

Botanical Bud Vases



GARDEN LIFE JULY

Tuesday 1st 6pm & Wednesday 2nd 1pm
Main Speakers: **Stuart Hide** - Woodend Nursery (Tuesday) **Greg Quinn** (Wednesday)
chat about Home Orchard Care
Mini Speaker: **Aaron Curtis** Shiro Bonsai



Bonsai Workshop

Sunday 3 August 9am - 1pm

Join **bonsai artist Aaron Curtis** for an in-depth 4-hour workshop experience.

Includes a 2.5L nursery juniper and a high quality ceramic Yixing bonsai pot to take home, plus lots of bonsai knowledge!

\$185 (\$225 Non-Members)

Garden Design

Saturday afternoons 2 August - 13 September

Transform your garden into a beautiful and practical outdoor space

Over seven sessions, you'll gain practical skills and design knowledge to create a beautiful and functional garden tailored to your needs. Concludes with a hands-on all-day design workshop. **\$590** (\$655 bundled with a CHS membership - or talk to us about our payment plans).

Botanical Ceramics

Create a Botanically Inspired Bud Vase, Container or Green Man Tile with Jane McCulla

Botanical Bud Vases

Sunday 24 August 2 - 4pm

Botanical Container with Lid

Sunday 7 September 2 - 4pm

Green Man Tile

Sunday 12 October 1 - 3.30pm

\$65 (\$80 Non-Members)

Grow your own Cut Flowers

Thursday 28 August 6.30 - 8.30pm

Discover how simple it is to grow a variety of cut flowers from seed and bring home your own sown seeds for your garden.

With Isabelle Weston

\$45 (\$59 Non-Members)

Veggie Seed Raising

Sunday 14 September 1.30 - 3pm

Learn to grow healthy vegetable plants from seed with Isabelle & Elizabeth.

Kick-start your gardening journey with our Veggie Seed Raising workshop, perfect for beginners or anyone eager to set aside time to plant their veggie seeds this Spring!

\$40 (\$45 Non-Members)

School Holiday Workshops

Monday 22 & Thursday 25 September

Our creative workshops include fun activities ranging from fun colourful pasta planters to botanical badges and flower looms!

\$25 per workshop (purchase all 4 and receive \$10 off).

Harakeke Crafting

Sustainable nature craft

Kono (four corner) Basket

Sunday 28 September

10am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Sunday 26 October 10am

-1pm

Putiputi (Flax Flowers)

Sunday 26 October 10am - 1pm

Craft a Halloween Themed Scarecrow

Saturday 18 October 2-4pm

Get creative and spooky this Halloween!

Go solo or make a scarecrow with friends or whanau. At the end of the workshop, you'll leave with a unique, hand crafted scarecrow ready to display in your garden (watch out birds), porch, or anywhere that needs a bit of Halloween magic.

\$55 per individual / whanau / group
(\$70 Non-Members)

Unless noted our workshops are held in The Kiosk, just over the footbridge from the Armagh St carpark in the Botanic Gardens



Book our courses and workshops online!

GARDEN LIFE AUGUST

Tuesday 5th 6pm & Wednesday 6th 1pm

Main Speaker: **Sue Heazlewood**
Tangleby Gardens

Sue Heazlewood has written six cook books including, *A Table at Tangleby* and *Tails of Tangleby 2* which both won 1st place at the Gourmand Best in the World Cookbook Awards. Sue has a passion for cooking, entertaining, gardening and making her home a place of special and happy moments.

"Cooking, gardening and making my home feel special have always been a big part of my life. Add in six children under the age of six and a love of entertaining, and you can start to imagine just how busy I have been. My children are all adults now and I am a lucky first-time Nana."

Find out more about her inspiring garden and get excited for our event in November, *A Taste of Tangleby*.

Mini Speaker: Steve Bush
Trees for Canterbury

Steve Bush has been the driving force behind Trees for Canterbury since 1992, transforming it from a small community project into a leading environmental and social enterprise. Steve champions native species such as kahikatea and tī kōuka, and his commitment to sustainability is paramount.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Free for Members (\$10 Non-Members)
Tea, coffee and baking *afternoon*
Wine & nibbles *evening*

July in the Garden Tasks for Winter

Winter has settled over Ōtautahi with its usual mix of changeable weather and light frosts. With the shortest day behind us, gardeners can begin looking ahead and making progress on key Winter tasks.

Pruning is a major focus this month. Fruit trees and roses should be pruned now, along with many other deciduous shrubs and trees. With foliage gone, it's easier to assess structure and shape. If you missed Michael Brown's pruning demonstration head over to our youtube page for a quick refresher.

Perennials that have died back can be cut to ground level, and many may also benefit from being lifted and divided to maintain health and control size. Removing old, dead leaves — such as those over hosta crowns — can help reduce the presence of overwintering pests.

Autumn-planted **poppies and pansies** may be beginning to flower. Regular removal of spent blooms will encourage continued flowering throughout the colder months.

As **Spring bulbs** begin to emerge, care should be taken when working around garden beds to avoid damaging tender shoots. Large, old leaves from hellebores can be removed now to reveal winter flowers more clearly.

In the **vegetable garden**, this is the time to plant garlic, shallots, and broad beans. Green manure crops can be dug in, and lime added to areas being prepared for Spring brassicas.

On sunny days, it's worthwhile to weed around Winter vegetables such as leeks to minimise competition and encourage steady growth. Rhubarb crowns can be lifted, divided, and replanted into compost-rich, sunny areas.

Now is also a good time to propagate geraniums by taking cuttings before any hard frosts affect established plants.

Colder, wet days are ideal for indoor planning. Reviewing plantings, assessing gaps, and organising seed or fertiliser needs now can help spread the cost and effort before the busy Spring season begins.

Tips & Tasks

With Julian Odering from Oderings Garden Centres

We're delighted to have **Julian Odering** from Oderings Garden Centres as our regular Tips & Tasks presenter at Garden Life. A big thank you to Julian for generously sharing his time, expertise, and seasonal know-how to help keep our gardens thriving year-round!

Last month at Garden Life

A member asked about dividing **Liriopes** - July is the perfect time to do this!

Another member brought in some citrus leaves - Julian has identified these as being affected by Brown Apple Moth. Neem oil is the recommended treatment.

Don't hesitate to bring more problem plant questions along to Garden Life for Julian to solve!



ODERINGS
GARDEN CENTRES

Bot Tots July

Mondays 10 - 11.30am (term time only)

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Gardening and nature themed activities for preschoolers. (\$2 koha per tamariki).

7 July School Holidays - no session

14 July Shell Snails/ Slugs with Air Dry Clay

21 July Nature Lions

28 July Conservation Week Play-doh

Landscapes [Bot Tots Facebook page](#)

Avon Bonsai Society

Monday 14 July, 7pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Feature Technique: Repotting and Root Pruning. **Tree of the month:** Forest.

Visitors are always welcome, so please join us. Remember that October 4-5 is the ABS Spring Show at the Kiosk. The meeting after that will be a beginners night so those inspired by the show can start their own trees.

www.avonbonsai.org.nz

Chrysanthemum Group

Saturday 19 July 1.30pm

Annual General Meeting

Michael & Susan's.

Please contact Robyn if you'd like to join this meeting or find out more about this small group of passionate chrysanthemum growers.

Robyn Purcell tel: 942 9871 or 021 179 8186

Email: dandrpurcell@gmail.com

Scorpio Books

Books of the Month

Everyday Permaculture: Sustainable Living For Every Space

By Anna Matilda Gibbons

\$47.99, Paperback

Whether you're a renter, homeowner or apartment dweller, 'Everyday Permaculture' is the guide to sustainable living for everyone. This book gives practical and simple ways for people to incorporate permaculture and other eco-friendly habits into their lifestyle, no matter where they live.

Sustainability educator and author Anna Matilda, aka 'The Urban Nana', has created a practical guide to empower readers – singles, families, retirees and everyone in between – to start living sustainably. In



essence, permaculture (which is one of the best known ways of living sustainably) is a systems-based, sustainable way of living that builds a permanent culture of community

connection, earth stewardship, and care of all living things. This comprehensive yet highly accessible book focuses on how homeowners, renters and those with limited space can adopt these eco-conscious ideals and changes into their lifestyle – from organic waste management and foraging to 'scrap-tastic' cooking and a section about preserving personal energy and well-being. By equipping readers with the adaptable tools needed to develop the craft of living an authentic, sustainable existence in every space, Everyday Permaculture offers solutions to help ease the personal stressors and struggles that affect everyone, while combating climate change and the cost of living.

Thanks to Scorpio Books for this review

CHS Members enjoy a 10% discount at Scorpio Books & Telling Tales

www.scorpiobooks.co.nz

Envirohub

Stay connected with **Envirohub** with the following links:

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

Christchurch Envirohub hosts **Green Drinks** networking events every month. Join them on the third Thursday of each month for more engaging environmental talks and great company!



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Envirokids

Run by the Christchurch Envirohub Trust Envirokids is a fun, year-round programme for kids passionate about the environment. Each week, children can take part in different nature-themed activities, meet others, and learn through hands-on experiences. Sessions often feature guest groups from our wider environmental networks.

Check out our facebook to see our upcoming activities:

www.facebook.com/CHCHEnvirokids

Friends of the Gardens

Guided Walks in the CBG are now paused for Winter. The next scheduled walks are at **Mona Vale** on **Saturday 13 & 27 September** at 1.30pm (90 mins).

Talks with the Friends in the Kiosk
\$5 CHS Members (\$10 Non-Members)

Friday 18 July 10.30am

Tony Bywater, President of the Christchurch Bonsai Society, will give an introduction to the horticulture and art of bonsai.

The Plant Stall reopens **Saturday 26 July**



Canterbury Rose Society

July Gathering

Saturday 26 July 12.30pm

There is no formal meeting this month. Instead, members are warmly invited to a social lunch at **Strawberry Fair**. A lovely chance to connect over good food and great company!

For more info or to RSVP, please contact Caroline on 020 4150 8514.

Visit the Rose Society's [facebook page](#)

Canterbury Herb Society

Thursday 24 July 7pm

Natural Moisturiser Making

Jo-Ann Day of *McGinns Made Fresh* will demonstrate how to create natural, plant-based moisturisers using herbs like kawakawa, comfrey, and calendula. A fun and informative evening for anyone interested in herbal skincare!

The Herb Society, Avic Hill Art & Craft Centre 395 Memorial Ave Burnside
\$5 (Free for Members of Herb Society)

Floral Design

Recess over Winter

Fruit & Vegetable Group

Recess until August

Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 9 & 23 July 10am

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Friends of Canterbury Museum

Tuesday 15 July 10am (Speaker 10.15am)

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

Paulien Martens - Collections Technician
Natural History

The Barker childrens' letters & childhood

The Barker family arrived on the Charlotte Jane in 1850. The Museum's collection of 65 letters offers a unique glimpse into the lives

and experiences of settler children growing up in colonial Christchurch.

Free, Visitors welcome.

CHS Garden Club Reps

Wednesday 2 July 10.30am

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Plant of the Month

New Seasons Roses

The Portstone team have been busy pruning and potting up the new season's roses. We are proud to stock high health Matthews Roses.

Bob Matthews is one of New Zealand's leading rose breeders.

When choosing your rose some consideration needs to be given to the rose type;

Hybrid Teas, traditionally a single rose on a long stem, great for picking, many Hybrid Teas are fragrant.

Floribunda, multiple flowers on one stem, very showy. They make a great choice for your garden border mixing in beautifully with perennials. Crossed with Hybrid Tea roses, great improvements have been made in the flower formation, while they still retain

their vigour and freedom of blooming.

David Austin and Old-fashioned roses

English roses were named by rose breeder David Austin. Great range of colours with character of an old rose, repeat flowering with fragrance. Old Fashioned are easy to grow, mainly in an informal manner so great for mixed beds or borders. Ideal for hedging and background plants or up walls and fences

We also have a selection of traditional 800mm Standard Roses and the very popular 450mm patio standard which is an ideal size for pots or the garden.

All our roses are displayed with descriptive picture labels.

Our favourite roses is **Allison Scott**, (pictured above) newly released last

year this bush floribunda has blooms of glowing warm coral orange.



This year we are stocking five new varieties, **Aroha, Better Times, Frosty Moon, In Friendship, My Daughter**, and **The Sarjeant Rose**.

You can check out our roses on our website.

We would love to see you in store, grab a coffee at Levees Café and wander our rose selection.



Thanks to Portstone Garden Centre for this update. CHS Members enjoy a 15% discount at Portstone. www.portstone.co.nz

Garden Life September

Tuesday 2nd 6pm & Wednesday 3rd 1pm

Main Speaker: Peter Langlands

Foraging Ōtautahi: Celebrating Urban Biodiversity



Join Peter Langlands, one of Aotearoa's leading professional foragers, as he explores urban biodiversity through the lens of foraging, local food resilience, and the extraordinary range of edible plants found right here in Ōtautahi Christchurch.

Peter will share insights from decades of work in conservation and wild food harvesting, highlighting how within just 25km of the city centre, we live in one of New Zealand's most

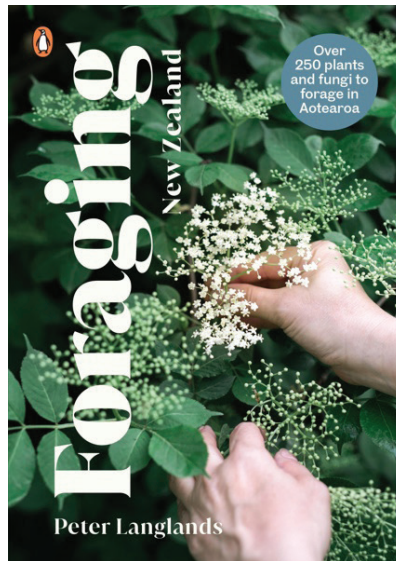
biodiverse zones. His upcoming book, **'Wild Ōtautahi'**, celebrates this diversity by profiling key locations and native endemic species including all taxa that can be encountered.

"For me it is about taking notice and valuing diversity that we literally have at our feet."

With a lifelong connection to the region, Peter brings a wealth of experience from his work with DOC, ECAN, and community foraging tours and birdlife walks.

Signed copies of his current book Foraging New Zealand will be available for \$50.

Don't miss this chance to reconnect with the wild side of our city!



Mini Speaker: Hayley Guglietta
Ōtākaro Orchard

Hayley is a Christchurch-based community advocate and Network Manager at Avon Ōtākaro Network. She leads river corridor restoration and co-governance projects, chairs the Richmond Community Garden Trust, and drives Riverlution—a hub for food forests, sustainability events, and education in the red zone.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Armagh Street car park footbridge

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

Green Thumbs

Our radio programme is on air every two weeks! Fortnightly on Mondays at 9am, we chat to fellow green thumbs in Canterbury to help you discover more about our wonderful gardening community, followed by gardening book reviews to see if we can entice you to add more to your bookshelves (or visit your local library!).

On **Monday 7th July** we'll be chatting about one of Amy's passion project areas - Medieval Gardening.



On **Monday 21st** we'll be reviewing our next couple of books. Amy will be looking at **'Lost Gardens of the World'** by Sandra Lawrence, and Ray will be reviewing **'100 best Native Plants for New Zealand Gardens'** by Fiona Eadie. Listen to Amy and Ray, CHS Green Thumbs, on [Plains Media](#).
Link available from: www.chsgardens.co.nz

Volunteers Wanted

ISA Conference in Christchurch

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is holding its Annual Conference in Christchurch, 20–23 October 2025, at Te Pae. With over 1,200 international delegates expected, this major event will feature global speakers across three concurrent sessions focused on urban forestry.

The organisers are looking for volunteers to assist with delegate check-in and session support. Shifts are 3 hours long, with volunteers welcome to attend sessions once scanning is complete. Interested? Visit:

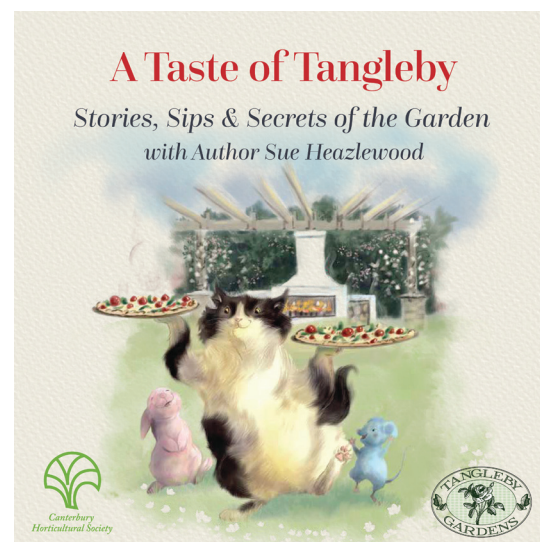
www.isa-arbor.com/Events/Annual-Conference/2025-Annual-Conference

Soil Health Survey

Violet and Ella, interns at the **Richmond Community Garden**, are working on a soil health project and conducting a city-wide survey on residents' soil knowledge and practices.

Please take a moment to assist them with their research by completing the survey.

<https://qrco.de/gardenresearch>



A Taste of Tangleby

Saturday 22 November 1.30pm

Walk, Talk and Taste with Sue Heazlewood

Join us for an enchanting afternoon at the beautiful Tangleby Gardens. Featuring a talk from the award-winning author, cooking demonstration and decadent afternoon tea, you're sure to be inspired by Tangleby's captivating Canterbury setting.

\$95 Members & Friends of the Botanic Gardens
\$120 Non-Members