

NZ CLIVIA CLUB INC

NEWZLETTER



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2006 WINTER



CLIVIA EXPO

Planning an event, let alone an outside flower show in the middle of winter is an extreme risk. Auckland has at times, such fickle weather. Will it be fine, cold, wet, windy ? We all know that Auckland can have 4 seasons in one day. Well, it was a brilliant day, warm and sunny and just what we had ordered! Terry, Pam and Lindsey Hatch were most gracious hosts and had laid on a myriad of blooms for us.

It was encouraging to see so many people turn up to visit the Gardens and see the Clivias on display. Alick McLeman, as usual, brought along his perfectly manicured Gardenii and Gardenii crosses. (second right photo D Olsen). David Brundell surprised us with a beautiful flowering Miniata, two years old from Chris Vlok seed (a gorgeous light orange open flower with a long white throat) and a two year old flowering Gardenii from Roger Dixon seed. Amazing to have such luscious plants flowering in two years. Marc Yin's flowering wide leafed variegated Darumas were a bonus at this time of the year.

Terry Hatch arrived at 5am from working on the NZ exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show and kindly stayed awake to give a very entertaining and interesting talk to us on the NZ exhibit and the pitfalls of exhibiting under pressure. Terry and Lindsey also led tours around Joy Plants Gardens showcasing the large flowering populations of gardenii, gardenii crosses flowering. This must now be one of the largest gardens with planted clivia.



Very stunning, any time of the year!

We were especially thrilled to have so many visitors from south of the Bomabys and we managed to keep everyone warm with a cup of soup (special thanks to Mary Colquhoun for her pumpkin soup) and a hot sausage off the Barbie (Michael Budd was the expert chef) ! A special thanks to all who helped and all who brought plants to display and sell. Enjoy the photos and we hope to hold the event again next year (if the lovely Hatch's will have us !)

Di Smith
Secretary





Photos this page : Terry Hatch and John Kooperberg; Michael Budd prepares the Sausage Sizzle; ' Under Cover Soup Lady Judith Nolan dishes up the soup; crowds enjoy Terry Hatch's talk; Terry Hatch winds up for his talk; Lindsey determinedly strides it out and Gordon Nolan packs up the purchases after a solid day of buying.



HARVESTING CLIVIA BERRIES USING THE 'SUGAR METHOD' by Alick McLeman

Last year I posted a note about the sugar method of ripening berries in processing seed, so I thought I would document it photographically this year. Please note that I don't claim to be the originator of this method. It was tip given me by Christo Lotter of Hermanus, Cape (Rudo's Uncle) and it has worked well for me over the years.

This year I started harvesting umbels in the first week of May. The *miniata* flower here in Auckland in the first week of October so the berries would be 7 months old when picked. I could have picked them a month earlier, but I prefer to allow them to mature a little longer on the plants, taking no chances of some not being viable.

Step 1: I pick all the umbels and place them in vases of sugar water. About a table spoon to a litre but it's not an exact science. The photo shows some umbels in vases and some queuing for their turn. I leave them in the vases for 3 days to draw up the sugar.

Step 2: I pick the berries and place them in individual containers for a 3 week drying out process during which the berries take on colour.

Step 2.1: A tray of berries at the outset, about the 2nd week of May.

Step 3.1: The same tray 3 weeks later, at the start of the cleaning process.

Now there lies ahead about 2 weeks of peeling, cleaning and sanitizing the seed before I can distribute it.

Seed comparison: In recent years I have been selecting my best reds and crossing them with a view to deepening the colour in the progeny. I found it interesting that the berry colour of my darkest reds is distinctly darker than that similar plants with lighter coloured flowers. The berries in the photo compare the berries of just one of my dark red Belgian hybrids with a bronze Belgian. While the photo illustrates a comparison of the berries of just two plants, the same colour differentiation is evident throughout my range of berries. The other berries are yellow (below) and peach (above), both of which haven't fully taken on their colour yet.

Just a final thought. Not all the berries take on colour during the 3 week drying out period, but it doesn't make any difference. The seed is ready for processing even if it doesn't colour.



Step 1.



Step 2.



Step 3.



Step 3.



GORGEOUS PICS FROM THE MEMBERS MAIL BAG ...



From Alick McLeman in Glen Innes "Lots in flower already and I attach a few photos. Note the little florets of the Ndwedwe Alpha Bush flowering for the first time, The dollar coin gives some idea of the size." Above Right Everton Falls, and Right 'Serrated Leaf'



Above : Newly acquired sculptures in Rita Watson's Red Beach Clivia garden



Helen Sanders writes : (C. miniata x pendulous species), which I purchased from Keith when he came to the Whangarei show in 03. It was glowing handsomely in the shade, but has meanwhile finished. the pic does not really do it justice



Above: From one of our USA members : James Black says "my one bloom this summer – Pink Sensation"

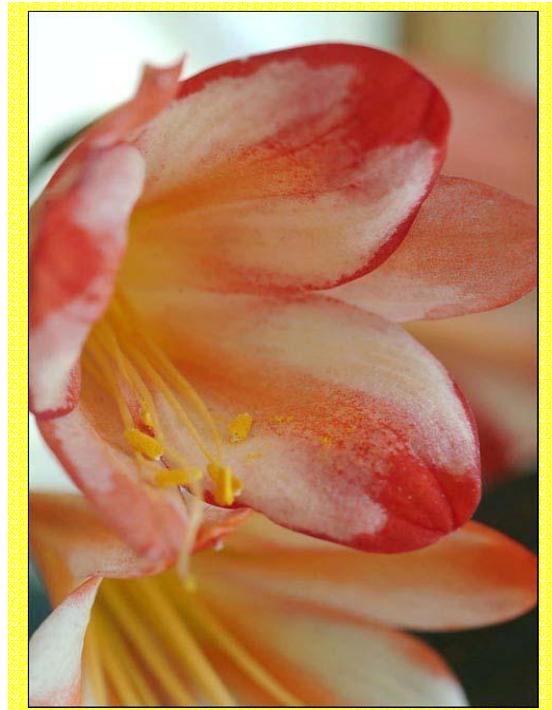


Above : Sent in from Jean Sanders (Whangarei) – "winter flowering clivia in our garden now"



Pictures Tell A Thousand Words..

We brought you the photos from Ian Coates(one of our UK members) previously (above and above right), but we wanted to share with you, the stunning photo that Ian recently sent of the bloom as it matured (bottom right). Its an absolute show stopper! Ian says ""My bloom is now out fully and has stunning pigmentation. I have asked my nursery for more details on breeding." (Wow ! its fantastic – Ed)



PLANTS FOR SALE

Below Left and Below Right : Miniata x Gardenii hybrid – flowering size plants for sale by Joy Plants. Should you wish to order a plant (available for collection at the Spring Show in October) please fax Lindsey Hatch on 09-2389127 or phone 09-2389129 Beautiful plants for only \$35.00 per plant





We are in mid-winter – remember, if your Clivias are in pots, keep their feet dry. They don't need all the water pounding us at present! Thanks Helen for the illustration !

Following to his visit to NZ last year, John van der Linde took a suitcase full of photos to various Clivia Clubs within South Africa. Feedback has been all positive. Here's one from Andre Calitz...

Dear Ed I don't know where to start with this e-mail - as I told John at our meeting on Saturday, I am so jealous to see how nice New Zealand Clivia's look, compared to mine, and that under trees while most of mine grow in shade houses. I feed my Clivia's on a regular basis but they still don't look as good as yours in New Zealand – maybe I must feed them “human beings” instead of fertilizer. But I am extremely happy to see and hear that people outside SA are keen on growing this wonderful specimen – please convey my appreciation to all your members.

It was also wonderful to link a photo to a name – at least I know how some of you look now.

*Andre Calitz
Chairman: Eastern Province
Clivia Club*

ANNUAL DINNER - Tickets on Sale NOW ! only \$25pp

The 4th Annual Clivia Club Dinner will take place on Saturday Night 7th October at the Auckland Botanic Gardens Restaurant immediately after the AGM. Drinks from 6pm. Guest speaker, great food, good wine, loads of fun.. buy your tickets now so you don't miss out! Limited tickets available due to the size of the restaurant.

Post your cheque made payable to the NZ Clivia Club Inc to The Secretary, 71 Mangere Bridge, Manukau 2022 or direct deposit to ASB Bank Account No. 12-3038-0445425-00 (please email notification that you have deposited funds to nzclivia@clear.net.nz – thanks)

HELP!!!! Do you have any good quality Clivia seeds you can spare us for our Seed Bank ? the bank is short on seeds to give to new members. Please contact the secretary ASAP – thanks ☺



AUCKLAND CLIVIA EXPO - Calling All Exhibitors & Vendors !

We are continually being surprised by the wonderful Clivia blooms many of our members have. We really encourage you to prepare your flowering plants to display at the show this year. Take your plants along on Friday by 1pm. The Head Stewards are Murray and Bev Gow. They will assist you with a description of your plants.

Open Day Monday 9th October.

We are happy to once again produce information on the Gardens open to the public on Monday 9th October. Should you wish to be part of the Open Day, we would be pleased to accommodate you. Commercial growers and home gardeners interested in being open and having their gardens listed and advertised please register their interest with the secretary by 30 June. However, we would appreciate a \$10 contribution from commercial growers towards the cost of photocopying and advertising etc.

TOOWOOMBA CLIVIA SHOW

Kevin Larsen (who was a guest speaker in February of this year) is the newly appointed President of the Toowoomba Clivia Society. So far 8 Toowoomba members have indicated that they are visiting us for the Auckland Show in October. We require hosts/accommodation for these wonderful people. If you can assist, please let us know.

Also, we have been invited to attend the Toowoomba Clivia Show, which is part of the Toowoomba Flower Festival in September. If anyone would like to attend and be hosted by members of the TCS, please contact us. From the photos we have seen the Toowoomba Flower Festival is an amazing showcase of flowers and plants and I would encourage as many of you as possible to take up the offer. Fares to Brisbane are very reasonable (especially if you travel from Hamilton on one of the cheaper carriers such as Freedom Air).



Coming Events

➤ Meetings for 2006

Thursday 29 June 7.30pm
Dr Keith Hammett Type 1 and Type 2 Yellows

Thursday 10 August 7.30pm

GRAND CLIVIA AUCTION
Details will follow in an Update*.

All meetings at the Auckland Hort Council Rooms, 990 Great North Road Western Springs Auckland

➤ CLIVIA EXPO 7th & 8th October 2006

➤ Botanic Gardens – Hill Road Manurewa 9am – 4pm

➤ Speakers, Demos

➤ Bring your plants to display
➤ Set Up Friday 6th October – We are desperate for helpers to assist. This year we hope to have the set up completed by early afternoon. If you can help, please contact Stuart 6346807 or 021-1310078

➤ AGM - 5PM Saturday 7th Oct
➤ Dinner – 6.30pm To be held in the restaurant at the Auckland Botanic Gardens. Tickets are on sale now! \$25 per head (includes pre-dinner drinks). Please send your chq to the Secretary 71 Taylor Road Mangere Bridge. As always, a fun night with Guest Speaker and excellent company

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NURSERY OPEN DAY

While you are always welcome to visit our clivia nursery (just phone first), Alick & Frances invite you to drop in on Saturday 30th September (a week prior to the Auckland Clivia Show) for a cup of tea or coffee and to enjoy our Clivia miniata in bloom. While there is no need to buy anything, clivia will be on sale, including offsets of some of our exhibition plants and plenty of bargains. **ALL WELCOME.**

ADDRESS: 26 Merfield Street,
(Off Line Road, north of the shopping centre)
Glen Innes,
Auckland

TIME: 9.00am to 4.30pm

PHONE: 521 3062 (09)

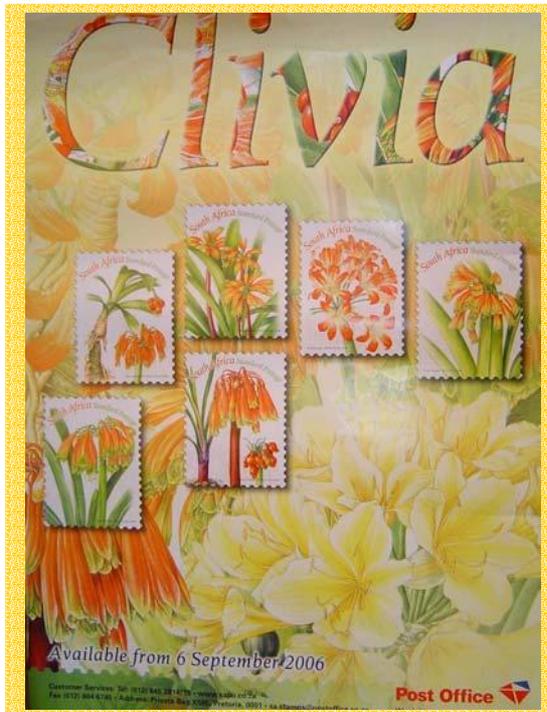
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The Clivia Society Chairman, Chris Vlok, sent us a "A little Help for Those Traveling to South Africa for the conference in September".

- The Boere Computer Dictionary From South Africa

Monitor - Keeping an eye on the braai
Download - Get the firewood off the bakkie
Hard drive - Trip back home without any cold beer
Keyboard - Where you hang the bakkie and bike keys
Window - What you shut when it's cold
Screen - What you shut in the mosquito season
Byte - What mosquitoes do
Bit - What mosquitoes did
Mega Byte - What mosquitoes at the lake do
Chip - A snack from the bar
Micro Chip - What's left in the bag after you have eaten the chips
Modem - What you did to the lawns
Dot Matrix - Oom Jan Matrix's wife
Laptop - Where the cat sleeps
Software - Plastic knives and forks you get at KFC
Hardware - Real stainless steel knives and forks from Checkers
Mouse - What eats the grain in the shed
Mainframe - What holds the shed up
Web - What spiders make
Web Site - The shed (or under the verandah)
Cursor - The old bloke that swears a lot
Search Engine - What you do when the bakkie won't go
Yahoo - What you say when the bakkie does go
Upgrade - A steep hill
Server - The person at the pub that brings out the lunch
Mail Server - The bloke at the pub that brings out the lunch
User - The neighbour that keeps borrowing things
Network - When you have to repair your fishing net
Internet - Complicated fish net repair method
Netscape - When fish manoeuvres out of reach of net
Online - When you get the laundry hung out
Off Line - When the pegs don't hold the washing up

Thanks Chris, I'm sure all those going over will now have a handle on the language ! - Ed



Above : 'Stamps to be issued in South Africa this coming September' Sent by Bossie de Kock

And Finally from the Ed's desk..



Dear Members and Friends

A reminder that the September issue of the NewZLetter will **NOT** be published this year . Two of the Ed's , Chairman Ian Baldick and committee members Tony Barnes & David Olsen will be over in South Africa at the Clivia Conference. Hopefully we will try and send to those of you on email, an Update from South Africa and upload to the NZ website (www.nzclivia.org.nz), photos of our travels, people we meet and of most of all, gorgeous Clivias we encounter. Its certainly a hectic time of the year from now to the Spring Clivia Show. If you have a spare hour or so, we would appreciate any assistance you can give us during the first week of October, especially with the Friday 'setup' and during the 2 days of the show!

Please keep the photos and articles rolling in! Tell us what you are doing in your corner of Aotearoa (or overseas). Some of you clever breeders and growers might like to think about sending in an article (or 2)? We would like to do a focus NewZLetter next year on plant nutrients and plant pests as they relate to NZ conditions. David Brundell is very cleverly growing flowering plants in under 2 years from Pretoria seed! These are your NewZLetters, we just put them together.

Good luck and see you soon - from the Ed Team (Di, Stuart and Murray)! 😊

