About Us



Carol & David

Since January 2016 Carol and David are privileged to be the custodians and landscapers of this wonderful spiritual garden environment, and the production of Proteas. Carol's previous experience is in health, offering an understanding of plant care and personal customer care. David has an engineering background and enables everything that happens in the habitat and the nursery. Having spent a lot of time in earlier years in the area we are pleased to now live in this amazing area. Now more than eight years on we have grown to love this peaceful garden and our breathtaking protea.

Today the nursery specialises in retail and mail order sales throughout New Zealand, of the proteaceae family of plants along with a selection of other hardy lowmaintenance plants suitable for most New Zealand conditions, especially coastal. The nursery operates adjacent to the habitat area of 'The Secret Garden'. The nursery was established in the early 1990's by the McNabb family. The White/Marshall's bought the property in 2004. They had spent the previous 10 years in management positions working on 20 hectares of internationally acclaimed terraced gardens surrounding the Shrine of the Bab at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel. The current theme of the Matakana Sculptural Habitat they then established, uses the natural elements on the 2.2ha property to create beautiful vistas and large natural sculptures using techniques that any gardener can undertake. It is the Baha'i philosophy of transformation that underpins the sculptures passage through the garden. Transformation is a theme true for all of us as well as our plantings.