

Canterbury Botanical Society (NZ) Inc. Thirty-Ninth Annual Report 1991 - 1992

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Programme: June 1991 to May 1992

June: 'Wild flowers of New Zealand' - Dr Peter Johnson

July: 'Conservation challenges in Fiji' - Mr Sean Weaver

August: 'A summit to sea level reserve on Banks Peninsula - to be or not to be' - Mr Hugh Wilson

September: Student presentations on current botanical research

October: 'Wild flowers of Iceland' - Dr Peter Wardle

November: 'A fresh look at *Hebe* and its relatives' - Dr Phil Garnock-Jones

December: 'The QEII Trust in Canterbury' - Mr Graham Dunbar

February: 'The Architecture of Inflorescences' - Dr David Robinson

March: 'Studies on threatened plants in Wisconsin and Canterbury:' - Prof Michael Morgan

April: 'Canterbury Conservation Management Strategy' - Mr Herb Familton

May: 'Plant propagation' - Mr Joe Cartman

Field Trips and Camps

June: Victoria Park conifers

July: Prices Valley, small-leaved shrubs

August: Botany Institute experimental garden and nursery

September: Napenape Reserve, North Canterbury

October: Weekend visit to Cass, survey vegetation in Chilton Valley

November: Visit to Otanerito, new reserve next to Hinewai

December: Alpine plants and orchids, Boyle River and Lewis Pass (camp)

January: West Coast alpine and forest plants, Kokiri Lodge (camp)

February: Structure of wildflowers, Victoria Park

March: Threatened species of Castle Hill Basin

April: QEII Trust proposed covenant area, Hoon Hay Valley - cancelled

May: Plant propagation - Linwood Nursery, Christchurch City Council

Committee

The Society has had an active committee which has maintained a good meeting and field trip programme. Newsletter production, distribution and

address labels for this has involved mainly three members and the Society is grateful for their efforts.

Canterbury - Westland Science Fair

This was held in August, and two prizes were awarded. The entries were judged by Margaret Bulfin and Christine Kokay and their efforts are appreciated.

Book on Small-leaved Shrubs

The preparation and checking of text, diagrams and photographs is nearing completion. Manuka Press consider that it should be available in the late spring of 1992.

Funding

The Society has agreed to provide, as a loan, \$12,000 for the publication of this book, payable when the book goes to press.

New Zealand Lottery Grant Board - an application in June 1991 to the Lottery Science Research group of the Board was successful. A grant of \$30,000 will be made available to assist with publication.

Camps

The Society thanks Geraldine and John Ward for organising camp catering. An innovation at the Kokiri camp was the allocation of responsibility for each days' catering to a number of families. This shared the work load and was a system that worked well.

Gardenz 91

The Society participated in the inaugural garden-related show, GARDENZ 91 which was held in South Hagley Park over Labour Weekend. This enabled us to publicise Society activities to members of the public. Through the courtesy of DSIR Land Resources, we were able to display a range of uncommon native plants and alpine specimens which drew considerable attention.

Bloomer Medal

During the year this prestigious medal was awarded by the Linnean Society of London to Hugh Wilson.

General

The Society is grateful for the voluntary efforts of the Committee, and other members in their work for the Society. Tasks that just seem to happen such as servicing the sales table, organising suppers and the diner, are due to the efforts of many persons. Thank you for tasks well completed.

Ron Close
President