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Auckland People's Choice Winner



Rex and Dee William won the Auckland People's Choice with their Tipperary Peach.

Some stunning blooms were shown at shows and in gardens around the country. The Tauranga show was a great success at Te Puna and the Lower North Island show organised by Tony Barnes and Michael Loh was held at New Plymouth this year. This area is going from strength to strength and we can expect some exciting new clivias from the growers there.



(Min Orange x Cream) x self – Tony Barnes

First C.mirabilis Flowering in NZ



Ian Baldick has successfully flowered C. mirabilis in New Zealand thereby winning the Mirabilis 'race'. Sun tolerant clivias may be on the way!



Slightly behind Ian was Rex Williams. Shown here is his C. mirabilis that flowered slightly later than Ian's.

Ability to withstand sun is a feature of this species but so is the need for a freer draining medium than the other clivias require. We shall have to wait and see what the hybrids might offer.

Clivia Society Subs

Clivia Society subscriptions are now due. Details for payment will be in the renewal notice to be sent shortly.

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Show Gallery



'A greater variety than ever before' was a common comment by many people at the Auckland show. The work done by an increasing number of growers is certainly resulting in a more varied display than in the past with the same good quality of plants being maintained.

It was also noted that the margin between the 'people's choice' vote and the vote for other blooms had narrowed. There were a lot of very good plants on display. It was a lively crowd, with people attending throughout the day.

The Tauranga show was likewise a success managed with cheerful efficiency by Jude, Conrad and Ian. Their people's choice was won by 'Kiwi Star' a plant from Jude Shapland.



Carrie Kruger Red – Alick McLeman



John's Lime – Alick and Frances



Lukie Picotee x Carrie Picotee



Pastel – Keith Hammett



Temptress – Gardenza



Platinum Mystique - Gardenza



Trying to capture the contrast between the golden yellow of Michael Lohs' Ian Duncalf Yellow Tiger and Keith Hammett's 'Near White'.



Diana Holt



Lambada Dancer selfed – Alick McLeman



Suzette cross – David Olsen



Cosmic Sausage – Keith Hammett



Pastel – Keith Hammett



Multipetal – Bryan Sherman



Mark Van Kaathoven and Friends



Teresa Tang and Alick McLeman



Pam and Terry Hatch



Chris Webb and son



Jude and Conrad Coenan



Kiwi Star



Well Attended Show in New Plymouth.

It had been five years since we did a clivia display in Taranaki, so after the successful Palmerston North show last year it seemed a good idea to have one in New Plymouth again. There is a very strong group of keen gardeners in Taranaki, and knowing the local newspaper garden writer, Virginia Winder, was a great help too, as she wrote a full page colour article about the lovely Oakura garden of our club members Anne Kitchen and Ann Wilson, with big time emphasis on the clivia plantings. I'm certain this, along with Michael's good publicity drops, was a key factor to the show being such a success.

Thanks to Kevin from Wanganui, Michael from Palmerston North, Alick from Auckland, Rex and Dee from Paeroa, and local Taranaki members, there were over 100 plants on display, showing a wide selection of colour and form. We estimated well over 300 people came to look, buy plants, and listen to the cultural talks. Alick's Hirao Green was a real talking point, as were the Cameron Peaches and Michael's Chinese dwarf plants. I find it interesting that over the years the Club has been showing clivia, with dominance of display shifting from orange/red, then yellow/cream, and now peach/apricot, that the public demand still seems to be for the orange/red, with the peaches and more specific crosses being bought mostly by members. All plants offered for sale were sold, which was great as the commission more than covered the cost of the hall hire and advertising.

After the show club members shared a yummy meal at the two Annes' house, and the next day everyone enjoyed visiting members' gardens, especially that of plantsman Jim Rumbal, packed with treasures seldom seen.

Thanks to all members who brought plants to display and helped set up, especially those who travelled from afar. It was enjoyable to catch up with each other and share our own personal clivia happenings. I think it is a good idea to alternate these shows between Palmerston North and New Plymouth in the future, continuing to share our passion with the wider gardening fraternity, and hopefully gain some new members too.



Tony Barnes Particolour



Hirao Cross



Gardens and Collections



Tipperary Peach - Rex and Dee Williams



Pink Pastel – David Olsen



Murray and Bev Gow



Alick McLeman



Stephanie and Dick Blamey



Lambada Cross – Alick McLeman



Murray and Bev Gow



Lady Frances cross – Alick McLeman



Andrew Gibson cross – Murray Gow



John Winter Cameron Peach – David Olsen



Rex and Dee Williams



Visiting at the Gows



At the Hatches



(Min Red x Cream) x (Peach x Y)-Tony Barnes



Remembrance in clivias - A fitting tribute from David Austins' family to their plant-loving uncle.



Tauranga Motorway Plantings



Some councils know how to get creative with colour. These plantings are beneath an off-ramp approach in Tauranga. Maybe a few low-growing native plants in the top left hand corner might have been wise though – beware the dreaded sun bleaching!

Wittig Pink x Europeaches – John Van der Linde

I believe this to be an important breeding result. This is one of a number of crosses that I did between my Wittig pink/peach (see my first email) and known European peaches, such as Victorian and Welgemoed peaches.

Those that have flowered have all flowered within the peach range. I believe thus that there are good grounds for considering that the Wittig pink/peach mutation is compatible with the European peach mutation. What results have others had from similar crosses?

SEASON'S GREETINGS



All the best for the holiday season and the New Year from your editor.



Wittig Pink x Europeach



Roly Chiffon F2 x (Orange x Cream – Tony Barnes)

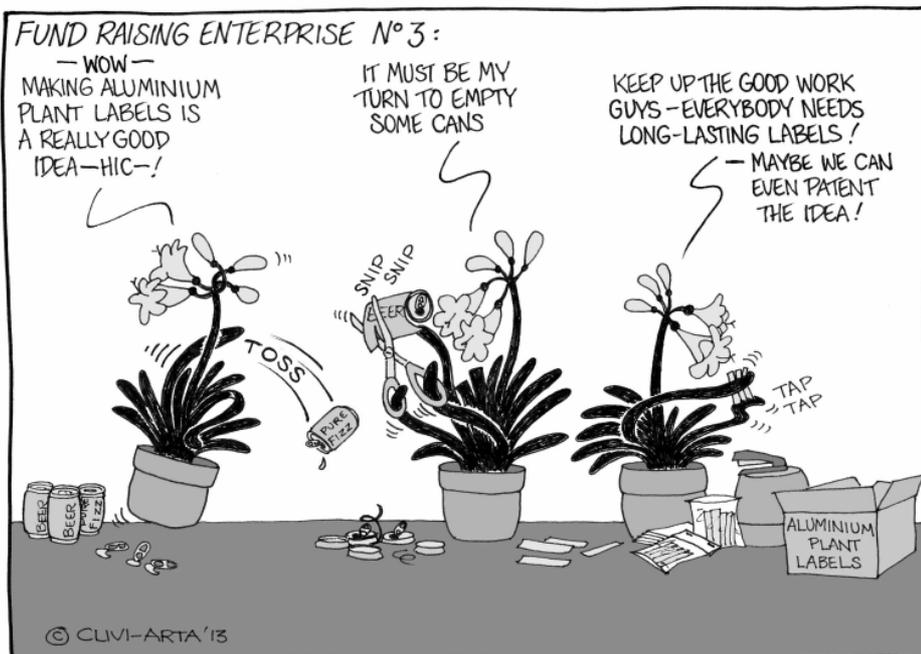
A FAVOURITE FLOWER

Circle of Fire

The 2013 flowering season was notable for the variety of exciting blooms, many flowering for the first time. It was very difficult to pick a favourite from many candidates, but I came up with Circle of Fire, perhaps because it was a plant of my own breeding.

I have long been interested in bi-colours, that is flowers with deep white or yellow throats surrounded by a red or orange trim in the outer edges of the tepals. In this instance I used a bicolour from Keith Hammett's early picotee breeding as ovary parent, purchased as a seedling at one of the early Auckland clivia shows. I pollinated this with another bi-colour, Rim O'Fire, of my own breeding from South African genetic material. What a great result. Lovely deep white throat with a reddish-orange trim in large open flowers in a well-rounded umbel. A very striking overall effect. Of interest was that I flowered two siblings, both with almost identical results.

Alick McLeman



Circle of Fire