFlow drainage pipes, these can be buried near trees and shrubs and filled on permitted days or with collected rainwater. This is an efficient way to channel water directly to the plant roots.

When it comes to tomatoes or veggies, creating shallow hollows or strategically placing plant pots can help to provide a measured water supply for each plant.

In the Flower Garden: Summer flower planting is underway, with emphasis on drought-resistant choices like geraniums and portulaca.

Shrub Care: Post-flowering, prune camellias and rhododendrons, followed by mulching for moisture retention. For new trees or shrubs, blend water-holding granules with the soil.

Vegetable Garden: Summer-friendly plants—tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, beans—are ready for outdoor planting. Watch for late frosts and space out successive harvests.

Fruit Department - Food for the Soul:

Vigilance against pests and diseases intensifies as plants set fruit. Delay spraying apples until petal drop to protect bees during flowering.

Pests and Diseases: Combat aphids with a timely spray, and anticipate codling moth later in the month. Address powdery mildew on apples and roses with fungicidal spray. Regular insecticide application is crucial for potatoes, tomatoes, and peppers due to the

potato psyllid threat.

Enjoy the Season, 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: coulchrys@xtra.co.nz

Green Thumbs Podcast

Monday 13 November 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](#).

Manager's Editorial

Thanks to our resilient volunteers who battled very windy conditions at our Ornamental Garden at Avebury House. Rocks for the retaining walls are now on site (thank-you Carolyn Dickson, and Badger and Kelly for delivering). The buxus is patiently waiting in trenches, ongoing weeding persists and soil moving has started. Our next working bee is on **Saturday 11 November** from 10am - 12pm with the last for the year on Saturday 2 December, do contact me if you can help.

Here at the Kiosk the warmer weather has been bringing in the people and our BotTots sessions have been very well attended, thanks to Leoni, our volunteer helping with this fun programme.

The Hanging Basket Demonstration is amazing value for money, packed with lots of goodies to take home, including a spare basket. This is a generous offer from our sponsors, Portstone who are extending a 20% discount to Members on the day. Our Christmas workshops provide an excellent way to craft a unique gift (if you can bear to part with your masterpiece!)

Sonja Tschepp, CHS Manager

No-dig Vegetable Gardening



Productive Organic No-dig Vegetable Gardening Talk with Yotam Kay Sunday 28 January 2024 1:30 - 3 pm

The Kiosk at Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Discover the secrets to bountiful gardening with Yotam Kay at The Kiosk.

Join him for an engaging talk rooted in his journey cultivating over 10,000 kg of fresh produce on his 1/4 acre organic plot at Pākaraka Permaculture's market garden.

\$45 CHS Members receive a \$10 discount
(Please contact the CHS office by phone or email for voucher code.)

Christchurch Peony Show

Saturday 11 November 2023 12 - 4pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Competition entry: Free entry

Public viewing: Free entry

Christchurch Peony Club is delighted to hold this year's annual Peony Show at The Kiosk. Join them at the show to celebrate the beauty of the peony in different ways: a competition for individual blooms, a display of artistic arrangements, a display of bridal arrangements, and a competition for wall hanging arrangements.

We invite everyone who has grown their own peonies to enter their flowers in the bloom competition. For those who enjoy the creative arts of floral arrangements, here is your chance to celebrate your skills in our hanging arrangement / hanging wreath competition where one or more peonies must be featured but do not have to be home grown.

Looking forward to seeing you and the beautiful blooms at the show!

Facebook group | chceponyclub@gmail.com

Garden Club Reps

Garden visit replaces meeting this month
Wednesday 1 November 10.30am - 12pm

Avebury House Garden

9 Evelyn Cousins Ave (morning tea) Followed by a visit to Moon River Flower Farm Flowers, 45 Trent Street 11.30am - 12pm

Floral Design

Wednesday 15 November 2pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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

This month they look at **Curved Line**. In either a shallow dish or a



tall container use branch material that can be manipulated to giving you a soft, smooth curved line such as willow, pussy willow, red dogwood and mallow for example. Flower material to suit.

Interested? Contact: Ray King
Tel: 021 037 0675

[See the latest arrangements online](#)

Kaiwara Homestead

Open Weekend



Sat 18 & Sun 19 November 10am - 4pm

163 Kaiwara Homestead Rd, Amuri Plain, Culverden

Support the Cholmondeley Children's Centre with this open garden fundraiser.

Cantabrians are invited to make the most of show weekend and drive out to the

countryside with a picnic to explore the homestead and gardens. Just 10 minutes out of Culverden in North Canterbury, visitors can take a walk through the extensive garden, homestead and recently restored historic cook shop. There will be refreshments, live jazz music on both days, and a talk about the restoration of the original station, homestead and fernery.

Children are welcome and can feed the geese, ducks, peacocks and pet lambs.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and include tea and coffee, children are free, and all proceeds go to Cholmondeley Children's Centre.

[View the Facebook event](#)

Canterbury Rose Society

Activities

Thursday 16 November 6.30pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Back-to-basics meeting at the Kiosk for rose growing and showing.

Saturday 18 November 10am - 3pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Rose Display

All welcome to come and view the roses on display. There will be plants available for sale.

Friday 24 November 9am - 3pm

Burwood Hospital
Annual rose show

Garden Life December

Main Speaker: Wolfgang Bopp

The Gardens of Japan

Wednesday 6 December 1pm and 7pm

The stunning gardens of Japan have drawn Wolfgang Bopp, Director of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, to visit six times. From arid gardens to moss-covered sanctuaries, serene ponds, thoughtfully arranged stones (ishigumi), blooming cherry trees, and vibrant autumn hues, Wolfgang will unveil the beauty of Tokyo and Kyoto's most remarkable gardens and temples.

About Wolfgang Bopp

Wolfgang, originally from Germany, turned his lifelong hobby into a horticulture career. After plant research and a move to the UK in 1991 for the Botanic Gardens Diploma, he contributed to the World List of Threatened Trees. Roles followed at Ness Botanic Gardens and as the first Curator of the National Botanic Gardens of Wales. Later, as Director of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, he managed one of the world's most diverse plant collections. For a decade, Wolfgang served as a trustee for Plantnet and played key roles in the RHS, including judging floral displays at their shows. In 2018, he became Director of the Botanic Gardens and Garden Parks in Christchurch, New Zealand, also serving as a trustee for NZ Gardens Trust and BGANZ. In his leisure, Wolfgang leads garden tours



worldwide, exploring landscapes from South Africa to Japan.

Mini Speaker: Alan Jolliffe

New Zealand Mistletoe

Here in New Zealand we have nine native mistletoes; although one species has not been seen since about 1954.

We all hear about mistletoe at Christmas as it is tied up in a number of traditional Christmas songs. In the UK a piece of green, leafy mistletoe is hung decoratively (without flowers due to it being Wintertime.

Here in New Zealand many of our mistletoes flower at Christmastime; from the very bright to the minute.

Mistletoe, being semi-parasitic, thrive by growing on host plants and, unfortunately, eventually lead to their demise. Despite this, they boast an abundance of flowers that later yield copious quantities of fruit.

In Alan's presentation, you'll encounter visuals of all our Mistletoes, including the extinct variety. Many of these images are captured in Canterbury, offering a rewarding glimpse into their world for those who time their visit just right.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Armagh Street car park footbridge.

\$5 (\$10 Non-Members)

Tea, coffee & biscuits included

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

Have a Problem?

We love to hear from our gardeners, especially any niggling problems, be they edible or ornamental! Bring questions to Garden Life, post them on or email Michael Coulter coultrchrys@xtra.co.nz

Allan Herbarium Tour

Wednesday 15 November 10am - 12pm

Following the fascinating talk of Ines Schonberger from the Allan Herbarium, Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research at a recent Garden Life we have the opportunity to visit her in situ and see the work first hand.

Located in Lincoln, the herbarium contains species from around the world but specialises in indigenous and exotic plants of the New Zealand region and the South Pacific.

CHS Members only

Limited numbers. Email Rachel to reserve your place: rachel@chsgardens.co.nz

Scorpio Books

Soil to Table: The Land Gardeners

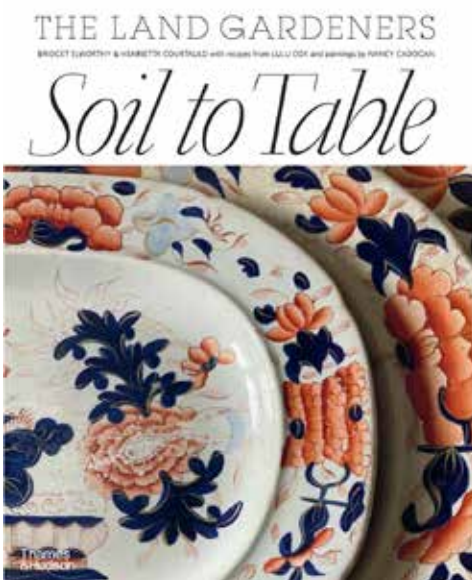
Bridget Elworthy & Henrietta Courtauld

ISBN: 9781760762636 | \$89.99

The Land Gardeners – Bridget Elworthy and Henrietta Courtauld – are gardeners and healthy soil researchers and advocates based in the UK. Their first book, Cut Flowers, focused on the role of healthy soil in growing beautiful blooms. Soil to Table is a stunning follow-up, combining their passion for soil science and health with a growing desire to see their research used in the food and farming space.

Soil to Table is a truly sumptuous, large format book – it's a work of art, with paintings and photography throughout. The first few chapters are dedicated to soil health and gardening advice, based on their experiences in their own gardens. The next chapters are divided into mealtimes, and feature recipes by renowned chef Lulu Cox, with profiles of many different

ingredients. Throughout, there are musings and teachings on food, planting, community, health and environmental impact. This is a book to spend lots of time with, revisiting at every stage of the growing (and eating!) Process.



While The Land Gardeners are based in the UK, they have worked all over the world, and have a particular fondness for New Zealand, citing Kay Baxter as of the Koanga Institute as a key inspiration for their work. This edition of Soil to Table is specific to New Zealand, Australia, and the USA, and profiles a number of growers, farmers and producers working on connecting food back to soil in their own contexts. Through this, The Land Gardeners have created a book that brings a global community of like-minded people together.

This book is really something special. Practical, inspirational, warm, and incredibly beautiful, it is an absolute treasure.

Many thanks to Scorpio Books for this review.

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