



LOVE AUTUMN?

**Celebrate the Season with Oderings
at an exclusive Members Night
Wednesday 14 March 4-6pm
*Oderings Cashmere Store***



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH - March Event Calendar

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monday 5 March 7pm & Tuesday 6 9.45am

Our March speaker is **Mark Hutchings** from Allwood Trees. Also in the programme, Gardening Half Hour.

Christchurch Bridge Club

21 Nova Place, Free to CHS Members

\$5 non-members, includes tea, coffee and refreshments.

GARDEN CLUB REPS

Tuesday 6 March 12pm

*Christchurch Bridge Club
21 Nova Place*

ODERINGS MEMBERS NIGHT

Wednesday 14 March 4-6pm

*Oderings Cashmere
205 Cashmere Road*

ODERINGS 2018 SCHOOL GARDENS SHOW

*Friday 16 & Saturday 17 March 10am - 5pm
& Sunday 18 March 10am - 3pm*

*The Woolston Club
43 Hargood Street*

*Plenty of Parking, cafe open
Gold coin donation entry*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The CHS AGM will be held in the Harcourts Grenadier Auction Rooms, 98 Moorhouse Avenue at **7pm Monday 30 April 2018.**



Nomination of candidates for President, Vice President and (4-6) Board Members, items of general business and any notice of motion must be received at the CHS office no later than fourteen (14) days before the AGM with confirmation in writing from the nominated member. Nominations must be signed by 2 financial members and any notice of motion must be signed by 2 Financial/Honorary Life Members.

The Agenda, President's Report, Annual Accounts and Auditor's Report will be available from the CHS Office 7 days prior to the meeting by request, and at the meeting. Nomination forms are available from www.chsgardens.co.nz/agm

FROM THE PRESIDENT

2018 has started on a very positive note with about 180 people attending one of our two "All About Gardening" sessions at the beginning of February. Check out this newsletter for the next one in March.

Work is progressing behind the scenes for the Autumn Garden Show to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 20-22 April in the Botanic Gardens. Get involved or come and visit us at the show.

The Oderings School Garden Show opens shortly on Friday 16 March at The Woolston Club. This is a great venue and this show will be well worth a visit. Last year the exhibits were exceptional.

Later in the year keep an eye out for more events and activities.

The Board, staff and volunteers are all working hard to bring you great activities and events.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on 30 April at the Harcourts Grenadier Auction Rooms, 98 Moorhouse Avenue. Nomination Forms for Board positions are now available from the Office.

Please note, we are looking for Board Members to join us for 2018 and welcome new nominations.

Alan Jolliffe, CHS President

ODERINGS MEMBERS NIGHT

Wednesday 14 March 4-6pm *Oderings Cashmere*

Bring on Autumn!

For the first time Oderings Garden Centre **Cashmere** invite CHS Members to a special shopping evening where everything except items already discounted will be reduced by 20%.

Nestled in the foothills of Cashmere, with its backdrop of tall trees and spacious surroundings, the centre has charm and atmosphere all on its own. From gifts to tools to plants there is something for every gardener, with knowledgeable Oderings staff on hand to provide assistance and advice.

Make a night of it and stay for dinner at the newly opened Thai restaurant (please note they do not have a liquor license yet).

Entry by CHS Membership Card Only – if you have misplaced your card, replacements can be ordered and collected from the CHS office 10am-3pm, Monday to Thursday.

Please call Liz on 366 6937 or email: office@chsgardens.co.nz

* Excludes: Vouchers/Gift Cards, Trulux Glass Houses, Bee, butterfly, ladybird houses and colonies and any Current Sale Items.



Open just for Members - 2 hours!

205 Cashmere Rd, Cashmere - 20% Off Everything

RAMBLERS - Roto Kohatu Reserve

Thirty walkers turned out to start the CHS Ramblers year with a walk around the Roto Kohatu Reserve in Sawyers Arms Road.

For most on the walk it was a new location, away from city life. The weather was pleasant for the hour-long walk with views of wildlife and fish in two small lakes.

A quarry reformed into Roto Kohatu consists of two lakes, Tahī (one) which is home to the Jet ski club, and Rua (two) which is used by swimmers and the Aoraki Dragons dragon boating group. Course fishing competitions are also held on Rua. An awesome space on the fringe of a bustling industrial area.



RAMBLERS 2017

Tuesday 13 March 9.45am

New Brighton

Meet New Brighton Carpark Marine Parade, near library

Tuesday 27 March 9.45am

Opawa

Meet Hansen Park carpark, off Hawford St.

No walk if wet. FREE

2018 Programme available online and from the CHS Office



Tony Kunowski

Tony is leaving the Canterbury Horticultural Society having been with the CHS for 5 years during which time a number of significant events have occurred including the sale of our building in Hagley Park, insurance claims for earthquake damage and relocation of the office.

The Board expresses its gratitude for Tony's contribution to the Canterbury Horticultural Society. As a voluntary society and we can only make this work by having people like him sharing his experience and knowledge, and working with us through stages of our growth and development.

We particularly acknowledge his contribution as we have transitioned from a property owning Society to an event and information based Society.

The Board wishes him all the best in the future.

Alan Jolliffe

President, Canterbury Horticultural Society

MONTHLY TIPS & TASKS with Michael Coulter

March is the month that we see the start of the change of season from Summer to Autumn with the days getting shorter and the trees beginning to show signs of colour.

The tasks in the garden also change as we continue to harvest the Summer grown crops, Summer flowers start to fade and lawns will grow with the cooler temperatures and morning dews.

Our thoughts must turn now to Winter and preparing the garden for those plants that will provide vegetables and flowers during the Winter and following Spring.

Later in the Autumn is the time that we can plant trees, shrubs and Spring bulbs but we should not be in too much of a hurry for daffodils as they are better planted in April when the soil is cooler.

There is still time to plant Winter vegetables but it is important to keep them weed free to allow them to grow with little competition so that they are able to stand the Winter weather.

Remember when buying bulbs to only get those that are firm and clean as this indicates that they are free of any pest or disease.



AUTUMN GARDEN SHOW



Christchurch Botanic Gardens
Te Māra Huaota o Waipapa



AUTUMN GARDEN SHOW

20-22 April 2018

Canterbury Horticultural Society presents the Autumn Garden Show in association with the Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

Principal Sponsor: Terra Viva Home & Garden

Find the show at the Botanic Gardens outside the Visitor Centre Friday, Saturday & Sunday 20 - 22 April 2018.

Our exhibition garden by award winning Billygoat Landscape Architecture focusses on gardening for the mind, body and soul and how we can utilise our own backyards to improve these key elements for our well being. The garden has five key spaces all linked together around a central garden that encompasses a large tree and sensory plants. Prepare to be inspired!

There are also floral exhibits, creative autumnal treats by Jonny Schwass and stunning design and entertainment by costume and fabric artist Jenny Gillies. *Free for the whole family!*

Visit our facebook event page by scanning the QR code or see the CHS website.

JUNIOR GARDENERS

Thursday 15 March 3:45 - 5pm
CHS Office: 2/153 Lichfield Street

CHRYSANTHEMUM CIRCLE

Monday 19 March 7:30pm
General cultural notes, pest control.
Housing of lates, Problem solving and questions.

FLORAL DESIGN GROUP

Wednesday 21 March 3pm
CHS Office: 2/153 Lichfield Street
The group is working on basic ikebana techniques for the next few months.
New members welcome. Contact the office for more information.
Tel: 366 6937
Email: office@chsgardens.co.nz

FRUIT & VEGETABLE CIRCLE

Wednesday 28 March 7:30pm
The new meeting place for 2018 is at the Deaf Society of Canterbury, 80 Fitzgerald Ave. (corner of Fitzgerald Ave & Tuam St).
This months speaker is group member Alan Nilsen who will be talking about propagating a variety of fruit trees, especially plums.
We will also have our regular sales table. Items for sale very welcome.

MARCH TASKS AROUND THE GARDEN

Flower Garden

1. Remove spent flowers and cut back perennials that have finished flowering by about a third.
2. Remove Summer annuals and prepare ground for further planting.
3. Prepare ground for planting new shrubs, trees and bulbs later in the Autumn.
4. Stake Autumn flowering perennials such as chrysanthemums and michaelmas daisies.
5. Treat roses for rust and black spot before they lose their leaves to help stop a carry over to next season.
6. Later in the month plant pansy, violas, poppies and members of the primula family for Winter colour.
7. After flowering perennials can be lifted and divided.

Fruit and Vegetable Garden

1. Prune out the old fruiting canes of berry fruit like raspberries, blackberries etc.
2. Pick pip fruits before they get over ripe so that they keep better.
3. Plant Winter brassicas, silver beet and other winter greens.
4. Give fruit trees a clean up treatment after all the fruit has been picked.
5. Transplant strawberry runners in small pots to plant later to renew strawberry beds.
6. Give leeks a fertiliser side dressing to keep them growing.
7. Remove the old plants of spent crops and dig the ground over to keep the area weed free.

Lawns

1. Apply fertiliser and water in.
2. Treat for broad leaf weeds.
3. Scarify to remove the thatch.
4. Top dress and resow hard worn areas.
5. New lawns are better sown now to get them established before the Winter.
6. Look for and treat any fungal infection to prevent it spreading.

Horticultural & Conservation Information Hub Joint Venture

Volunteers from the Friends of the Botanic Gardens and CHS are available to answer questions about horticulture, gardening and plants every **Wednesday & Sunday 1-3pm** at the Old Information Centre in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

Do come along and have a chat – or spread the word to other enthusiasts out there.

TOURS WITH THE CHS

Tour Diary 2018

Autumn Colours in Central Otago
& the Dunedin Peninsula

Monday 23 - Saturday 28 April 2018

\$1,799 share twin

Register your interest. Flyer available now

Queensland Mooloolaba - Towoomba -
Noosa Heads & Surrounds

September/October 2018

Register your interest now



Chantecler
a Garden of National
Significance

AUTUMN COLOURS TOUR - Otago Peninsula & Central Otago, 23-28 April 2018

Take a peek at Day Five of this fabulous tour:

LAKE HAYES – ARROWTOWN

After breakfast our tour group travels to **Chantecler** a Garden of National Significance. This 12 acre garden is situated between Queenstown and Arrowtown and is part of Mike and Maureen Henry's forty acre property which they purchased in 2003. They have created a themed garden with specific aspects based on plants and garden styles from around the world. Chantecler's gardens are complimented by mature Redwood, Oak, Beech, Ash, Rowan, Maple, Willow, Birch and many other trees including exotic conifers, truly a garden for all seasons.

After our visit we travel to **Arrowtown** with free time to enjoy a leisurely lunch or a stroll through this unique town renowned for scenes of Autumn splendour.

In the afternoon we visit **Blair Garden** in the Lake Hayes area which began 34 years ago. This imaginative and innovative country garden is the reflection of the passion and vision of its owner, Janet Blair. Much thought has gone into ensuring there is seasonal colour to reflect the surrounding landscape. A New Zealand Gardens Trust garden.

We conclude at **Stoneridge Estate** with a walk around Da Vella Gore's garden before travelling to Queenstown. After some free time the TSS Earnslaw ferries us to Walter Peak Station for our farewell dinner.

This six day tour has something to offer everyone; scenery, history, stunning gardens and generous hospitality. Contact the office for a copy of the brochure. Or visit the tour on our web page to download one. www.chsgardens.co.nz/autumn-colours-tour



What's coming up

AAG APRIL

Meeting held on **Easter Monday**

Monday 2 April 7pm & Tuesday 3 9.45am

April speaker to be confirmed. Also in the programme, Gardening Half Hour.

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CHS SPEAKER SERIES

The theme for the 2018 series is "**Native Plant Regeneration**"

Thursday 17 May 7pm - Greg Byrnes

Thursday 14 June 7pm - Keith Briden

Thursday 12 July 7pm - Steve Bush

M J Barnett Memorial Lecture

Thursday 16 August 7pm - Jason Butt

Venue details to be confirmed soon

