

HortTalk at the Botanic Garden

4 March

All Hands On Deck – re-vegetation in Dunedin

*Lisa Burton, programme manager,
Natural Resources, Otago Polytechnic*

Lisa will talk about how to start a revegetation project covering such topics as correct plant selection, planting and weed management. She will draw on Otago Polytechnic's experience of local revegetation work spanning 15 years.

1 April

Permaculture Plans – top tips for planning and maintaining a sustainable lifestyle

Peta Hudson, educator and consultant

Peta explains how she walks the talk when it comes to living lightly on our earth.

6 May

Pressing Plants – for study or pleasure

Tom Myers, botanist, Dunedin Botanic Garden

Dunedin Botanic Garden maintains a scientific herbarium for reference and identification. Tom will talk about and demonstrate some basics on how plants are pressed.

3 June

Biodiversity in Your Back Yard – plants, birds and insects

*Yolanda van Heezik, senior lecturer,
University of Otago*

University of Otago's recent Dunedin Garden Study discovered interesting and even surprising facts about the wildlife that lives in or visits our home gardens.

1 July

Organic Roots – the development of organic gardening in NZ

Philippa Jamieson, Editor of Organic NZ magazine

Philippa explains how we have arrived at the 70th Anniversary of The Soil and Health Association of NZ.

5 August

Spring in Bhutan and Sikkim – plant trails from the jungle to alpine meadows

Chuck Landis, retired geologist

A 2010 visit with the International Dendrological Society concentrating on woody plants but also looking at herbaceous plants, birds, mountains and people.

2 September

Worms at Work – vermiculture unearthed

Robbie and Rosanna Dick, Central Wormworx

Learn how thousands of tonnes of waste can be taken out of the waste stream and converted into high quality soil conditioner to improve the quality, yield and vibrancy of plants.

7 October

Green Ways to Eradicate Invasive Weeds

By TJ Irvin, inventor

By doing a little bit, often, you can get on top of pest plants. TJ will cover non-chemical control such as hot water, mulching, salt and the tool he has invented, The Slammer.

4 November

What's Cookin? – tips for cooking local produce

Steve Ellwood, catering lecturer, Otago Polytechnic

Now that we are growing our own vegetables – what are we going to do with them? If you are growing and buying local produce, then Steve can demonstrate some great ways to prepare your food.

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12 noon · free admission
Botanic Garden Centre
Upper Lovelock Avenue

