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Gardenii Day
Clivia Club Meeting
11am Saturday
24th May 2014
488C Don Buck
Road, Massey
Auckland

Agenda:
Tour commences
at 11am followed
with BBQ lunch
and a speaker

ALL WELCOME

All are welcome at Keith Hammetts' garden for Gardenii Day. A great chance to meet friends and take in the autumn blooms. Members are encouraged to bring along their own plants for a 'show and tell'. We are all interested in the plants people have grown and flowered and how the variety of clivia in New Zealand is developing.

Conference and Tours

Here's a reminder of two of the tours coming up later in the year – the Clivia Society has its' conference in September in South Africa and the Abels have their very popular Caulescens tours in conjunction with this event.

The Toowoomba Clivia Society is putting on an exciting Clivia and Garden Tour in Queensland in September – see page 2.

2014 Clivia Society Conference Dates – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

- 16 Sept 2014 – Habitat tours
- 17 Sept 2014 – Habitat tours; Registration for Conference late afternoon. Function early evening.
- 18 Sept 2014 – Registration (early); Conference; Preview of International Clivia Show and Function (Evening)
- 19 Sept 2014 – International Clivia Show in conjunction with Sunday Tribune Garden Show. Visits to growers. International Clivia Auction (3pm starting time).
- 20 Sept 2014 – Visits to growers.
- 21 Sept 2014 – Visits to growers.

2014 Caulescens "Immersion" Tour 9 – 11 Sept (contact Connie and James Abel at jcabel@absamail.co.za)



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Toowoomba Clivia & Garden Tour 2014

The Toowoomba Clivia Society Inc. is pleased to announce that the Toowoomba Clivia & Garden Tour 2014 has been launched.

The Tour will commence on Saturday 20th September, 2014 with registration at the James Street Motor Inn on the corner of James and Kitchener Streets Toowoomba from 5pm to 6pm. The bus will depart the Motel for our Welcome Dinner at the Toowoomba Golf Club Middle Ridge at 6.15pm.

The 5 day programme will include 5 nights accommodation at the 4 star James Street Motor Inn (check it out on www.jamesstmotorinn.com.au) with breakfast each morning, dinner each night with the exception of Sunday night which will be a free night, and including our "welcome dinner" at Ridges Restaurant which was a Winner in the Readers Choice Award 2011 in the Restaurant Category. Also included is lunch each day, morning and afternoon teas, and entry to all attractions.

All this for the low cost of \$795.00 per person based on a twin share basis.

If you are travelling alone we will try to match you with another person otherwise we can negotiate a price for you with the motel upon request. Keep in mind that this will be a more expensive option and will change the price for the full tour as stated above.

It will be your responsibility to arrange transport to and from Toowoomba as this is not included in the "Tour". We will provide more information later on possible options for this.

We hope that all who participate in our tour will take some wonderful memories of Toowoomba and our Club with them.

We are now taking bookings and ask that a \$200 per person deposit is paid when your booking is made. This amount is non-refundable and secures your place as we expect our limited number of 50 people to book out quickly. The balance of payment is then required by the 20th June, 2014.

Toowoomba is a very busy city in September and the accommodation and venues book out all over the city so it is imperative that we have this commitment from participants early.

We thank you for your understanding and I am sure that you appreciate our position in the booking process.

If anyone is wishing to stay at the motel on the Friday night or after the tour please let me know at the time of booking and I will get them to hold a room for you at our special rate. Payment details for this can be discussed at the time.

We look forward to seeing you all.

For further information or to make a booking please email: rayandkerry@bigpond.com

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Stunning clivias, rainforest, beaches – it's all there in Queensland



Photos from Longwood gardens in the US from their recent shows

GOLDEN NUGGET



Golden Nugget pictured here on the left, has recently flowered for Ian Baldick in his greenhouse. There must be something about the indoor conditions that lend themselves to the making of a greater contrast between the pale cream on the inside of the flower and that of the red on the outside. Generally when grown outdoors the contrast can be more muted.

The plant, otherwise known as 8336 in the Hammett naming system, is the result of an open pollination of the parent plant 8308, a *C. miniata* x *C. caulescens* cross done by Keith Hammett. Open pollination can mean that the plant selfed or that it was pollinated by stray pollen. It is not unknown for the selfing of a parent plant that is fairly muted to result in offspring that show a lot more contrast and selfing of the parent is more likely in this case.



Here (above) we have Golden Nugget in various incarnations flowering one year with more flowers in the umbel, another year with fewer flowers and another year with a lot more green in the flowers than at other times. How did Golden Nugget get its name when it is obviously not a golden yellow colour? The story goes like this : a clivia enthusiast was walking through Keith Hammett's garden when he came upon the plant and was so struck by the sight of it that he said afterwards that it was 'like finding a gold nugget'.



Ian Baldick in the greenhouse, obviously pleased with his latest flowering.



8308, the parent plant of Golden Nugget



8336,01 a less glamorous sibling of GN

Golden Dusk



Continuing the golden theme, here on the left is Alick McLemans' Golden Dusk. This plant was recovered from an orange F1 Ngidi Pink Champagne/Beta Yellow by selfing.

The plant on the right is the progeny grown from seed by Mary Meeker in the US.



What's Happening

Gardenni Day

Saturday 24th May – 11am, 488 Don Buck Road, Massey, Auckland (light lunch)

Tauranga Show

Sunday 28th September – 1pm to 4pm, Plantstruck Nursery

Auckland Show

Saturday 4th October – 9am to 3pm, Auckland Botanic Gardens

Palmerston North Show

Saturday 11th October – 10am to 3pm, Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre



Yellow ex Umtamvuma 32c



John Winter in the shadehouse at Kirstenbosch

PS John Winter was made an Honorary Life member of the Clivia Society in 2004. You can read a lot more about him in the citation prepared by Sean Chubb. This can be found in the Clivia Society Newsletter Volume 13, No2.

John Winter passed away earlier this week after a long illness. Some of you may not know of him, though you may have clivias grown from seed from plants collected by him.

I thought I would give some details of this remarkable man who left his mark in the Clivia world, and in many other fields.

An aloe, an erica and a leucospermum have been named after him.

John was Curator of the Kirstenbosch Botanical gardens, rated one of the top six in the world, from 1978 to 1998. He was then promoted to Deputy Director of the National Botanical Institute, responsible for all the National Botanical Gardens in South Africa.

John retired in 2001 but continued to curate the Kirstenbosch collection, based entirely on plants collected from their habitats, mostly by him, with Mick Dower and John Rourke accompanying him on some expeditions.

He collected many plants in the wild, from a wide range of genera besides clivias, and brought them into cultivation. For example, you may know of the well-known "Mandela's Gold", a yellow flowering form of *Strelitzia regina*. This was one of his 'babies', now widely grown.

The clivias he collected included new *C. miniata* forms, such as the group forming the "Appleblossom" complex. Seedlings grown from seed from those and other clivias, including *C. mirabilis*, are now found all over the world.

John attended the first international Clivia conference in 1994 in Pretoria and then led the establishment in 1995 of what grew into the Cape Clivia Club. John was long-time Chairman of the CCC and was the first Chairman of the Clivia Society, which has members from all over the world., many grown from seed associated with John Winter.

John reported on the results of his clivia- hunting expeditions in papers presented to international Clivia conferences. He also wrote several important articles for the Clivia Yearbooks and Newsletters.

As if that was not enough, John was a most successful clivia breeder in his own right, with many show-winners to his credit.

John was a plantsman to his fingertips, humble and gentle and always ready to help other enthusiasts at workshops and individually. Thanks to his generosity many of us have grown and bred better clivias.

He will be sadly missed by Meg, his children, grandchildren and by all those who knew him.

Here are two photos, one of John in a tunnel at Kirstenbosch with *C. mirabilis* seedlings in front of him.

He self-pollinated an orange flowering *C. miniata* collected at the Umtamvuma Gorge (Google it if you wish) and was surprised to see that several seedlings had unpigmented stems. When they flowered this beauty was the best of them. The "32c" refers to the orange colour as determined according to the Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, which was all that was available in those early days. *by John van der Linde*

