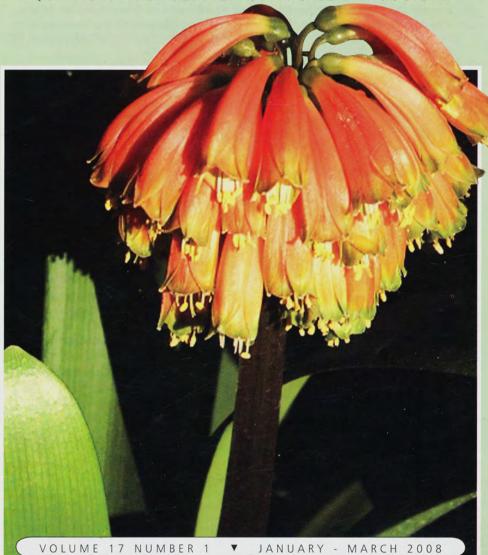
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▼ QUARTERLY N.EWSLETTER OF THE CLIVIA SOCIETY ▼





THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CLIVIA SOCIETY

- 1. To coordinate the interests, activities and objectives of constituent Clivia Clubs and associate members;
- To participate in activities for the protection and conservation of the genus Clivia in its natural habitat, thereby advance the protection of the natural habitats and naturally occurring populations of the genus Clivia in accordance with the laws and practices of conservation
- 3. To promote the cultivation, conservation and improvement of the genus Clivia by
 - 3.1 the exchange and mutual dissemination of information amongst Constituent Clivia Clubs and associate members:
 - 3.2 where possible, the mutual exchange of plants, seed and pollen amongst Constituent Clivia Clubs and associate members: and
 - 3.3 the mutual distribution of specialised knowledge and expertise amongst Constituent Clivia Clubs and associate members:
- 4. To promote the progress of and increase in knowledge of the genus Clivia and to advance it by enabling research to be done and by the accumulation of data and dissemination thereof amongst Constituent Clivia Clubs and associate members:
- 5. To promote interest in and knowledge of the genus Clivia amongst the general public; and
- 6. To do all such things as may be necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the above mentioned objectives.

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The Clivia Society Newsletter started as a black on white news-sheet dated July 1992, numbered Volume 1 number 1, called 'Clivia Club'. It formed a means of communication for people interested in the plant genus *Clivia*. It was edited/written by Nick Primich with a frequency of 3, 5, 8 & 5 during the first 4 years, using the publication month in the volume.

The frequency was fixed on four annually with Vol. 5 No 1 of March 1996.

The date changed to the southern hemisphere seasons with Vol. 8 No 1 of Autumn 1999. The first three used yellow paper as cover. The name changed to 'CLIVIA CLUB NEWSLETTER' with Vol. 9 No 1 Autumn 2000 with full colour photos on the cover pages. Another name change to 'CLIVIA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER' came with Vol. 10 No 4 Summer 2000, and in 2005 reverted to a quarterly number. CLIVIA NEWS is the continuation of this series.



EDITORIAL

e're way into 2008 and dealing with all kinds of neologisms - load-shedding, outages, hybrid energy and suchlike.

What does this all mean for Clivia growers in South Africa? As yet I've not heard anything untoward other than perhaps with all the downtime it makes for up-time for growers to spend with their collections.

It however certainly impinges negatively on any production requiring electrical power, and this newsletter, Clivia News, is a case in point. The lead-time required to get the print-run out has lengthened. And then having each guarter close in a recess period does not make for efficiency. Add to that technology on the blink - frozen laptops, quirky web servers - and one finds oneself in a technological black hole.

Then if the Clubs and their members do not keep me supplied with copy and photos I need to invent material, which bears the risk of the members having to contend with my perspective and interests.

The 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Clivia Society is coming up at the Thatchery in Johannesburg Gauteng on 24 May 2008. It is open to all affiliated Club members and all are invited (see the invitation



and preliminary Agenda elsewhere in this issue). It is always an occasion to swap stories, put faces to names, and match named Clivia plants with faces, so lets all meet there.

See you in Jozy. ▼

Clivia greetings,

Roger Fisher (Editor)

ERRATA: Previous letters to the Editor have erroneously been attributed to 'Jeanne Mouton' which should have read 'Jeanne Marten'. My apologies - Ed. ▼

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CLIVIA SOCIETY MATTERS

Notice of the 2008 AGM to be held on 24 May 2008 in Johannesburg, South Africa

26 February 2008

Dear Friends

 Notice of the 2008 AGM (to be held on 24 May 2008 in Johannesburg, South Africa) is attached as file Notice of 2008 AGM_2.doc. Please note the following critical date.

13 March

- Clivia Clubs to submit written notice of any proposals regarding amendments to the constitution. Please contact Lena van der Merwe should you need a copy of the constitution.
- Clubs to forward the names and contact details of Club representatives as well as their alternates to the Society secretary. The Cape, Eastern Province and Northern Clivia Clubs are entitled to three representatives each, the Joburg and KwaZulu-Natal Clivia Clubs two representatives each and Free State, Garden Route, New Zealand and Northern Free State Clivia Clubs one representative each. Please Contact Bossie de Kock (bossiedekock@absamail.co.za) should you disagree with these numbers.
- We encourage chairpersons or representatives of Interest Groups to also attend the meeting.

Please make a plan and be there.

- The venue. All the events will take place at the Thatchery. This is situated close to the junction of the R28 (Krugersdorp-Pretoria Highway) and Hendrik Potgieter Road. Directions on how to get to the Thatchery are attached.
- 4. The preliminary program

Saturday 24 May

Tour Botanical Gardens in the morning.

At 13:00 a light lunch will be served, followed by lecture on progress with Clivia research and the Annual General Meeting will start at 1 5:00. Catered buffet with braai etc from 17h00 onwards.

- Catering arrangements: By 12 April one representative per club should inform us (Lena van der Merwe) who will attend (1) the Social function and (2) the meetings on 24 May after the meeting.
- Accommodation in Johannesburg: Please contact Glynn Middlewick (gcmidd@mweb. co.za) for accommodation options. The accommodation available is as follows:
 - Cottages These may only be booked for a minimum of two days over a weekend. Eg Friday and Saturday.

There are four one-bedroom cottages available - two persons sharing each.

There are two - two-bedroom cottages with a common lounge area - four persons in two bedrooms.

 Rooms - These may be booked for a single day. There are nine bedrooms with two-beds/double bed in each.

Rates: The charge is R260.00 per person sharing in all types of accommodation with breakfast included. The rate is R220.00 per person sharing with no breakfast.

Single accommodation is at a rate of R440.00 with breakfast included and R400.00 per night without breakfast.

As the above accommodation is situated in an area where there are many wedding venues, early reservation is essential.

7. Nominations: I got the feeling in the past that clubs are under the impression that they may or should only nominate persons from their local club to chair or serve on a committee. PLEASE CLUBS, this is not the case. You can nominate members of other clubs. The idea is to get the best people to do the job.

Hope to see you all on 24 May at the Thatchery. ▼

Regards

Iohan Spies

NOTICE TO CONSTITUENT CLIVIA CLUBS OF AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLIVIA SOCIETY TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 24 MAY 2008 ON THE CAMPUS OF FREE STATE UNIVERSITY IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

26 February 2007

Dear Society Representative /Club Chairperson/Club Secretary

Allow me to share information regarding the AGM of the Clivia Society to be held in Johannesburg on Saturday 24 May 2008.

Starting times and venues:

- · Tour Botanical Gardens in the morning
- · 12:30: (Committee meetings if required)
- · 13:00: Light lunch
- 14:00: Progress with Clivia research Johan Spies
- · 15: 00: Annual General Meeting
- · 17h00 onwards: Catered buffet with braai etc.

You are hereby invited to:

- 1. Submit written notice of proposals regarding amendments to the constitution
- 2. Put duly motivated matters on the agenda for the meeting.
- 3. Forward the names and contact details of Club representatives as well as their alternates to the Society secretary.
- Nominate members for the Clivia Society Executive Committee and propose members to serve on sub-committees of the Clivia Society.

Please note and adhere to the critical dates listed on the next page. All correspondence should be forwarded to the Society at one of the following addresses:

Clivia Society, PO Box 74 868, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040

Fax: +27 12 804 8892

Email: cliviasoc@mweb.co.za ▼

CRITICAL DATES

Date in 2008	Action required
12 March	Closing date for Honorary Life Membership nominations. Such nominations shall be fully motivated in writing. Such nominations must be made by a constituent Clivia Club or by a representative of the Clivia Enthusiasts and must be seconded by another constituent Clivia Club.
18 March	Members of the Society and the secretaries of every constituent Clivia Club to be notified (by the Society Secretary) of the nominations for Honorary Life Membership.
20 March	Clivia Clubs to submit written notice of any proposals regarding amendments to the constitution. Please contact Lena van der Merwe at cliviasoc@mweb.co.za should you need a copy of the constitution.
22 March	Clubs to forward the names and contact details of Club representatives as well as their alternates to the Society secretary. The Cape, Eastern Province and Northern Clivia Clubs are entitled to three delegates each, Joburg and KwaZulu-Natal Clivia Club two delegates each. Free State, New Zealand, Garden Route Clivia and Northern Free State Clubs one delegate each. Please Contact Bossie de Kock (bossiedekock@absamail.co.za) should you disagree with these numbers.
27 March	Clivia Society to appoint representatives of Clivia Enthusiasts
29 March	Society's Secretary to forward:
	 names of Club Representatives and representatives of Clivia Enthusiasts to all Clubs.
12 April	 proposals regarding amendments to the constitution. Last day to nominate members for the Clivia Society Executive Committee "Last" day to submit duly motivated items for the agenda. Propose members to serve on sub-committees (see agenda for detail) of the Clivia Society. Indicate who will attend the AGM (we need this info for catering arrangements)
25 April	Second announcement of AGM to be posted by Clivia Society secretary
10 May	Additional* duly motivated items may be placed on the agenda by giving notice in writing thereof to the secretary and every member of the Society and the secretary of each constituent Clivia Club
6 May	Chairs/convenors of sub-committees to submit written reports

^{*} Note that the Executive Committee feel very strongly that matters for the agenda should actually be submitted on or before 12 April 2008. The date of 28 April (as stipulated in the constitution) leaves very little opportunity for clubs to discuss such additional items to the agenda. We ask your cooperation to submit agenda points not later than 12 April 2008. \blacksquare

PRELIMINARY AGENDA OF CLIVIA SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 24 May 2008, Johannesburg, South Africa

1	Welco	me	1	12.8	Reports from Clubs				
2	Consti	tuting the meeting		12.9	Chairman's report:				
3		dance register/Recording of repre-			Johan Spies				
		ives (alternates) for Constituent	13	Electio	on of Office Bearers				
		Clubs and Clivia Enthusiasts	100	13.1	Chairperson				
4	Minut	es of the Annual General Meeting		13.2	Vice-chairperson				
	held o	n 12 May 2007		13.3	Treasurer				
5	Matte	rs arising from the minutes		13.4	Secretary				
6	Honor	ary membership		13.5	Additional member				
7	Hostin	g of Clivia Society Conference in		0.7.1					
	2010		14	Electio	on/Appointment of members for				
8	Amen	dments to the constitution		sub-co	ommittees				
9	Financ	ial Report: B de Kock		14.1	Yearbook				
10	Appoi	ntment of Auditor		14.2	Newsletter				
11	Budge	t for 2009		14.3	Web Site				
12	Other	reports		14.4	Research				
	12.1	Yearbook:		14.5	Registration of genus Clivia				
		J van der Linde		14.6	Public Relations				
	12.2	Newsletter:		14.7	Standards and Judging				
		Roger Fisher			committee				
	12.3	Research Committee:		14.8	Other				
		Johan Spies							
	12.4	Public Relations:	15		g of Annual General Meeting in				
		Roger Fisher	200	2009					
	12.5	Registration of genus Clivia:	16	Honoraria					
		K Smith	17	Closur	e 🔻				
	12.6	Web Site: C Vlok	0.1	Var voe	de Adresia				
	12.7	Standards and Judging:	Dr. Lena van der Merwe						



R Dixon

Clivia2006 Conference DVD's now available

The Clivia Society has decided to make the Clvia2006 conference proceedings available on a double DVD. The presentations have been recorded, edited, and shortened to almost eight hours viewing time. The DVD set can now be ordered from the secretariat of the Clivia Society at a

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price equivalent to ZAR 220.00 (including postage and packaging). Should you be interested, please contact Bossie de Kock at one of the following addresses: Clivia Society, P.O. Box 74868, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040 Pretoria, South Africa. Fax: +27 12 804 8892; E-mail: bossiedekock@absamail.co.za

MINUTES OF CLIVIA SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12 May 2007 (Bloemfontein)

For consideration for approval

1. Welcome

he chairperson. Chris Vlok, extended a special welcome to James and Connie Abel, past Chairman and honorary member, Tino Ferero, past chairman and Oom Pat (Mr. Pat Gore), who has vet to miss an AGM of the Clivia Society. He also thanked Hennie van der Mescht and the Free State Clivia Club for hosting the AGM, and the get together the previous evening. He explained that all were free to ask questions, but that only official delegates were entitled to vote. Chris also expressed his sincere thanks to all who had traveled far to attend the meeting. All the documents were distributed in time and would be considered as read. The language of the meeting is Afrikaans or English.

2. Constituting the meeting

The following proxies was recorded: Ken Smith (Proxy to Lena v d Merwe). The members attending the meeting constituted a quorum and the chairman declared the meeting duly constituted (proposed by Peter Lambert and seconded by Bossie de Kock).

3. Attendance register

Present:

Ex Officio: Chris Vlok (chairman and John van der Linde, (Vice Chairman) Cape Clivia Club: Johan Schoombee Eastern Province Clivia Club: Andre Calitz and Willie le Roux

Northern Clivia Club: Bossie de Kock, Peter Lambert and Lena v/d Merwe KwaZulu-Natal: Sean Chubb and Etzel Nuss Garden Route Clivia Club: Piet Theron Free State Clivia Club: Hennie van der Mescht Joburg Clivia Club: Glynn Middlewick and Koos Geldenhuys.

Northern Free State: Louis Chadinha

Apologies:

Ken Smith, Aart van Voorst and Jaco Nel, (representatives for associate members).
An attendance register was circulated to record others attending the meeting.

Recording of representatives (alternates) of Clubs

A list of all the representatives and alternates was issued in the documentation and members were asked to check whether their contact details were correct. The chairman mentioned that a Club might exchange representatives with alternates when the representative is unavailable. The chairman and secretary should be notified of such an exchange.

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 May 2006

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 May 2006 was accepted as a true reflection of the meeting (proposed by Koos Geldenhuys and seconded by Willie le Roux).

5. Matters arise from the minutes

Point 13: Membership lists and dealing with privacy laws. Members do not react on the request to grant permission for distributing their contact details to other members

Point 15.4: The computer is returned to Chris Vlok.

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6.1 Appointment of representatives for (1)
Australia and (2) North America, Canada
and South America

The reason why an Australian representative was not appointed is a complaint received from Mr. David Bearlin. Lena van der Merwe read out the letter to Mr. Bearlin and a discussion followed. The meeting decide to request Ken Smith to remain representative of Australia and the proposed letter to be send to Mr. D Bearlin (proposed by Willie le Roux and seconded by Koos Geldenhuys)

Jim Black, USA representative, could not open an account for the Clivia Society to collect dues. The North American Clivia Society (NACS) made their bank account available to the Clivia Society. Jim Shields and William McClelland are

willing to act as representative and contact person respectively for members in North America. Tom Wells has nominated Jim Shields as representative. The meeting approved to go ahead with this arrangement with NACS as proposed by John van der Linde and seconded by Bossie de Kock.

6.2 Formalizing the functions of persons representing Clivia enthusiasts on the Clivia Society

The meeting requested that the functions of the persons representing the Clivia Enthusiasts must be formalized. Incorporate the input of past representatives in formulizing this document. That could not be cast in stone.

7. Honorary membership
Honorary life membership was awarded

to Tino Ferero, (Northern Clivia Club) and Mick Dower (Cape Clivia Club) for their contribution the advancement to the Clivia fraternity.

8. Amendments to the Clivia Society Constitution

The proposed amendments to the constitution were approved by the meeting as proposed by Peter Lambert and seconded by Koos Geldenhuys

9. Financial Reports

The Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports were unanimously accepted. (Proposed by Willie le Roux and seconded by Koos Geldenhuys).

Appointment of auditor
 The current firm of auditors, Snijders and Associates, was proposed by Andre

Calitz and seconded by Peter Lambert.

11. Budget for 2008

The meeting approved the proposed budget for 2008 (proposed by John van der Linde and seconded by Peter Lambert). Willie le Roux thanked Bossie de Kock for the selfless job he does as treasurer.

- 12. Other Reports
- 12.1 Clivia 2006

Peter Lambert, Chairman of the organizing committee of the quadrennial conference of the Clivia Society, elaborated on his submitted report. The conference was a huge success. Having the conference and show on different days gave the "work force" of the Club the opportunity to attend both. The stamps worked brilliantly; sponsors are essential and so is help from other Clivia Clubs. The Society should try to get the Chinese with us. Clivia miniata is the green gold of China. The tours were a money-spinner and by employing a professional advertising agent the event was widely advertised. The auction has to go on. It was lovely to have the overseas visitors in our homes.

- 12.2 Yearbook. Claude Felbert requested people to submit photos for the photo competition. Roger Fisher will be involved with Yearbook 9; the last John van der Linde will be the editor of. Sean Chubb thanked John for the top quality publication and anxiously awaits the next edition.
- 12.3 Newsletter. Roger Fisher suggests that all publications (including the e-letters) be put under one umbrella committee as the material is decimated under members. He thanked James and Connie Abel for sending e-letters of general importance to him. Sakkie suggested that each Club should appoint a member to assist in supplying material to the Newsletter. Louis Chadinha complimented and thanked Roger Fisher.
- 12.4 Research Committee. Permission was granted to carry on with the plans as long as management manage them.
- 12.5 Public Relations Officer. Peter Lambert thanked Roger Fisher for all his work.
- 12.6 Registration of genus Clivia. The list of names should be listed on the Clivia Society's website as the main source.

 Johan Spies thanked Ken Smith and appealed to members to register their Clivia plant names.
- 12.7 Web Site. Members are invited to use the website. Cape and Free State Clubs do use it for their Newsletters. Andre Calitz thanked Chris for a job well done and all the late night work done.

- 12.8 Standards and Judging. A publication on standards and judging is planned for this year. Tino Ferero thanked Roger Dixon. There is a challenge to set the standard for judging as every person has his own idea as to how a flower stalk should look like. Tino thanked Roger for what he has done and going to do.
- 12.9 Reports from Clubs and representatives of Clivia Enthusiasts, James thanked the Clubs for what they do on "voetsool vlak" (foot sole level). It is a wonderful development how the Clubs expanded on the two essential ingredients namely clivias and enthusiasm. cemented toaether through distribution information on clivias. The greatest asset is committee members willing to work in running the Clubs
- 12.10 Chairman's report. In his last report as chairman, Chris Vlok used the opportunity to thank various members for their selfless service to the Clivia Society. John van der Linde thanked Chris for all the time and effort that he put into his position as chairman.
- 13. Conference 2010

The meeting felt that the quadrennial conference should go on. The Clivia Society should play a larger role in organizing the conference and should spell out how the conference should be managed. All Clubs should be committed to assist with the arrangements of the conference.

14. Election of Office Bearers

The Chairman explained to the meeting that the positions of Treasurer (Bossie de Kock) and Secretary (Lena van der Merwe) need, according to the Constitution, a unanimous vote from the meeting to be re-elected.

- 14.1 Chairman. Johan Spies was the only nominee as chairman and therefore unanimously elected as chairman. He thanked the meeting for the confidence put in him.
- 14.2 Vice Chairman. Nominations were called from the meeting for the position as vice chairman. Johan Schoombee

proposed Peter Lambert and seconded by Glynn Middlewick. Peter accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected as vice chairman.

- 14.3 Treasurer. Bossie de Kock was the only nomination and unanimously elected.
- 14.4 Secretary: Lena van der Merwe was the only nomination and unanimously elected.
- 14.5 Additional Member. The outgoing chairman. Chris Vlok is the additional member.
- Election/Appointment of members for sub-committees

Public Relations Officer: Sakkie Nel (Proposer Lena van der Merwe and seconded by John van der Linde) Yearbook editor: Roger Fisher (Proposer Johan Schoombee and seconded by John van der Linde)

Newsletter: Roger Fisher Registrar: Ken Smith

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Website: Chris Vlok
Research: Johan Spies as convenor.

John Roderick,

Willie le Roux and Hennie van der Mescht

Standards and judging: Roger Dixon.

 Hosting of Annual General Meeting in 2008

The Meeting decided on the Jo'burg Clivia Club as host of the next AGM in 2008

- Caulescens tour in October 2007.
 Interested members to contact James
 Abel regarding this tour as soon as possible.
- 18. Honoraria

An honorarium of R 2 000-00 each to Bossie and Lena was proposed by Willie le Roux and seconded by Koos Geldenhuys.

19. Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 13:38. The Chairman thanked the meeting for the pleasant positive spirit and wished them a drive safely back home. ▼

J SPIES: CHAIRMAN

DR. MJ VAN DER MERWE: SECRETARY

STORIES BEHIND THE COVERS

he species status of Clivia 'Maxima' is disputed, but undisputedly, the breeding of the form is the preserve of Fred van Niekerk who has spent his retirement in growing the plant he got to know in his mother's garden as a child in the old Transkei. These are of the largest of Clivia and at present resort in the species, Clivia robusta. Fred however contests this and believes them a species apart. Other than the size and the resemblance of the leaf to that of C. nobilis, the plants of this form have as distinguishing characteristic an extended period of berry and seed formation, taking twenty-four months to ripen.

The covers illustrate a variety of forms of the plant. It also has a 'citrina' form, (previously illustrated on the back cover of Volume 16 Number 3, photos 1 & 2). ▼



Berry Umbel 12 mnths







Base of Maxima plant Detail of Maxima flower



Berry Umbel 2-122 mnths



Berry Umbel 3 - 24 mnths



Ripe umbel after 24 months

CORRESPONDENCE

Clivia Caulescens Tour 29 Sept to 1 Oct 2007

A motley crew were we As we went off to see, The plants we all do crave And do our best to save

To Pinnacle in the east we went And there our very hearts were rent. For all around the bush did burn But growing tall were the tree fern.

Into the valleys many did go
To see the clivias that were on show.
Though blackened by fire and burnt so hot
The flowers stood high – and there were a lot.

At God's Window we did walk
Up hundreds of steps, and so did talk
Of clivias on the forest floor,
And on rocks and trees we found some more.

In the mist and in the rain
Up Mariepskop we had some pain.
For there we got sopping wet!
But the clivias there were the best yet!

We wanted to go to Bearded man
Of which place there was many a fan.
But the weather again did not play fair,
It rained and rained without a care.

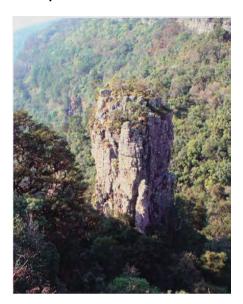
And so to Kruger we did go In a coach that was not low. We saw a lot and had much fun But we hardly saw the sun.

Yet the trip was all worthwhile For clivias we walked many a mile. To see them in their natural place We were prepared to have a wet face!

So to all who were on the Clivia Tour Who enjoyed the time and wanted more Thanks for the company and the talk Next time we may not have to walk

Through fire, burnt grass, and mist and rain, Just so that we can see again,
The Caulescens that are so fine,
And in full flower at the right time.

Ann Goodfellow 2007









GROWERS & BREEDERS NOTES

Clivias on the move

t was a fateful day, that day I visited Ammie Grobler and became fixated with the genus Clivia.

It was an even more life-changing event when I decided to drop in on a Bosveld Boslelieklub Show last year and found a plant I had to have. Well one plant led to a purchase of a collection.

Collections need to be housed so I had to put up a 500m² shade-house. And since the only space I have for that is on a plot in White River, that is where the collection had to go.

Moving clivias is not like moving furniture. I naively thought one phoned the plant movers, paid your money and got the job done.

Not a chance.

Firstly to find a plant-moving concern requires some detective work. Then pinning them down to a time and place is a cat-and-mouse game. Dates were set and missed. Rains came and made farm roads impassable. I had bought the property in winter and at the end of a long drought. I was not aware of how the ground turned to toffee after heavy rains, and how the water on the roads flowed like rivers.

Finally a truck was sent at an inconvenient time in my schedule, but I felt the matter was in good hands.

When the seller phoned late that evening with the news that the plants had been loaded by



the helpers she had hired, I went into a cold sweat.

Helpers? There were no packers with the truck, just an aged Zulu driver.

I tried desperately to make arrangements at

the other end since the truck was on the road and off-loading at six the next morning.

Telephone calls flew, but by seven-thirty next day, not only had the transport agent not been able to muster help, but the isotherm truck could not negotiate the tight turns in the farm-road







and was offloading four-odd thousand clivias under the only large tree they could find on a neighbouring property! And the Lowveld was in the grip of a heat-wave.

My friend - who now lives there - persuaded the neighbouring farmer to lend hands and a tractor, and pots were loaded and moved by the trailerful.

And the sun rose, and the heat seared. The only protective covering was frost-cloth from the last winter.

I arrived expecting to find a mutilated collection. Fortunately the damage is minimal, mostly mechanical damage to leaves and unpotted plants with many displaced labels. The sun and heat damage is limited to a few plants.

There are many morals to this story, but what I would ask all growers and breeders is – TIE THE LABEL TO THE PLANT. Electrical cable ties are cheap and do not cause damage and don't come adrift. It will make the lives of the next owners – and most clivias survive their growers – just that little bit easier.

The entire collection is not yet moved from its original owner.

I'll relate episode two at a later date. ▼ *Roger Fisher*

Skokiaan* for Clivias

erhaps this will help those who are willing to take the chance. In a clean container with a lid, place one cup of Alfalfa [Lucerne, for South Africans] pellets, which must be the pure Alfalfa in pellet form (usually available from an animal feed store.)
Put in two ordinary Vitamin B1 tablets that you have crushed, along with two multi vitamin

with iron, also crushed. Add ¼th cup sugar. To this add one gallon [4,5 litres] water.

Place, lid loosely on, in a warm, but not hot place, to ferment. [Ferment it will!!]

When the activity has stopped, this solution can be strained and diluted four (4) times with water. I use it to spray my garden as a stimulant and growth enhancer. I also soak newly arrived plants of any genus before planting.

The one thing you must know - the Alfalfa is a

known growth stimulant and the B1 is as well. This solution has worked miracles for me for over 50 years of gardening and working with plants. ▼

John Mann (USA)

[*Skokiaan - a local alcoholic brew of indeterminate contents - ed.]

Protect your flowers against slugs and snails

any of us have clivias out in our gardens, either in pots or in the ground. When they flower the blooms are often at the mercy of slugs and snails. Despite putting out snail bait magnificent umbels are soon chewed to pieces and ruined. After many years of frustration at petals being ruined someone this year told me of a foolproof solution. Shortly before the plants show signs of flowering smear about 2cms of Vaseline all around the peduncles, below the umbel.

I have found that this provides an effective barrier to slugs and snails – they cannot cross the Vaseline and so the flowers can bloom in all their natural glory without being disfigured. I also make sure that the peduncle is absolutely free-standing, with no contact from the leaves of an adjoining plant for the creatures to crawl across, above the Vaseline. This method really works. Why not try it when next your clivias come into flower?

Iohn van der Linde



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KWA-ZULU NATAL CLIVIA CLUB

he K-ZNCC will be holding their annual Gardenii Show on Sat 31 May 2008 at the SANBI Botanical Gardens, Pietermaritzburg from 10:00 to 15:00 and the Interspecific show at the same venue on Sat 2 Aug 2008 from 09:00 to 15:00.

Contact the Show Manager John Handman 083 660 1278 or Show Secretary, Val Thurston 072 464 5212 for further details. ▼

OVERBERG CLIVIA INTEREST GROUP

ur Group remains fairly small, but with rather a lot of interest, with some really motivated members.

We are usually well represented at the Cape Clivia Club Meetings, and often win a very large number of the raffle prizes! Well done Overberg!

We also do quite well at the Cape Clivia Club Show.

There are plans in the pipeline to mount our own show in Hermanus next year.

We have also arranged a display at the Peregrine Farm Stall at Grabouw for the past three years, of show plants and unusual plants owned by local members. This has been very well received by the public.

This year, instead of having a regular get together for the end of the year meeting, we decided to visit other growers in our group.

Prof Gert Venter and his wife kindly hosted us for the first stop. It was a lovely experience as The Valley was in prime condition with the fruit trees dripping fruit and the Old Roses in full flush and everything lush and green. Gert treated us to a tour of his Clivia plantings, green houses and orchards, and imparted much information regarding the feeding of plants.

His wife spoiled us with a delicious tea, enjoyed after arriving via a delightful and lush garden.

The next stop was at Jessie Waltons interesting and varied garden featuring

all sorts of indigenous bulbs and shrubs, as well as many rare exotic plants. There is also a collection of famous "Old Roses" made by her mother and now growing in her garden, a rare treat. We all enjoyed taking it really easy and just relaxing and sharing a cup of tea together, and discussing Clivia topics. *

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NEW ZEALAND AFFILIATION WITH THE CLIVIA SOCIETY

t a well-attended Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Clivia Club Inc. held at Pukekohe, Auckland on 25th August 2007 it was decided that the club should apply to the society for affiliation.

Happily, in a letter dated 12th September 2007 the Clivia Society advised that the application for affiliation had been unanimously accepted. So a kiwi club has become the first non-South African club to be affiliated to the society.

Factors which motivated the application were:

- The Club and the Society have very similar objectives. The Club's objectives are stated in its constitution as:
- To promote the cultivation, conservation & improvement of the genus Clivia.
- To facilitate the exchange of information on Clivia through meetings & newsletters.
- To encourage the exchange of Clivia plants, seed and pollen between members.
- To stimulate interest in Clivia by holding shows, exhibitions, classes and lectures.
- To co-operate with other Clivia clubs and organisations worldwide.
- To do all such lawful things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
- At the Clivia Society "Clivia2006" conference in Pretoria international delegates, including club representatives, effectively decided that the Clivia Society should be the international body catering for global Clivia matters.

- 3. Many of the Club's 130 members are also members of the Society. We presently have 29 mutual members, which qualifies us under a society rule that affiliated clubs have at least 20 individual members of the Society.
 - 4. The international Clivia plant register is maintained by the Society.
 - 5. While the Club does not yet hold competitive shows in New Zealand, affiliation provides access to the society's show judging standards for possible future use. And the Club benefits in other ways from the wealth of knowledge and experience available through the society.
 - Affiliation in no way restricts the activities or autonomy of the Club. Clause 9.1 of the Society's constitution reads, inter alia: "The Society shall have no jurisdiction over any constituent Clivia Club or its members ..."

We in New Zealand live at a far-flung corner of the earth and affiliation brings us closer to the international Clivia community. It gives us representation on the committee of the Society through our nominated member, Tony Barnes, and therefore input into the Society's future. Judging by very interesting but inconclusive debates on the internet Clivia enthusiasts groups, there is a need for an international forum to consider and define Clivia matters.

We may not always agree with decisions reached, but at least we will have a voice in the process and our affiliation brings a truly international flavour to the Society.

We hope our lead will be followed by other Clivia interest groups around the world. ▼

NEW ZEALAND CLIVIA CLUB COMMITTEE

Left to right in photo are Alick Mcleman (Secretary); Diana Holt (Librarian); Shirley & Ian Baldick (Chairman); David Olsen (Editor) Insets left to right are: Tony Barnes (Clivia Society Representative); Bryan Sherman; Chris Webb (Treasurer). Inset far right: Dr Keith Hammett – Technical Adviser to Committee.



TOOWOOMBA CLIVIA SOCIETY INC., 2007 SPRING SHOW

he Toowoomba Clivia Society Inc. once again held its annual Clivia show in Toowoomba, Australia during the city's annual Carnival of Flowers week in September. The non-competitive show was once again held in the TAFE Horticultural Pavilion and ran for eight days, which must make it one of the longest running Clivia shows in the world if not the longest!

Despite the longevity of the show the clivias stood up pretty well with only a few looking worse for wear.

Although Toowoomba is still experiencing severe drought conditions, with very strict water restrictions (not able to use town water for watering plants), the clivias proved their toughness by putting on one of the best flowerings for many years.

The use of this venue was again a resounding success. The club was given extra space this year, but alas we think more might be needed next year with more of our newer growers ready to exhibit their plants.

Once again the venue was shared by our Society and the Society for Growing Australian Plants. These two displays complement each other with one exhibiting and selling Australian

native plants and the other clivias.

The Toowoomba Clivia Society has now over 80 members and is attracting members from other areas across Australia, all receiving the bi-monthly newsletter.

We were privileged this year to have several well-known overseas and Australian Clivia growers attending our show. Alec McLeman. Secretary of the New Zealand Clivia Club and his wife attended with Alec officially opening our show: Louis Swanepoel, a well-known grower and hybridiser from South Africa, who arrived with Harry Erasmus (a former South African grower) from Clivia Classiques in Perth. Western Australia. Harry had just been instrumental in organising Western Australia's first show.

Among the well-known Australian visitors who attended included Ken Smith, well-known to the Clivia world, Ken Russell, a Clivia grower and Editor of an Australian orchid magazine, Irene Broadbent, who organises a flower show in Melbourne every year and many other growers from Queensland and southern states.

From the comments by the visitors, the Toowoomba Clivia Society Inc. can be proud of its efforts this year. Asking the visitors their thoughts on the show, the same answers

> seemed to come up. which were "thev couldn't believe the diversity of the types. colour and forms of the clivias on show."

> Toowoomba growers over the past few years buying good seed and seedlings from overseas and southern states, the standard of clivias must increase as the years go by.

> This year the Toowoomba Clivia Society was lucky enough to be the recipient of a Queensland



Government grant. From this grant the Society procured new benching, signage and banners as well as computer equipment.

Among the great display of clivias this year many stood out such as a Kevin Walters Aurea x Belgian hybrid, a lovely large flowered pastel, his Sakura range of interspecifics, a large akebono with a magnificent umbel of furled orange petals and his beautiful Clorine Meese, an orange with furled petals and a slight green throat.

lan Anderson produced his well-known peach, Anderson's Peach, but the crosses which stole the show were his Anderson's Peach x Jelena seedlings. These were magnificent lovely shaped pastel peaches. He also had one of the largest flowering oranges in the show.

Brian Steven exhibited an attractive well-shaped orange C. miniata with a dark green centre. He also displayed his Jordan Apricot and the two Bill Morris Tango crosses which have been named Lambada Dancer and Samba Magic. Another nice peach was exhibited by Lyn and Hux Althaus.

Kev and Coral Larsen had several eye-catching miniatas. A couple of these were a Cornford bred red and a lovely pastel. As well as these they displayed their Tulip cream and a small Sahin twins dark orange with green centre. Of course the unusual splash coloured Fernvale Folly also took the eye.

A C. miniata of Cornford breeding with a huge dark red umbel was exhibited by Bruce Newton, as well as another vivid red from the Waglands. His green-centred yellow of Kev Walters breeding was a real eye-catcher. Lynette, a tall orange of Noel Giddings breeding also attracted plenty of attention. He also displayed a yellow seedling of Kirstenbosch breeding with beautiful furled petals.

Exhibiting his first clivias, Ray Robinson produced a Nakamura bred furled yellow with a nice round umbel. He also had a first flowering seedling bred by the late Noel Giddings. It was a darker yellow with a huge umbel.

Last but not least Scott Carter displayed an attractive huge yellow C. *miniata* as well as some nice large cuppy Corford orange/reds.

The Toowoomba Clivia Society is looking forward to next year's show, which hopefully will be bigger and better than ever. For those contemplating coming to Toowoomba for the show, it is held during the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers week which is the last full week in September, 2008.

Hopefully we might see some South Africans coming to Toowoomba on their way to the New Zealand Show. ▼

Brian Steven

Publicity Officer.

Toowoomba Clivia Society

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CLIVIA SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

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