



20-22 APRIL 2018 *Friday, Saturday & Sunday*
FLORAL FEATURES | KIDS ACTIVITIES
JONNY SCHWASS | JENNY GILLIES

The Autumn Garden Show is on this month. Put the dates in your calendar, 20-22nd April. The Show has doubled in size from last year, and is still in the same place, at the Visitors centre on the lawn in front of the café and gift shop in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens.



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH APRIL EVENT CALENDAR

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

EASTER Monday 2 April 7pm
& **Tuesday 3 9.45am**

Our April 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.

AUTUMN GARDEN SHOW

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 20-22 April
Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre

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

Principal Sponsor: Terra Viva Home & Garden

Free Entry

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 30 April 7pm
Harcourts Grenadier 98 Moorhouse Avenue

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.

More information and nomination forms available from www.chsgardens.co.nz/agm

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from Melbourne

Robyn and I are here for a week which will culminate with a visit to the Melbourne International Flower Show. I hope to get a few ideas about how this show works so we can continue to make progress on the CHS Autumn Garden Show. We spent the day at the Royal Melbourne Botanic Gardens enjoying all the views, walks, plants and displays. Its a wonderful place, quite different to our Botanic Gardens in Christchurch. The camera had a good workout.

The AGM is coming up in April so mark that in your diary. Nominations for the board are being sought now. If you have an interest and want to find out more contact me or one of the Board members and we can talk about it.
Alan Jolliffe, CHS President

AUTUMN GARDEN SHOW *update from Rachel Vogan*

This year you will see a large display garden which will excite the body mind and soul. This impressive garden by Billygoat Landscape Architecture is similar to what you would have seen at the Ellerslie Flower Show.

Southern Woods and Allwood Trees are also creating design gardens, then there are specialist garden shops on the main lawn. Kids are a key element too, Terra Viva have a wonderful colouring competition with hundreds of free pot plants to be given away. Supporting the outdoor exhibits and roaming the show will be a series of Jenny Gillies dancers wearing her fabulous costumes, these ladies will guide you around the show and provide a fun and lively element.

Inside, Floral Designers of Canterbury present designs in the modern Beidermeier style - a creative style from the past using fresh flowers, fruit and foliage. The Bonsai Society will have their best plants on display, come and talk to these experts on the art of maintaining and creating Bonsai. The Canterbury Chrysanthemum show will be the other anchor exhibit, with extraordinary blooms sure to be a crowd favourite.

In the Botanical Marque you will find all the plant experts and specialist groups along with the award winning School garden from Riccarton School. Watch Kokedama workshops, chat to members from the Alpine Society and check out the amazing indoor plant display from Terra Viva. **Put the date in your calendar. Great range of food and coffee outlets on site or bring a picnic. There is plenty of room for you, your friends and the family and what's even better - it's free!**

ODERINGS SCHOOL GARDENS SHOW

2018 Results

The theme for the 4th show was "Into the Future" and it was amazing to see how many different interpretations of the theme there were. The standard of the 11 garden exhibits from the participating schools was extremely high and the judges were impressed at their quality.

A special congratulations to **Riccarton Primary School** who won Gold and the **School's Choice Award** and to **Te Kura o te Mātāpuna arā Isleworth School**, who also won Gold and the **People's Choice Award**. The plant quality in both exhibits was excellent. The judges loved the creativity of 'plants as space creatures' in Isleworth's **Space Oddity**. Riccarton's garden, "**What future do you Choose?**" considered two very different outcomes for our earth. Their interactive component really appealed to the children, as did the engaging and beautifully made insects and birds.

Everyone loved Linwood Avenue School's aliens (photo far right) - their exhibition garden, **Alienopoly** considered a future where the earth is taken over by aliens.

You can see all the photos and results on our web-page: www.chsgardens.co.nz/2018-results



Isleworth School – Space Oddity
Gold & People's Choice Award



Riccarton Primary School - What future do you Choose?
Gold & Schools Choice Award



Wairakei School
A Dual Purpose Gold Award



Waitakiri School
BACK 'In to the Future' Silver Award

OFFICE RELOCATION

The CHS office in Lichfield Street will be closed from **Thursday 5th April** until further notice. This is due to the forthcoming demolition of the building.

We have not yet secured a new office space. Members will be advised of the new office location as soon as confirmed.

If you have any queries please phone Liz on **366 6937** or **021 739 2277**. Phones will be operating as normal.

GARDEN CLUB REPS

Tuesday 3 April 12pm
Christchurch Bridge Club, 21 Nova Place

JUNIOR GARDENERS

Thursday 19 April 3:45 - 5pm

CHRYSANTHEMUM CIRCLE

Monday 16 April 7:30pm
General cultural notes, pest control. Housing of lates, problem solving and questions.

FLORAL DESIGN GROUP

Wednesday 18 April 3pm
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

Location of meeting venues to be confirmed - please telephone the office : 366 6937

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Date & Ginger Loaf

(from Elizabeth Jenkins, Little River.)

- 1 ½ Packets Pam's Dates (600 gms)
 - 1 ½ Cups Water & Orange Juice mixed
 - ⅓ Cup Brown Sugar
 - ¼ Cup Molasses
 - 1 Tbsp Cocoa.
- Put into a large pot and bring to the boil.
- Cool then add:
- 1 Cup Crystallized Ginger - chopped
 - 2½ Cups Self Raising Flour
 - ¼ Tsp Baking Soda
 - 1 Egg

Mix well and spread into two lined loaf tins. Bake at 180°C for 45 minutes. Ice with melted chocolate.

MONTHLY TIPS & TASKS with Michael Coulter

April is the first month of Autumn, the trees are at their best for colour and the chrysanthemums are in full bloom along with many other Autumn flowering perennials. This month is a busy one as we get our gardens ready for Winter and the days get shorter so we do not have as much daylight to work in the garden so we must make the most of the fine days to complete the work. As we clean up in the garden we get a lot of green material from the flower garden and the vegetable garden along with the leaves that the trees have shed. All of this will make good compost which can be returned to the soil in the Spring. Now is a good time to treat the paths and lawns for moss before the cooler weather encourages the moss to grow. Spring bulbs should be planted now using only the good sound bulbs and select a range of types to give a colourful display in the Spring.

The Chrysanthemum Circle Show runs during the Autumn Garden Show in the Illex room. There will be many different types of chrysanthemums grown by local members, from the very large to the more dainty spiders, giving a colourful display of flowers grown to their very best. Do come and see these blooms at perfection and find out who the winners are and why their blooms won. Members will be in attendance to answer any questions and give advice on chrysanthemum culture.

EDIBLE GARDEN AWARDS 2018

Papanui-Innes Results

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2018 Edible Garden Awards. The CHS partnered with the CCC to present these awards at a special ceremony on Thursday 22 March at the Chapel Street Centre.

Those who gained special recognition include:

BEST GARDENS

Residential House: **Ann Powley, Shirley**
Residential Unit: **James Cumming, Redwood**

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Best in Category: **St Albans Uniting Parish, Cr. Nancy Avenue & Knowles Street.**

SCHOOL OR EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Best in Category: **Wairakei School**

SPECIAL AWARDS

First Time Entrant: (Residential) **Sarah Morel, St. Albans**

Best Tomatoes: **Rowan Trindall, St. Albans**

Best Yield: **Michael Hole, St. Albans**

Sustainability: **Dale and Eileen Donaghey, Redwood**



Rowan Trindall
Best Tomatoes



Wairakei School Best in Category
School & Early Learning Centres



Dale & Eileen Donaghey -
Special Awards
Sustainability



Ann Powley Best Garden - Residential House



St Albans Uniting Parish
Best in Category - Community Gardens



Sarah Morel - Special Awards
First Time Entrant (Residential)

RAMBLERS 2018

Tuesday 10 April 9.45am
Richmond

Meet Richmond Park,
Poulton Ave

Tuesday 24 April 9.45am
Wigram

Meet Wigram Rd end on
Broken Run

No walk if wet. FREE

2018 Programme available
online and from the CHS Office



The Ramblers viewed an area of early Christchurch with a walk around Addington in overcast conditions in late February. Addington is seeing a surge of redevelopment and now has a blend of old and new dwellings. Two weeks later Ramblers met in New Brighton to walk along the beach in pleasant conditions. With the

tide being out everyone enjoyed the firm sand, walking was easy on the joints.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE CIRCLE

Wednesday 25 April 7.30pm

The new meeting place for 2018 is at the Deaf Society of Canterbury, 80 Fitzgerald Ave. (corner of Fitzgerald Ave & Tuam St). A member from **Greening the Red Zone** will come and talk to us about this group and their aims and objectives. Perhaps by April some decisions will have been made about this area of Christchurch! We will also have our regular sales table. Items for sale very welcome.

MARCH TASKS AROUND THE GARDEN

Flower Garden

1. Remove the last of the Summer annuals and add to compost.
2. Plant Winter and Spring flowering annuals.
3. Leave rose hips on the plants to help firm up the wood.
4. Cut back flowering perennials as they finish flowering.
5. Divide up Summer perennials.
6. Cut back to about a third dahlias as they finish flowering.
7. Take cuttings of geraniums (pelargoniums) and fuchsias.
8. Prune any Summer flowering shrubs.

Fruit and Vegetable Garden

1. Remove the spent crops such as beans, peas and sweet corn and add to compost.
2. Finish pruning berry fruits.
3. Save strawberry runners to use as new plants later.
4. Harvest pip fruits as they ripen and remove any diseased fruit to the rubbish.
5. Sow green crops on ground not needed over Winter.
6. Watch brassicas for white butterfly and treat if needed.
7. Keep crops weed free.
8. As greenhouse crops finish clean out as soon as possible to stop pest and disease carry over.

Lawns

1. Raise cutting height for Winter cutting.
2. Treat for moss and broad leaf weeds.
3. Remove fallen leaves from trees so that the lawn does not yellow.
4. Repair any worn or bare areas with seed or turf.
5. Sow new lawns as soon as possible.

TOURS WITH THE CHS

I am pleased to announce that our April Autumn tour to the Dunedin Peninsula and Central Otago is fully booked and I wish to extend my thanks to our members for their support. The itinerary has been fun to plan in what is a very interesting and beautiful part of New Zealand.

For those who have missed out on this year's trip another similar tour is planned for 2019 which will include a visit to Maple Glen in Wyndham and Doubtful Sound. If you are interested please register with the office and details will be available late Spring.

By popular request from our members the shared garden visits will resume in the Spring, however more gardens are needed.

If you have something to share that is special to your garden be it vegetable growing, interesting plantings, trees, shrubs, perennials or landscape design we would love to hear from you if you are willing to allow us to visit your garden. This is a great opportunity to share knowledge and enjoy hospitality and fellowship.

The Australian Queensland Tour is currently being finalised, with the dates now moved to mid-October 2018 by request from the garden owners in the Toowoomba area who wish to showcase their gardens at their very best - especially the magnificent Jacarandas.

Please register your interest now for this tour.
More details will follow in our next newsletter.



Step into tropical Queensland this October

From blooming Jacarandas and stunning private gardens to the Japanese Garden at Toowoomba & Maleny Botanic Gardens - this visually enticing tour promises to please. *Register your interest now*



ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monday 7 May 7pm & Tuesday 8 9.45am

Jenny Hughes from Styx Mill Nursery is sharing a presentation and talk on **Plants for Shady Areas**. There will also be a sales table - so bring your money!! 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.

NAT CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

Saturday & Sunday 5 & 6 May

Fiordland Community Events Centre

Several Chrysanthemum Circle members will attend the National Show in Te Anau next month. To take blooms this far is a real challenge but the opportunity to compete against exhibitors from other centres helps growers improve immensely. We will have an entry in the inter club competition which we have not won for some years.

Over the years our members have been very successful winning many classes including also *Champion Blooms* and *Best in Show*. National shows are held each year in different centres and are very friendly occasions where the chrysanthemum is the winner.

CHS SPEAKER SERIES

**OUR LIVING LANDSCAPE -
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

