



Nz CLIVIA CLUB INC

NEWZLETTER

Volume 6.3 Winter 2008

STOP PRESS – KIWICLIVIA2008

The KiwiClivia2008 tour is almost upon us. About 50 international clivia enthusiasts are about to descend. The motivation for tour is to expose our members to leading international clivia growers and we hope you are planning to participate to the full.. The tour kicks off with a welcoming dinner at the Alpers Hotel, Newmarket on Friday evening 3rd October. Then we have the Auckland Clivia Show at the Botanic Gardens, Manurewa on the Saturday, and a workshop on Sunday morning 5th October when Keith Hammett will lead a discussion on various burning issues related to clivia cultivation, with participation by our international guests. This will be followed by a lunch (free to members) and a guided tour of Keith's acres of clivia adjacent to the forum venue.

PLAN TO BE THERE – BOOK EARLY

See the reservation form accompanying this newsletter



C. Gardenii x C. Miniata



Keith Hammett talking to the group

Gardenii Day – May 2008

It was a beautiful autumn day and we had about 25 people attending our Club meeting, rambling in Dr Keith Hammett's Clivia Plantation, seeing all the various Gardenii and interspecifics in flower. Every visit to this great garden always has something of interest to view and we are lucky to have such a special spot to enjoy our yearly meeting.

The biggest berry competition was held for the second year and was won by Stephanie Blamey with 21 seeds. Last year the record was 19 seeds held by Lindsay Hatch but unfortunately he could not attend to make a challenge!

Next year, hopefully bigger challengers will emerge.

We did note that many that attended were from various garden clubs encouraged to come by Rita Watson giving talks in her local area. All there said what a wonderful day they'd had, especially when the weather was so bad further north according to those coming from the Warkworth area.

We would have liked to see more of our members and wondered why did some of you not attend?

We are always interested in your views, and are keen to have your ideas in our suggestion box!



Group distracted by cameraman in the undergrowth



C. nobilis x C. miniata



Clivia robusta



Look – a flying clivia!

Big Berry Contest



Alick doing the honours



Stephanie Blamey, our Big Berry Winner



The berry seeds – 21 in total

Contacts

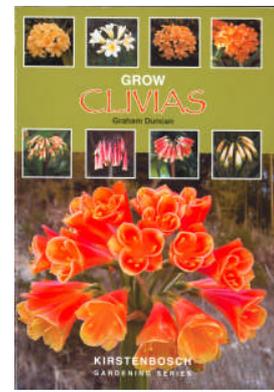
Chairman: Ian Baldick ian.baldick@psa.org.nz
 Editor: David Olsen d.olsen@pl.net
 Librarian: Diana Holt diana_h@xtra.co.nz
 Secretary: Alick Mcleman clivia@xtra.co.nz
 26 Merfield Street, Glen Innes, Auckland 1072, New Zealand
 PH 64-9-5213062

Book Review

Grow Clivias

A guide to the species, selected hybrids,
cultivation
and propagation of the genus *Clivia*.

Graham Duncan
Kirstenbosch Gardening Series, 2008



This is the second, and hugely expanded, edition of a booklet first published in 1999. Since then, the genus *Clivia* has been the subject of much enthusiasm in a number of countries. The advent of the Internet and email communication and the formation of the Clivia Society, based in South Africa have greatly facilitated research and the exchange of information and images.

Much of this information has been admirably brought together by Graham Duncan. My first reaction on seeing the book was Wow ! The design and structure of the book immediately give comfort regarding its authority. The use and quality of images are outstanding. None are superfluous, each illustrates a specific point. Importantly, the book strikes a refreshing balance between botany and horticulture.

The book starts with a sound history, detailing in chronological order the establishment of the genus and its species. It is good to have illustrations of the inflorescences of each major taxon illustrated side by side on pages 22 and 23. The botanical history is followed by an overview of the development of the genus in cultivation.

The next section, titled General Information, gives information on morphology, phylogeny, flowering times, pollination, distribution and habitat as well as a consideration of conservation issues.

The Chapter on Taxonomy is comprehensive, particularly well illustrated and is accompanied by useful distribution maps. My only minor reservation is that the author concentrates solely on gross morphology and fails to record that each of the species has a characteristic karyotype, which can help to resolve any ambiguity regarding identification.

Following consideration of the species, naturally occurring hybrids are dealt with before artificial hybrids are discussed. Personally, I am sorry that an attempt has been made to classify hybrids by group names. This is cumbersome and the names both inelegant and misleading. In the long run it will prove to be unworkable. While it is possible to identify the parentage of some hybrids from well kept records and primary hybrids by karyotype studies, there are already many hybrids that have contributions from four or more species in their genomes. The fact that this concept cannot be consistently applied, is unwittingly acknowledged in various places, by use of the epithet [Group unknown].

Cultivation and propagation are well covered, while pests and diseases of *Clivia* are dealt with more comprehensively than elsewhere, albeit with an understandable South African bias.

in all, I can warmly recommend this book to newcomers and experienced *Clivia* growers alike. (Even if the author has got my initials wrong). *Grow Clivias* is an outstanding contribution to horticultural literature.

Keith Hammett.

Auckland Meeting – Wednesday 30th July

Despite the atrocious weather there was a good turn out for the meeting held at the AHC Rooms, Western Springs. Diana Holt took us on a fascinating photo tour of places, growers and clivia she visited on her recent visit to Japan. Some really mouth watering clivia and we've shared some of the photos with you. Thank you Diana.

There was a good variety of plants in flower on the 'Show & Tell' table. Neville Haydon brought along a floret from a lovely green throat Nakamura grown from seed purchased through the club back in 2004. That's great because it means increasingly more and more members will have lovely new plants coming into flower for us to enjoy.

And it was good to have one of our out-of-town members in attendance, Bruce Hookham from Taranaki who happened to be in Auckland on business.

We want to know what members' expectations are as far as our Auckland meetings are concerned and this will be an agenda item for discussion at the AGM on 23rd August. Put your thinking caps on.



Pagoda



Unusual



Variegation



Multipetal

GROWER INFORMATION

Where can you source quality clivia plants and seed?
Commencing with this issue we will publish information on suppliers and how they may be contacted. We hope that other growers will come forward with information which will be published in later editions. Eventually it will be consolidated in an information sheet which will be made generally available to members.

GROWER INFORMATION

Gardenza (Gardens & Nursery)

Owner: David Brundell
Location: Glenbrook Beach near Waiuku, Franklin District
Phone: (09) 235 3834
Email: david@gardenza.co.nz
Website: www.gardenza.co.nz

Gardenza, the nursery and associated gardens, specialises in exotic flowering bulbous plants especially clivia. We also produce many other amaryllids including the fireball lily from South Africa as well as South American wild delights such as species hippeastrum. We also grow many types of unusual aroids and an array of zinzibars such as heliconia, canna and the outrageous lotus banana. If this is not enough we offer a few more subtropical delights that may tickle your fancy.

I am the privileged owner of truly clonal Vico Yellow clivia. The late Sir Peter Smithers gave me an offset from this famous variety about twenty years ago. With Vico Yellow, a stunning range of clivia has been developed that include Honey Moon, Heaven Scent, Apricot Sun and Full Moon.

My plants produced in the nursery are also growing in the out-of-the-ordinary landscaped garden, which you are welcome to visit by appointment.

I sell plants and seeds internationally. Please feel free to contact me via email, post, telephone or our website.

Alick's Clivia Clivia Enterprises Limited

Alick & Frances McLeman
Address: 26 Merfield Street, Glen Innes, Auckland 1072
Phone (09) 5213062 Email: clivia@xtra.co.nz
website www.clivia.net.nz
Photo site: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/alicksclivia/>

I am primarily a hobbyist who has been growing and collecting clivia since the early 1990s. I have an extensive collection including all species of clivia. Offsets from my collection plants can be purchased, and I publish an international seed catalogue in March each year. Enquiries can be addressed by mail, email or telephone. Visitors are welcome by appointment and it is not necessary to purchase plants when you visit.

SMALLS COLUMN

Garden & Nursery Visits

Open Day – Alick's Clivia

Saturday 27th September 9.00am to 4.00pm
Visit our nursery and see my international clivia collection in flower. Flowering plants and seedlings on sale, including stock clearance. Address: 26 Merfield Street, Glen Innes, Auckland
Email: clivia@xtra.co.nz Tel. 09 5213062

Gardenza's Spring Festival Open Weekend

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th September
Dawn to Dusk
450 Glenbrook Beach Rd, Glenbrook Beach, near Waiuku
To view and purchase
Clivia (the home of Vico Yellow and hybrids) together with other Subtropical Delights to tickle your fancy.
Bring a picnic and enjoy our out-of-the-ordinary garden paradise



Picotee



Kapiti Burnt Orange

Member's Garden – C. Gardenii from Ian Baldick's garden.



What's Happening

Showtime!

Its that time of year. The miniata are starting to push their scapes and we look forward with keen anticipation to the annual clivia displays and the lovely blooms we're going to enjoy this year. 2008 is special because of the international visitors participating in the KiwiClivia2008 tour which will kick off with the Auckland Clivia Show on Saturday 4th October.

Many club members have bought special plants at past shows or have been growing plants from seed obtained through the club or from other sources. We hope that you are planning to display your plants.

And take advantage of the opportunity of rubbing shoulders with our international visitors by attending the Welcoming Dinner on Friday 3rd October and Clivia Discussion Forum on Sunday morning 5th October.

Prepping your plants

Now is the time to start preparing your display plant for the show so as to display them at their best. Repot them now in attractive pots of a size which will complement the plants.

Prior to the show, clean up your plants, using a small paint brush to get all the rubbish out from between the leaves. Pull off any loose leaves or leaves which are yellowing. Sometimes you get a bit of dieback or damage on leaf tips which can be trimmed using a loose leaf as a template. Treat the cut edges with a sulphur powder, milk or other fungicide. Then wash the leaves with a cloth dampened with a mix of milk and water. The milk will give a slight gloss to the leaves and add to their appearance, and it also acts as a fungicide.

Benching your plants

The Auckland show will be set up on Friday 3rd October at the Botanic gardens, Manurewa between 10.00am and 2.00pm. If possible bring your plants through on the Friday morning and help us set up for the show. If this is not possible, then please bring your plants prior to the show which starts at 9.00am on Saturday. The show venue will be open from 8.00am to receive plants for display.

We hope that members in the Tauranga and New Plymouth areas will also bring plants to show at the displays being arranged in these centres on Tuesday 7th October, 2pm to 4pm and Saturday 11th October, 3pm to 5pm, respectively. Be early and bring your plants to the displays.

Your participation is important



Gardenii Bell Bird – Rex Williams



Gardenii Wind Chimes - Rex Williams



Cyrt Porcelain – Alick McLeman

Interspecifics Show and AGM

Saturday 23rd August, 1.30 pm at Joy Plants, 78 Jericho Road, Pukekohe East. Includes garden ramble. Visitors welcome. Ph 09 521 3062
Display table and plants for sale.

Auckland Clivia Show

Saturday 4th October 9.00 am – 4.00pm. At Botanic Gardens, Hill Road, Manurewa. New varieties and colours. Plants on sale. Ph 09 521 3062

KiwiClivia 2008 Tour

Friday 3rd October 7.00pm: Welcoming dinner Alpers Lodge, Newmarket.
Sunday 5th October 9.15am: Clivia Discussion Forum, St Paul's Primary, 498 Don Buck Road including lunch. (free for members)
Sunday 5th October 1.30pm: Guided ramble Dr Keith Hammett's acres of clivia adjacent to the forum venue.

- **see accompanying reservation form**
- **meet our international visitors**
- **return your form/book early**

Tauranga Show

Tuesday 7th October 2.00pm to 4.00pm, at Plant Struck Nursery, 139 Te Puna Road, Te Puna. New varieties and colours. Plants on sale, visitors welcome. Ph 07 552 4962

New Plymouth Show

Saturday 11th October 3.00pm to 5.00pm, at Ngamamaku, 1521 Surf Highway 45, Oakura. Visitors welcome. Ph 06 752 7873

Suggestion Box :

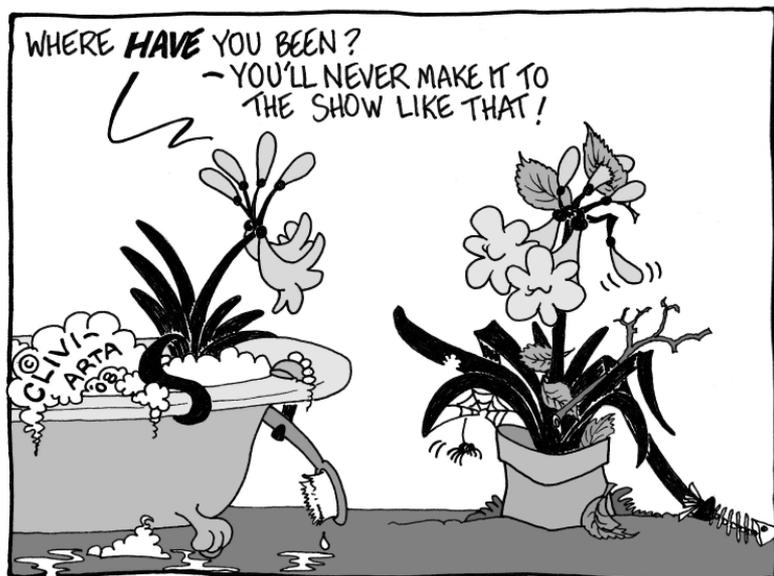
Committees come and go, each trying to make meetings of interest for its members. We all belong to this group with a common interest in Clivia. Some of us belong to the enthusiasts' world wide email group, some travel to visit others, some import seed, some grow stunning plants we all want.

With various levels of dedication in our Club, we now need to ask you, our members, what do you want from us to make our meetings meet your needs?

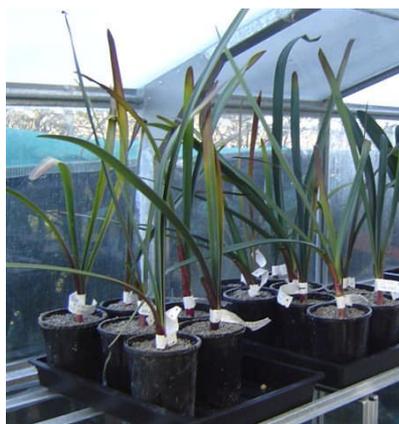
What are we not supplying to make you want to come out to join us at the events we organize and that we hope you will enjoy?

Your suggestions are now required, so please give thought and bring along your ideas to pop into the "Suggestion Box" at the AGM in August. We need your ideas to make your membership worthwhile.

Live out of town? Then email or post your suggestions to us. We would love to hear from you.



Mirabilis Arrive



During 2007 the club successfully applied to ERMA for C mirabilis to be included in the list of permissible plant imports and now the first plants have arrived in New Zealand, introduced collectively by a number of club members. The plants are seen here freshly potted up in propagating sand in the quarantine facility which will be home for the next six months.