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Show Photos



'People's Choice – Dave's Peach



Winners of the 'People's Choice' Jude Shapland and Conrad Coenan



Tony Barnes Pastel



Peach – Murray Gow



Stephanie Blamey with Jesse Liley & Mark Van Kaathoven



Dark Yellow – Jude Shapland



Ian Baldick and Margaret Mathews



Red Interspecific – Jude Shapland



Pastel



Pastel



David Olsen, Terry Hatch, Bryan Sherman



Jocelyn Day & Caroline White



Appleblossom – Michael Loh



Enchantress – Rex & Dee Williams

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Chairperson's Observations 2011

Terry Hatch

Auckland Clivia Club Show Saturday October 1st at Auckland Botanic Gardens

This year, for those of us setting up the show it was a worrying time with very few *Clivia miniata* flowering well, but with some hurried phone calls the troops rallied together to help put on a great show to be proud of. Thank you to our New Plymouth members Tony and John and their support crew the two Annes for their Clivia exhibits. Tauranga contingent Jude and Conrad who brought through lovely plants and won the People's Choice, Rex and Dee from Paeroa with their Cosmic Clivia selection and our faithful Auckland members who keep the show going. Once again support from the general public was disappointing despite the huge amount of advertising and the wonderful selection of plants on sale.

As a Clivia club this is a great opportunity for members to meet and socialize together, share experiences and see the amazing results of plant breeding being achieved here in New Zealand. Mary Colquhoun drove all the way from Thames to be at the Auckland show. Happy 91st birthday Mary! Michael Loh attended the Auckland show from Palmerston North, lovely to see you Michael. Owen and Linda Schafli now at Whangarei thanks for joining us. Thank you to everyone who opened their gardens for public viewing and all the hard work you put in to have them looking good.

Tauranga Clivia Show Sunday Afternoon 9th October 2011

This show had originally been organized to be September 25th but due to the same problem as Auckland, lack of flowering, it was postponed for two weeks. With a lovely sunny day the public started streaming in at 12.30 pm to view a great display, eager to purchase the range of flowering plants on offer.

Thanks to Jude, Conrad and Ian for setting up the show and the use of Ian's property, which is now leased out to another nursery person, also the delicious food that Jude provides. Once again their local paper with coloured front page clivia show promotion certainly draws in the crowds.

To conclude our own plants have flowered very late this year with many still in full bloom as I write in the first week of November. Flowers appeared bigger than ever with very full heads, one exceptional dark yellow flowering seedling is flowering for the first time after 10 years!



Mary Colquhoun



Michael Loh, Bryan Sherman and Lindsay Hatch



Crikey, It's bigger than my ruler! Terry measures a large orange umbel.



Dark Yellow



Large Orange Umbel



Friilly Edged Yellow

Show and Garden Photos

Thank you to Alick McLeman, Diana Holt, Michael Loh, Murray Gow and David Olsen for your photos.



Jude Shapland – Riets Peach (Wittig Pink x Cameron Peach)



Alick McLeman – Doug Eckle Peach



Murray and Bev Gow – McNeil miniata



David Olsen – Keith Hammett Pastel



Brian Sherman - Picotee



Rex and Dee Williams - Daruma



Stephanie Blamey – Vico Yellow



Michael Loh – Cameron Peach



Diana Holt – Green Throat



Keith Hammett – Appleblossom



Stephanie Blamey- Chubbs Peach x Vico Yellow



Murray Gow – Instant Shade for the clivias!



David Olsen - Pastel Ghost



Ian Baldick – Yellow C. nobilis

The Cunningham Pink

New member Garth Cunningham emigrated to New Zealand in June 2008 and he and his wife, Kim, farm near Morrinsville.

Garth has a desirable pink clivia named after him, the Cunningham Pink.

The Cunningham Pink was found in habitat in 2001 near Eshowe, KwaZulu Natal, not far from the Dlinza forest on the farm which Garth was managing at the time. It was growing in dense bush in very marshy ground with the top 20% of its roots exposed. The population was being destroyed by locals cutting them up for medicinal purposes, so Garth took about 30 plants out and planted them in his garden at home.

When they flowered Garth noticed the pink and knew it was special. He then left the farm for other employment but came back a year later and fetched the plant. He then posted a photo on the South Africa Clivia Forum www.cliviaforum.co.za which aroused a great deal of interest.

The Cunningham Pink is 90% self sterile and the only seed germinated into albino plants. Garth advertised the plant on clivia forum in about 2005 when the first one was purchased by Francois van Rooyen. Other plants from the same population did not have the same colour. Francois van Rooyen has taken all the plants except one which was purchased by Geoffrey Pomeroy in California.

Garth would really love to get one of his plants into New Zealand some day. Perhaps someone importing some plants from South Africa could piggy-back a plant for him.

Garth says this of himself: "I have enjoyed growing plants from when I was able to stick my fingers in the dirt, especially things people say you can't grow. I have lived and grown up on farms around KwaZulu Natal mainly in the Eshowe and Stanger (Dorinkop) areas where clivia miniata and gardenii have grown wild in the natural bush. My interests are clivia, bonsai, orchids, fish, birds, propagating plants and Family".

Welcome to the club Garth and Kim, and we hope to see your Cunningham Pink in the 'flesh' one day.



A great display in Helga Arlington's garden



Murray and Bev Gow – Vlok Red



Keith Hammett – Dark Red



Alick McLeman – Ian Brown Multipetal



Jude Shapland - Red

Diane

Keith Hammett took photos of one of Ian Duncalf's early interspecifics called 'Diane' at this years Tauranga show. Replying to Keith's request for information about Diane's history, Ian sent the following explanation.

"Thanks for your message and the lovely photo of Diane. I attach images of Diane's parents. One we called Green Throat which was in the days before we had much difference in miniata and the C x cyrtanthiflora which was the pollen parent.

The "Green Throat" was a plant I got from Ken White who told me he brought it in from a specialist breeder in the USA, and the C. x cyrtanthiflora was the clone that was around at the time and which I may also have got from Ken (not sure). I still have both in the garden.

I can't recall exactly when I made the cross, it was during the time of Parva at full pace and children and it was only after I planted the resulting seedlings out in the garden and forgot about them that I at one time noticed some nice forms. I selected 3 varieties out of which Diane and Jude have been the best."



Diane



'Green Throat'



C. x cyrtanthiflora



Diane x Yellow Tiger – Auckland Show



Dianne's progeny displayed at the Tauranga Show.



Three siblings – out of a separate cross from 'Diane', but also a miniata x cyrtanthiflora cross



Visit to David Austen



David Austen surveying the results of his efforts.

David Austin of Larmer Road, Kaitaia is well known for his work with subtropical plants and for his 'Santa Barbara Red' Clivia. I was able to visit him recently when the clivias were flowering, and chat to David and his brother Brian (a landscaper by trade).

The garden was a mass of flowers and showed the scope of David's clivia breeding over the years. One of his goals has been to breed open form reds, but he also works with pastels and green throats.

The clivia underplanting really compliments the subtropicals: pawpaws, guavas, mangos, bananas, jaboticabas, palms of all descriptions, you name it, he's got it. A real delight to experience.

David Olsen.



Open form Red



Many flowered umbel



Green Throat



Recurved Pastel



Large umbel recurved yellow



Similar form of the open red.



Brian Austen in front of a patch of reds.



A lot of hard work, but a magnificent display.

DEATH OF THE CLUB'S OLDEST MEMBER

Sadly we report the passing away of the club's oldest member, Miss E C Harrison-Smith, a resident of Pukenui in the far-North. Miss Harrison-Smith was about 96 years old and remained a keen gardener and clivia enthusiast up to the time of her death. Among her plants was a 'heritage' interspecific, the "Tremough" Clivia, an Australasian cyrtanthiflora that had been in the family going back to the early 1900s. She generously donated offsets of this plant to the club some years back, so many of us are glad to have it in our collections.

Below is an extract from a letter she wrote dated 4th June 2007:

"I am glad to know you have the "Tremough" Clivia (named by me after the old home that was my grandfather's, then ours) I don't know where the plant came from. It could have been from Norfolk Island as Grandfather, Captain Tilly, sailed the "Southern Cross II" for Bishop Patterson. The headquarters of the mission was at Norfolk Island. We also have a Dietes Iris we called the "Norfolk Island Iris". As they are both South African plants they may have come by way of Norfolk Island. Grandpa also had relatives with a tea plantation in Ceylon. They would have gone home to England by way of South Africa and could have taken plants back to Cornwall and "Tremough", Grandpa's old home. I'm sorry I can't be more helpful. All I can be definite about, they were big plants when I was small. I am now nearly 93."



Tremough Clivia



'White Lily' - David Olsen

Poor Man's Peaches

A selection of 'Poor Man's Peaches' grown originally from Ray Topp's seed, later crosses by Alick McLeman.



PMP - Alick McLeman



PMP x Ella - Alick McLeman



PMP - Alick McLeman



PMP - David Olsen

What's Happening

Sad news, Mick Dower died last night (14th October) after a long deterioration in his health.

Many of us have plants grown from seed that he distributed throughout the world. He was a long-time member of this (clivia-enthusiasts) e-group; a founder member of the Cape Clivia Club (CCC) and the founding editor of CLIVIA, the yearbook of the Clivia Society. Mick was active in Society and Club matters for many years.

He and Claude Felbert together developed and produced the two CCC colour charts which many of us regularly use.

He was extremely generous in giving away top-class plants and suckers, particularly to younger people and to newcomers to the CCC wanting to establish collections.

-John van der Linde

Tauranga Show

Sunday 7th October 2012 – Te Puna Road

Auckland Show

Saturday 13th October – Auckland Hort Centre, Western Springs.



KiwiClivia 2012 – details to be Advised.



Mick Dower - Emma-Leslie



Mick Dower – Mopi Hirt



Mick Dower – Katie D



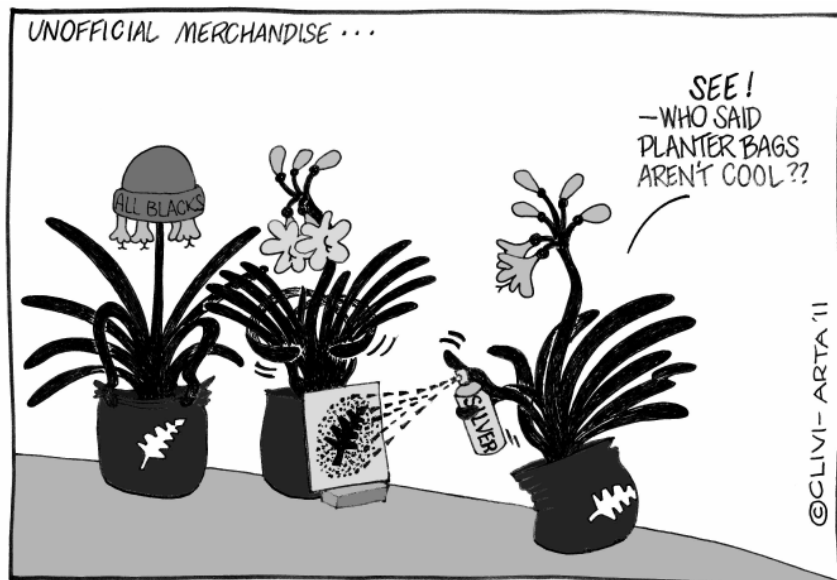
Floradale Apricot



Oribi Gorge Yellow



Mick Dower – Julia D (Floradale Apricot x Oribi Gorge Yellow)



Remember to take photos of your clivia for your own pleasure and enjoyment, for our 'New in 2011' slideshow and to send to the online forum for others to enjoy at -

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