



## Welcome to the Garden City

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"Transitions" - a pocket park at the Ellerslie International Flower Show by Landcare Research

"Welcome to the Garden City" as we bump onto the airport runway... a sobriquet that's served cities around the world well for a hundred years. To debate its relevance to 21st century Christchurch on these pages will ruffle foliage, but needs to happen.

I look around the cabin and see busy or bored indifference while younger ones retreat into some virtual, anti-gardenesque reality. Yet they also are dependent on plants for food, amenity and inspiration.

Everyone needs to understand biology for their survival; gardens are holistic teachers

of many hues: heritage gardens – a snapshot of historic aesthetics; the native pocket park exhibited in the 2012 Ellerslie Flower Show (re-installed outside the CCC Restart Office, Lichfield St). Tussock-fern-lined river banks with weeping, golden kowhai brimming with melodious bellbirds and imagined parklands of totara and matai laden with kereru – go with a reinvented green, sustainable city, edgy, bold and beautiful - not a place from which young people leave in droves or pass through en route to ski-fields.

Colour, structure, texture, function meaning and layered history are all important. "Garden City" trips off the tongue so comfortably, but it is fusty to the city's inheritors. I love the world's plants in their wild homes, but shrink from 'extreme gardening' – of instant makeover, manicured within a millimetre of its mono-cultural life.

Our marketing strategy is a circular process (we get what we want) and the circle is getting smaller. History speaks – whether it's bullet marks in downtown buildings of Dunkirk or oak groves in Hagley Park; we need an authentic - Tree City Central or something.

## From the President

### What a momentous year this has been for the Society!

We have implemented our new Constitution with a very much smaller Management Board. Through careful budgeting and help from your donations our finances have moved into the black

We have welcomed our new, very competent Office Staff, Tony Kunowski, Manager, and Liz Parder as Office Administrator.

Our newsletter has changed to an up-to-date monthly version which we hope you will enjoy.

As the decision on the Oval will impact on the Society, our Board are working with the Authorities to find viable solutions

Join our Ramblers for friendly exercise Tuesday mornings twice a month.

Till next month,

Elizabeth Peacock

## From the Manager

Recently I've been concentrating my efforts at both ends of the operational-strategic spectrum. It's vital that we maintain accurate records of our members and with the help of volunteers, staff and consultants we've made huge progress in updating the database and introducing a new membership number system. Major benefits will accrue.

Strategically we're seeking to collaborate with other organisations in order to increase our outreach and influence in the city. The Festival of Transitional Architecture (FESTA) is sponsoring an urban agriculture project (Agropolis). It wants to prepare a site that composts waste coming from inner city hospitality and businesses and use this to grow food. It's a collaborative effort involving Garden City 2.0 and the Otautahi Youth Council among others. I'm hoping many members will actively support this project. The long term payoff could be considerable!

## Calendar of Events

### JUNIOR GARDENERS

Thursday 19 September 3.45pm-5pm  
PC Browne Room

### CHS RAMBLERS

Tue 10 September **Jellie Park**  
Meet at Ilam Road frontage by the playground

Tue 24 September **Tai Tapu Domain**  
Meet Old Tai Tapu Road

### MINI MOUNTAIN MAGIC

#### Garden in a Glass Workshop

Wednesday 11 September 10am  
Create your own garden with Tim Gibson from Magic Moss.  
**\$25 pp** Bring only a pair of long-nosed tweezers and a teaspoon - and take home a completed garden! CHS tel: 366 6937

#### SPRING SHOW 21 & 22 September 2013

Sat 1pm - 5pm, Sun 10am - 4pm. **\$5**  
Templin Hall, CHS Centre  
Showcasing the NZ Alpine Garden Society, Christchurch Daffodil Circle and the Canterbury Rhododendron Society

#### MJ BARNETT MEMORIAL LECTURE

Wednesday 25 September 7.30pm  
Templin Hall, CHS Centre **\$25 pp**

#### Daffodil Circle

Mon 9 Sep 7:30pm Watling Room

#### Begonia Circle

Wed 11 Sep 7.30pm Watling Room

#### Chrysanthemum Circle

Mon 16 Sep 7.30pm PC Browne Room

#### Canterbury Rose Society

Tue 17 Sep 7:30pm Watling Room

#### Floral Art Circle Spring Luncheon

Thu 19 Sep 12pm-3pm PC Browne Room

#### Fuchsia Circle

Mon 23 Sep 6.30pm Watling Room

#### Fruit & Vegetable Circle

Wed 25 Sep 7.30pm Watling Room

#### Garden Club Reps Meeting

Tue 1 Oct 10am Oderings

#### Canterbury Orchid Society

Mon 7 Oct 7:30pm Watling Room

#### ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Tuesday 1 October 7pm  
Wednesday 2 October 9:45am

# Plant of the Month

*Camellia 'Curly Lady' NEW AT ODERINGS!*



This new and original camellia is unlike any other on the market, with beautiful, spirally, twisting lateral branches that turn this easy to grow shrub into a feature plant. It grows with an upright and outwardly spreading habit and creates a lush backdrop in the garden, and rewards you with large semi-double rich red flowers in late winter and spring.

Curly lady grows to 3m high x 1.5m wide. Plant in full sun or part shade. Great for pots, screening and hedging.

## Top Tasks September

**Lawns** – now is a good time to treat for moss using a moss killer or sulphate of iron. Towards the end of the month as it gets warmer spray for broad leaf weeds; follow up with a good balanced lawn fertilizer.

**Flower Garden** – as flowering shrubs finish flowering thin out and prune back to encourage growth for next seasons flowers. Cut back to ground level any growth at the base of chrysanthemums to encourage new healthy shoots before lifting and dividing.

Divide dahlia tubers ensuring that each tuber has an eye or shoot before replanting.

Seeds can be now sown of the Summer flowers in a glasshouse to be ready for

planting later when the ground and weather is warmer.

**Vegetable Garden** – Brassicas can now be planted and sown in the ground as can Lettuces. Peas and snow peas can also be sown. Potatoes should be set out in trays to shoot before planting.

Any ground that will be used for growing tomatoes should now be made ready by digging in compost adding lime and a light dressing of super phosphate at least a good month before planting.

Keep garlic well weeded to allow it to grow well.

As fruit trees come into flower and leaf watch for signs of any insects and diseases.

## Tour with us

**Welcome to Spring!** Thank-you for the great response and feedback for the tours. We are up and away and delighted to announce the following tours:

**WOW World of Wearable Arts Wellington**  
Friday 4 - Sunday 6 Oct 2013 (2 places left)

**Azaleas & Rhododendrons** *Look & Learn*  
Cancelled due to lack of interest

**Perennials & The Chelsea Chop**  
9.30am-3pm Wednesday 20 Nov 2013  
Demonstrations, nursery visit, vote for your top 10 perennials. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch **\$25pp** Car Pool *Bookings open*

**Timaru Festival of Roses** *Short Break*  
29 November - 1 December 2013  
From \$715 *Bookings open*

**Alpines in Flower**  
Field Tour with the CHS Ramblers  
*Details to come*

**West Coast Wonders & Beyond**  
14 - 16 March 2014 *Details to come*

**Misty Mountains & Doubtful Sound Cruise**  
7-13 April 2014 *Details to come*

Visit our website for full listings or contact [tours@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:tours@chsgardens.co.nz)

**We would love to meet you on tour!**

## Quiz Time

**From which plant are these products derived?**

1. Flour
2. Saffron
3. Milk
4. Custard
5. Sauer Kraut

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

## M J Barnett Memorial Lecture

**7.30pm Wednesday 25 September**  
Canterbury Horticultural Centre

The M J Barnett Memorial Lecture is conducted by the Canterbury Horticultural Society in honour of the late Mr M J Barnett, Director of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens for over 30 years.

This year we are delighted to announce Dr Harold Koopowitz will be joining us to present "Plant Hunting Around the World."

**Early Bird ticket sales available until Monday 9 September \$20 (usually \$25)**

Tickets available online at [www.chsgardens.co.nz](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz) or at the CHS office

## Plot to Pot

### Red Quinoa, Feta & Spinach Salad

*Ingredients:*

- 200g red quinoa
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 garlic clove crushed
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 200g block feta cheese, crumbled
- ½ cucumber diced
- 150g baby spinach or rocket
- 4 spring onions shredded

1. Cook the quinoa according to pack instructions. Drain well then toss with oil, vinegar, garlic and cumin while warm.
2. Toss through the rest of the ingredients, check seasoning and serve

## All About Gardening

**7pm - 9.45pm Tuesday 1 October**

**9.45am - 10.45am Wednesday 2 October**

**FESTA and Garden City 2.0: transitioning to a culture of urban farming.**

Bailey Peryman and Jessica Halliday explain this exciting new initiative.

### Wee Spring Treasures

Sue Petersen from Behind the Hedge, talks about special Spring bulbs and alpine blooms and shares the secrets of growing asparagus, raspberries, and blueberries for the local markets.

*NB: Sue will have a selection of plants for sale. Bring your purse – lots of change please!*

CHS Centre South Hagley Park

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

Tea, coffee and refreshments included

## Junior Gardeners

**Junior Gardeners meet on the third Thursday of each month from 3.45pm to 5pm. This is an interactive programme where young people learn about plants and how to grow them.**

Each month we talk about a special plant and its origins and culture before undertaking some practical gardening. The children contribute their own gardening experiences and question the activities we are doing.

In July and August we learned how to plant seed trays of vegetables, and to transplant the seedlings into trays to grow on ready to plant out into the Spring garden. The children will then take the plants home and later plant them in their own garden. We will then start some bedding plants for Summer flowering.