

## KAIPATIKI PROJECT CALENDAR FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2009/2010

### **Nursery Bites FREE Native Plant Propagation Mini-Workshops**

Choose one or two bite-size topics from this 9 week programme, or take the whole series, which runs on **Thursday mornings from 18 February to 15 April 2010**.

Workshops take place at the Kaipatiki Centre nursery (17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale) and take participants into the beautiful bush nearby.

**Bookings are essential as places are limited - email [restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz](mailto:restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz) or phone 482 1172.**

**Please read our brochure on page 3 of this pdf for more information.**

### **Create Your Own Eden**

FREE composting and worm-farming courses - find one in your area - **[please click here for the course timetables](#)** in Auckland, Manukau & North Shore.

### **Walking Our Place - Summer Fun Programme**

Kaipatiki Project invites you to take eye-opening leisure walks through two local reserves. All ages welcome, wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

**FREE but booking essential as limit 20 people: email [admin@kaipatiki.org.nz](mailto:admin@kaipatiki.org.nz) or phone 482 1172**

**Witford Reserve - Saturday 23 January 2010 at 10am**

Meet on Kaipatiki Road, Glenfield - opposite Glenfield College tennis courts

**Eskdale Reserve - Saturday 27 February 2010 at 10am**

Meet at Kaipatiki Project Environment Centre, 17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale, North Shore

### **NEW!!! Take an Educational Bush Walk with Discovery Walks**



**Enrol now for walks starting in February, April & June 2010**

Kaipatiki Project is starting to offer the 'Bush Walk & Talk' series of educational leisure walks on behalf of Discovery Walks. Organised throughout the year, these series of 5 two-hour walks will help participants identify common NZ native trees, plants, flowers and pest plants whilst taking in the beauty of some of the North Shore's most popular reserves.

Walks are organised as a series of five Saturday mornings, \$50 for each series of 5 walks:

1. February 13, 20, March 6, 13, 20
2. April 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15
3. June 12, 26, July 3, 10, 17

**Please read our brochure on page 4 of this pdf for more information.**

## **Edible Gardening**

**Organic vegetable gardening short courses with Dee Pigneguy**

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Organic Gardening**

Gain skills and confidence to develop your own urban organic garden.

Course includes managing the vegetable garden by growing with the seasons, the soil food web and soil fertility, choosing the site and building the structures, seed sowing and germination, transplanting and plant spacing, watering and mulching

**10 am to 3 pm. Cost \$45.00. Saturday - Feb 20, March 27, April 24 or May 15**

### **The 'Edible Gardening' Series**

Each crash course runs for 2.5 hours on Tuesdays -10am till 12.30pm

#### **1. Turning the Lawn into Lunch:**

- The Science Of Growing In Raised Garden Beds
- Keeping The Beds Productive
- Feeding The Soil: Liquid Manures, Green Manures, Mulching, Composting
- Finding The Resources
- What To Grow

**2.5 Hours. Cost \$25.00. Tuesday March 2**

#### **2. WeedEaters:**

- Weed Identification
- Weeds Supply Vitamins And Minerals
- Nourish Your Body And Your Garden Soil Using Weeds Found In Your Garden
- Cleavers, Dandelion, Chickweed, Plantain, Nettle, Comfrey, Nasturtium, Lamb's Quarters, Chicory, Red Clover

**2.5 Hours. Cost \$25.00. Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### **3. Crash Course on Insect Pests:**

- Recognizing Insect Pests And Their Lifecycles
- Using Barriers, Traps, Organic Sprays And Timing It Right
- Planting Beneficial Insect Gardens And The Importance Of Soil Fertility

**2.5 Hours. Cost \$25.00. Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **4. Growing Herbs:**

Identify The 10 Most Useful Herbs For Teas, Medicine, Soil Building, Salads, Cooking And Cosmetics

**2.5 Hours. Cost \$25.00. Tuesday March 23<sup>th</sup>**

#### **5. All You Need to Know about Keeping Hens in the Urban Garden**

**2.5 Hours. Cost \$25.00. Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

#### **6. Preparing for the Winter Garden**

**2.5 Hours. Cost \$25.00. Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Places strictly limited, so book early by calling 482 1172 or email [admin@kaipatiki.org.nz](mailto:admin@kaipatiki.org.nz)**

# Nursery Bites

Free native plant propagation workshops



**Kaipatiki Project is delighted to announce the return of its very popular Nursery Bites programme on Thursday mornings from 18 February 2010.**

Aimed at up-skilling volunteers over nine weeks, these mini-workshops are a great way to gain experience, meet people and learn at the same time. They are definitely recommended for those wanting to gain practical, hands-on experience in native plant propagation or in working in the nursery field.

### **Pick & mix, or feast on the whole series**

Sessions can be taken as individual bite-size workshops. Alternatively, many participants choose to follow the whole programme as part of a work experience or volunteer programme.

### **Learn outdoors, naturally...**

Using Kaipatiki Project's own native plant nursery and the neighbouring Birkdale bush as natural 'classrooms', *Nursery Bites* teaches a wide range of topics to form a sequence: from how to collect seeds, make plants from cuttings and pot on through to how to grow native coastal, shrubland and podocarp forest plants. Later sessions look at weed identification and control, planting for native birds and threatened plant species.



**Funded by the Perry Foundation, Nursery Bites workshops bring together people wanting to learn 'hands-on' about growing and caring for NZ native plants.**



**Sessions are limited to 20 participants a week so bookings are essential by calling 482 1172 or emailing [restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz](mailto:restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz) with your name, contact details and which week/s you will attend.**

**Early enrolment is recommended as these workshops fill up quickly.**

17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale, North Shore City

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All workshops take place at Kaipatiki Project's Environment Centre (address above) on Thursday mornings 9.30am – 12pm.

### **CHOOSE FROM THESE TOPICS**

18 February	Seed Collection and Sowing
25 February	New Plants from Cuttings
4 March	Revegetation, Pioneering and Scrubland Plants
11 March	Broadleaf/Podocarp Forest Plants
18 March	Coastal Plants
25 March	Wetland and Riparian Plants
1 April	Plants for Birds.
8 April	Weed Identification and Control
15 April	Threatened Plants

Plant identification will form part of each session.

# 'Bush Walk & Talk'

Guided leisure walks around some of the North Shore's most popular bush reserves

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3. June 12, 26, July 3, 10, 17

**Cost: \$50 for each series of 5 walks**

**Good company** – whether you are a North Shore resident, a tourist here for a while, or a new NZ migrant, you will find a welcome on these walks and get to know your beautiful bush surroundings.

**Easy-paced** – each walk takes two hours (9.30am – 11.30am) and will take place rain or shine (walking shoes and a raincoat will be handy).

**Informative** – the walks are designed to make participants more knowledgeable about, and able to identify, New Zealand native trees and plants. The group will stop often to identify common native trees, ferns, flowers and pest plants, deal with questions and discuss the surroundings.

**Great exercise** – explore the bush in confidence and at a relaxed pace with our small groups (maximum 12 participants). Bring a water bottle.



## Beauty on your doorstep

North Shore City is home to dozens of different bush-walking areas where walkers can find an abundance of native species including kauri, pohutakawa and ponga (silver fern).

Five areas are explored in each series; enrolled participants will receive details about the venues for the walks at the start of the series.

Photo: Philip Moll *tanekaha pollen cones in Mary Barrett Glade, Devonport.*



is the Environment Centre for the North Shore and is delighted to be offering the *Bush Walk & Talk* programme on behalf of Discovery Walks.

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