



Orchards in Schools

Your help is needed!



In recent newsletters we have featured the Orchards in Schools project in which project managers Michael Tennant and Sasha Goburdhone established fruit and berry orchards in five Christchurch schools last year. That was the “easy” bit.

The schools have confirmed that they need help to maintain the orchards and so with your help we’re about to implement a three tier support programme. *read about how you can help below*



ALL ABOUT GARDENING

July 2015

Located at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre

Tuesday 7 July 7pm - 9pm

Wednesday 8 July 9.45am - 11.45am

Bright New Things

Garden trends for Spring and Summer

Small Soakers, Suckers and Munchers in your Garden

Macro-photographer Tony Mander gives us a close up and personal look at some of those nasties that attack our favourite plants.

Members: \$5.00

non-members: \$10.00

Tea, coffee and refreshments included

MID-WINTER LUNCHEON

Speaker Announced!

We are delighted to welcome **Da’Vella Gore** as our Mid-Winter Luncheon Speaker.

Artist, builder, gardener and teacher, Da’Vella’s life is an inspiration to us all. Take a moment to read more about this entertaining character inside.

Luncheon tickets are \$30 per person and on sale now via our website or the CHS office.

Support the Programme

Tier 1 involves master mentors who will advise on the work needed to be done each quarter and maybe provide some skills training on site.

Tier 2 will require 2 or 3 CHS members per school to act as guides and ensure that the relevant work is completed in a timely and proficient way according to the action plan created by the master mentor.

Tier 3 will involve the teachers, parents and students at each school who will do most of the actual work and learning. Prominent CHS members have agreed to act as master mentors as follows:

- **Athol McCully** – St Martins & Oaklands schools
- **Alan Jolliffe** – Northcote school
- **Rachel Vogan** – Gilberthorpe school
- **Michael Coulter** – Addington school

If you would like to join this programme please email tony.kunowski@chsgardens.co.nz and indicate which school you’d like to support. If you could manage more than one school that would be great!

GENERAL HORTICULTURE STUDY

Expressions of interest are invited from members who would like to undertake some study towards a Level 3 Certificate in General Horticulture presented **free of charge** by an NZQA Accredited tutor from Agribusiness Training.

The course involves a total of around 80 hours at about 3 hours per fortnight with a combination of theory and practical study. Classes will be held in the evening unless we have enough demand – we need at least 8 participants for daytime classes. Email: tony.kunowski@chsgardens.co.nz

TOURS

*Inspiring gardens
& rich culture*

TARANAKI SPECTACULAR

Freda Hunter previews gardens from the Waitara, Bell Block and Inglewood area - more must sees from the Taranaki tour itinerary.

Armstrong Garden *Alantha & Bill Armstrong*

In this cottage-style garden flowers, flowers and more flowers will wow you. Herbaceous borders are full of Spring colour and fragrance, featuring a large range of perennials and annuals.

There are roses in abundance to add scent and colour.

Te Kukumara *Bryce & Delwyn Barnett*

In this landscaped garden there are many different areas, including wide open vistas and garden rooms. The plant selection pushes the boundaries with what can be grown in a temperate climate, while native plantings and deciduous trees in the greater garden anchor the garden to its Taranaki roots. Features include a magnificent palm-lined driveway, a lake, raised vegetable gardens, bird aviary and an enviable collection of sculpture from local and international artists. Also there is a collection of cars on view.



Anne & Vince's Garden

Anne and Vince Naus

This couple have combined their love of gardening to create a riverside haven featuring traditional, formal and modern plantings. Various hedge combinations provide background shelter and structure.

This is a garden with a large variety of natives, trees, shrubs, roses and perennials creating a striking effect set around a lovely restored 100yr old villa.

Next month will be a snippet about the opening of the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and the new Len Lye Centre.

The Taranaki Spectacular tour runs 7-12 November and includes return airfares CHC-NPL with Air NZ and four star accommodation.

For brochure and bookings please contact the CHS Office
tel: 366 6937 or email: office@chsgardens.co.nz

TOUR DIARY



Spring into Darfield Day Tour *Wed 23 Sep 2015*

A feast of Spring colour - Gunyah Estate, Taradale and the private gardens of Ina Phillips & Trish Ballaghs.

Book now: \$105 includes morning tea, lunch & coach



WOW Wellington Short Break *2-4 Oct 2015*

Return Airfares, Ruth Pretty's, A Reserve World of WearableArt Awards Show tickets & much more!

Book now: \$1,045 \$199 single supplement



Dalkeith Look & Learn *1pm Wed 21 Oct 2015*

A showcase of late Spring colour at its best

Book now: \$20 \$2 car pool includes afternoon tea



Taranaki Spectacular Longer Break *7-12 Nov 2015*

A feast of gardens (large and small) scenic attractions, bush and coastal walks, garden centre visits and free time for retail therapy.

Book now: \$2,199 \$425 single supplement



Chiang Mai Flower Festival - Thailand

12 Day Longer Break *29 Jan - 10 Feb 2016*

Includes 2 nights Bangkok, 2 nights River Kwai, 2 nights Chiang Rai and 5 nights in peaceful Chiang Mai.

Brochure & Costs available now



Norfolk Island Longer Break *April 2016*

A repeat of this popular tour with a difference including an Anzac Day special event. **Register your interest now**

CHIANG MAI FLOWER FESTIVAL

*A spectacular floral tapestry
that blankets the land*

Every year on the first weekend of February, the Chiang Mai Flower Festival takes place featuring a parade, flower exhibition and Miss Chiang Mai Flower Festival competition.

The hills and valleys of Chiang Mai are ideal natural habitats for a vast variety of tropical as well as temperate flowers. This is the best time to enjoy the spectacular floral tapestry that blankets the land with colourful flowers such as the African marigold, globe amaranth, orchids, chrysanthemum, celosia, and assorted roses such as the 'Fa Mui' and thin 'Uang Dok Lek'.

Chiang Mai takes great pride in having maintained its tradition of hosting the annual festival for the past 38 years. The ancient Lanna Thai kingdom — 'land of a million rice fields' — was also famous for its tradition of artistic excellence. The northern



province of Chiang Mai has since been known as the 'home' of the legendary Lanna Thai artisans. Long recognized for their exquisite craftsmanship, the northern region is also noted for its elaborate traditional floral art installations. The festival features an impressive showcase of traditional and contemporary floral art and Lanna cultural splendour.

The festival also supports the province's horticultural industry which has steadily grown in importance as one of Thailand's major exporters of fresh cut flowers, ornamental plants, and a range of other horticultural products. A total of 222 varieties of flowering and ornamental plants will be on display during the three-day event.

Join us on our Chiang Mai Flower Festival Tour in conjunction with Go See Touring 29 Jan - 12 Feb 2016.

This fabulous trip takes in Hellfire Pass and the iconic River Kwai before heading to Northern Thailand where we visit the beautiful Mae Fah Luang Gardens and Golden Triangle. Once in Chiang Mai we shop, ride elephants, take in a cooking school or Thai massage and enjoy prime reserved seating for the festival. This fully escorted tour is packed with inclusions and excellent value for money.

Brochure out now with itinerary and costs

Member of the Month

Sandi MacRae

Where were you born and where did you spend most of your childhood?

Having been born and brought up in Christchurch at Mum and Dad's nursery, Woodland Nursery in Harewood Road, I call Christchurch home.

Where do you live now and with whom?

I still live here and have 1000+ bees as company in the garden. I also spend time at the seaside in Redcliffs with my partner.

What aroused your interest in gardening or horticulture?

Living on a nursery and working with plants as a teenager after school encouraged me to learn about plants. I've always loved the shape and form of plants and interesting combinations of varieties. We'd often go to the Botanic Gardens at weekends as a family and my parents would identify different varieties. It rubbed off on me!

What gardening or horticultural interests do you have now?

I have a Landscape Design business where I specialize in creating beautiful, functional, usable outdoor living rooms and garden areas. My business is based at Terra Viva Home and Garden which also continues to inspire my love of plants.

What's your favourite plant and why?

As a favourite plant, I choose miscanthus 'Morning Lights'.



I love it for its form, for the movement of the foliage, for its autumn flower heads, and its winter structure.

What's been your most challenging and/or rewarding gardening project?

As a landscape Designer I've had a variety of interesting sites, plans and clients to work with. The most challenging and rewarding though was my Ellerslie Edible exhibition garden in 2010. We built the garden for the show, then relocated it to the Cholmondeley Children's home in Governors Bay where the children could learn about the plants, look after them and eat the produce from them.

When did you join the CHS and why?

I've been a member of the horticultural Society for at least the last 15 years and enjoy spending time with people who love plants.

What is your passion for the future of the CHS?

The CHS is an organization that promotes horticultural interests and is a big part of gardening in Christchurch. I'm really happy to be a part of it and support the growth of horticulture in Christchurch.

FLOWER-FILLED MAY AAG

Congratulations to our May All About Gardening attendees who won these beautiful raffles supplied by Angeline Ward Florist. We very much enjoyed hearing from Angeline and it certainly got us in the mood for the Margaret Watling Memorial Demonstration.



QUIZ TIME

Can you identify where these plant places are located?



Hibiscus Coast



Redwood Forest



Palm Springs



Lone Pine Sanctuary



Coconut Grove



The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

answers online: www.chsgardens.co.nz



kiwi gardener



ODERINGS GARDEN CENTRES

The CHS gratefully acknowledges the valuable contribution of its sponsors and supporters which are listed above. The sponsorship categories are as follows: Principal, Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Supporter and will be populated as sponsors join the programme. Details of the programme may be found at www.chsgardens.co.nz/sponsorship

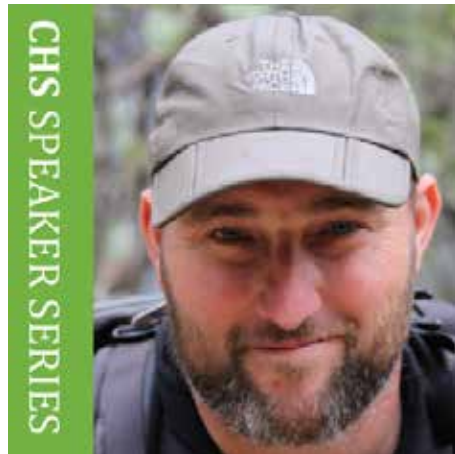
Doug Logan

Flora of NZ Southern & Other Alpine Regions

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES.

Doug Logan is the second speaker in the series, with *Flora of NZ Southern & Other Alpine Regions*.

Growing up on the foothills of Lake Sumner Forest Park, the seed was sown early on for Doug and his love of the great outdoors.



Hunting and tramping introduced him to NZ alpine plants and soon photographing and cultivating these specialized plants became an obsession. From Spring to Autumn, he spends many weekends hunting down desirable plants. From Fiordland to Kahurangi National Parks, from mountain tarns to the dry Eastern screes, the Southern Alps reveal some of the most interesting and beautiful plants on earth!

Four highly qualified and experienced speakers present this series of stimulating talks culminating in the MJ Barnett Memorial Lecture.

The Winter Speaker Series talks start at 7pm in the PC Browne Room at the CHS Centre, 57 Riccarton Ave, South Hagley Park.

Light refreshments will be served.

Also in the programme:

Thursday 9 July 2015

John Thacker

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly – Pest Plants and their Control

Thursday 13 August 2015

Prof Jenny Webster-Brown

Managing Water Run-off in an Urban Environment

ALL ABOUT GARDENING JUNE

Tue 2 June 7pm & Wed 3 June 9.45am

Producing high quality employees to power a vibrant horticulture industry.

Mike Styles, *Primary ITO*

How have the birds of the Estuary and their habitat fared following the quakes? Andrew Crossland, *CCC's Park Ranger for Wildlife Management.*

CHS CIRCLES

Daffodil Circle

Mon 8 June 7.30pm PC Browne Room

Floral Art Circle

Thu 18 June 1.30pm Watling Room

CHS AFFILIATES

Orchid Society

Mon 1 June 7pm Watling Room

Garden Club Reps Meeting

Tue 2 June 10am PC Browne Room



QUIZ NIGHT

Tue 23 June 7.30pm

PC Browne Room

Whether you're quiz crazy or simply enjoy a bit of

friendly competition the annual CHS Quiz Night should not be missed! Enter as a team (\$20) or individually (\$5). Plenty of prizes up for grabs as well as raffles and loads of fun to be had. BYO drinks. Tea, coffee and supper provided.

Register by Fri 19 June at the CHS Office

PLANT OF THE MONTH *Lilium Regale*



Or should I say 'Xmas Lily' as we commonly know them. The bulbs are sold now until July so that they create the lovely flower and scent we all associate with Christmas.

Although you can plant them in the garden if you grow them in pots you can bring them indoors enhancing the smell of Christmas, then plant outside when ready.

Delightful!

Available online: www.oderings.co.nz
or from any Oderings Garden Centre

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm sure the 28 people who joined the Look & Learn session at Moffat's Nursery will agree that it was a fascinating experience. For someone brought up in a family of Rosarians and at my age (21 again?) I thought I knew about growing roses. Wrong! Being taken through the enormous glass houses showed there was so much for us all to learn about propagation, irrigation, fertilizing, spraying and climate to keep them healthy. The two glass houses of philanaeopsis orchids were inspirational. Much of the nursery has had to be rebuilt following the earthquakes and a disastrous fire which followed the following New Year's Eve. They are to be congratulated for the remarkable way they have rebuilt and recovered. Thanks to Gail and Freda for organizing such a great afternoon which we finished with coffee at The Vicarage.

Thanks also to those of you who supported our first Winter Speaker and the extravagant Margaret Watling Event. *Elizabeth*

Winter Speaker Series

Aaron Russ *in review*

The 2015 Winter Speaker Series had an excellent start with a fascinating talk by Aaron Russ, General Manager of Wild Earth Travel.

Describing himself as a zoologist cum geologist turned botanist and eco tourist Aaron explained that travelling south from New Zealand is equivalent to gaining height in terms of flora survival. He took us on a tour of the Snare Islands, Auckland and Campbell Islands and compared the flora in this sub-antarctic region with the much more stunted and less colourful flora in northern Russia near Bering Straight.

Due to the lack of sustained human habitation the mega-herbs in the sub-antarctic region have never been given anglicised names and are known only by their Latin names. One prominent species prevalent on the Auckland Islands - *Pleurophyllum* - has produced three distinct variants with each one existing within a narrow but clearly delineated altitude range. Pictured are *Pleurophyllum criniferum* which occupies the sea level to 200



metre range, *Pleurophyllum speciosum* grows in a 200-300 metre range and then *Pleurophyllum hookeri* lives in the 300-600 metre range.

One intriguing fact to emerge is that a Sitka Spruce, which was planted in 1907 by Lord Ranfurly during the Canterbury Philosophical Society Expedition now holds the Guinness Book of Record for being the "loneliest tree on the planet".

Aaron's company is planning a trip to the sub-antarctic islands in December 2015 and early January next year.

*If Aaron's talk sparked an interest in sub-antarctic flora then you may like to join him on one of two forthcoming voyages with Wild Earth Travel, **Forgotten Islands of the South Pacific & Sub-antarctic Islands: In Focus.***

Aaron is pleased to offer CHS Members a 10% discount on the advertised prices. Please contact the CHS office if you wish to take up this generous discount.

JUNIOR GARDENERS

Thu 18 June 3:45 - 5pm Watling Room

New Juniors Needed!

As older children move on we really need **four** new members for this year.

Parents or grandparents usually stay through the session and are valued as part of the interactive nature of the programme.

For more information contact
Dave Adams tel: 342 6236

CHS RAMBLERS

*Tue 9 June Westburn
Park on Westburn Tce near Braco Pl*

*Tue 23 June Opawa
Meet in carpark in Hansen Park*

UPDATED TIME for 2015

Walks start at **9.45am** every second and fourth **Tuesday** each month. **FREE**

No walk if very wet.

STOP PRESS - SGM

Under the CHS Rules the President has requested that a Special General Meeting be held for the following purposes:

- *To change our current 30 June financial year to a calendar year in order to reflect CHS activities*
- *To receive an update from the Board on the sale of the Horticultural Centre*

Wed 17 June, 7.30pm PC Browne Room.
A quorum of 20 members is required.

Michael Coulter's Top Tasks

As Winter approaches work in the garden slows down. With shorter and colder days it is better to choose the days that are fine and sunny to do the work as much that needs to be done is not as urgent as in the Spring and Summer.

So far the weather has been quite mild and we have had some rain so there has still been some growth, especially in the lawns and weeds. Many of the perennials and Summer annuals have not yet been cut back by frosts so one needs to keep weeding and mowing the lawns (although not too low).

As plants like dahlias and chrysanthemums finish flowering cut them back by about two thirds, ready to lift them once the frosts have cut them back and made them dormant. Bulbs can still be planted and ground should be prepared for planting Spring annuals, which should be completed by the middle of the month.

In the fruit and vegetable garden it is clean up time, keep the ground weed free around the vege plants to allow plenty of air

around them to encourage plants to grow and mature. Fruit trees can have their first Winter spray once the leaves have fallen. Ground can be made ready for planting garlic at the end of the month and broad beans can be sown directly into the soil.

Fallen leaves make good compost but can take a long time to break down so I like to mix some grass clippings with them which speeds up the process. As there is little growth in the Winter most vege plants will hold well in the ground and can be harvested as needed but wet ground will get compacted so a good idea is to put boards on the ground to walk on so that it does not get compacted.

Treat paths for moss and keep wet leaves off so that the paths are not slippery to walk on. Clean and sharpen all the pruning tools ready for pruning season next month. Now is a good time to look through your seed packets and remove those past their date and make a list of what seeds are needed for the coming season.

Diary our Pruning Workshop on 4 & 11 July. See website for details

Meet Da'Vella Gore

Our Mid-Winter Luncheon Speaker

Da'Vella Gore is an established New Zealand artist and popular teacher for Art Societies throughout New Zealand.

She exhibits widely, carries out speaking engagements throughout the country and is a marriage celebrant.

Impulsive by nature, she set out one day, while painting on the West Coast, to buy a pound of butter and returned instead with a Historic Catholic Church. She transported materials to her home at Lake Hayes, and with her lively imagination and artistic flair, designed and built (with the help of her then nine year old son), a grand old English style home - the subject of her first book *This Blessed House*.

Da'Vella's gardens and paintings reflect her love for the New Zealand Landscape and much of her time is spent tramping in the back country for inspiration for her paintings.

Her other love is her garden - Da'Vella has built a stunning Grand Old English Stone House, Art Gallery and Chapel with materials that she salvaged from two old historic Catholic Churches, this is surrounded by three acres of enchanting English Cottage Gardens, ponds, waterfalls and a boutique vineyard.



Da'Vella has recorded her experiences as a home handy man, failed sheep farmer and would-be viticulturalist, in two more numerous books - *This Blessed Life* and *This Blessed Journey*. She has also published three topical books of her artwork depicting the North and South Island of New Zealand - *Coromandel Collection*, *Coromandel Selection* and *Southern Scenic Collection*.

The CHS annual Mid-Winter Luncheon is on Saturday 13 June.

Join us for a delicious 3-course Winter-inspired meal prepared and served by the students of CPIT's Visions restaurant. Licensed restaurant with plenty of parking.

Tickets: \$30 per person available from the CHS office or online www.chsgardens.co.nz/mid-winter-lunch

INTERACTIVE HORTICULTURE WORKSHOPS

Pruning with Alan Jolliffe

Workshop A: 10am - 12pm Sat 4 July
20 Longstaff Rd, Halswell

Workshop B: 10am - 12pm Sat 11 July
West Spreydon School, Lyttelton St

Members: FREE Non-members: \$10
Book online: www.chsgardens.co.nz

SPECIAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Worm Farming with Dougal McEachen

Director of Earthly Delights, Dougal McEachen hosts this special workshop on worm farming.

10am - 12pm Saturday 20 June
Watling Room, CHS Centre

Members FREE Non-members \$10
Book online: www.chsgardens.co.nz

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES - JULY

John Thacker:

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - Pest plants and their control

Thursday 9 July 7.00pm
PC Browne Room, CHS Centre

Members FREE Non-members \$10
Book online: www.chsgardens.co.nz

MARGARET WATLING DEMONSTRATION FEATURES INNOVATION & FLAIR

Geraldine-based floral artists Gislinde Folkerts and Annette Waller demonstrated their creativity and flair to over 200 well-dressed guests in the Horticultural Centre. Enhanced by wine, music and a walk-through of the creations by assistants Sarah Folkerts and Polly Hill, the demonstration of "floral designs for that special occasion" was well received by the audience. Congratulations are due to CHS Board Member Ray King and her hardworking Horticultural Events Committee.



Gislinde with her umbrella made out of thin wood veneer, grasses, peacock feathers and strings of decorative pearls woven through a handmade wire structure



Basket of muehlenbeckia woven through a handmade wire construction to carry decorative kale & the carnation 'Green Trick' in attached water phials.



Bouquet in Autumn colours with asiatic lilies, gerberas, the rose, 'Cherry Brandy' & leucadendrons, worked through a handmade wireframe embellished with beads, ribbons & felted wool.



Sunflowers, artichokes, leucadendron 'Safari Sunset' & Autumn leaves nestled into a handcrafted frame made out of copper mesh & wood wool.



Coralie Foden "Queen of the Tartz" from the Rangiora Red Hat Society.