



Nz CLIVIA CLUB INC NEWZLETTER

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New in 2010 – Meeting on the 30th March

There will be a meeting at Western Springs – 990 Great North Road where people can showcase the plants that were 'new' for them in 2010. If you have a plant that you would like to share, then include it in Alick's powerpoint presentation by contacting Alick at clivia@xtra.co.nz

David Banks Meeting

A very successful combined Clivia and Orchid club meeting was held recently with David Banks proving a informative and entertaining speaker. These Australians are made of stern stuff, extracting orchids from the wild while snakes rear up at them a metre away and they are chased by clouds of hornets.

It's lucky for the clivia people that we don't have to go to such extremes!

David's tips on plant breeding and photos of his own exceptional plants, with his own interest being clivia flowers with large umbels and overlapping petals, led to some great photos being shown and a lively debate then followed. An excellent evening!



The Clivia Lineup - Terry, Keith, Alick, David Banks and Diana.



Mirabilis Seed Order

This is just to let those who have ordered C mirabilis seed know that we have placed an order for 70 seeds. It won't be until March/April that we will know if the seed will be available.

Of interest to those who purchased seed with the club's previous order in 2008 is a reference in the to 'green stemmed' seedlings which might produce 'yellow blush' flowers. My own remaining 2008 seedling is definitely deeply pigmented. It would be interesting to know if any other members who obtained seed at the time have unpigmented seedlings?

Many were struck by the photos in Clivia 11 of Gerhard Faber's 'Jadestone Angel', the yellow C mirabilis with pigmented ovaries. Gerhard says that this particular plant is sterile to its own pollen.

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The Clivia as Chameleon

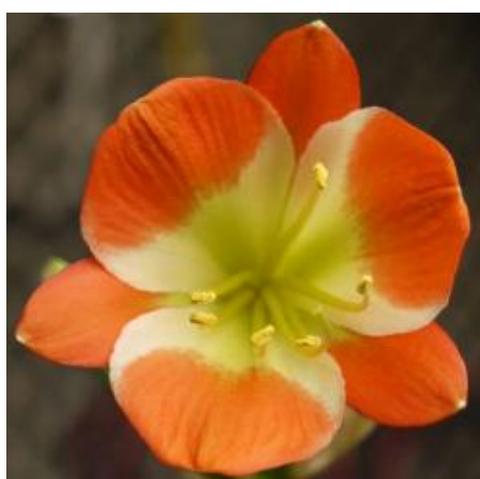
Clivias can appear to be quite different when they flower out of season, or from first to second flowering, and the difference can be amazing. Here are a few of these 'Chameleon' clivias.



Alick McLean's 'Fantasy' flowering slightly out of season in 2007 (left) and in season in 2010 (right)



Not such a big difference, but still noticeable – Interspecific flowering last spring and recently from Kerrie McElroy (Webphoto)



Two blooms from the same peduncle of a plant from Dominic Toon.

First flower (left) from the 19th November 2008, second flower (right) from the 19th December 2008.

New in 2010

A sample of some of the plants that were 'new' for our members in 2010. Come along to the meeting on the 30th March At the AHC rooms, 990 Great North Road, Western Springs, Auckland to see all the rest!



Ian Duncalf's pink, declared by Harold Koopowitz to be the truest pink he had yet seen.



Bertie's Bronze Alick McLeman



Appleblossom – Rex and Dee Williams



Tony Barnes Pastel – David Olsen



Hirao – Diana Holt

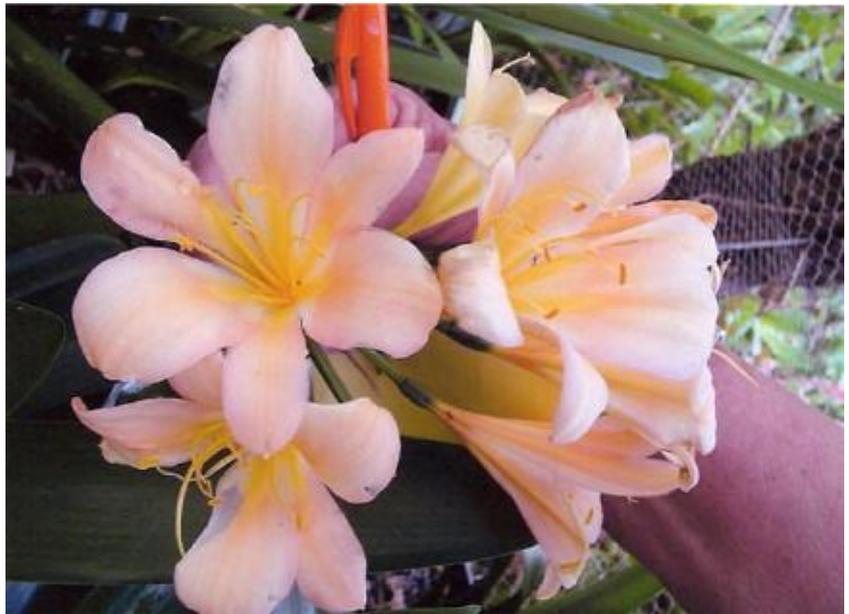


Rewa Peach Vico – Alick McLeman



Pastel – Diana Holt

Garden Photos



Christine Gleeson from Pukenui near Kaitiāia has grown these stunning plants from seed. The yellow is a cross of Alick McLeman 'Stellenbosch Pride x Big Broad Yellow', the pinky peach is an 'F2 Chubb's Peach x Wittig Pink (Orange)'.

A Beautiful Yellow

Our Keith turns up in many places!

On my recent trip to SA, I attended the 2010 Clivia Conference and show in Cape Town.

The Conference was excellent and our local members of the Clivia Society would have read about the various presentations in Year Book 12. (Note: YB 12 available for sale from NZ Clivia Club)

The visit to the show saw me searching the sales area for seed as I wasn't bringing back plants. I was intrigued to see Ian Brown, a local grower, selling seed described as 'from Keith Hammett-an Australian cross. Must say I was a bit indignant - 'What, Aussies are claiming Keith as one of theirs! Bad enough taking Phar Lap and Pavlova!'

In time I reached the Show and was viewing the magnificent display of a great variety of plants in flower when I came across a stunning yellow green throat with a full background history of its development by Ian Brown. The penny dropped and rushed back to get some seed but too late as it had all gone. If only I had asked a few more questions!

With this plant, Ian had won 'The Cape Clivia Club's Yoshikazu Nakamura Trophy for Own Best Clivia Breeding' Well done Ian. Congratulations Keith on your original involvement.

Although I missed out on that seed, I did manage to bring back a wide selection of some very fine SA seed. Results to be seen in 5 years time!

Diana Holt
Photos by Diana Holt



Beautiful SA Yellow



Ian Duncalf Yellow Tiger – Stephanie Blamey

Kevin Akins in the USA recently posted on the international enthusiasts' group a photo of his yellow interspecific, a cross between a yellow miniata and a yellow caulescens. Further enquiry revealed that he has two plants grown from seed given to him by Joe Dana of California, who crossed his yellow caulescens onto a yellow miniata, presumably group 1. Both seedlings have flowered yellow as per the photos.

Joe Dana created quite a stir at the 2002 conference in South Africa when he paid R10000 (about \$2000) for a yellow caulescens from the late Bertie Guillaume and the resulting seedlings would indicate compatibility between the yellow caulescens and group 1 yellow miniata. This is of interest to us here in New Zealand as a yellow caulescens offset was imported by some members in 2006, an offset of the original Guillaume yellow caulescens. So we have that genetic material here in New Zealand. This is the first time I have heard of a yellow 'other' species being crossed with yellow miniata and producing yellow offspring in the first generation.

Alick McLeman



What Comes First?

The chicken or the egg or the flower or the leaf! In this case, the flower came first!

The seed is from a sibling cross of *Clivia miniata* 'Florid White Lips'

The original plants came from seed purchased from IDFlora in Belgium and flowered in 2 ½ years time.

I planted sibling cross seed in July 2010 and in November found one of the seed in flower as shown.

Although this is most unusual, I have since heard it does happen from time to time. My concern was once the flower died, what would happen? but luckily a small leaf has emerged. I will certainly be watching this plant for any future 'strange events'.

Diana Holt



What's Happening



A montage of clivia themed stamps from Connie and James Able showing a sample of the variety of clivia colours and shapes available to the illustrator.

Wednesday 30th March 7.00pm.
 "New in 2010" – Slide show of best new clivia in 2010 at the AHC rooms 990 Great North Road, Western Springs, Auckland.

Saturday 21st May 1.30pm
 Talk and slideshow by Terry Hatch – Europe Visit. Mini-show C. gardenia and C. robusta.

Saturday August 20th
 AGM at Joy Plants, 78 Jericho Road, Pukekohe East. Visits to other gardens.

Sunday 25th September
 Tauranga Show, 139 Te Puna Road, Te Puna.

Saturday October 1st
 Auckland Annual Clivia Show at the Botanical Gardens, Hill Road Manurewa.

Wednesday November 9th
 Club Meeting.



Klein Erda – Alick McLeman