



# Nz CLIVIA CLUB INC NEWZLETTER

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## G A R D E N I I D A Y



A good crowd turned out for our gardenii day in May and there were also quite a few interspecifics in bloom in Keith's garden to brighten up an overcast day. Keith is pictured here showing visitors around.

Photo : Dominic Toon



Michael Loh won our big berry competition with 26 seeds in the berry. Apparently it was an Appleblossom cross, although it has been mentioned that some multipetal berries have large amounts of seed.

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## UPDATE ON KIWICLIVIA 2012

We're lucky here in NZ, and tend to take for granted the fact that most of us can grow our clivias outside, with very suitable climatic conditions and virtually no pests and diseases to worry about. It has meant that cliviaholics here have been able to mass plant their gardens with clivias, much to the envy of addicts in other parts of the world. A great opportunity to see these mass plantings of our favourite plants in full bloom, as well as mouth watering collections of plants seed-sourced from top world hybridizers, is available by joining the KiwiClivia 2012 tour, on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> – Mon 8<sup>th</sup> October.

The tour programme was detailed in the last newsletter, but has been revised slightly, so that after the Tauranga Show the group returns to stay at Alpers Lodge in Auckland, and the Monday visits will include David Brundell's wonderful subtropical garden and Vico hybrids at Glenbrook. Growers visited will be Dr Keith Hammett, Murray and Bev Gow, Alick and Frances McLeman, Rex and Dee Williams, Ian Duncalf, Ian and Shirley Baldick, Terry, Pam and Lindsay Hatch and David Brundell.

The cost of the full tour is \$595.00 per person for double/twin share or \$835.00 p.p single room. This cost includes 4 nights accommodation (Fri – Mon), cost of bus trip, 3 evening meals, 2 midday lunches, 4 breakfasts and visits to eight clivia growers.

**We have worked out a BUDGET COST FOR NZ MEMBERS OF JUST \$346.00. This price does not include accommodation, breakfasts, or bank fees. It does include bus travel, 2 lunches, 3 evening meals, wonderful opportunities to mix, mingle, make new friends and learn from other members and the 23 Australian enthusiasts already booked, plus the chance to see mouthwatering clivia in full bloom. Bring your bibs to catch the drool!**

Contact Tony Barnes or Jocelyn Day at [nzclivioclub@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:nzclivioclub@yahoo.co.nz)

**BOOK NOW. SEE YOU THERE!**



*Rex and Dee Williams cliviahouse*



*Tony Barnes Display*



*Tauranga Show Display*



*Some of the places that KiwiClivia2012 will take in.*



*Alick and Frances McLeman's – Alick seen here with Ian Coates*



*David Brundell's Gardenza*



*Auckland Show*

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Being the first show to be held in our region, we would like to make a very good impression and ask you to bring as many clivia as you can to display. So, it's time to really look after your plants, keeping them sheltered and away from the rain and frost that can cause damage here in our colder regions...well at least in Palmy anyways...☺ Please ensure that plants brought for display are well groomed and healthy. The more the merrier... they don't have to be green throated yellows, or multi-petalled picotee peaches. The important thing is that we have lots of flowers for impact, and as much variety as possible.

If some of you have plants/seeds to sell, that's fine, Club rules will apply. Any seller must bring at least three plants to put on display, and there is a 10% commission on sales, net of GST, to a maximum of \$150.00. This goes to club funds, helping offset the costs of the show. Plants sold should be in good condition, and predominantly clivia, although related/accessory South African plants are acceptable.

We will be doing the setting up from 8.30am on the day. All exhibits will have display cards, giving visitors a bit of information about that plant, such as characteristics, breeding, age, grower etc. If anyone has plants to include, but can't actually be there in person, please contact me (Michael) beforehand and we can probably collect them a few days earlier.

We will have a **raffle**, and would appreciate donation of plants or seeds for prizes . If you are able to make a gift of a good quality plant, this would assist the club greatly, but it is not a condition of your participation. Tony has offered to do a couple of talks, one on clivia cultivation and perhaps another on hybridization. Visitors to the show can vote for the "People's Choice Award" for the best plant on display.

So, **here's a great opportunity to get involved**, show off your prize plants, meet other club members and see their treasures, buy some (more!) plants/seeds, perhaps learn a bit and sign up some new club members, and generally have a great time. **Mark the day on your calendar, tell all your gardening friends, and BE THERE!**

Looking forward to seeing you, Michael Loh and Tony Barnes

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## Seasonal Interspecifics



Tony Barnes



Tony Barnes



Ian Baldick



Murray Gow



Alick McLeman

# How to get correct details and tone photographing a pale yellow flower

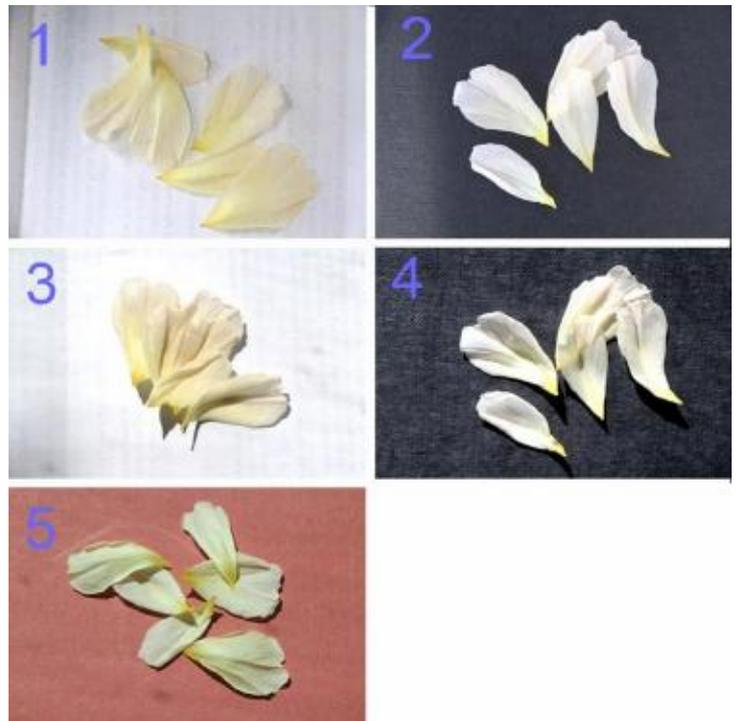
By Ian Coates

I have been asked by several people - How is it possible to get correct details and tone in a pale yellow flower? My suggestion was to underexpose if your camera was able to do this. With worldwide digital camera sales dropping because people are choosing to use their mobile phones instead, such luxuries as being able to manually alter your exposure are fast disappearing.

Another way is to make use of your camera's limitations. In simplistic terms, many basic cameras try to make the world a mid grey. (Like some people I know!) Accordingly, if you photograph on a black background, it will lighten everything towards that grey. Similarly, if you photograph on white, it will darken everything.

Note the yellow petals in pics 1 and 2. Much more detail on the white background due to underexposure.

If you photograph in direct sunlight, pics 3 and 4, then the contrast is increased so you will lose tone in the highlights and shadows. However, you will gain shape and depth so, like life in general, you must decide what compromises to make.



If you choose a strong colour background, pic 5, then again, apart from tiring the eyes, the camera will try to make a grey, so the whole image will be too green in this case to compensate for the dark pink background.

It is usually quite feasible to use the same technique outside. Take with you a white background of some kind (cloth, paper etc) to place behind the flower and get somebody to stand in the way of any direct sunlight. Usually not a problem!

Hope this helps.

Ian

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## Seasonal Interspecifics



*Pale C. Gardenii – David Olsen*



*Tony Barnes Interspecifics*



Bell Bird



Greensleeves



Kea



Wind Chimes

**E-mail of interest from Rex Williams** (following an online discussion)

I was hoping to bring the plants in the attached pics to the gardenii show but was unable to attend. Yes David (Olsen) is correct there are true breeding yellow/cream gardenii as with other pendulous Clivia species. *C. gardenii*'s 'Bell Bird' & 'Kea' are selfings of Gem Wildflowers 'Ivory Jade'. 'kea' is probably the result of stray pollen, however 'bell Bird' is like its parent in being a true breeding albino. When selfed 'Bell Bird' produces 100% green based seedlings & when crossed with 'Kea' Produces 50% green based seedlings as one would expect from a 'true breeding' yellow/cream. The resulting seedlings should flower next year to confirm predicted results. It must be noted that 'Ivory Jade' is not related to the 'Ngome' yellows & was collected from a different wild population, please note the distinct flower form as apposed to the Ngome form. 'Greensleeves' is from line bred 'Green Goblin', it was selected as a seedling as having a green base unlike its siblings. Flower form is similar to the Ngome types and it may have been a stray seed?, crossings with 'Bell Bird' produce seedlings with pigmented bases. 'Wind Chimes' has a distinctive peach colour and straight tubular form and was selected from selfings of 'Harburg Blush' as having a green base, when crossed with 'Bell Bird' all seedlings have pigmented bases.



Eos



Duet



Red Admiral



Soft Touch



Belgian MP x Cosmic Chance



F2 Green Delight

# What's Happening

## AGM

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Joy Plants,  
78 Jericho Road, Pukekohe East.  
11.00 am visit to Ian Baldicks garden,  
1212 Great South Road, Ramarama.  
12.30 pm Sausage Sizzle at Joy Plants.  
1.30 pm AGM

## Tauranga Show

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2012 - 1.00 – 4.00pm  
Plant Struck Nursery, 139 Te Puna Road

## Auckland Show

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October - 9.00am – 4.00pm  
Auckland Hort Centre, 990 Great North  
Road, Western Springs.

## Palmerston North Show

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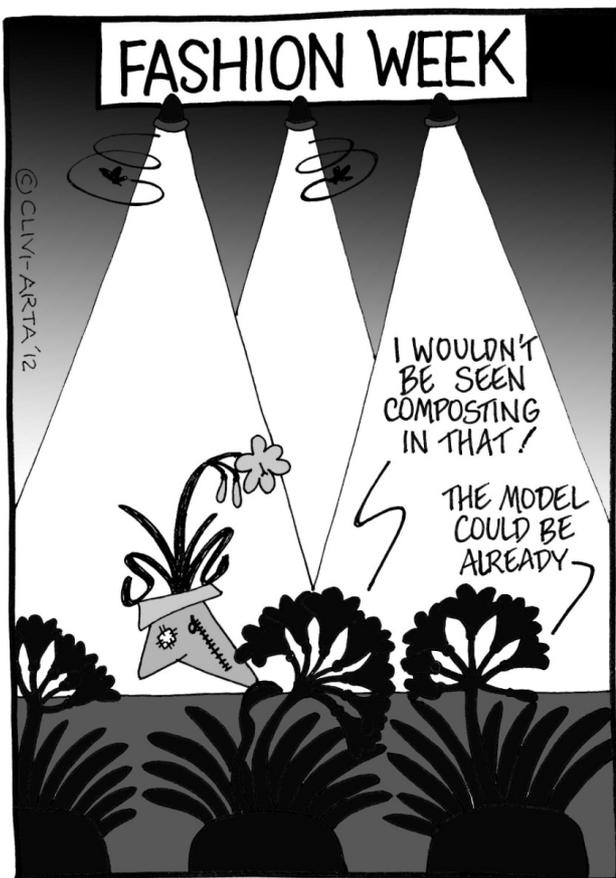
 KiwiClivia 2012 tour  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October to  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October



Diana Holt is well known to many of our club members for the work she does for the club and on our committee. She has recently moved north of Auckland. The photo shows one of her new clivia shadehouses. In her own words -

'A number of you were aware that I have moved to the country to have more space for my Clivia and Bromeliads. Technically, I am still in Auckland as I have only moved just north of Wellsford – or just over an hour from the Harbour Bridge.

If anyone is coming this way north, they are welcome to visit. Although my address and landline has changed, my mobile is still the same and is shown in the Membership Directory so just give me a call to check I am here.'



Two scenes from Keith Hammett's garden, interspecifics with a flooding as a backdrop and a stunning Bronze he calls 'Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>'.