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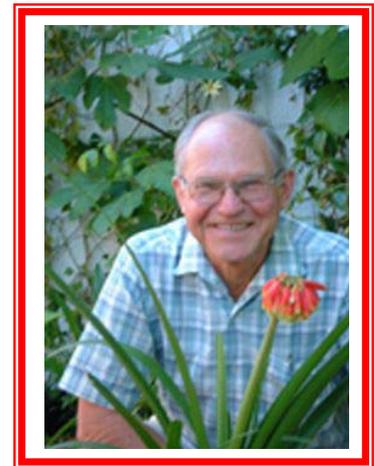
WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE..

John and Beth van der Linde have kindly accepted our invitation to visit NZ during October, attend as many Clivia shows as possible and meet as many Kiwi Clivia enthusiasts as possible. We are truly honoured that they will be with us during the Auckland Show (7 & 8 October), and John will be guest speaker at the Dinner on Saturday evening. After the Auckland Show, John and Beth will be in Tauranga (15th) and New Plymouth (29th & 30th). We are arranging visits to Clivia gardens and growers nationwide. We are sure John and Beth will be "cliviaed out" by the time they leave NZ !! ☺

John and Beth hail from Cape Town, South Africa and many of you will be nurturing seedlings that bear John's name. John has been an exceptional friend to our Club over the past 3 years with his generous donation of seed and articles. John's specialist subject is early history of clivias. Many of you are also members of the Clivia Society (South Africa) and receive the Year Books. John is Chief Editor of this excellent publication. We let John tell you a little about Beth and himself....

"My entire professional and business career was in the life insurance industry. I retired in 1995 as M.D. of Commercial Union Life Ass. Co. of South Africa in Johannesburg. My wife Beth and I moved to Cape Town, where I became interested in growing clivias and joined the Cape Clivia Club. I have since made many friends all over the world who share this interest.

I particularly enjoy cross-breeding plants to arrive at new colours and trying to understand the genetics involved. Several of my plants have been prize winners at Club Shows. I am currently Vice Chairman of the Clivia Society, an umbrella body for South African Clivia Clubs and other English-speaking/reading clivia enthusiasts all over the world. My academic interest in writing on the early history of clivias, the intrepid plant collectors who found them in the wild, and the spread of the plants throughout the world, has led to my becoming the Chief Editor of the Clivia Yearbook of the Clivia Society."



We encourage you all to attend the Shows wherever you can and meet John and Beth. This is a rare opportunity for you to ask questions of a person immersed in the Clivia culture in South Africa.

- We are also thrilled at your response to our request for photos, articles and snippets of your Clivia. Please keep them rolling in.
- Special thanks to Antoinette Roberts for her articles this quarter. We appreciate the work she puts into writing informative and educative articles for us.
- The Seed Bank is rather low at this time of the year. If you have good seeds or plants surplus to your requirements, please contact our Secretary. This is one of our fund raising tools.
- Plans are well under way for us to hold the International Clivia Conference – NZ here in October 2008. If you are able to assist us with planning, please contact the Secretary.

Enjoy the Newsletter and Happy clivianating and may all your clivias bloom to schedule!!

Regards
Stuart, Di & Murray
Editorial Team

(We suggest you contact us very soon if you want to book a ticket for the popular annual dinner in the new restaurant complex at the Auckland Botanic Gardens. Last year we had a large number attending the dinner and there will be limited seats nzclivia@clear.net.nz)

OFFSETS FROM THE MAIL BAG



Murray Gow sent in his rogue flowering Sir John Thouron. 'It makes a lovely spot of colour in the garden during an otherwise dull winter'.

Further to the Clivia report from Port Elizabeth in the last NewZLetter...

Dear Editor

We trust that you guys are keeping well down there in "all blacks "country. We hardly have any Super 12 achievements to talk about. We don't know whether it is too much partying or what. We had to make a small change to our advertisement for 2006. As you know we were originally planning to organize a caravan village to accommodate our 2006 visitors. The school board however declined our request to use part of their premises for this purpose. We will let you know at a later stage about entertainment. We are having our 2005 show as a forerunner for 2006 and to iron out all the glitches.

Keep well

Willie and Cynthia Le Roux
Port Elizabeth South Africa



A taste of the great clivias in Port Elizabeth -
Charl Coetzee 's green caulescens

Dear Editor

Thanks for the NewZLetter. I seem to get mail OK at the moment. (What a risky thing to say!).

I see you printed one of my stories but you missed the point. It wasn't a joke - it was true!!!! However, these three unmarried male gardeners had a fatal motoring accident returning from a show. They were greeted in the next life with a land full of Clivia. Hardly room to move. Their 'Greeter' said they could do as they wished and continue with their happy Bachelor life for eternity providing they never stepped on a Clivia. However, step on a plant and bells would ring and they would have to marry the ugliest woman around. Sure enough, the first day, one stepped on a Clivia, bells rang and along came the ugliest woman he had ever seen For life!

Next day, his friend also transgressed. Bells rang and along came this even uglier woman. Next day, the third gardener heard bells ring and along came this gorgeous female. 'What happened?' he asked. 'I don't know', she replied. 'But I just trod on a Clivia!'

Ian Coates England

A few members have written to us asking how to secure their valuable clivias from being taken by thieves. One of our Auckland members has had valuable plants stolen. We asked Pen Henry (Perth) for her opinion. We don't want to reveal Pen's security measures but she writes ...

'A neighbour up the road has a laser system which is directed up his drive. The beam is sent from one gate post up the drive & then deflected back to the other gate post & then across the drive back to the transmitter/receiver using mirrors or prisms & if the beam gets broken it sets off an alarm. Our neighbour's house is close to the road & more compact than our place.

My husband Ray said an inexpensive way is to use reed switches. You can use fishing line stretched out like booby traps, attached to reed switches. If anything touches the line or breaks the line it will activate the sensitive reed switch which will either set off an alarm or turn lights on. Have it high enough though so that cats & dogs can walk underneath it. Ray suggested you go to your local Tandy's they should be able to help you but make sure it's for external use because a lot of the security systems are for inside out of the weather."

Thanks Pen - Ed



Amazing 'Robusta' photos sent to us by Sean Chubb (Sth Africa) Top left : 50 flowers on Robusta. Top right : C robusta blush Bottom left : C robusta pink Bottom right : C robusta yellow. Sean says ' the best of what Nature has to offer!' Thanks Sean – absolutely stunning blooms.



MEETING ON VARIEGATED CLIVIAS

Speaker Rex Williams (from Tauranga)

2pm Saturday 23rd July

AHC Rooms, 990 Gt North Road, Western Springs

Rex Williams has been in the horticultural arena since his mid-teens. Many of you will know of him through his expertise with vireyas, palms and cycads. He also has an extensive planting of hybridised clivias on his own property and is especially interested in the variegated forms.

Rex will speak on variegated clivias – how they happen, why they happen, how to breed for them, why they are collectible and sought after. Participate and learn all about this aspect of clivia growing so you can enhance your own Clivia collection.



Rex Williams (above) admires one of his C. caulescens

Refreshments will be available & Raffle. Please bring your variegated or flowering clivia along to discuss

USER GUIDE TO CHEMICALS

by Antoinette Roberts – New Plymouth

Active Ingredient	Trade Name	Mode/type	Recommended Uses
<u>INSECTICIDES</u>			
Acephate	Orthene liquid	systemic & contact	broadspectrum, caterpillars, aphids, scale, mealybugs, leafroller
Carbaryl	Kiwicare No Insects Carbaryl; Garden King Carbaryl Flowable	contact	mealybug, scale, leafroller, thrips - quick knockdown
Dimethoate	Rogor	syst. & contact	Aphids, mites, mealybug, leafminer, scale
Pyrethrin & piperonyl butoxide	Nature's way Pyrethrum	contact	Aphids, thrips, leafhoppers, caterpillars
Spinosad	Yates Success Naturalyte	contact	Leafroller & other caterpillars
Taufluvallinate	Yates Mavrik	contact	Mites, aphids, caterpillars, whitefly, thrips leafroller
Mineral Oil	Yates Conqueror Spraying Oil	contact	Scale
Imidacloprid	Confidor Garden Insecticide granules	syst. & contact	Thrips, aphids, whitefly, mealybug, scale
Petroleum oil	Garden King White Oil	contact	Aphids, mites, scale & mealybug
<u>FUNGICIDES</u>			
Chlorothalonil	Yates Bravo Fungicide	P	Broadspectrum, Blackspot, botrytis, downy & powdery mildew, flower blight, leaf spots
Copper oxychloride	Yates Copper Oxychloride Watkins General disease spray	P - bactericide & fungicide	Blackspot, leafspots, downy mildew, rusts and bacterial diseases.
Copperhydroxide	Yates Champ DP	P - bactericide & fungicide	Bacterial diseases, leafspot, sooty blotch, mildew
Fosetyl - aluminium	Kiwicare No Root Rot/Dieback - Aliette	S, P & E	Root rot, dieback, damping off and phytophthora
Mancozeb	Dithane	P	Rust, leafspot, downy mildew
Myclobutanil	Yates Fungus Fighter	S, P & E	Blackspot, rust, powdery mildew,
Phosphorous acid	Foli-r-fos, Foschek	S, P & E	Phytophthora, Pythium, Rhizoctonia
Thiophanate / Thiophanate-methyl	Topsin M4A	S	Blackspot, botrytis, powdery mildew, leafspot, root rots, damping off.
Thiram	Kiwicare No Garden Disease	P	Broadspectrum fungicide
Triforine	Watkins Saprol disease spray	S, P & E	Powdery mildew, rust, leafspot, black spot.
<u>COMBINATION CHEMICALS</u>			
Myclobutanil	Yates Shield Systemic Rose Spray	S,P & E - fungicide	See individual active ingredients above
Acephate		syst. insecticide	
Myclobutanil	Yates Super shield	S,P & E - fungicide	See individual active ingredients above
Taufluvallinate		contact - insecticide	
Chlorothalonil	Yates Guardall	P - fungicide	See individual active ingredients above
Thiophanate-methyl		S,P & E - fungicide	
Taufluvallinate		contact - insecticide	
Chlorothalonil	Yates Greenguard	P - fungicide	See individual active ingredients above
Thiophanate-methyl		S,P & E - fungicide	
Carbaryl	Yates Tomato Spray	contact - insecticide	See individual active ingredients above
Mancozeb		P - fungicide	
Copper Oxychloride	Yates Nature's way fungus spray		See individual active ingredients above
Sulphur			
Chlorothalonil	Watkins Fungus & Mildew Spray	P - fungicide	See individual active ingredients above
Thiophanate-methyl		S,P & E - fungicide	
Triforine	Watkins Gild Rose Spray		See individual active ingredients above
Acephate			
Chlorpyrifos	Kiwicare Spectrum 3 in One	contact - insecticide	Leafroller, mealybug, scale, spittle bug & some beetles,
Cardendazim		P, E - locally syst.	
Mancozeb		P	

Abbreviations: Fungicides: P – protectant E – eradicant
S – systemic Insecticides: syst. - systemic

I want to share this table with you for two reasons:

1. Most sprays recommended for spraying clivias in newsletters, yearbooks, etc. are not available in NZ under the same trade name. Unless you know the active ingredient it is very difficult locating a similar product.
2. Most of these sprays are not very user and/or environmentally friendly or is no longer manufactured.

Of the products available on the NZ market, these are the ones that are more readily available from garden centres, nurseries and other suppliers. This table contains a lot of information, but a lot is also not included. If you have any specific questions or want more information please feel free to contact me via e-mail (robertsantoinette@xtra.co.nz).

Basically after I did all this research, and spent hours reading about each chemical and its uses, I have chosen Yates' Gaurdall to regularly apply to my clivias in order to prevent any fungal and bacterial diseases, as well as control insects. It contains a contact and systemic fungicide that is effective on most diseases that attack clivia and also controls most insects on them. For fungal and bacterial problems prevention is better than cure, so plants should be sprayed at least every 2 to 3 weeks. I will also target spray as and when any insect pests become a problem. The active ingredients in this specific product is also the least toxic and harmful to environment.

I hope this will be of use to some of you.

Antoinette Roberts
New Plymouth



I have lots of photo's but not together with 'normal' diploids... the photo's attached show two of the three from a cross orange 4x and yellow 2x. They look good but could be diploids in appearance, except for the sterile stamen. One is tulip shaped 4.5 cm across and the other one open 8.5 cm across. For a first bloom after three years (cross in 2001) they are alright. Aart van Vorst Netherlands



Above : *C gardenii* at Wendy Hickmott's garden (Half Moon Bay)

Below : Mary Colquhoun admires her flowering *C gardenii*



Submitted by Diana Holt (Pt Chevalier)
Flowers nearly all turned to seed

Submitted by Di Smith
'Barnes gardenii x miniata'

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist the Committee with all the functions and shows we have scheduled for the remainder of the year. These include Hamilton Show (Sept), Auckland Clivia Show (Oct) and the Ellerslie Flower Show (Nov).

If you can assist for a few hours or a few days at any of these events, please contact the Secretary ASAP
(nzclivia@clear.net.nz Phone 09-6346807 021-2319200)

Thanks ☺

2005 Coming Events

- Meeting – 23 July at AHC Rooms 2pm – 4pm
'Variegated Clivia' by Rex Williams
- Orchid Show – Hamilton – NZCC will be there 1st – 4 Sept
- Clivia Show – Auckland 8th & 9th October at Akl Botanical Gardens 9am – 4.30pm
- AGM – 8 October at 5.30pm In the Classroom - Akl Botanical Gardens
Your vote counts !
- ANNUAL DINNER & DRINKS Saturday 8th October in the new Botanical Gardens Restaurant (email Secretary for tickets)
GUEST SPEAKER JOHN VAN DER LINDE (Vice Chairman Clivia Society)
- Whangarei – 15th & 16th October at Nymet Gardens Cemetery Road
- Tauranga 15th October at Parva Plants Te Puna
- New Plymouth 29th & 30th October at Ngamamaku Gardens Oakura (first weekend of the Rhodo Festival)
- Ellerslie Flower Show NZCC will be there in the marquee 16th – 20th November at the Akl Botanical Gardens

An Open Letter to all Clivia Enthusiasts ...

SPOREKILL

I have noted various questions and comments relating to sporekill on clivia webgroups and comment as follows :

About a year ago I did quite a bit of research on this product for my work as well as for my own clivia growing. I suppose you already know that the active ingredient is a quaternary ammonium and it is a surface acting biocide and disinfectant. It is very similar to another product on the NZ market called Surrender, only surrender has a much higher dilution rate.

I read about how all these guys in SA were using Sporekill to avoid rotting during germination. Unfortunately I found a few things out the hard way. Please be careful using it. It does burn the radicle when it is emerging. I can safely recommend that you use it to sterilize your seed after harvesting, but be careful when using once the seed have germinated. I have also tried some of it on clivia seedlings and it did burn the leaves, it made lesions similar to what you would expect when taking a 'vergroot glas' (for the life of me cannot remember the english for this!) and burning leaves. What I did not do however, which would possibly avoid this burning, was rinse the seedlings with clean water after spraying with sporekill.

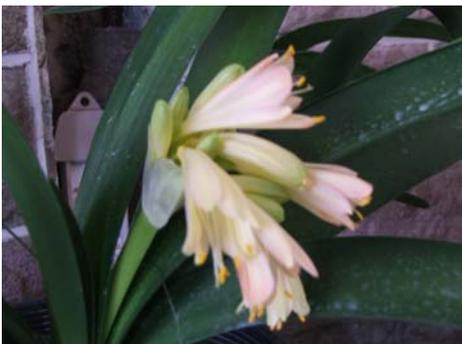
I have found the best way for germinating my seed, was to rinse them in a 0.5% solution of sporekill (5ml in 1L) , I then remove the membrane over the micropore with a scalpel also dipped in a sporekill solution. I then put it in clean containers with a layer of seedling mix, the kind that contains a fungicide, Butlers and Black magic is popular brands seedling mixes in NZ. I tightly seal the lids on the containers and place in the hotwater cupboard. I check weekly for anything problems. I found this method to give me a 100% germination rate. Once the seed has one leave, I pot them into some of the same seedling mix or another appropriate mix that I have drenched with a fungicide such as Orthicide (Captan). Thiram will also do.

Also keep in mind that it kills by contact action and only stays active in solution until active ingredient is used up by organic matter. I am at the moment busy doing another article for the newsletter specifically on fungicides and insecticides available on the NZ market. All the articles in old society newsletters, yearbooks and others suggests many chemicals, but unless the active ingredient is stated it is difficult to find an equivalent in NZ, especially for people who do not work with them on a daily basis. Many of those are also a bit outdated and very dangerous substances. There are many less toxic products available.

I hope this helps. Let me know if you want to know more or even need help finding suppliers There is actually another better product on the market, but I have not had time to try it yet. It is called Virkon and available in smaller quantities. It has 2 active ingredients and is similar to the disinfectants they use in hospitals, thus much safer to use. Incidentally next time you go grocery shopping, have a look at the cleaning chemicals. There are several available that have the same active ingredient as sporekill, and they smell nice too!

Kind regards
Antoinette - New Plymouth

Thanks Antoinette.. Ed asked an expert...Lena writes "Vergroot" in Afrikaans means magnify. "Glas" in Afrikaans is 'glass' in English. So you will find the translation " magnifying glass". It is how ever a lens similar to those you wear when you have old eyes. That is a convex lens that is able to converge light and focus it on a single point. If the light source is the sun and if the light is focused on combustable matter it will light and start a fire. The bottoms of old glass bottles/ containers are hasardous in dry grass as it may start a veldfire.



Pink cyrtanthiflora just coming into flower – Di Smith
Auckland

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Our friend and regular correspondent Roger Fisher writes how he was waylaid by Clivia on his way to purchase more books for his already substantial library..

My youngest sister Kathy – thirteen years my junior and married to a hotel proprietor with three hotels in Upington – mentioned while we passed through on the way to a fiftieth birthday in the Cape last year September that a widow had a collection of books of her deceased husband which she wished to sell, for a steep price. I detoured to Kakamas on the way down to Cape Town to have a look. This town was established by the Dutch Reformed Church to assist so-called poor white Afrikaners after the Anglo-Boer War. With government assistance a water furrow scheme with water wheels was developed to green the desert. It has become a centre of raisin grape, export table grape, sweet table wine and grape juice production. I expected a home of some standing with a rigged out study. It was instead a prefabricated asbestos cement sheeting abode, neat but humble. The little old woman interrogated us – Frank and myself that is – and having satisfied herself of our bona fides took us to the collection, locked up in a lean-to shed. It was dark without electricity and all the books were packed spines to the walls, so it was difficult to assess immediately what the collection was about. Yet each dusty volume I pulled from the shelves held promise, and when I discovered a set of Burchell's Travels – he who found the first *C. nobilis* – I became distinctly interested. I am a bibliophile, having a particular penchant for Africana, especially buildings and botany and zoology. The few books he had in his own study were interesting – C18 publications in three volumes of Shakespear's plays etc. I angsted all the way to Cape Town, knowing full well I did not have the money but also realising that this was an opportunity not to be missed. I phoned and offered her a ten percent deposit. This she accepted, so I was committed to the deed.

I paid the balance, but the episode of my dad's ill-health delayed my packing and collecting them. On the other hand my ferrying of my parents has provided opportunity to get the packing done, which I have done in two sessions. There are now about a hundred boxes of books lying in the hotel cellar waiting to arrive. I have discovered wonderful volumes on South African flora, buildings etc. And then there is a leather bound set of five volumes on Rapin's History of England which, if I sell, will cover at least half the cost of the collection. Oddly enough there is a 1945 book on Wild flowers of Australia, with "Scarce only 450 printed" pencilled inside although the price on ABE books does not reflect that status. So I believe I've done well and now have something to keep me occupied when its too dark to scrutinize clivias, or in winter when they're doing nothing anyway.

Speaking of which I've now had to march the collection indoors – all the tubular varieties have gone under net and plastic sheeting, the miniatas into my living "shed" – I live in unconventional circumstances much to the distress of my very sniffy up-market neighbours who believe it my responsibility to maintain the value of their properties – which I would do if I got a cut of every sale, say five percent!

But back to the clivias. To think that barely a year ago I didn't have a *C. gardenii*. Now I've had to relocate all my *C. crapiatas* which I rescued with such aplomb barely two years ago to my brother's garden. By the way I've thought of another – those parking lot yellows - '*C. latrina*'. I was determined to keep yellows out of my life as I've mentioned before. And I was going to have nothing to do with seeds and seedlings. Ha! My first seeds of my own crossing from the rogue bloomers that escaped being moth pollinated have now just gone into the "aquarium" – yet another of my unconventional doings. I tried the technique last year having an aquarium water heater inside a "cooler" box filled with water. I however germinated the seeds dry in zip-lock plastic sandwich bags. This time I'm doing the germinating hydroponically in bottles. I'll let you know the success rate.

I've had some *gardenii* bloom and my *C. robusta* turned out to be a pretty pink. It comes from the late Ammie Grobblers collection. I attach a photo. At the end of the day I didn't do a crawl. Had a frustrating time eventually finding Cape Flora or Misty Mornings as the Nursery is called and STILL not being able to view the collection. Their latest list is available but I'm told I need an appointment. The only other time I could have popped in was late Monday morning and Welland Cowley – the proprietor was not in. So I have nothing to report.

Regards
Roger Fisher
Pretoria

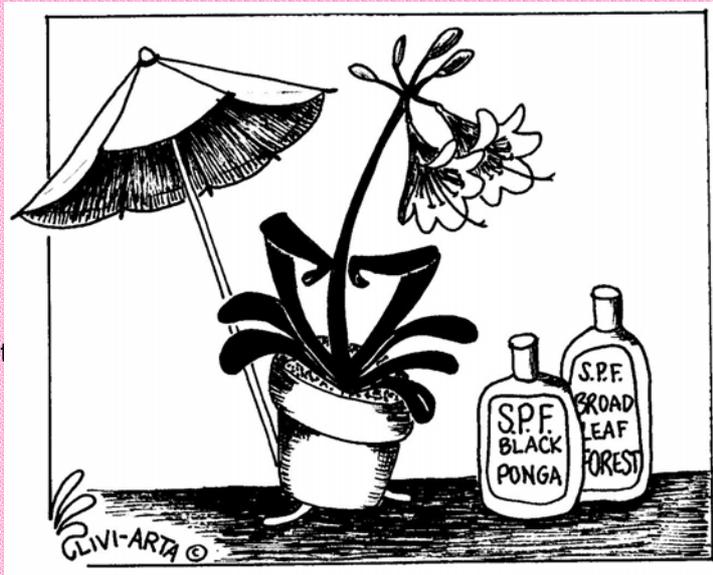
Roger (not to be confused with our other SA friend Roger Dixon), has recently been appointed Editor of the Clivia Society Newsletter – Congratulations Roger from your Clivia friends in NZ!

C gardenii – Roger Fisher



Shady Ideas, Postscript:

Inspired by my own waxing, I have been beavering away in the area which will become my new clivia patch. Although its too dry at this time of year to be doing much in the way of planting, there is some site preparation to be tackled. To begin with, I need to move the bella donna lilies and the Earlicheer narcissus which are in the way. Having located them in their current hiding position I am reminded of the fact that some years back, frustrated by the abundant enthusiasm with which these bulbs annually surprise me, I had dragged them down here and left them where they were to be well out of the way of any future garden development. Dear me, how the garden has grown! Well, it can't go any further in this direction because I've got as far as the pine forest now. I'm sure clivia



will happily grow in the shade of *Pinus radiata*, so therefore there is scope for some further 30-odd hectares of clivia expansion, but the thought of them meeting a disastrous end beneath bulldozers and the like when the pine trees are harvested is the stuff of very serious nightmares. I had better not go there.

Anyway, after congratulating myself on the removal of two wheelbarrow loads of bella donna, and with the ever copious narcissus still to go, I heard the sound of a two-stroke motor being pull- started nearby. Now this is an alarming sound when you happen to be working almost in the middle of your own 170 acre tree-clad property and you know your partner is not using the chainsaw on that day.

Leaning quietly on my spade, I tried to get a bearing on where the sound was coming from. Ah ha, it was not someone attempting to run amok with a chainsaw after all! It was a feral pig and heading right in my direction. The things that townspeople miss! It was not a 'Captain Cooker', being of the ordinary pig colour with black spots. I am eager to ensure it is in no doubt at all about being unwelcome in the vicinity. Armed with perhaps a good deal of foolhardiness, my trusty spade, and the advantage of surprise, I tried to get a little closer. However the pig hesitated and turned, and still in apparent need of a new spark plug, skirted slowly around the side of the hill, clear of the garden and disappeared off into the bush. In the long grass I did not get quite close enough to see if this was the tusked monster that has been ringbarking some of our trees. I live in hope that soon someone with some higher calibre might convert it to an ordinary 'Cooker'.

Later the next day I am back in the same area. There is time for the stragglers to show themselves, but hopefully I have evicted the bulk of the bulbs. Next there are some old tree prunings and some tree-trunk sections to be cleared away. The pieces of tree-trunk will come in handy as the site is sloping and they can be dug in a little and used to add some slight terracing for the clivia beds. Its hot work even in the shade, and pausing to rest a while, I scan the adjacent area for more visitors.

In the sunlight filtering down through the trees I see now why yesterday the pig had turned around and retreated in the opposite direction. It was not out of mutual respect, or the warning whiff of my mozzie repellent, but rather a large and constant stream of wasps emitting from the ground. Sigh. The joys of living in the countryside. Yet another after-dark jaunt to tip some Carbaryl down the nest-hole on the agenda. Meantime, I'm making good progress with the tree-trunks, but could really do with a few more, and I need to make easier access. Maybe another ponga or two for more shade and very definitely a lot of nikaus just as soon as the weather dampens sufficiently. There is a patch of long tangled kikuyu which initially I will attack with the push mower in case there are any hidden obstacles. It has plenty of grunt and quite good for that sort of task, which is more than I can say for myself, the pushee. I guess its highly likely that there are more bulbs lurking underneath there too.



While I'm making these plans there is another visitor. A rather handsome butterfly that I have not seen here before. It returns and settles near my feet just long enough for me to get a good look at it. It is *Bassaritis itea*, the NZ yellow admiral. Ah, yes! The joys of living in the countryside!

- Helen Sanders -



CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA - A MUST VISIT FOR CLIVIA ENTHUSIASTS -

John van der Linde writes to us from beautiful Cape Town of South Africa. Many of you are planning a visit to this area next year as part of the Clivia Conference. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the newly discovered 'Mirabilis' species of Clivia.

"I just dont know where to begin, there is so much here! The Cape Clivia Club (incl George and East London interest groups) had 362 members up until the AGM of the CS, when George became a new Club. We are clearly fewer now, but the records havent been changed yet.

We meet 4 times a year, usually 100 to 120 present, and also hold workshops for beginners and anyone else, usually at a members home on a Saturday morning, also about 4 times a year. Our 2 day Show in September, including an expo by the Indigenous Bulb Soc, attracts a lot of visitors each year.

Kiwis will be most welcome next year, though some may prefer to come to Cape Town the week before the Conference in Pretoria to take in the wild bulbous and other flowers (which should be at their best then, depending on the rains!) and to attend the IBSA Bulb Symposium and do associated field trips to see the flowers, which can be quite unbelievably beautiful.

Cape Town and vicinity is a "must see": the world -famous Table Mountain, the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Point, Robben Island, Kirstenbosch Gardens (Which is superb in the Spring), scenic coastal drives, whale watching, the Wine Routes around the Cape winefields, township life, West coast Spring flowers (annuals mainly)etc., etc. Useful websites covering the above are : www.tourismcapetown.co.za ; www.araly.com; (the Cape Floral Kingdom)and namakwa.com, which covers Nieuhoudtville, the "indigenous Bulb capital of the world".It is not far from where mirabilis is found.



Far Right : Mirabilis photo supplied by John van der Linde and taken by Graham Duncan

Right : Bronze Green Throat Photo John van der Linde



BOOKS FOR SALE

✚ <i>'Growing Clivias'</i> by Graham Duncan – very popular and selling fast	20.00
✚ <i>Clivia Society Year Books</i> – a must for every clivia enthusiasts	Year Books 2 – 4 15.00
	Year Books 5 & 6 20.00
✚ <i>Year Book 7</i> – Order your copy now !	Price to Come
✚ <i>'Hints on Growing'</i> for all new clivia enthusiasts	8.00
✚ <i>'Clivias'</i> by Harold Koopowitz – the Bible of clivias (5 only Autographed copies)	80.00
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