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Show Photos



Jude Coenan with her winning bloom – Kiwi Krakatoa.
Above – Alick talking with Werner Pospiech and Helen Sanders. Helen is the 'Clivarta' cartoonist.



Samba Magic above (Michael Loh), Pastel above right (Ian Duncalf), right Green Envy – Tauranga Show winner (Jude Coenan), Below C x Barb,3 (Ian Duncalf)



Right – Dark Red (Kevin Luff) Palmerston North Show Winner. 2nd right Mark, Gene and Geoff.
Photos by Michael Loh, Murray Gow, Ian Duncalf, David Olsen.



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Show/Garden Photos



Klein Erda – Alick McLeman



Murray Gows' garden in full bloom



Lambda Dancer x self



John and his sister Sheena



Tipperary Peach _ Rex and Dee Williams



'You see that one over there Dad...'



Jude with Cath Mitchell



Hirao Green – Ian Baldick



Watercolour Pastel



Plant Struck display, Tauranga



Melbourne and Sydney Clivia show - By Michael Loh



After chickening out from the South African clivia conference trip, I decided to go across the ditch to the Melbourne and Sydney clivia show in September this year as it was more affordable. I had a fantastic time over there meeting the clivia breeders in both Melbourne and Sydney. I met some of the Australian clivia “celebrities” like Helen Marriot, Laurens Rijke, Ken Smith, Eddie Pang and several others. A huge thank you to George Simmler, whom some of you might remember from the last Kiwi Clivia Tour, for driving me and a couple other Australian clivia enthusiasts all around Melbourne.

My time in Australia started in Melbourne as their show was a week before the Sydney show. The weather was a bit cooler for them too and a couple of weeks shy of peak flowering for them. There weren’t as many flowering clivias at the show as they had hoped but there were still some stunning plants and I could have loved to come home with a couple of them if I could.



South African seed grown interspecific- Peter Haeusler



Japanese seed grown MP- Helen Marriot



Giant LOB x yellow miniata- Laurens Rijke



Bicolour x Chanel- Lisa Fox



After the weekend in Melbourne, I took the train up to Sydney. It was a long trip but nice way to see the Australian country side.

I helped with the show setup on Friday night before the show. Prior to the show everyone was worried about the cold weather and not having enough plants for the show as well but by the time all the growers turned up with their plants I was amazed with the number they had there. They had in excess of 150 plants on benches.

Sandra Ross, a gardening TV celebrity was invited to open the Clivia Society of NSM inaugural clivia show. There were quite a few very special plants too and Jim's Moonlight Bronze was probably the most coveted plant at the show. A full umbel of in excess of 40 flowers of tulip shaped dark bronze flowers was well admired by all. Ken Russell's Wierdo Green was of interest as all with solid green flowers that last for a couple of months.

The show was quite well attended and several visitors from Melbourne were there as well. I had a fantastic time meeting the NSW clivia growers as catching up with the Melbourne crew again.

In the evening, the out of town visitors were invited out for dinner by Chris Ong along with the show committee. Thanks to John Chang and Mark Massey for helping me getting around in Sydney.



Wierdo Green- Ken Russell



Moonlight Bronze- Jim



Cassandra- Peter Hay





SPECIAL PLANTS - THE AMERICAN 'ANDERSON'S PEACH'

Alick McLeman

The plant in photo was kindly gifted by Dick and Quyen Storch of California and imported into New Zealand by Diana Holt on my behalf. The name Anderson's Peach is usually associated with the Euro-peaches which appeared in the Toowoomba area in Queensland, but the USA peach predates them by about 50 years or more.

The USA Anderson's Peach has lovely open flowers and a distinctive 'guava' colouring. My plant is an offset of the original.

It comes with a story passed on to me by Dick Storch, as follows:

"Here is the story on Anderson Peach. Horace Anderson was an old-time 'plantsman' who died in the late 1950's. He bred many types of plants. His favourites were clivias and philodendrons. There is a long interesting story about his breeding one of the first yellow clivias bred in the United States, but this mail is not about that.. Anyway, he bred and wholesaled many clivias. In one or more of his breedings he came up with some peaches. Nickkerson Nursery bought a lot of his plants and in one purchase some were peaches. Mr. Nickkerson set aside the peach he considered the best of the lot and didn't sell it - he set it aside, built up stock and eventually sold offsets. Mr. Nickkerson died and his children dissolved the nursery. His chief grower was Joe Rios. When Mr. Nickkerson died Joe Rios started his own nursery and bought a number of the Nickkerson plants as foundation plants for his new nursery. Included in that purchase were a few of the peaches, which he called pink. According to Joe Rios the reasons that the plant as selected by Mr. Nickkerson were (a) flower count in the umbel, (2) height of umbel relative to plant height and (3) willingness to throw offsets. I had heard of the plant and when I started my nursery I bought a number of the "pink" clivias from him. Most of the original purchase from Joe Rios were given or sold to Tom Wells for the horrendous price of \$8.00 each. After talking to Eric Anderson, Horace Anderson's grandson, and Tom Wells the plant was reassigned its original name, Anderson Peach. Anderson Peach received its name in the late 1950's and so it is the original Anderson Peach. There was no registry at the time, so the plant was never registered. And that's my story and I'm sticking with it. Please enjoy it. Dick Storch"



Rewa Peach – Alick McLeman



Alicks' Rewa Peach Cross – Kevin Luff

For those who have been following the Nella/Poor Mans Peach story, here is an article by Sean Chubb on the subject with a photo of Nella. – Alick McLeman

My story behind the Poorman's Peaches goes back a long way. I thought some people may be interested in the origins.

In 1994 at the inaugural meeting of the Clivia Club, as it was then known, I took along one of my Chubb Peaches in flower. Nick Primich the founder of the Clivia Society took a great deal of interest in my plant and we arranged to exchange some seed. On my return home I posted Nick about 20 of my then very precious Chubb Peach seed. I waited for a reply from Nick but it was only a year later when I saw him again did I ask if he had received my seed, he brushed me off in the manner only Nick could. The next year a parcel of Clivia seed arrived in the post, from Nick Primich labeled Innominate Miniata. I was interested in the label since these were the exchange seed from my Chubb Peach seed 2 years earlier. I contacted Nick right away and he said "Oh those are just some seed I collected off the floor", thus the name Innominate Miniata. I was a little taken aback but did not respond to his comment and thanked him for the seed. Four years later these same seed began

to bloom, the first being the most beautiful Peach I had seen and thus the name Innominate Peach Perfection. Then a stunning Yellow flowered and another Peach, Innominate Peach Apricot. I was blown away by these plants and so contacted Nick who had a good laugh at my expense saying that all this time I had believed he had given my poor quality seed and look what he had sent me. This was Nick's sense of humor. He called these Peaches Poorman's Peaches implying that he would probably never make much money out of them. A name that certainly does not do these stunning plants justice. Anyway the name stuck and even today they are called Poorman's Peaches. Only a few people managed to get seed from Nick, Oom Pat Gore is one of them and he has a famous plant called Olympic from this line. Nick Primich sold all his clivia shortly after and Oom Gert Esterhuisen bought some of the plants. I managed to acquire an offset of P6 from him. P6 is an outstanding Poorman's Peach. A few other named Poorman's Peaches are; Yvonne, Commonwealth and an exceptional plant called Nella.

I have been breeding with these Poorman's Peaches ever since and some of the offspring are remarkable.

Attached is a picture of Nella.

I hope this story is of some interest to a few growers.

Best Regards

Sean Chubb



David Brundell



David Brundell of Gardenza who is well known to all discerning NZ clivia buyers is leaving us for the tropics. He has sold his property to the neighbor and will be heading off to Rarotonga.

He is hoping to assist in the creation of a botanic gardens there and we wish him well in his new adventure.

In the way of a celebration of his contribution to clivias in New Zealand here are a few of the great blooms he has grown over recent years.



Best Known for his Vico Yellow hybrids, a few of which are pictured here, David also bred some very large flower umbels and some very nice pastels. He often astonished people with the size of his plants – produced through a combination of good genetics and ‘fertigation’. Having a scientific background he knew that in many plants, feeding them a little and often helped generate continuous growth which makes for a larger plant. This he did by adding fertilizer to his irrigation system in small amounts on a regular basis.

He used a plant of the original Vico Yellow in his breeding, but many of his best plants were produced through crosses with Walters Yellow.



Hi Members, Happy new year .Just a note to let you know that we will kick off the new year with a gathering in South Auckland at the botanical gardens in March. Alick has put together a presentation of his trip to the South Africam Clivia Conference last year. He visited all of the big breeders and has got a large selection of the latest breeding.

We will no doubt do the usual gatherings as the year proceeds. Dates have been set for the Annual shows and will be sent out in a newsletter.

Please let us know if you have an email address that we don't have or if you have changed your email address.

As with all plant clubs, the easiest and quickest way to talk with you all is via the internet. If you don't have an email address then maybe some person you know could receive it on your behalf..

We would like to update our systems to improve our way of communicating, but we need a volunteer to "moderate" such set ups and with running it.

No doubt you have a few flowers to light up the summer. I've set out to have a year round show, knowing that nothing can beat the " Miniata" season, but I still have a lot flowering at the moment .

I trust you are all well.

Kindest Regards

Ian Baldick Chairman.

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Palmerston North- link to show photos

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What's Happening

March Meeting

Provisional date Saturday 7th

Auckland Show

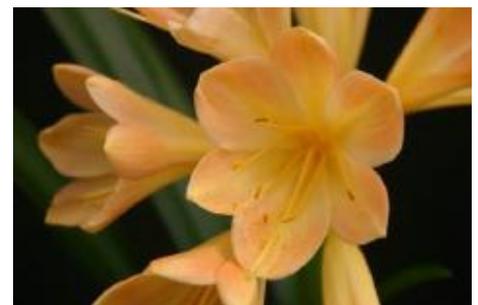
3rd October – 9am to 3pm, Auckland Botanic Gardens, 102 Hill Road, Manurewa



Europeach



Group 2 Yellow



Interspecific – David Olsen



MP Belgian x MP caulescens – Michael Loh

