



# CHS NEWS

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## ALL ABOUT GARDENING

October 2015

Located at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre

Tuesday 6 Oct 7pm & Wednesday 7 Oct 9.45am

### Let's have some Action!

Bring your success stories and problems to share and solve. Interactive session.

### A Passion for Rhododendrons

Rhododendrons have been a passion for more than 30 years for Brian Coker. He caught the 'bug' from his uncle and aunt, Ron and Mollie Coker who had a large garden in Ilam Road. Brian is the New Zealand rhododendron registrar and facilitates the registration of new rhododendron hybrids with the Royal Horticultural Society in the UK. He will share a presentation on the many and varied New Zealand raised rhododendrons which he gave to the American Rhododendron Society annual convention in Seattle in 2013.

Members: \$5.00 non-members: \$10.00

Tea, coffee and refreshments included

## ALL ABOUT GARDENING

November 2015

Located at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre

Tuesday 3 November 7pm

Wednesday 4 November 9.45am

Programme details will be updated on the CHS website soon [www.chsgardens.co.nz](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz)

## Changing Faces

### Welcome from our new President

Greetings to everyone and thank you to the members who elected me President of the CHS.

With all the new subdivisions that have been created post earthquake there is a need for everyone to plant the right plants in the right place.

There are lots of people who need our help and advice to create their own gardens which in turn creates wonderful liveable subdivisions.

Sharing gardening, horticultural advice and expertise is at the heart of our organisation. We still do this face to face with our meetings. Also we do this via Facebook, Twitter and our website. These digital tools are how the younger generation get a lot of information.

Nothing beats meeting fellow gardeners and horticulturists at a meeting, event or activity where ideas and information can be shared and discussed. This interaction needs to be fostered by members bringing people along to our events.

My role and that of the board is to ensure we have the right activities and events so that people can learn from each other.

I look forward to meeting you all in the next few months.

Alan Jolliffe



Elizabeth Peacock & Alan Jolliffe

## HORTICULTURAL CENTRE

The would-be purchaser of the Horticultural Centre has withdrawn the offer after undertaking due diligence and concluding that the costs of reconfiguring the HC to its needs would require a renegotiation of the original price. The CHS will continue to negotiate but will also widen the search for a prospective buyer. The November All About Gardening sessions will be held at the Horticultural Centre and not the Ilex Room. The venue for the December AAG will be advised in the November newsletter.

# AGM News

## Tony Kunowski reports

As there were 7 nominations for 7 Board positions no elections were needed. "New" members of the Board are Dave Adams, Michael Coulter and Sandi MacRae who featured as our member of the month in June's newsletter. At its first meeting post AGM the new Board has co-opted our immediate past President Elizabeth Peacock who was appointed as an interim Garden Clubs rep to help make a more permanent appointment here.

In general business Dave Adams queried why the DS Bell bequest was recorded at \$204,143 in the full accounts when his recollection was around \$350,000. No one present could answer this so I agreed to investigate the issue. The original bequest was in the form of a property which was valued at \$140,000 in 1988. In order to maintain the value of bequests

an internal interest factor was applied less any payments (eg for plants and equipment). In 2011 the property was sold for a net \$454,205 but due to the internal adjustments its book value had grown to \$617,734 so in the annual accounts the "property" became a "fund" and its value was reduced by \$163,529 – the difference between the book value and net sale proceeds. The Society's accounts however had become quite complex with these annual "adjustments" and revaluations of bequeathed property and in 2012 the Board opted for a change in accounting policy and to "unwind" the value of the Bell bequest to 1997



CHS outgoing President  
Elizabeth Peacock

level of \$204,143 and to cease the practice of applying the internal interest rate annual adjustment.

### Awards Presentation

Presented on the night of the AGM were the following awards for appreciation of the outstanding contribution the recipients have made to the Canterbury Horticultural Society.

**Kowhai Award** - Lindsay Day, Faye Fyfe, Susan Doherty, Daggie Goeke, Beryl Vernon, Denis Peacock, Pam Templeton.

**Silver Service Award** - Ruth Bird.

Presentations also took place for the **Outstanding Horticulturalist Award** which was awarded to David Adams and Julian Odering. **The John Taylor Award for Leadership in Horticulture** was awarded to Athol McCully.

## CHS CIRCLES

### Daffodil Circle

Mon 12 October 7.30pm Watling Room

### Floral Art Circle

Thu 15 October 1.30pm Watling Room

### Chrysanthemum Circle

Mon 19 October 7.30pm Watling Room

### Fruit & Vegetable Circle

Wed 28 October 7.30pm Watling Room

## CHS AFFILIATES

### Garden Club Reps Meeting

Tue 6 October 10am PC Browne Room

## JUNIOR GARDENERS

Thu 15 October 3:45 - 5pm Watling Room

## FLORAL ART DEMO

### David Berger

Friday 9 October 7pm - 9.30pm

Ilex Room, Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Entry via Armagh St Bridge carpark

Cash bar available 6pm - 7pm

Head Designer for David Jones florist for 25 years, David Berger is an outstanding Master Florist whose designs are not only creative, but practical to produce.

Tickets \$29 [www.dashtickets.co.nz](http://www.dashtickets.co.nz)



## PLANT OF THE MONTH *Flower Carpet*

'Flower Carpet' roses need no introduction, but in early October, Oderings will have a new addition to the range. Meet 'Flower Carpet Sunset' whose blooms are a vibrant neon orange-red.

Available from **Oderings Garden Centres**

## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA CHS Membership for as little as \$22.50!

Need an inspired idea for a friend or family member? Complete the form below and return before Monday 7 December and we will send you a personalised gift voucher. Vouchers are available for single membership: \$22.50 or double: \$27.50 and valid until 31 Dec 2016.

50%  
discount!

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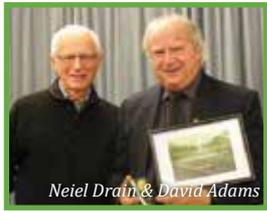
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# Awards

*Celebrating our members  
& supporters*

# Horticulture, Gardening, Botany

*What is the difference?*



Neil Drain & David Adams



Julian Odering



Faye Fyfe & Susan Doherty



Ruth Bird



Lindsay Day



Athol McCully

## What is the difference between horticulture, gardening and botany?

Some unknown person posed this question on Yahoo which prompted a "best answer" from an equally unknown professional horticulturalist (PH). It's interesting to compare his/her understandings with those adopted by the CHS Board in its strategic plan.

PH: Horticulture is the science of growing plants. In general it covers ornamental plants and also most vegetable and orchard crops. It does not include the growing of grain, that's agriculture. One could specialize (as I do) in ornamental horticulture and go into landscape design/and maintenance.

CHS: Horticulture is the science of growing and managing plants and soils of all types which may be as narrow as a single crop or as broad as a native forest and can include

intensive agriculture and forestry.

PH: Gardening isn't a science, it's a pastime. One can garden for pleasure or for home orcharding or vegetable gardens, but it's not a profession for those people. In general all outdoor plant/and lawn activity is lumped into "gardening".

CHS: Gardening is the art of cultivating land and growing plants of all types for the benefit of the gardener and visitors.

PH: Botany is a science. It is the study of how plants grow and live. In this science you're looking more at the 'inside' of the plant, whereas in Horticulture you're looking more at the 'outside' of the plant.

CHS: Botany has not been defined in our strategic statements but we do have an Honorary Botanist, Dr Colin Meurk!

## SPRING FLING

*Sunday 11 October 11am - 5pm*

A day out at Broadfield Garden raising money for Lincoln & Districts Community Care Assc. Garden Tours, Plant Stalls, Art & Craft and much more!

Tickets: \$20

www.eventfinder or Lincoln & Districts Community Care tel: 325 2007.

## CHS RAMBLERS

*Tuesday 13 October 9.45am*

**Halswell**

Meet in carpark by Memorial on Halswell Road opp Halswell Hotel

*Tuesday 27 October 9.45am*

**Ilam**

Park street end of New World carpark on Peer Street

Walks take place every second and fourth **Tuesday** each month.

*No walk if very wet. FREE*

## INTERACTIVE HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP

**Hypertufa** with Allan Paterson

*Saturday 10 October 10am -1pm*

Magic Moss: 10 Truro Street, Sumner

Also includes all aspects of sphagnum moss production

**Members: FREE Non-members: \$10**

Book online: [www.chsgardens.co.nz](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz)

## MONTHLY TIPS & TASKS *With Michael Coulter*

Spring has finally arrived albeit about 10 days late. We are still behind on rainfall and the risk of frosts is still with us so we need to approach the season with some caution and patience.

October is one of the very busy times in the garden as much of what we do now determines the success we will have this growing season. Don't attempt to plant all your vegetable garden now however as you'll end up with too much produce at one time! Hold off planting warm loving plants until late Spring or early Summer, when the weather is much more settled. This applies as much to the vegetable garden as it does to the flower garden.

### Flower Garden

Keep the water and feed up on Spring bulbs.

Prune all flowering trees and shrubs after flowering to promote growth for next season.

Watch for aphids and fungus disease on roses and other plants and treat as needed.

Hostas are coming into growth so slug control is needed to stop holes in the leaves.

Bedding plants may be planted now to add colour around the garden.

Perennial plants are moving into rapid growth so put in support stakes before they are needed.

Plant dahlias and chrysanthemums now.

Warmer loving plants like begonias may be planted later in the month but it may be better to wait until next month.

### Lawns

Fertilise now just before rain or water in.

Mow every week but not too low while the grass is growing fast.

Spray for weeds 2/3 days after mowing. Do not compost the clippings or use as a mulch.

Low spots in the lawn can be top dressed and over sown while rapid growth is expected.

New lawns should be sown now to give time for good growth before the heat of Summer slows down the growth.

# Oderings Members Evening

Wednesday 14 October 5 - 7pm



**ODERINGS**  
GARDEN CENTRES

## Start thinking about your Summer garden!

Once again Oderings Garden Centre are generously hosting a special "one off" evening for CHS members where everything except items already discounted will be reduced by 20%. The café will be open and in addition Oderings will be running a series of workshops, one of which will be on planting up a terrarium.

Collect a ticket from the CHS office, weekdays between 9am - 4pm or at the October AAG sessions.

*Cafe open*

**M E M B E R S**



## A TWO-HOUR SPECIAL!

At Oderings, Stourbridge Street Spreydon  
**20% Off Everything.**

Stock up on potting compost. Treat yourself or a friend to some new tools. And don't forget the plants. Indoor; outdoor; roses; shrubs; bedding, even trees. And there is so much more – boots, shoes, brollies, gift cards, candles, You could get in some early Christmas gifts.

A two hour special from 5pm to 7pm on Wednesday 14 October. Tickets available from the CHS office 9am-4pm

### FLORAL ART EXHIBITION

Includes Canterbury Designer of the Year & Club Competitions

Saturday 31st October 2.30 - 4.30pm  
Woodend Community Centre, School Road  
Woodend

Contact: Carol Rains  
tel: 329 1753

\$2 entry.

### OHOKA GARDEN TOUR

Sunday 22 November

Seven amazing Ohoka gardens and a carnival atmosphere at the Ohoka School on the day with stalls, entertainment and fabulous food.

More details in the November Newsletter

### QUIZ TIME

Which country name starts with these letters?

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|-------|-------|
| 1. Af | 4. Dj |
| 2. Bh | 5. Et |
| 3. Cz |       |

answers online: [www.chsgardens.co.nz](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz)

### Vegetable Garden

Remove the last Winter crops before they go to seed.

Sow long term crops such as onions, carrots, parsnips, potatoes, leeks etc.

Plant leaf crops - cabbage, lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli etc. Plant six of each every 3/4 weeks to get a constant supply.

Prepare the ground for warm loving plants like tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and members of the pumpkin family.

At the end of the month beans can be sown when the soil is warmer.

After fruit trees have finished flowering they can be sprayed for pests and fungus diseases.

### THE FLOWER GARDEN NEW ZEALAND

*Sharing the joy of flowers across the city*

The CHS recently became aware of this generous initiative set up to improve the mental and emotional health of individuals dealing with terminal illness and other life changing conditions.

The Flower Garden NZ collects donations of flowers from weddings, florists, events and functions and restyles them into smaller bedside posies. These are then delivered to patients in retirement homes, hospices or hospital.

All their work is voluntary, no one is paid.

"These flowers would normally have been thrown out, so we are recycling and sharing the beauty and joy these flowers bring. The outcome we are wanting to achieve is recycling flowers to lift spirits." says project co-ordinator, Janine Thomson.

Volunteers are available all hours to collect donations of flowers and to deliver them promptly to recipients. Currently they are networking with people in the health industry to share more flowers and enable as many people as possible to receive a bunch - and have their spirits lifted. Perhaps you can help?

To donate your flowers to benefit others telephone: **021 1482692** or email: [donateflowers@gmail.com](mailto:donateflowers@gmail.com).

# Event Highlights

## Darfield delights

### Spring into Darfield - 23 September

A warm atmosphere and the enthusiasm of 48 keen gardeners countered the unfortunate weather experienced throughout this day tour to Darfield.

On our arrival at our first garden "Taradale" we were met by owner Annette Millar and welcomed into her home for a delicious "farm baked" morning tea and then a walk around her garden which she has been developing over the last 3 years since her retirement from Peak Hill at the top of Lake Coleridge. Annette was excited and thrilled to host us in her new surroundings.

Our next stop was at Ina Phillips large garden in Stott Road Darfield. The garden was a delightful mixture of native and traditional plantings, highlighted with the Spring colours of bulbs and expansive shaped lawns.

We continued on to the well known homestead of "Gunyah" where we were welcomed by Simonetta Ferarri and hosted to lunch in



Warming up at Gunyah

historic formal settings in front of large open fires. Simonetta gave an informative talk on the long and interesting history of "Gunyah" and its previous owners.

Our last garden for the day was that of Tish Ballagh in the Windwhistle area.

The garden was a treat of quirkiness and informality with all manner of fun objects dotted around - an expression of Tish's love of the garden, her personality and humour.

The much needed rain continued to come down.

We enjoyed a brief stop at "Carols Gift Shop and Nursery" in Darfield before heading home after a wet, but most enjoyable day.



David Bell Daffodil Farm

## From fields of daffodils to micro-greens

### Container Gardening - 15 August

A small group of members attended the Container Gardening workshop held on a very wet Saturday morning. It certainly wasn't a day to be outside gardening but by the end of the session the participants left with a boot load of plants and seeds planted in containers.

Dave Adams demonstrated how to plant seeds and plants into containers - these ranged from buckets and takeaway containers to foam coffee cups. He also gave advice about potting mix and how to care for your seeds and plants once they start growing. An added bonus was Annette Hill showing participants how to grow micro greens.

The final Interactive Horticulture Workshop is on Saturday 10 October and covers hypertufa and sphagnum moss. See the events tab on our website. If you have any suggestions for the 2016 series please email: office@chsgardens.co.nz

### David Bell Daffodil Farm - 12 September

It was a perfect Spring morning driving to Leeston, the sun was shining on the snow-capped alps, the lambs were frolicking in the paddocks and the countryside looked green and lush.

A special time of year with so much renewed life, and a time to reflect on the beauty that surrounds us in Canterbury.



Gail Scrivener & Pam Morrison

Our hosts

June & Stu McLachlan and the committee of the Springston Evening Garden Club gave us a

warm welcome followed by a scrumptious morning tea in June's colourful garden before we drove to the paddocks of daffodils to commence picking. Whilst the daffodils were not a great show of colour due to the lateness of the season, there were plenty for all sixty of us to pick and take home. A most enjoyable Spring morning was had by all.

## TOUR DIARY



**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

**Highlights from the CHS Spring Garden Awards 9.30am Fri 9 Oct**

Visit a selection of gold winning gardens from the 2015 Spring Garden Awards. Register your interest with the CHS office and you will be contacted after judging day on 3 Oct with details. **No cost, car pool**

**GOLD Award**



### Taranaki Spectacular Longer Break 7-12 Nov 2015

A feast of gardens, scenic attractions, coastal walks, garden centre visits and retail therapy. **4 seats remaining**  
**Book now: \$2,199** \$425 single supplement  
Includes return airfares AirNZ and 4 star accommodation



### Chiang Mai Flower Festival - Thailand 6 seats remaining

13 Day Longer Break 28 Jan - 10 Feb 2016  
Includes 3 nights Bangkok, 2 nights River Kwai, 2 nights Chiang Rai and 5 nights in peaceful Chiang Mai.  
**Book now: \$5,999** \$550 single supplement



### Norfolk Island Longer Break 24 April - 1 May 2016

A repeat of this popular tour with a difference including an Anzac Day special event. **Brochure available now**

# Member of the Month

Lynda Bell

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

I was born in Christchurch and lived here until I was twenty when I moved to Blenheim and nannied on a high country station. I then did my nursing training at Wairau Hospital. I then went on my OE and returned to Christchurch permanently in late 1984.

## Where do you live now and with whom?

Richard and I and our two boys Daniel 22 and, Martin 18 reside in Tai Tapu about 3 kms from our home the Grange which is under going major earthquake repairs. Our two older children have left home.

## What aroused your interest in gardening or horticulture?

My maternal grandmother Mrs Robinson or Robbie as she was better known was a life member of the Horticultural Society and a judge and teacher of floral art. Green and white arrangements were her favourites. I spent a lot of my holidays with her and my grandfather in town where I followed Nana around when she did big pedestal arrangements for the shows. Once I remember her doing one at the University when the Queen was visiting. Sadly I did not inherit her passion for floral art however I did become a very keen gardener. They had a big garden at Rakaia Huts where they loved to fish but the garden was Nana's over-riding love where she grew most of the flowers and foliage for her floral work. My grandfather had a huge veggie garden and supplied the whole



family. I always remember them being very generous.

## What gardening or horticultural interests do you have now?

I belong to the Horticultural Society, am on the National Executive of Heritage Roses and belong to the Broadfield Garden Club. I have had big gardens since I was married and have always put my own stamp on them.

## What's your favourite plant and why?

My favourite plant is the rose as it has such a variety of species, colours, leaf types and even thorns and hips.

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

Starting a garden from scratch is always more challenging than re-vamping an existing garden. My most rewarding gardening project has been developing a stumpery.

## When did you join the CHS and why?

I have been a member of the CHS consistently for at least 10 years probably nearer to 15 years.

## What is your passion for the future of the CHS?

My passion for the future of the CHS is to bring like minded people together .



## HORT TALK Join us on Facebook!

CHS Hort Talk is a public Facebook group we have recently established. It is the place to come with your gardening & horticulture questions and available 24/7! We have a team of experts ready to answer any gardening and horticulture queries, problems or just give general advice. All questions welcome - small or large, easy or difficult! You can even take a picture and upload it to your post. All you need to do is sign up to Facebook then visit: [www.facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CHSHortTalk)



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