



First Harvest

Start your journey towards self-sufficiency by learning how to 'grow your own'!

Double Workshop - Wednesday 11 & 18 October 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Whether you have a spacious quarter-acre plot or just a few containers, you'll soon be able to provide your household with a bounty of fresh vegetables in the months ahead.

\$95 Members (\$128 Non-Members)

First Harvest

A Beginner's Guide to Growing Veggies



\$95
\$128 Non-Members

Garden Life October

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



Wednesday 4 October 1pm and 7pm

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.

Take advantage of purchasing a signed copy of Julia's new book at Garden Life with Scorpio Books! A treat for yourself (or someone else). CHS Members receive a 10% discount too.

Mini Speaker: Anne Gane

An experienced florist, Anne will demonstrate how to use whatever you have growing in your garden to make a 'tussie-mussie' (small posy) as a gift or just to brighten indoors.

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

GARDEN Propagation

Discover how easy it is to grow healthy plants from softwood cuttings

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Thursday 12 October 7 - 9pm

Create multiples of your favourite plants from the new seasons lush spring growth. Softwood cuttings can be used to propagate a wide range of perennials and deciduous shrubs, as well as some trees, in spring and early summer.

\$44 Members (\$63 Non-Members)

Book now: www.chsgardens.co.nz/shop

Hanging Baskets Demonstration

Craft an Abundant Hanging Basket

Saturday 14 October 2pm

Portstone Garden Centre

Attend the demonstration and receive a free coir lined basket along with potting mix, moss, seaweed granules and two punnets of flowering bedding plants — take home all the essentials you need to create your own beautiful basket.

But that's not all! We're also offering an additional free empty basket or a wall hanging basket for you. Plus, for those participating, we're extending a special 20% discount on any purchase made that Saturday (full-priced items only, excluding specials).

\$35 Members event [Book online](#)

Hanging Baskets

HANGING BASKET DEMONSTRATION



BOOK ONLINE

Special Members Event

\$35



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 14 & 28 October 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. Full schedule of walks online at:

www.friendschchbotanicgardens.org.nz

Garden Visit

Sunday 15 October 10am

The Blue House in Amberley

Explore the stunning 1 acre garden of Jenny Cooper and Chris Raateland.

\$15pp. Includes tea & coffee with baking available to purchase. Bookings by 8th

October essential. Book by messaging Carol

at carolhalstead53@gmail.com



**Canterbury
Museum**

Friends

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

Tuesday 17 October 10am

Speaker **Adele Jackson** – Curator Human History, Canterbury Museum

Colours to the mast: Meanings and readings of Antarctic flags

Since nineteenth-century explorers first planted flags in Antarctica, an appetite for their use has never waned. Historically, they've been associated with asserting notions of sovereignty and claims on territory. More recently, flag designs have symbolised supranational connection and unity. Through an exploration of historic and contemporary flags and artworks this talk charts some of the poignant and political meanings and readings woven into the fabric of Antarctic flags.

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 -3pm 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 11 & 25 October 10am

All welcome, BYO materials

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Green Thumbs Podcast

Monday 9 October 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](#).

Chrysanthemum Group

No meeting October

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

This month the growing season is well underway. Daylight saving has started and the Spring weather is so far, warmer than usual and the monthly rainfall, below average.

This year the fruit set on my stone fruit looks very good, I'll be maintaining my spray programme to keep pests and diseases under control. The apple trees are about to flower so it will soon be time to think about codling moth and grass grub beetle control (last year I had a lot of damage to the trees by the beetles).

This is traditionally the time that many of our vegetable crops are planted. I like to plan the sowing of seeds etc.. so that all the produce does not come at once, ensuring a constant

supply all season.

In the green house I have my tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and chillies all grown in planter bags well under way. During this early stage of their growth I will be very watchful for any signs of the white fly and keep up preventative sprays to avoid any damage once the fruit starts to ripen.

Lawns will respond to good maintenance so keep them weed free and growing well by fertilising and watering.

Most of the Spring bulbs will have finished flowering. It's very important to keep them well watered and growing before they die down; this will ensure flowers for next year. Summer flowering annuals and perennials can now be planted and will benefit from some general purpose fertiliser applied as they are planted. Spring flowering trees and shrubs should be pruned as soon as they

have finished flowering to encourage the new growth that will flower next year.

The forecasted weather for Summer is for dry, warm westerly winds and below average rain. This means mulches will be needed for the garden, along with good careful watering to keep the garden growing.

A regular hoe for weeds around the garden when the weeds are small will take little time and is much quicker than weeding when the weeds have grown too big!

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

It's time to venture out and swap your sofa for picnic chairs. With so much rain and warmer temperatures, Canterbury gardens are looking outstanding. If you feel like a drive in the countryside, this is the season for garden visits. The Hurunui Garden Festival is showcasing 18 beautiful gardens in the region from 26 – 29 October. Gardens are open from 9am – 5pm each day, \$10 per garden, payable on the day. See more on the back page of this newsletter - including some day tours offered by Gail Scrivener during the festival.

NZ Gardens Trust lists a fabulous array of outstanding gardens throughout Aotearoa. Their website, www.gardens.org.nz features beautiful photos and detailed information for each garden and is well worth a visit. If you like large noteworthy local gardens then I recommend www.christchurchnz.com to see 10 of the best gardens in Canterbury. When looking for a garden to visit Google is your friend, try typing, 'garden tours near me'. Have fun reading about all of the incredible places to visit.

Sonja Tschepp, CHS Manager

Botanical Expo Acknowledgements

It takes many people to pull off an event like the Botanical Expo and we want to acknowledge the dedicated **NZ Alpine Garden Society** team, especially committee members Suzanne Pickford, Hamish Brown, Tina Bruce, Roberts Duns, Trevor Rollinson and Kathy Chamberlain. **The CHS Garden Clubs** created beautiful displays at the Expo, a real highlight!

Libby Woolley, Anne Gane, Val Price, Sandra Keenan and Felicity Lee, many thanks for supporting the **CHS presence, raffles and workshops**. And of course to the CHS team, Badger, Kelly, Hannah, Sonja, Gail, Kelly and Rachel.

CHS Daffodil Show Acknowledgements

Thanks to the wonderful **Daffodil Show Committee**: Dave Adams, Gail Scrivener, Sonja Tschepp and Show Manager, Amy Wilson.

Our visiting American judges, especially Becky Fox Matthews for her guest speaking

role. **Our local New Zealand judges**: Michael Brown, Malcolm Wheeler and Trevor Rollinson.

Stewarding and staging team: Ruth Wilson, John Wilson, Bear Astill, Sharnaé Beardsley, Tania Boerlage, Joseph Austin, Marian Brown, Brent Heslop, Tom Heslop, Michael Abrahamson, Fay Hodge, Clare Thompson and Claire Mulcock. Also thanks to Tony Joyce from Happy Helper, who helped move the show gear to and from the Expo :)

Finally, thanks to Dennis Chang for taking some lovely photos of the Daffodil Show, including those below:

Best Bloom - WY Waikanae - Malroze (left) and **Reserve Champion** WW Mt Crusader - Denise MacQuarrie (right)



Garden Club Reps

Wednesday 4 October 10.30am

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Floral Design

Wednesday 18 October 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 more of latest arrangements online](#)



And I would be remiss in not mentioning my favourite bloom. I found it very hard to choose just one though – they are all gorgeous. But if I had to choose then it was a tie between Ruth Haller (exhibited by Dave Adams of Templeton Daffodils) which is a lovely yellow-yellow triandrus flower (picture centre). And Tantalising (exhibited by Malroze) which is a dwarf white-orange small cup (picture right). Both delightful to me for

Fruit & Vegetable Group

Wednesday 25 October 7pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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

Free (\$5 Non-Members)

CHS Daffodil Show Summary

The CHS Daffodil Show at the Botanical Expo showcased a stunning variety of daffodil blooms. It was inspiring to see so many gorgeous flowers, and to chat to many enthusiastic daffodil growers – both new and old alike!

Highlights from the show, for me, were the sheer number of entries (if we keep increasing these numbers we might run out of vases!) and the generosity of the daffodil growers in sharing tips and advice.

different reasons!

It being my first year as Show Manager, I found it a very rewarding and satisfying show to run. And I am already motivated to make next year even better! I am looking forward to finding more ways to make it easy for everyone to appreciate the delight that daffodils bring.

Many thanks to Amy Wilson for this article and photos and for her role as Show Manager at the Botanical Expo



Garden Life November

Main Speaker: Brian Kwan

Carnivorous Plants

Wednesday 1 November 1pm and 7pm

Brian Kwan has been growing carnivorous plants since he was a child. At Paradisia Nurseries in Melbourne he commercially produced orchids and carnivorous plants by tissue culture. Moving to NZ in 2001 he developed clonal Eucalyptus and Pinus radiata at ArborGen in TeTeko.

Brian is currently laboratory Manager at Lincoln University since 2012 with the BioProtection Research Centre. When the kids grew up over the last few years and he had more spare time, he expanded his carnivorous plant collection by importing seed of the rarer plants permitted in New Zealand, multiplied them in tissue culture in his garage laboratory, and used these to trade and import other plants. When the Miss Frizzle's brand of Venus Flytraps stopped selling, it seemed like a good time to

expand Venus Flytrap production and supply Offerings.

Carnivorous plants grow in a diversity of habitats and have an extraordinary range of methods to attract and trap their prey. Located on mountains, in deserts, forests, swamps and lakes, tropical climates through to alpine. Whatever your growing conditions, you could probably find a carnivorous plant to suit, but if you want a particular plant for your collection, then it helps to know the native habitat. Brian will display a selection of carnivorous plants from around the world, describe their habitats and the conditions required to grow them.

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

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 [HortTalk](#) or email Michael Coulter coulchrys@xtra.co.nz

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.

Garden Tours

Hurunui Garden Festival

Thursday 26 - Sunday 29 October 2023

A showcase of stunning North Canterbury gardens, each as diverse as their owners.

Visit the website: hurunuigardenfestival.com

Hurunui Garden Festival Day Trips

Join CHS Board Member Gail Scrivener for inspirational day trips during the festival.

Daily 8am departure from Burnside Park (plus Northlands, Redwood and Belfast - times to be advised). Choose from four tours - numerous gardens, fete, boxed lunches, comfortable coach travel. *From \$150 pp*

Contact Gail on tel: **027 489 2906** or email: Gail.Scrivener@xtra.co.nz for bookings.

Film Screening

Monday 9 October 1 - 2pm

More visual gardening nourishment at the Kiosk. Enjoy with a cuppa and like minded members and prepare to be inspired!

Free for CHS Members

Garden Organic

An introduction to organic principles in the home garden

Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm

17 October - 14 November 2023

Saturday 28 October 9am - 12pm

Dive deep into the principles of organic home gardening through a mix of theory and hands-on sessions.

\$299 (\$425 Non-Members)

\$359 Course + CHS Membership

Book online:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/shop



GARDEN ORGANIC

17 OCTOBER - 14 NOVEMBER 2023
Tuesday Evenings 7pm - 9pm
+ Saturday 28 October 9am - 12pm

Start your journey with specialist tutors in organics

Organic Weed Control | Composting
Pests & Diseases | Worm Farming
Permaculture | Soils & Cultivation

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Avon Bonsai Show at The Kiosk

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 October 10am - 4pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Plant & Garden Sale

Saturday 7 October 9am - 12pm

St Peter's Church Hall

Large range of plants, tools, garden accessories. Cash & eftpos

New Brighton Community Gardens

Open Day

Saturday 28 October 12 - 3pm

136 Shaw Ave / Rawhiti Domain

Seedlings, Live Music, Devonshire Tea cash only

Scorpio Books

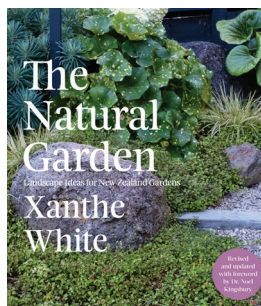
**The Natural Garden:
Landscape Ideas for New
Zealand Gardens**

Xanthe White

ISBN: 9781776950584 | \$59.99

Available for pre order from 3 October

Xanthe White is a garden designer based in Auckland, who for nearly three decades has worked as the lead designer of her studio on a broad range of projects both in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the globe. Her bestselling book *The Natural Garden* was first published in 2012, and has now been revised and refreshed with new material - a welcome addition to



our shelves as the days warm up and we look at our outdoor spaces with fresh eyes!

This is a stunning, warm, expertly-written book. As the title suggests, Xanthe's focus is on a natural garden - what it means to design and create garden spaces that work with the natural world, rather than bending the natural

world to our will. With a focus on garden layout and design, Xanthe takes us through considerations and dreams, practicalities and big ideas for all kinds of gardens, whatever your focus - urban, country, productive, bee-friendly, native, coastal, and more. There is plenty of inspiration

to be found in these pages, with gorgeous photography and hand-drawn garden plans, and realistic, accessible advice for whatever size and shape of garden you're working with. Planting guides conclude each section, and there is a wealth of advice on soil and compost for all garden types at the end of the book.

Xanthe's expertise and passion is clear throughout the book, making this a compelling and inspiring addition to your library, no matter what stage your garden is at.

Many thanks to Scorpio Books for this review. **CHS Members enjoy a 10% discount at Scorpio Books and Telling Tales - Scorpio Children's Books.** www.scorpiobooks.co.nz