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Editorial comment

As the 1992 year comes to a close it is an opportunity to wish all 'Friends' well in the coming year. This year has been a busy year for many members and much has been achieved. A special thank you to all who have contributed in whatever way. Next year's programme has been finalised and offers much to members. I look forward to seeing you involved with the activities of the 'Friends' in the new year and for now wish you all a pleasant Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year.

Fund raising news

Book marks & library funds.

The 'Friends' have recently donated \$900 towards new publications for the Botanic Gardens library. To ensure funds for future annual library grants, we have produced (with part sponsorship from Chequer Packaging (S.I.) Ltd.), a book mark featuring Steve Parker's colour photographs depicting the Four Seasons. These sell at 50 cents and we urge your support to buy these and promote the Gardens and help keep the Library up to date. The book marks are ideal Christmas stocking fillers!

A small fridge has also been purchased by the 'Friends' for the new potting shed facility for the storage of seeds.

Envelope recycling or gift stickers.

Packets of fifty will soon be on sale for \$3.50. These are ideal both to promote the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and to help recycle at the same time.

Christmas gifts

Just a reminder that the Botanic

Gardens Calendars with colour photographs by Steve Parker are on sale at the Information Centre for \$10.

Pot Pourri

Last summer a very enthusiastic group of our members, gathered and prepared material from their gardens, and some from the Botanic Gardens, for use in our Pot Pourri mixtures.

The profit from this was \$345. We plan another mixture this season. Please contact Adrienne ph 3515 915 if you are able to contribute material and / or expertise. A meeting of all interested will be held at 2.45pm on Saturday December 12th at the Botanic Gardens Information Centre. (After the walk around the Herb Garden with Virginia McNaughton).

In the meantime please save undamaged flowers and leaves with fragrance or colour. Care needs to be taken NOT to also save insects! Pick the plant material when dry and hang up or lay on sheets of newspaper in a dry place out of direct light. Pressed pansies etc. are also very worthwhile. Please store in separate colours.

Bay leaves are still available at \$2. per packet at the Information Centre.

1993 Meetings

As a number of our members also belong to other groups such as the Botanical Society and the Forest and Bird Society, we have tried to coordinate our programme to avoid too many clashes. The evening programme has been planned for the year and the daytime activities will be published for each season.

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Coming events.

Botanic Gardens staff and
`Friends' Social.

Friday December 4th from 4pm to
6pm. at the Botanic Gardens
Information Centre.

Cost \$6. RSVP urgently required
for catering purposes. Contact
Adrienne ph 3515 915.

Herb Garden walk with Virginia
McNaughton leaves at 1.30pm
Saturday December 12th from the
Botanic Gardens Information
Centre.

Saturday 19th December Christmas
Lily competition.
(See attached information sheet)

Floral Festival 17 - 28 February
1993.

Floriganza 93 25-28 February
`Friends' who wish to be involved
for wear-a-flower day and on duty
at the Botanic Gardens display at
Floriganza please phone Chris
O'Sullivan ph 3328 565 or
Adrienne Moore 3515 915.

Volunteer Helpers

The committee wishes to
acknowledge the many hours of
help given by members in our
recent activities. The
preparation and sale of
perennials from the herbaceous
border took up many hours.

Perennial Sales

Sales of perennials from the
`Friends' efforts to date for the
year. (Main sales 4th & 5th
September) Saturday morning at
CHS and through the Information
Centre total \$6,462.25.

Many volunteers contributed to
this great result. Max Visch
needs special mention for his
input. Max contributed a great
many hours to this project and
through his knowledge of

herbaceous perennials helped
others and made the exercise
interesting and enjoyable for
those who also took part.

Profit from this sale is part of
the Gardens funding, and the
remaining plants will be offered
for sale at the stall on November
28th at the Riccarton Festival
from 8.30am to 1.00pm.

*Sales of spring bulbs and members
own plants* has brought in \$440
profit and recent raffle profits
are \$228.

Spring Festival

The weather disrupted the Spring
Festival programme, but members
were on duty on the fine days to
promote our group and sell the
bulbs and raffles. Thanks are due
to those who helped and those
rostered and disrupted by the
weather.

Information Centre and Index
Seminum

Warwick Scadden and his staff wish
to acknowledge with very grateful
thanks the work done by the
volunteers who staff the
Information Centre, and fill in at
extra times, especially weekends.
Thanks also to those who have
assisted with the work done on the
Index Seminum.

Recent meetings

Gondwana Legacy August 26
Mr. R. Lucas from Wellington gave
an interesting lecture at the
Horticultural Society to the
`Friends'. This was a superbly
illustrated address appreciated by
those present. Rob Lucas is to be
asked to talk on Alpine plants
next May when he will again be in
Christchurch.

Gillam garden visit on
September the 5th.

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