

HortTalk at the Botanic Garden

5 March

Tree Risk Management – diagnostic tools used in modern arboriculture.

Frank C Buddingh', consulting arborist.

Frank estimates he has pruned more than twenty-five thousand trees and assessed the health of many more. His talk will include interesting methods used to assess tree health in order to balance the needs of trees and people.

9 April

Plant Symbolism Across the Ages – a personal perspective.

Claire van Loon Sim, Information Centre Co-ordinator, Dunedin Botanic Garden.

Plants are part of nature but people use them as cultural symbols. Representations of plants are everywhere, offering food for thought. Claire will offer fresh insight into plants in art, money, architecture and literature.

7 May

Perennial Edibles and Companion Plants – what grows well in Dunedin?

Jason Ross, permaculturist.

Jason will inspire you with his experience and knowledge of growing a range of multifunctional, edible perennials in Dunedin. Plants and resources will be available for sale at this talk.

4 June

Everyday Herbs – ancient applications for modern use.

Sandra Clair, MA (Berne), Grad Dip Health Science (New England); Managing Director ARTEMIS Herbal Medicine.

Using proven 500-year-old wisdom, Sandra will discuss handy herbal hints for staying well or recovering from illness.

2 July

Tree Hugga – right tree, right place.

Jerry Lynch, Arboriculture Lecturer, Otago Polytechnic.

Jerry has over twenty years of experience in the arboriculture industry and will share the many good reasons why trees need to be selected carefully and put in the appropriate place.

6 August

Another World Wide Web – exploring the soil food web.

Cherryl Prew, Lab Director, Soil Foodweb Institute of New Zealand.

Cherryl will dig deep into the fascinating world beneath our feet and explain the important interactions between the billion microorganisms found in one teaspoon of healthy soil and explain why healthy soil makes healthy food.

3 September

Installing Hard Landscaping – rock walls, steps and drainage.

Robyn Freeth, Collection Curator, Dunedin Botanic Garden and Alan Ferguson, Horticulture Lecturer, Otago Polytechnic.

Project leaders from Dunedin Botanic Garden's new Mediterranean Garden look back and share their rockin' experience.

1 October

Save Our Seeds – tips from Otepoti Urban Organics.

Bart Acres, Seed Exchange Co-ordinator.

Like minds will enjoy the networking and practical nature of the seedy business of collecting, storing and sharing seeds.

5 November

Polygamy in the Garden – a scientific study of sparrow behaviour.

Eduardo S. A. Santos, PhD Candidate.

Hedge sparrows, or dunnocks, have fascinating mating behaviour, ranging from monogamy to promiscuity. Eduardo will help to interpret behaviours commonly seen in every garden in broad daylight!

2010 12 noon · free admission
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Upper Lovelock Avenue

