

LIFE IN THE GARDEN

Official Organ of the New Zealand Sweet Pea Society and Auckland Horticultural Society.
By Veronica.

All communications for "Veronica" should be addressed to "Graphic" Office, Auckland. Secretaries of Horticultural Societies are invited to send us short reports of their proceedings, and also any items of interest to Horticulturists. Photographs of Flowers, Fruit, or New Vegetables or Garden Scenes, will be welcomed.

SHOW DATES.

Schedules may be obtained on application to the Secretaries.

Stratford Horticultural Society.—Autumn Show, February 23rd and 24th, 1911. W. Stanley Cato, Hon. Secretary.

National Sweet Pea Society of New Zealand, Palmerston North, December 7 and 8. E. A. Osmond, Secretary, Stratford.

New Plymouth Horticultural Society.—Spring Show, Theatre Royal, December 8.—A. L. Humphries, Secretary.

Kaponga Horticultural Society.—Annual Show, Athenaeum Hall, February 16, 1911. L. H. Baigent, Hon. Secretary.

Timaru Floral and Horticultural Society.—Autumn Show, Olympia Hall, Timaru, February 16 and 17, 1911.—Hon. Secretary, James K. McDonald, Beverley Road.

Masterton Horticultural Society.—Autumn Show, February —, 1911. Secretary, H. M. Boddington, P.O. Box 23, Masterton.

Eketahuna.—March 3, 1911.

Napier Amateur Horticultural Society.—Chrysanthemum Show, April, 1911.—Hon. Secretary, J. G. H. Murdoch, P.O. Box 35, Napier.

Canterbury Horticultural Society.—Chrysanthemum Show, May—, 1911. Secretary, Miss E. Sneyd Smith, Manchester Street, Christchurch.



LOOKING DOWN ONE OF THE MANY AVENUES OF SWEET PEAS IN MR. HENRY BRETT'S GARDEN AT LAKE TAKAPUNA.



Valle, photo. AMONG THE SWEET PEAS.—THE PHOTO SHOWS THE GREAT HEIGHT TO WHICH THE PLANTS WILL GROW WHEN PROPERLY TRAINED.

SEEDS TO SOW THIS MONTH.

Vegetable.—Beans (Dwarf, French, and Runners), Beet, Broccoli, Carrot, Cucumber, Melons, Peas, Pumpkins, Parsnip, Saladings, Sugar Corn, Turnips.

Flower.—Balsam, Celosia, Zinnias, Cockscomb, Phlox, Portulacca, Zinnias.

Plant Out Tomatoes, Cape Gooseberries, Capsicums, Celery, Kumeras, Melons, Chrysanthemums, Dahlias, Phlox, Salvia, etc.

GENERAL GARDEN WORK.

Push on with planting out as speedily as possible. Tomatoes, kumeras, melons, etc. should be got in their growing quarters. Continue sowings of peas, kidney beans, and runners every ten days for succession. Plant out celery, and sow radish, mustard and cress, etc., for salads every week, in order to keep up an abundant supply. Potatoes planted this month are most useful for seed. Carrots and turnips sow for succession, thin those advancing; earth up potatoes and spray.

Mulch strawberries to keep the fruit clean. Thrashed straw, free from weeds, is a good mulch or grass from the lawn may be employed.

Keep lawns clean and tidy by frequent mowings and rolling. Clip grass edgings. Weed paths and get all beds and borders in good order.

Fruit trees require constant attention this month to cope with the Codlin moth pest; spraying with Swift's Arsenate of Lead should commence as the blossom falls, and be continued every two weeks.