



Grow your own Cut Flowers



Veggie Seed Raising



Botanical Ceramics

Father's Day Ceramics - make a botanical-inspired container with Dad! Collect your glazed and fired container 2 weeks later.

Sunday 7 September 2 - 4pm

\$65 (\$80 Non-Members) *all materials provided*

Grow your own Cut Flowers

Thursday 28 August 6.30 - 8.30pm

Back by popular demand - join Isabelle's workshop and take home your own tray of potted flower seeds, ready to plant in your garden. A must for flower lovers!

\$45 (\$59 Non-Members)

Veggie Seed Raising

Sunday 14 September 1.30 - 3pm

Grow healthy veggie plants from seed with Isabelle and Elizabeth. Perfect for beginners, or anyone keen to get their Spring garden started. **\$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 4 for \$10 off).

Harakeke Crafting

Sustainable Nature Craft

Kono (four corner) Basket

Sunday 28 September: 10am - 1pm &

1.30pm - 4.30pm and Sunday 26

October 10am - 1pm

Putiputi (Flax Flowers)

Sunday 26 October 1.30 - 4pm

\$40 (\$50 Non-Members)



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 anywhere that needs a bit of Halloween magic.

\$55 Solo/Group (\$70 Non-Members)

Botanical Embroidery

Learn the art of hand embroidery - no

experience needed! Join textile artist Sawi Thorpe from Tāmaki Makaurau for a relaxed and inspiring 3-hour workshop exploring the timeless craft of hand embroidery.

Saturday 15 November 2 - 5pm

Come along to the November workshop (perfect for Christmas gifting) or get cosy next June for a creative Winter escape.

\$105 (\$135 Non-Members)

A Taste of Tangleby

Saturday 22 November 1.30pm

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 (\$120 Non-Members)

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

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.

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. CHS was an early financial supporter.

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Free for Members (\$10 Non-Members)

Tea, coffee and baking *afternoon*
Wine & nibbles *evening*

August in the Garden Tasks for Winter

July saw highs of 9–15 °C and chilly lows around –2 °C. A typical Late Winter mix of frosty mornings and milder afternoons. Expect similar patterns in August—cool starts, warming gradually.

As Winter gives way to early Spring, it's time to wrap up Winter tasks and prepare for new growth.

Preparation and Planning

- Check seed and fertiliser supplies—replace anything old or low.
- Dig over garden beds and work in compost as soil conditions allow.
- Clear out old crops like carrots and brassicas.
- Tidy seed trays and greenhouse benches—clean to avoid disease.

Lawns

- Service your mower and sharpen blades.
- First mow: cut high and catch clippings.
- Rake out thatch and aerate.
- Patch bare spots from late August.
- Apply lawn fertiliser once growth starts.

Fruit and Vegetable Garden

- Finish pruning fruit trees and spray with copper/conquer oil.
- Plant fruit trees and berries.
- Sow hardy crops: brassicas, lettuce, spinach, carrots, onions.
- Stake broad beans and weed garlic/onion beds.
- Sow tomatoes and capsicum indoors with bottom heat.

Flower Garden

- Weed and water Spring bulbs.
- Prune shrubs and roses; fertilise and treat for pests.
- Plant gladioli from late August.
- Deadhead early annuals (e.g. pansies).
- Divide and tidy perennials.
- Prune hydrangeas and treat for scale.

Greenhouse and Extras

- Clear Winter veg beds and compost waste.
- Sow green manure crops to enrich soil.
- Start early trays of peas, salad greens, and spring onions.

By focusing on soil, structure, and cleanup tasks now, you'll be primed for an efficient and abundant spring planting season.

Addressing Winter pests and diseases early reduces future issues—and ensures your garden is ready when conditions warm up.

Monthly Tips & Tasks from Julian Odering

Thanks to Julian Odering of Oderings Garden Centres for his seasonal insights last month at Garden Life. Julian returns this month to present Tips & Tasks (Garden Life is on the 5th & 6th of August), so bring along your gnarly questions — Julian is here to help.



ODERINGS
GARDEN CENTRES

Canterbury Herb Society

Thursday 28 August 7pm

Making Herbal Extracts - Tinctures, Glycerates, Vinegars.

In this session, we will cover the basics of making your own Herbal Medicines.

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

Bot Tots August

Mondays 10 - 11.30am (term time only)

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Gardening and nature themed activities for preschoolers. (\$2 koha per tamariki).

4 August Rock Painting

11 August Scented Drink Bottle Rattles

18 August Nature Hedgehogs

25 August Daffodil Day Theme

Finger Print Craft

[Bot Tots Facebook page](#)

Chrysanthemum Group

Next meeting September

Floral Design

Recess over Winter

CHS Garden Club Reps

No meeting this month

Fruit & Vegetable Group

Wednesday 27 August 7pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

AGM and welcome back after Winter break. *All welcome*

Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 13 & 27 August 10am

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens



Avon Bonsai Society

Monday 11 August, 7pm

The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Feature Technique: Wiring, Tree of the month: Cascade. Visitors are always welcome, so please join us. Remember October 4–5 is the 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

CHS Avebury

Climate Resilient Garden Update

CHS and Avebury House Board members, along with garden designer Elizabeth Wilks and a team of dedicated volunteers, gathered at Avebury House last Sunday to plant the native border in our developing Climate Resilient Garden.



The occasion also marked the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CHS and Avebury House Community



Trust - a wonderful step forward in our shared commitment to community and climate-conscious gardening.



A big thank-you to everyone who came along - and a special shoutout to Raewyn Cookson (Jenny's Mum) for the delicious carrot cake!

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 with 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!



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.



See: facebook.com/CHCHEnvirokids

Friends of Canterbury Museum

Tuesday 19 August 10am (Speaker 10.15am)
The Kiosk, Christchurch Botanic Gardens.
Johnno Ridden - Associate Curator
Collection Connections – Natural History Edition. An interactive talk where you help shape the journey. Discover the stories linking museum objects with people and places.
Free, *Visitors welcome.*

Plant of the Month

Planting and caring for Roses

Roses are best planted during the Winter, while the plants are dormant. Choose a sunny spot that receives at least six hours of direct sunlight daily and is sheltered from strong winds. Dig a hole twice the width and depth of the rose's roots. Put plenty of organic matter like compost and sheep pellets to improve drainage and fertility. Place the rose in the hole ensuring where the stem joins the roots is level or slightly above the ground. Fill in the hole with soil and water thoroughly. Add a layer of mulch or pea straw around the base to retain moisture. Water deeply especially in the first few weeks after planting.

Already established roses need to be pruned annually. The best time is in late Winter to encourage new growth and flowering. Also,

Garden Club News

Cashmere Garden Club Celebrates 85 Years of Friendship, Flowers, and Fun



Last month, Cashmere Garden Club marked its 85th anniversary with a delightful celebration featuring guest speaker Jenny Gillies, a renowned costume designer and fabric artist. Club members and guests enjoyed floral creations modelled by Jennifer Barrer (daughter of founding member Margaret Barrer) and Lynn Palmer, with fun hat-trying activities adding to the festive atmosphere.

Tables were beautifully set with chocolates and gardening quotes, accompanied by commemorative brochures showcasing the club's rich history. The founding spirit—sharing knowledge and passion for all things floral—remains vibrant today.

The club continues its tradition of varied speakers, monthly flower shows, annual outings, and friendly competitions, honouring past members through memorial trophies. Notably, foundation member Margaret Jane Foweraker, celebrated for her pioneering alpine garden, remains an inspiration.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 2pm in the Cashmere Church Hall.

Visitors are warmly welcome. Contact Denise Grant at grantdk45@gmail.com.

For the full article see our new website page: www.chsgardens.co.nz/chs-garden-clubs



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
Friday 15 August 10.30am

\$5 CHS Members (\$10 Non-Members)

Amy Johnston-Bray - CCC
Amy is the team leader for Wheako Manuhiri

Papa Rēhia Parks Visitor Experience Team at the Christchurch City Council and will discuss how we currently cater for children at the Gardens, what our plans are and the latest ideas across the country in play and learning.

The Plant Stall is now open again with lots of affordable options for your garden. All plants **\$7ea**. Pay by cash in honesty box or eftpos in the Kiosk.

during Winter consider using a copper or oil spray to prevent scale and fungal problems. Products such as **Grosafe Free Flo Coper** or **EnSpray 99** are recommended.

Feed roses with a rose fertiliser during Spring and Summer to promote healthy growth. Start looking for sucking insects such as aphids and treat them with a pyrethrum-based spray like **Grosafe Groventive**, **Kiwi Care Spectrum** or **Yates Rose Gun**.

Portstone Garden Centre has some gorgeous new and recent releases in stock: -

The Sargeant Rose - is a Floribunda rose. It is an exquisite combination of contemporary and classical. It has deliciously perfumed vintage cupped shaped blooms that are a soft peachy pink to blush colour. It is an easy-to-care plant, with repeated flowering, growing to a height of 1.5m.

Frosty Moon – comes as a Hybrid Tea or a

Standard 800cm rose. It has silver lavender petals with hints of frosty blue and grey. It is a unique coloured rose which is lovely for picking.

Aroha – is a Standard 800cm, with cherry red blooms. It is outstanding for picking, with the most amazing bud form. It is repeated flowering with a light fragrance.

My Daughter – comes as a Floribunda and a Standard 450mm rose. It has swirls of coral-pink petals. It is the daughter of 'My Mum'.

In Friendship – is a Standard 450cm, it is a free flowering bush rose with clusters of true red blooms on a bush, robust plant.



Thanks to Portstone Garden Centre for this update.

CHS Members enjoy a 15% discount at Portstone*.

www.portstone.co.nz

**Please note: discounts exclude roses and some other items. Full details are available in store.*

Garden Life October

Tuesday 7th 6pm & Wednesday 8th 1pm

Main Speaker: Paul Hooper from Intelligro

Compost, Mixes & More!



We're excited to welcome Paul Hooper, Research & Development Technical Advisor at Intelligro, as our main speaker at this year's garden event. With a background in horticulture from Lincoln University and hands-on experience across nurseries in Selwyn and Christchurch, Paul brings both scientific insight and practical know-how to the world of growing.

Paul will be diving into topics every gardener should know, including:

- What certified organic compost really means in New Zealand
- Why not all composts are created equal
- How the circular economy impacts your soil
- Behind the scenes of potting mixes – what goes into them and why

- Tips on choosing the right mix for your garden
- Common questions and problems with composts and soils

Bring your curiosity – Paul will also be answering audience questions. Whether you're a backyard grower or a seasoned soil enthusiast, this talk will be packed with valuable insights!

Mini Speaker: Mary Fulton, Sogetsu School of Ikebana

Sogetsu Ikebana, founded by Sofu Teshigahara in 1927, revolutionises



traditional Japanese flower arranging by embracing a modern, avant-garde approach. It encourages creativity and individuality, allowing practitioners to create sculptural arrangements and utilise unconventional materials.

In 2014 Mary attended a memorial ikebana exhibition by the Christchurch Sogetsu Branch for Japanese students who lost their lives in the Christchurch earthquake.

“I was in awe of the beauty and the way the art form honoured the tragic event by expressing feelings of sadness and loss in the arrangements.”

Thus began her ikebana study and she has now completed the formal curriculum obtaining her Sogetsu Teachers diploma. The Sogetsu School Headquarters in Tokyo have given Mary the name of Kako meaning ‘Summer Rainbow’.

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 4th August** we'll be chatting with **Sara Templeton** about gardening and what it means to be a 21st Century Garden City.



On **Monday 18th August**, we'll be reviewing our next couple of books.

Amy will be looking at the **‘Which New Zealand Bird?’** by Andrew Crowe, and Ray will be reviewing **‘Companion Planting in New Zealand’** by Brenda Little.

Listen to Amy and Ray, CHS Green Thumbs, on [Plains Media](#)

Link available from: www.chsgardens.co.nz

Orchards in Schools

New Coordinator, Christina Sargent



With a background in environmental biology and a deep passion for sustainable food systems, Christina brings a wealth of experience in horticulture, outdoor education, and community engagement. She has managed school and community gardens, taught horticulture at tertiary level, and worked across a range of food production systems including orchards and food forests. From running educational programmes to coordinating community events and food resilience initiatives, Christina is committed to empowering communities through hands-on learning and growing. We're thrilled to welcome her to the Orchards in Schools programme.

Canterbury Rose Society

No meeting this month

The Rose Society have cancelled August's meeting due to light show taking place in the Botanic Gardens which compromises parking.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Spring is Blooming...

with *Rare Plant Fair*

BOTANICAL EXPO

4 Shows Kids free

LINCOLN EVENT CENTRE | 15 MEIJER DRIVE | \$5 ENTRY

27 SEPTEMBER 1PM & 28 SEPTEMBER 10AM

WWW.BOTANICALEXPO.NZ

Enjoy Daffodils, Spring Bulbs, Alpines, Orchids, Floral Art & Bonsai Demonstrations at the 2025 Botanical Expo!