



## Golden Ellerslie!

*Elizabeth Peacock, CHS President*

This year at Ellerslie has been our best effort yet, with Gold for the display and a gold lighting award for Grandad's Shed.

A huge thank you and congratulations from all of us to Annette Hill, Ray King and husbands Richard and Peter, and to Michael and Susan Coulter who were responsible for such a wonderful result. We must not forget a thank you to John Taylor for bequeathing his collection of old tools to the Society, and to Morag his widow who cut the ribbon to declare the Shed officially open.

Congratulations also to our Begonia Circle who won gold for their stunning display and silver for lighting. Very well done for a first-time designer.

Our thanks and congratulations go to Kate Spackman and her team for the work they put in to the very successful Kidzone. If there are more Kidzones in the future, we will work to have them more centrally placed for better visibility.

Well done too to our Tour leaders for the very high quality of their Ellerslie Tours. Everyone I have spoken to had a great time and would like to try different tours in the future. Finally our thanks to Athol McCully for the time he gave as M.C. in the Speakers Tent and to all our members who volunteered in so many ways.

With Ellerslie now over, we are back to the



debate as to whether it will happen again in Christchurch. We look forward to the Council's final decision.

Stay safe and good gardening, *Elizabeth*

## Summer Garden Awards 2014 Results

### HOME GARDENS

#### Premier Garden

#### R T Tosswill Memorial Trophy

Peter Lawrence

#### Cadian Shield

*Highest points combined, Spring 2013 and Summer 2014*

Peter Van Der Zee

#### Class 1 Sun Newspaper Challenge Rose Bowl

Peter Lawrence, *Winner 5 Star Garden*

#### Class 2 R E McDougall Challenge Trophy

Brian & Janet Lovelock, *Winner 5 Star Garden*

#### Class 5 Canterbury Horticultural Society Doyle Trophy

Peter Ward, *Certificate of Merit*

#### Class 6 Westminster St George's Trophy

Mervyn Rodgers, *4 Star Garden*

### COMMERCIAL GARDENS

#### Premier Garden

#### North Canterbury Flower Milling Trophy

Anthony Wilding Retirement Village

#### Outstanding Feature Academy Funeral Services Challenge Cup

Rossendale Vineyards, *(Trees & Shrubs)*

#### Class 7 Peter Skellerup Trophy

Anthony Wilding Retirement Village  
*Winner, 5 Star Garden*

#### Class 8 Bowling Clubs Trophy

Halswell Bowling Club, *4 Star Garden*

#### Class 9 Commonwealth Games Garden Promotion Committee Trophy

Avon City Motel, *4 Star Garden*

#### Class 10 Edmonds Challenge Trophy

Rossendale Vineyard, *4 Star Plus Garden*

*More results online [www.chsgardens.co.nz](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz)*

## Calendar of Events

### ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Tue 1 April 7pm

Wed 2 April 9.45am

### CHS GARAGE SALE

Sat 5 April 8.30am – 12.30pm

Canterbury Horticultural Centre

### CHS RAMBLERS

Tue 8 April 9.30am Halswell Quarry  
Meet Old Caretaker's cottage

Tue 22 April 9.30am Riccarton Bush  
Meet Titoki St (as we are meeting with the Ranger, there is a small gold coin charge).

### OUR LIVING LANDSCAPES

*Monthly Speakers Series of high interest topics culminating with the Barnett Memorial.*

Commencing Thur 8 May 7pm  
PC Browne Room, CHS Centre

Free to members, \$10 students, \$15 general public. *Further details available in the May newsletter*

### CHS CIRCLES & AFFILIATES

#### Orchid Society

Mon 7 Apr 7.00pm Watling Room

#### Begonia Circle

Wed 9 Apr 7.30pm PC Browne Room

#### Daffodil Circle

Mon 14 Apr 7.30pm Watling Room

#### Canterbury Rose Society

Tue 15 Apr 7.30pm PC Browne Room

#### Floral Art Circle

Thu 17 Apr 1.30pm PC Browne Room

#### Chrysanthemum Circle

Mon 21 Apr 7.30pm Watling Room

#### Fuchsia Circle AGM

Mon 28 Apr 6.30pm Watling Room

#### Fruit & Vegetable Circle

Wed 30 Apr Watling Room

#### Garden Club Reps Meeting

Tue 6 May 10am PC Browne Room

### CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

Sat 26 & Sun 27 April Templin Hall

Floral Art display by the Garden and Floral Art Clubs.

# Plant of the Month

## Papple Sweet Johnny

Looks and tastes like an apple but has the skin and texture of a pear. A NZ bred hybrid of European and Asian pears with stunning almost fluorescent pinkish-red skin. Sweeter and more complex flavours than traditional nashi with the same juiciness. This plant was released in small numbers last year and was a hit and is now available again. The papple is self fertile but will fruit better with another pear or nashi close by. Available in store or online at [www.oderings.co.nz](http://www.oderings.co.nz)



# Top Tasks April Michael Coulter

## Flower Garden

As summer flowers pass their best remove them and prepare the ground for planting for Winter/Spring flowers like pansy, wall flowers, polyanthus and violas.

Now is bulb planting time. Choose good firm unblemished bulbs and plant as soon as possible so they get a good start.

Sow sweet peas now in good deep dug soil to get a good early flowering.

Cut back any perennials that have finished flowering; many can be lifted and divided later in the month.

Pelargonium and geraniums can now be propagated for next season.

## Fruit & Vegetable Garden

Continue to harvest tomatoes, peppers, beans and cucumbers as soon as they are ready to encourage them to continue to produce.

Remove and dispose of any plants that show signs of disease to stop it from spreading to other plants do not compost.

Sow green crops on any ground not in use over the winter to improve soil structure.

Harvest apples and pears as soon as they are ready and still firm so that they will keep better.

Cut pumpkins and leave to dry for a few days before storing them.

Remove old tomato plants from the green house as soon as the crop has finished so the green house can be disinfected before the cold of winter.

## Lawns & Paths

Spray for the weeds before the weather gets too cold.

Apply fertilizer now to get a good cover of grass before the frosts.

Do not cut the grass too low.

Spray any paths that tend to get moss on during the winter to stop the moss growing before it starts.

# Plot to Pot Beetroot Salad

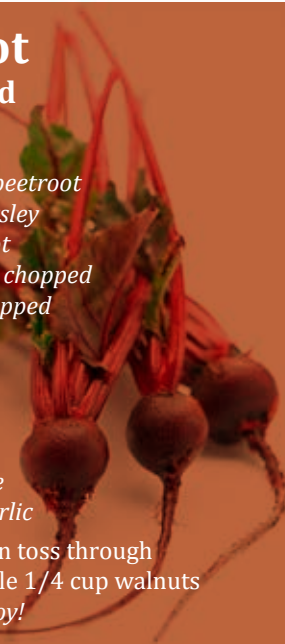
## Ingredients

6 cups grated raw beetroot  
3 cups chopped parsley  
2 cups grated carrot  
1 stalk celery finely chopped  
2 spring onions chopped  
Combine in a bowl.

## Dressing

1/4 cup olive oil  
1/8 cup vinegar  
1/8 cup lemon juice  
3 cloves crushed garlic

Blend together then toss through vegetables. Sprinkle 1/4 cup walnuts on top. Serve & enjoy!



# All About Gardening

## MAY 2014

7pm - 9pm Tue 6 May

9.45am - 11.45am Wed 7 May

**Daffodil Circle** - It's bulb planting time. Daffodil aficionado Dave Adams will share tips on how ensure we get the best blooms come Spring.

**Lilies Galore** - Lily experts Wendy and David Millichamp of Lilyfields, Mount Somers, tell us about Asiatic, Trumpets and Oriental-Auratum lilies. They'll describe new plants and old favourites and tell us how to plant and care for these exotic bulbs to achieve a marvellous display in your garden from December to February. They will also have a selection of bulbs for sale so bring your cash!

CHS Centre, 57 Riccarton Ave, South Hagley Pk  
Members: \$5 non-members: \$10

Tea, coffee and refreshments included

## Look & Learn Autumn Tour

Half Day Tour, Hunter's Garden, Rangiora  
10.30 - 2.30pm Sat 10 May & Wed 14 May

Demonstration with Freda Perennials - Propagation by division. Surplus plants free for your garden. Shared lunch and a visit to Woodend Landscape Supplies.

Register now at CHS Office: \$20;\$5 car pool (includes morning tea), limited numbers

## Look & Learn Winter Tour

At the home of Gail & Rod Scrivener, Lincoln  
12 noon Wed 9 July

Celebrate Winter with members at this social occasion. Includes: Simplicity with winter flowers for your home - demonstration with Elizabeth Jenkins Floral Artist. Shared lunch (soup provided).

Register now at CHS Office: \$20;\$5 car pool. Bring your favourite winter flower for display.

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

## Quiz Time

What is the National Flower/Plant of these countries?

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| 1. Germany | 4. Denmark |
| 2. USA     | 5. Finland |
| 3. Brazil  |            |

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

## Quiz Night!

7.30pm Wednesday 21st May  
PC Browne Room, CHS Centre

## Norfolk Island Tour

8 Day Tour 23 - 30 November 2014

Highlights: Sights and history, local gardens, progressive dinner to Island homes, sound and light show, convict night and more...

Brochure available soon

## Alpine Triangle Short Break

1 - 4 October Hanmer/Kaikoura  
Brochure available soon

## Farewell

Des Riach is stepping down from giving talks to groups after a lifetime of involvement in horticulture and giving people valuable information through talks and demonstrations.

Des was for many years the Superintendent of the Canterbury District Health Board grounds, gardens and vegetable production. He has a wealth of knowledge that we all enjoyed gained from many years involvement with the industry.

His hobby is also about plants especially alpines, bulbs and orchids. With his wife they ran a small nursery in Mays Road

Des is an expert gardener and plantsman and we have all benefited from his immense knowledge and wisdom.