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Eschscholzia californica (Californian poppy), a weedy garden escape growing along the Selwyn River, Canterbury. Image: Murray Dawson.

From the Editors

We thank those of you who contributed to the interesting and diverse range of articles in this issue. Don't forget that original articles are always welcome.

Interactive keys are cutting edge identification tools and in recent years several have been developed for New Zealand plants. Murray Dawson and Julia Wilson-Davey discuss a weeds key that has just been launched online. They also outline other keys that have been developed for New Zealand plants and those planned for the future.

Previous issues of the *New Zealand Garden Journal* have mentioned the national New Zealand flax (*Phormium*) collection and the Rene Orchiston collection of weaving cultivars of harakeke and wharariki. Both of these collections are based at Lincoln. However, less well known is the *Phormium* collection at the Dunedin Botanic Garden, for which Paul Star and his co-authors provide an important historical account.

On the 14th April 2011, Lawrie Metcalf delivered the Banks Memorial Lecture in Blenheim, during the New Zealand Gardens Trust Conference "Days of Wine and Roses". His lecture is presented here in written form. Prior to Lawrie's lecture, the 2011 RNZIH Awards were presented and the award citations are published here. Our congratulations go to the worthy recipients.

Rod Bielecki records the passing of Marguerite Joyce Amos, always known as Joy Amos. Joy was well respected by the horticultural community – she first joined the RNZIH on 26 June 1974 and was elected an Associate of Honour of the Institute in 1981.

We conclude this issue with an original book review prepared by Ross Ferguson followed by a selection of reviews published by *Weekend Gardener* magazine.

Murray Dawson and Andrew Maloy

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