



Nz CLIVIA CLUB INC NEWZLETTER

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New Lower North Island Group on the Drawing Board

Michael Loh in Palmerston North has proposed that a clivia club show be organised for the Lower North Island for those clivia members in areas such as Palmerston North, Wellington, Levin, Wanganui, New Plymouth and the Wairarapa and Hawkes Bay. Tony Barnes in New Plymouth is keen on the idea as well.

The Clivia Club committee think this is a great idea and has agreed to lend it's full support to the members in the lower North Island to organize the new show in whatever form they see fit.



Michael Loh (left 1st photo) and Tony Barnes (left 2nd photo) – show organisers

Clivia gardenii Pigment Analysis

The report commissioned by the NZ Clivia Club from David Lewis and H Arathoon to look into the pigment profiles of C. gardenii is out.

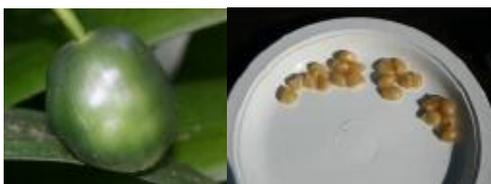
The report fills in some of the gaps left from Dr Keith Hammett's article 'Pigment Surprise' in the NZ Clivia Club Newsletter Vol 3.1 Autumn 2005 and the Clivia Yearbook 8 (pg 39), where C. gardenii was not tested.

Among the findings are that the samples tested from three accessions contained one major anthocyanin, a pelargonidin-based anthocyanin, although six anthocyanins in total were detected.

Ten carotenoids were detected with lutein and B-carotene being the major caretonoids.

You can view the report on the clivia club website at www.nzclivia.org

Gardenii Day and Big Berry Competition



Are your berries getting pumped for the Big Berry competition at Keith Hammett's place on the 26th May? No Steroids Allowed! (Unless growers are willing to tell all the other growers how and where to get the aforementioned steroids – Editors Note)

New in 2011 – Club Meeting

There will be a slideshow and presentation of new and favourite flowers from various growers in spring 2011. All are welcome to this event on the Saturday March 31st, at 1.30pm.

The venue is the AHC building, 990 Great North Road, Western Springs, Auckland.

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KIWICLIVIA 2012 5th – 8th October 2012

Here's a great opportunity to visit some of NZ's leading clivia growers and breeders, meet other clivia lovers from around the world, and see some fantastic clivia! In the ten years since the NZ Clivia Club was formed there has been a great deal of hybridization done, as well as seed imported from overseas breeders, so that the variety and range of plants to be seen in the collections and gardens of NZCC members has increased hugely in its diversity.

KiwiClivia 2012 begins with an evening meal and get together at Alpers Lodge, Newmarket, Auckland on Friday 5th October. The next day the bus takes us to spend the morning at Dr Keith Hammett's property, where the extensive plantings of habitat collected material and hybrids are fascinating and surely one of the best collections in the world. Later in the day we will visit the delightful garden of Murray and Bev Gow which features mass clivia displays, and the notable and very diverse collection of Alick and Frances McLeman.

Sunday 7th Oct sees the group heading southeast to Paeroa, and the wonderful garden and clivia collection of Rex and Dee Williams, then on to the Tauranga Clivia Show, staying at the Geyserland Hotel in Rotorua.

The return trip to Auckland on Monday includes two garden visits, and stops at the gardens of members Ian and Shirley Baldick, and Terry, Pam and Lindsay Hatch, with a farewell evening meal at Alpers Lodge again.

The cost of the tour is \$595.00 per person for double/twin share or \$835.00 p.p single room. This cost includes 4 nights accommodation (Fri – Mon), cost of bus trip, 3 evening meals, 2 midday lunches, 4 breakfasts and visits to seven clivia growers.

The Auckland Clivia Show is the following weekend, Saturday 13th Oct, but anyone participating in the tour and wanting to stay on a few days could visit other clivia lovers in the top part of the North Island, such as Barry Ferguson at Mahurangi near Warkworth, David Olsen, at Greenhithe, David Brundell at Waiuku, or even venture south into the real lush garden country of Taranaki to visit Tony Barnes and other interesting gardens.

Express your interest now by contacting Jocelyn Day at jocelyn.day@xtra.co.nz

New In 2011



Murray Gow



Diane x Yellow Tiger – Ian Duncalf



Q3 x Q4 Michael Loh



Chubb Peach Strain - Diana Holt

2012 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

This is just a reminder that 2012 subs were due and payable on 1st January 2012. More than 40 memberships have not yet renewed their subscription for this year.

Subs of \$15.00 may be paid direct into the club's account 123027 0445425 00(0) at ASB Bank or by cheque to the Treasurer, 26 Merfield Street, Glen Innes, Auckland 1072

A FAMILY HEIRLOOM

One often hears accounts of clivia plants being passed from one generation to another as family heirlooms. Interesting to note that the tradition is alive and well here in New Zealand.

Ruth & John Aspin who live in the Tauranga area have been club members since October 2008. Ruth writes: "I have been growing seedlings in Tauranga for about 12 years, the seeds coming from my main plant, which, would you believe, came from my mothers clivia as an offshoot over 50 years ago. A lady from South Africa, Dagney Oxford, bought a property next to my mother, right up in the far North (Houhora). Dagney brought with her Clivia's and Hippeastrums. My mother went to help her and she gave my mother this one offshoot.

You can see the photo of the clivia with the big head of flowers and very long stalk. This is the original plant from Dagney Oxford that my mother had. The colour of the flower is not showing the right colour but it gives you an idea of how big the flower is.

The other photo of the dark orange flower is the true colour. This is a seedling from the old original plant. It flowered this year for the first time and I think it is one of my best yet. The petals seem to fold back slightly.

The last photo is also another original plant that came from Dagney Oxford that my mother had and is just as old. The colour in this photo is not true but you can see it also has a big head of flowers. The colour of the flower is very similar to C gardenii X C miniata or Australasian cyrtanthiflora. It flowers twice a year."

Editor's note:

Houhora is of course right next door to Pukenui, the home of the 'Tremough' cyrtanthiflora of the late Miss EC Harrison-Smith who had an extensive planting of Australasian cyrtanthiflora which her family took up North from Auckland years back. (See the obituary "Death of the Club's oldest member" on page 7 of our previous newsletter Vol. 9.4.2011 Spring) So I'm certain there must be a connection to Ruth & John's plant. It seems there was a thriving group of clivia enthusiasts up that way 50 years ago.

Clivia Club Books for Sale:

Clivia Society Year Book 13 has finally arrived!
Members are now enjoying reading their latest copy!
We have extra copies for non members at \$25

We have now received more copies of the popular
Graham Duncan – Grow Clivia at \$30

Also in stock:
Clivia Society Year Books from YB1 to YB12
Incredible information and should be read every year!
All priced at \$25 each.

Original Graham Duncan – Grow Clivia with basic information
on how to grow these plants - \$15 each

Cultivation of Clivia produced by Clivia Society with lots of
extra information including Chart of Pests and Mineral Deficiencies
affecting Clivia - \$15 each

'Illustrated Terms and Definitions for Describing Clivia' by William
McClelland in California. Clear details on describing your plants to
other enthusiasts and understanding your own plant in detail –
\$40 each

Clivia Colour Chart #2. 100 colours in swatch form in a fold up
plastic cover. Match your flower colour especially when taking
photos for display to others. Only a couple left - \$55 each

All prices exclude packaging and postage.
All books are available at our meetings and Shows for general sale.

Note: Clivia Society is the South African Organisation of whom
we are affiliated to, but a separate membership is required to receive
the Year Book and four information packed newsletters a year.
At \$NZ36 pa it is well worth this cost for the extra
exciting articles that appear.



Dagney Oxford Original and Seedling



Dagney Interspecific

Purchase and enquires: Contact: Diana Holt,
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Kevin Walters

Kevin was important to my involvement with Clivia, as it was his generosity in sending me both offsets and seed from Walter's Yellow, that got me started.

Subsequently I visited him *en route* home, immediately following a trip to see Nakamura in Japan.

He sent me other material for a few years early on. Always of outstanding quality.

A few years ago I was able to host him here in Auckland when he visited in connection with another of his interests, namely theatre history.

Keith Hammett

Kevin was our Patron, great Clivia grower and friend. There are a lot of Clivia growers around the world who would have benefited from Kevin's knowledge and generosity. Judging by the huge attendance at his funeral, although being a very quiet, private man, showed his huge popularity in the organisations he was involved with.

May He Rest in Peace.

Brian, Toowoomba Clivia Society

What's Happening

Meeting - 2011 Favourites

1.30pm Saturday 31st March

Auckland Hort Centre, 990 Great North Road, Western Springs.

Gardenii Day

May 26th, 1.30 pm

Keith Hammett's gardens, 488c Don Buck Road, Massey, Auckland.

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Saturday 18th August – Joy Plants, 78 Jericho Road, Pukekohe East.

Tauranga Show

Sunday 7th October 2012 – Plant Struck Nursery, 139 Te Puna Road, Te Puna

Auckland Show

Saturday 13th October – Auckland Hort Centre, 990 Great North Road, Western Springs.



KiwiClivia 2012 tour
Friday 5th October to
Tuesday 9th October



Chardonnay



Semper Augustus



Equinox



Kevin Walters Red-Orange