

Plot to Pot

Baked Butter Beans with Leeks, Parmesan & Cream

This delicious combination makes a good side dish with roast or grilled meats. *Serves 4*

Ingredients

340 gm butter beans soaked overnight
1 tomato (frozen will do)
3 medium leeks
2 large cloves garlic chopped
1 knob of butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
salt and pepper to taste
140 ml cream
handful of freshly grated parmesan

Rinse the soaked beans and cover with water. Add the tomato. Bring to the boil, cover the pan and simmer for about 1 and half hours, or until tender. Drain and discard the tomato.

Slice the leeks as thinly as possible, across at an angle. Fry them with the garlic in the butter and oil adding a pinch of salt and pepper to taste. Stir in the beans and add the cream. Place in a shallow dish, sprinkle with parmesan and bake in a hot oven 230°C for 10 to 15 minutes until golden.

DUTCH AUCTION & POT LUCK LUNCH

Monday 15 September, 11.00am
Templin Hall, CHS Centre

The Events committee welcome all members to a Dutch Auction run by auctioneer, Carole Anderton. Items available for view from 10am. The auction is followed by a pot-luck lunch so bring something to share.

Prepare to be entertained with auction antics!

AGM

Canterbury Horticultural Society, Inc.
Annual General Meeting
CHS Centre, South Hagley Park
Thursday 4 September, 7.30pm

**\$5 BAGS
12KG CHICKEN MANURE**
Christchurch South Rotary Club's community fundraising project.
Available from selected local sites
Saturday 6 September, 8.30am-12.30pm

Contact: Graham Foulds
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CHS TOURS

Tour with us



In the Planning

Melbourne Flower Show

6 Day Longer Break

24 - 29 March 2015
Melbourne, Australia
Register your interest now



From the President Elizabeth Peacock



This newsletter marks the end of my second year as President this term. In spite of the disruptions caused by the Cricket Pavilion build which have been far greater than anyone envisaged, the last year has been one of achievement for the CHS. The Edible Garden Awards have expanded; our Orchards in Schools scheme is evolving; our Spanish-style Alhambra garden has been established and our involvement in the Hanging baskets in the Re-Start mall continues.

The CHS exhibit "Grandad's Shed" and the Begonia Circle achieved three gold medals and a silver between them at the Ellerslie International Flower Show, while many of our members contributed to the 25th Festival of Flowers.

My thanks to the Board, Staff and volunteers who have contributed to our Society in so many ways.

Happy gardening. Elizabeth

Book Now!

Look & Learn Spring Tour

Spring into Daffodils
Thursday 4 September 10am, Leeston
Book now: \$20; \$5 car pool

Look & Learn Spring Tour

The Iris Garden & Devonshire Tea
Wednesday 12 November 1pm
Book now: \$20; \$5 car pool

Summer Tour

A Day on the Peninsula
Tuesday 27 January 2015
Hinewai Reserve & Fisherman's Bay
Book now: \$85 (BYO Lunch) includes: coach transport, garden entry and afternoon tea

ART IN A GARDEN



With Morning Tea & Gourmet Lunch

Friday 31 October, 9am - 5.30pm
Book now: \$120/\$100 (BYO Lunch)

Registrations and Bookings can be made at the CHS Office by telephoning 366 6937 or by emailing Gail@chsgardens.co.nz.

CHS NEWS

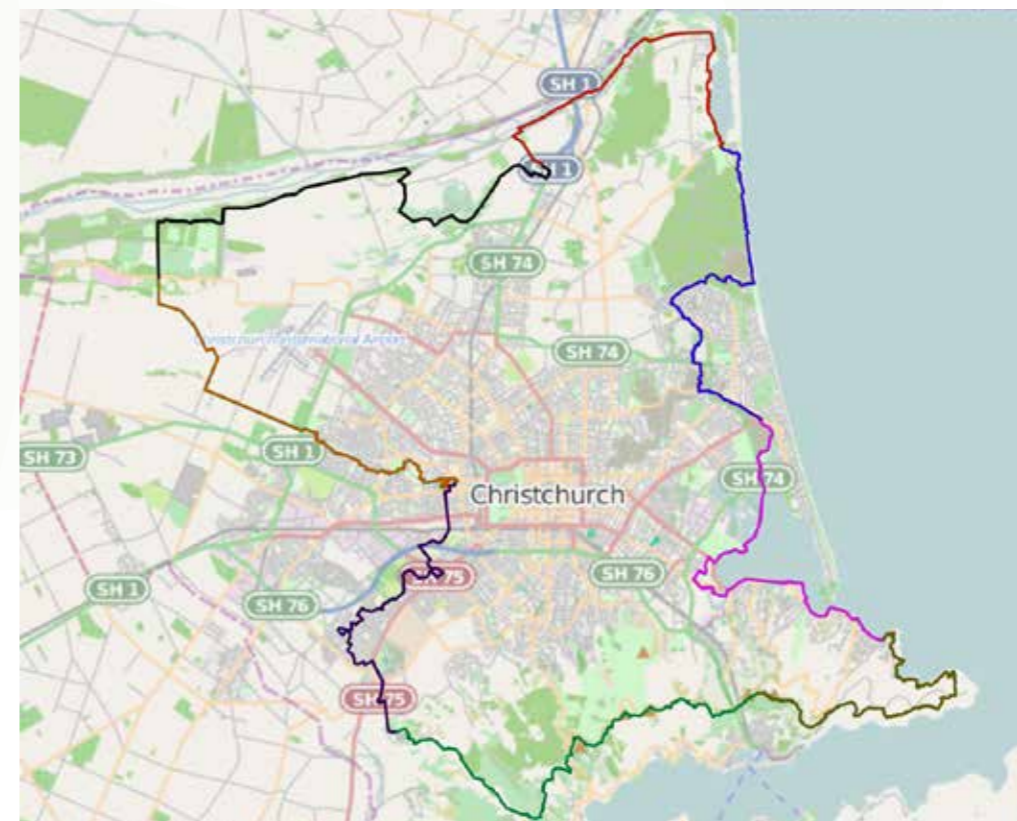
The Christchurch Perimeter Trail

Encircling and Embracing a Multi-Dimensional City: and a role for CHS

This is the second of a two-part article by Colin Meurk - Honorary Botanist of CHS, Scientist at Landcare Research, Convenor Christchurch Perimeter Trail Steering Group

The Canterbury Horticultural Society has an important role to play in highlighting the Garden City image and its importance to Christchurch's heritage along this journey. This involvement can include maintaining access, signage or other forms of seasonally changing interpretation of the Avonhead, Ilam and Fendalton Gardens and of the University community garden - in dramatic contrast with the natural Riccarton forest that is entered soon after leaving these leafy, colourful suburbs.

This walk has been conducted, in practice, over the past 20 years, but now is time to make it official and open it up to wider use. And so the launch date is the second weekend in November this year - when there will be segment walks, cycling of the whole route, and an ultra-marathon all happening together. The event will end up with BBQs and associated social activities, including launch of a new website and marketing this asset worldwide - to put Christchurch on the map again. There are other sponsors but the CHS will provide specific support for the areas discussed above.



Editor's Note:

The CHS Board has allocated funding to support the Avonhead segment of the trail - see map - principally to cover signage and other sources of information. CHS members can also help in a number of ways. First you can volunteer to lead one of the walking groups involved on the launch day. Second you can offer your home garden as one of the points of interest on this segment of the trail. Colin points out that small detours from the main trail are perfectly acceptable if they will enrich the walker's botanical experience. Third you can help by contributing any stories or anecdotes of historical interest on either the natural or built environment. The trail has a temporary website - www.chcpt.org.nz - where you can zoom in on the various segments to find the precise route. This is a wonderful opportunity for the CHS to contribute to community development which will enhance the quality of life for generations of visitors and tangata whenua alike.

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Calendar of Events

Special Skills WORKSHOPS

Garden Presentation Maggie Swords
Saturday 20 September, 10am -12pm
17 Karnak Crescent, Avonhead
Members: free, non-members: \$5

Flax Weaving

Daphne O'Connell
Now a regular monthly event!
Thursday 25 September, 10am -12pm
CHS Centre
All Participants: \$5

Interactive Horticulture WORKSHOPS

Planning Your Garden with Michael Coulter

Workshop A: Sat 4 Oct, 10am -12pm
Workshop B: Sat 11 Oct, 10am - 12pm

Templin Hall, CHS Centre
Members: \$5, non-members: \$10

Tickets: www.chsgardens.co.nz

CHS RAMBLERS

Tue 9 Sep 9.30am Botanic Gardens
Meet by Tennis courts off Riccarton Ave
Tue 23 Sep 9.30am Lincoln
Meet Reserve, Millstream Dr opp Tod Pl

CHS CIRCLES

Daffodil Circle
Mon 8 Sep 7.30pm Watling Room
Begonia Circle
Wed 10 Sep 7.30pm Watling Room
Chrysanthemum Circle
Mon 15 Sep 7.30pm Templin Hall
Floral Art Circle
Thu 18 Sep 1.30pm PC Browne Room
Fruit & Vegetable Circle
Wed 24 Sep 7.30pm Watling Room

CHS AFFILIATES

Garden Club Reps Meeting
Tue 2 Sep 10.00am Oderings
Canterbury Rose Society
Tue 16 Sep 7.30pm PC Browne Room
Junior Gardeners
Thu 18 Sep 3.45pm Watling Room
Garden Club Reps Meeting
Tue 7 Oct 10.00am Venue TBC
Orchid Society
Mon 6 Oct 6.30pm Watling Room

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Tuesday 2 September 7pm
Wednesday 3 September 9.45am



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Tours - a changing scene

Tony Kunowski, CHS Manager

Horticultural tours have been an important activity of the Society for many years or should I say decades. Starting around 1985 under the direction of the late Margaret Watling they initially were restricted to a Spring or Autumn garden visit plus an out-of-town sojourn. Under Margaret's tutelage Freda Hunter took over in 1986 and the tour programme grew steadily reaching its zenith in the 1990's. "It was a time when many people liked to visit showcase gardens to learn about new plants and how they were performing" mused Freda.

"They enjoyed the camaraderie and would share their experiences with other CHS members in the All About Gardening sessions". The annual tour programme became a major source of self-funding for the Society.

In 2012 Freda retired from her position as Tour Manager and was succeeded by Gail Scrivener. She decided to stay on in the new role of Tour Director in which she could mentor Gail and oversee the whole CHS programme. In April last year a small team was formed to relook at the tours programme and 5 key criteria were identified to help in the evaluation of potential or suggested tours.

These were - practical and safe, interactive, educational, appeal and relevance to CHS's mission.

In the past year 14 tours were hosted by Gail or Freda, 8 of which were part of the Ellerslie Tour Programme. A survey of members in 2012 revealed the preferences for the more distant destinations and accordingly 3 of last year's tours were out of Christchurch, with a 3 Day Wearable Arts Tour to Wellington, a 3 Day Rose Festival Tour to Timaru and a 7 day trip to Doubtful Sound, enjoyed immensely by all participants.

An affordable half day Look & Learn programme was introduced in this period and tours were held in Christchurch or its immediate surrounds. These have been well supported and have proved a popular activity while attracting some younger new members. This popularity may also indicate that the membership is getting older and the multi-day trips are too expensive for many, or that health issues and other factors make them less attractive than they were in Freda's halcyon days.

We are aware that the competition for the discretionary dollar has intensified

dramatically in the past twenty years. The rise of the café society, the emergence of winery-based restaurants (and associated tours) and the increased competition within the tourism industry itself have all exacerbated the challenges we face in developing a tour programme that will prove attractive to members and financially viable for the CHS. Superimposed on all of these competitive forces is the "just-in-time, search and buy online" phenomenon.

Whilst there has been a decline in number participation the tours team is most appreciative of the support it receives from our members, and have been working hard on planning a varied and interesting programme for the future and continue the development of the Look & Learn programme.

To grow the numbers will require a significant increase in the promotion of our annual tours programme both within the CHS and to the general public. CHS management, supported fully by the Board remains committed to an annual programme of high quality tours at a reasonable cost to its members.

We look forward to hosting you on a CHS tour soon.

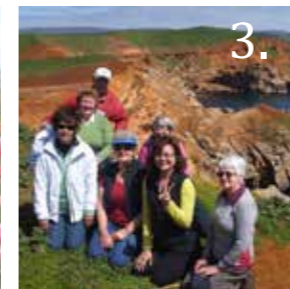


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All About Gardening October 2014

Tue 7 October 7pm - 9pm

Wed 8 October 9.45am - 11.45am

Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter
From Your Gardens & Question Time

Marvellous Mums for your Garden
David Purcell from the Chrysanthemum Circle talks on general cultural of garden chrysanthemums.

Morning Tea/Supper

Propagating

Ed Wicken of Kingcraft Plants demonstrates a number of techniques

Raffles



Weed Busters Garden Escapee

Aluminium Plant *Galeobdolon luteum*

Aluminium plant has distinctive silvery patches on the leaves and may have yellow flowers. It is a groundcover plant that survives well in shaded areas.

Aluminium plant spreads vigorously to form a thick, invasive, smothering mat. New plants easily establish from fragments.

Plant me Instead

Kiwakiwa *Blechnum fluviatile*
Hosta hybrids eg 'Gold Standard'
Hosta 'Lemon Lime'



Spring Garden Awards

Judging Sun 5 October 2014

Entries Close Wed 1 October 2014

Judging of the awards is in combination with the Christchurch Beautifying Association.

Entry forms available from the CHS Office
Christchurch Beautifying Association:
Keith: 741 1549 or Peter 359 5205

Top Tasks September

Michael Coulter

One of the best tips at this time of year is to do today what needs to be done as tomorrow may be too late. I find it better to do a little each day rather than trying to do a weeks worth of tasks in one day because Spring weather can be very unpredictable and it may rain on the day you decided to garden. Weeds seem to grow faster than any other plant this month so the top task for me is getting weeds under control. Remember, a task well begun is a task half done.

Fruit & Vegetable garden

Dig the ground over to make a good fine soil ready for planting and sowing. Dig in compost and any animal manure 2-3 weeks before planting or sowing.

Keep weeding crops that are already in the ground especially garlic, onions and shallots as they are not good at competing with weeds. Begin sowing outside the hardy crops such as peas, carrots, parsnips, leeks and any of the brassicas.

Transplant seedlings of the early leaf crops

to give a succession of crops through out the season. Do not plant too many of any one variety at one time as it will give an over supply at the expense of a continual supply.

Give the citrus plants the first of the seasons feed using a special citrus fertiliser then top up the mulch around the base of them.

In the greenhouse the warmer loving crops can be planted, tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers etc.

Plant early potatoes but keep a watch out as they emerge through the ground and mould up especially if a frost is forecast.

On the fruit trees follow the spray programme as they begin to flower and come into leaf. Prevention is better than a cure for pest and disease on plants.

Lawns

Cut every week and catch the grass. Only cut about 1/3 of the leaf height.

Top dress any low areas of the lawn. A good tip is to mix good seed with the soil before top dressing the lawn. Do this after you have de thatched the lawn (see below).

At the end of the month lawns may be sprayed

for weeds and moss. Remember not to compost treated lawn clippings.

Rake over lawns to lift the thatch and mow, this helps to reinvigorate the grass. After the removal of the thatch give the lawn a feed.

Flower Garden

Keep the garden weed free and prepare any areas needed for planting.

As Spring and Winter flowering shrubs finish flowering prune to encourage next seasons flowers.

Fertilise around shrubs before they come into growth to keep them healthy (always check their needs as some do not like too much food i.e. proteas).

Dead head Spring bulbs as they finish flowering. Do not cut leaves off daffodils too soon they are needed to feed the bulb for next years flowers.

Hosta buds are swelling ready to come into leaf, treat for slugs and snails now.

Keep a watch out for aphids on the new growth of roses and treat at the first sign. Apply preventive treatments for black spot and other diseases now to keep them clean.

Spring Show

NZ Alpine Garden Society, Chch Daffodil Circle & the Rhododendron Society

Saturday 20 September, 1pm - 5pm and
Sunday 21 September 10am - 4pm
CHS Centre, South Hagley Park

Entry \$5 Food, drink and EFTpos available

Quiz Time

What is the Maori name for:

1. White Pine
2. Lancewood
3. Tree Fern
4. Bull Rush
5. NZ Christmas tree

Answers: www.chsgardens.co.nz



Lilies Talk

Diseases of Lilies & Other Bulbs

The New Zealand Lily Society presents speaker, Dr Ian Harvey of Plantwise.

Tuesday 14 October, 7.30pm
Templin Hall, CHS Centre

Free, please bring photos or specimens for question time.