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|  | The New Zealand Alpine Garden Society and  Christchurch Botanic Gardens  Present the New collaborative  **Crevice Garden** |

**They are taking the world by storm in alpine gardening circles. Why?** Crevice gardens are very low maintenance once built with coarse sand and slabs. They allow a far more efficient use of water and they simply look after themselves. Alpine plants are delicate and won’t tolerate damp conditions and rotting vegetation; yet their roots need consistent water and a deep root run. One side of a cliff can be in the deep shade and collecting most of the rain, whilst at the top of a crevice plants can experience dry and warm conditions. It may be possible to grow things we never thought possible in our climate.

The choice of plants is important, (as is being weed-free at the start – no twitch or sorrel). Small plants are best - how about miniature rhododendrons, wildflowers, Lewisia jewels, or Saxifrage cushions? Succulents are easy and exquisite, add in small bulbs for seasonal colour. 

Although such an extensive scheme is labour and rock intensive, any scale of project can be done by home gardeners-against a masonry wall, in an open neglected bit of the garden, a patch in a gravel path or even in a trough or pot. Since Halswell Quarry stone can only be recycled now, try another slab rock like schist; or repurpose broken concrete or old roof tiles. You could even make your own hypertufa slabs.

**Visit the NEW Crevice Garden in The Botanic Gardens**

**Guided by Kenton Seth, Colorado, USA**



***New Zealand***

***Alpine Garden Society***

**Encouraging the Cultivation and**

**Conservation of all Alpine Plants**

**60 years old this year,**

**Celebratory Crevice Garden Creation**

Since 1960 the NZ Alpine Garden Society has drawn members from all corners of the globe. Members range from the enthusiastic to the professional with interests covering miniature bulbs, rare perennials, shrubs and the full spectrum of alpine and rock garden plants.

**Benefits of joining the Society**

**Seed Exchange** 40,000 envelopes of seed covering 3,00 different species and varieties

**Spring Show** A highlight of our year. This year held on 12 and 13 September at a new exciting venue - the West Melton Community Centre. Many rare and desirable plants for sale, free parking, food and more

**Meetings, Lectures, Workshops and Fieldtrips**

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month (with occasional variations, check our website), Philatelic Centre, 67 Mandeville Street 8pm, doors open with plant sales at 7.30pm

**Bulletin, Library and Newsletters** Quality magazines each year

**Volunteer** Work to assist the development and maintenance of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens Crevice and Rock Garden area.

Subs

Single and Family NZ $36 E-sub $31 Over 65 $34 E-sub $29

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