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## THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CLIVIA SOCIETY

1. To coordinate the interests, activities and objectives of constituent Clivia Clubs and associate members;
2. 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 abovementioned 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

Here we go again!

I'm told by one who has faith in these things that the Spirit Guides tell their earthly confidants that we live in era of the acceleration of time. I cannot fault them! I also am involved in the teaching of sustainability. The one non-renewable resource we have is – TIME!

What I haven't yet heard from the earthly confidants of the Spirit Guides is that those that steal time are guilty of a heinous sin and as punishment it will see them trapped in an hourglass of huge size and measuring - with all guilty of the same crime – the time of eternity, forever being tipped and smothered by their own sort as the hourglass swings and empties.

I must admit that the task of editing this Newsletter sometimes makes me feel that I'm just such a victim. No sooner have I put one issue to rest than the hourglass swings and I'm smothered by the demands of the next!

We are in preparation for the AGM of the Clivia Society, this time to be hosted by the Cape Clivia Club in the Mother City. It is an important one since it heralds the 2010 quadrennial Clivia Society Congress, hosted by the same Club.

## SOCIETY CHAIR'S INVITATION

### 2009 AGM

*Dear Friends,*

**Notice of the 2009 AGM, to be held on 16 May 2009 in Cape Town, South Africa.**

#### **The venue**

All the events will take place at the Stone Cottage, Kirstenbosch, Cape Town.

#### **The preliminary program**

SATURDAY 16 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 15:00. Catered buffet with braai etc. from 17h00 onwards.

Perhaps, if you can, you should be there. See details in this issue.

We have in this issue reports on the annual activities for 2008 for most of the Clubs and Interest Groups. While we are squarely in the Electronic Era and the Age of Information, committing the record to paper somehow makes it indelible and until there is greater electronic dissemination of Clivia Society information, it remains one of the few ways members of clubs will discover what others are up to. While it does not necessarily make for an exciting read it does meet, I believe, one of the requirements of the Newsletter – that is to satisfy the dissemination of information on the activities of the members of the Clivia Society.

We have seen the passing of members of the Clivia Circle and their loved ones in the recent past. Our thoughts are particularly with Carrie Kruger and the tragic death of her young son, Jason. We cannot heal but only help balm the wounds of sorrow. In this issue we pay tribute to Bossie de Kock who tirelessly and unselfishly served the Society as treasurer, and take leave of a founding member, Eric Marsden. &

*Clivia greetings*

*Roger Fisher*

#### **Catering arrangements**

By 11 April one representative per club should inform us through the offices of the Clivia Society Secretary, Lena van der Merwe, who will attend

- (1) the Social function
- (2) the meetings on 16 May after the meeting.

#### **Accommodation in Cape Town**

Please contact Joy Woodward (capeclivia@ibox.co.za) for accommodation options.

We encourage chairpersons or representatives of Interest Groups to also attend the meeting. Please make a plan and be there.

*Hope to see you all on 16 May at the Stone Cottage.*

*Regards*

*Johan Spijs*

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## IN MEMORIAM

# Johannes Boshoff de Kock

(23 October 1941 – 13 February 2009)

**B**ossie de Kock was born on the Mpumalanga Highveld in the village of Middelburg where his dad owned the local Ford garage. He was the second youngest of three boys and a girl. He was married (later divorced) to Shirley.

As a banker for 30 years Bossie was the ideal candidate to be nominated for the position of treasurer of the Clivia Society (CS) in 2002. He was duly elected at the Annual General Meeting in Cape Town on 22 April 2002 and re-elected every year until he passed away on 13 February 2009. Bossie and the secretary, Lena van der Merwe, are the committee members who have served the longest on the Executive Committee of the Clivia Society since its inception. That is from 2002 till 2009.

Bossie was elected as the treasurer of the Northern Clivia Club (NCK) on 23 November 2002; also a position that he held until the end.

Bossie took great pride in taking care of the financial matters of the NCK and the



CS. Between him and the secretary (Lena) they handled all administrative matters of the NCK and CS by meeting once a month (or more frequently when needed), sorting out payments made, orders of publications, etc. and the posting of all publications – news letters, year-books and Cultivation of Clivias – to clubs, enthusiasts and the public.

Bossie as co-author of “Cultivation of Clivias” was responsible for ensuring that the content of the book was written for non-scientific persons, as both the other two authors were scientists and could easily get lost in scientific jargon. As the finance man he had to find advertisements and the finance to publish the book. A task he did well. Over 5 000 books have been sold to date.

Bossie was an avid gardener. His clivias were always well looked after. I still remember how disgusted he was when he found a clivia in his garden being devoured by the lily borers – hordes of them. (I have a photograph thereof taken for “Cultivation of Clivias”). He was overjoyed when a Cape Robin decided one of his clivias was the safest place to nest. The only trouble was he could not water the plant until the fledglings were out of the nest.

Bossie was very proud of his two sons and daughter and his grand children. He named his plants after them. The clivia Declan is in fact named after his grandson and I possess a clivia named Celeste, in honour of his daughter.

His friends, family and the clivia fraternity will miss Bossie. His friends, family and the clivia fraternity will remember him for all the good deeds he did during his life.

*We bade him fare ye well. &*

*Lena van der Merwe  
(Secretary to the Clivia Society)*



*Declan seedling*

## IN MEMORIAM

## Our way to remember a dear friend

We had the pleasure of staying with Bossie during the 2004 Northern Clivia Club Show. At that time he's pride and joy Clivia plant "Deklan" was in full bloom and he asked me to pollinate it with pollen of a large yellow given to him by a friend. During the 2005 Society AGM held in Pietermaritzburg Bossie gave me a fruit which contained 4 seeds. Three of these seedlings which included one yellow (see photos on previous page) flowered for the first time during September 2008. We consider ourselves very fortunate to be able to remember Bossie through these beautiful flowers which we will treasure.

*Farewell dear friend. &*

*Willie & Cynthia le Roux*



PHOTOS: WILLIE LE ROUX

## A tribute to Eric Marsden

Eric Marsden was called to be with God, whom he loved dearly, on the 6th of January 2009, 2 months and 3 days short of his 92nd birthday.

He was a founding member of the Cape Clivia Club.

He was born and bred Capetonian, born to Thomas and Kate Marsden. He attended and matriculated from SACS in Cape Town, a border at Rosedale. He played first team rugby and toured England with the team. He was vice head prefect and maintained his links with the Old boys of his matric class.

He married Peggy Parr Lightbody, and they had three daughters and a son. He worked for his brother Joseph in the family business of Castle Lead Works. In 1942 he purchased a house in Rondebosch where he spent most of his life cultivating his garden and growing grapes, roses, sweetpeas and clivias – in fact many of the flora of South Africa, even in his fish ponds. When I, as a young man being allowed to vote for the first time in the Rondebosch constituency, asked him what the difference was between the

policies of the Nationalist and United parties, he, after a long wait, said "One smiles in English, the other in Afrikaans."

He was a member of the Cape Horticultural Society where he won many prizes for his sweet peas. He then turned to cultivating roses. He joined the Rose Society where he won many prizes.

Then a new challenge presented itself – the Clivia. He then, with others including John Winter and Gert Wiese, instigated the formation of the Cape Clivia Club. Although he never held office he worked tirelessly in the backroom, giving of his time and money. He volunteered doing banners and posters for the shows, doing the artwork and getting the printing done. He spent many hours distributing and putting up the posters on poles all around Cape Town, having also himself arranged permission from the various municipalities. It must not be forgotten that between all this he had to find time to exhibit his own flowers on these shows! He had a deep self-taught knowledge of the flora of South Africa, which he freely shared

with anybody and everybody who asked.

He then sold his factory and retired to spend more time with his flowers. He always took interest in new members of the Club. He was a benefactor to all he knew in life, helping all who asked and walked that extra mile at any time.

When in his early nineties he had his first stroke, but this did not deter him. Eventually after suffering more strokes he moved into a retirement home in Durbanville, then into La Vie

frail care where he passed away.

We all know that you left this a better place than you found it, by helping whenever opportunity presented itself. We all benefited from knowing you. I recall your axiom "Why buy a Rolls Royce when you can rather gold-plate a Mini Minor?"

*We all salute you for what you have done for us. &*

*Derrick Marsden*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*The Editor,*

*Re: The formation of the Melbourne Clivia Group*

Contrary to a mischievous e-mail, (subsequently published in "Clivia Down Under" in Australia and in the last issue of the newsletter, "Clivia News"), there was no third or fourth or umpteenth attempt by me to set up a Melbourne group of Clivia enthusiasts in 2008. My personal intention was of course the opposite – to establish a club which could genuinely be described as "Clivia" because it included, as equals, general gardeners as well as enthusiasts.

And this is what happened, and without any dramatic coup d'état as also alleged.



*At the Fraser's Plant Fair, (left to right) George Simmler, Lisa Fox, David Bearlin and Di Matthews.*

For several years now, I have been advocating guaranteeing the colour (and constitution) of a very limited number of line bred cultivars, in order to popularize the growing of Clivia's by general gardeners, particularly in countries with a temperate climate like South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, California etc.

To date, there has been no formal discussion of this proposal. Instead a number of attempts to "shoot the messenger" – of which the above email is the latest.

Because the proposal could have widespread repercussions for Clivia growing (see my article 'The Future of Clivia Growing in Australia' in last December's *Clivia News*), I request that the editor actively solicit respectful rejoinders to that article.

*Sincerely*

*David Bearlin*

*Apology*

Because of the way the last Newsletter panned out, being an elision between numbers 3 and 4 of Volume 17, I had set up no 3 with the announcement of the formation of the MCG which I had as an electronic notification. I added in the text of the notification I'd received from the committee of the MCG when I had to expand the issue to two numbers.

I'm sorry that this was an error of judgement as I in no way wished to either compromise the intent of the submission by the MCG for publication or the integrity of the persons referred to in the original electronic posting.

*Roger Fisher – Editor, Clivia News.*

## Clivia Blues

A question for you all. Imagine the scene. There you are out walking in the beautiful South African landscape. The sun, shaded from you by an overgrowth of trees, is a balmy 27 degrees celsius. There is a fresh breeze, the birds are singing and all is well with the world. Particularly so because growing on the rocky slopes around you as you walk are groups of *Clivia*. Then you see it. Standing out from the crowd is this glorious wonder. The Holy Grail of *Clivia* grows everywhere. A pure blue *Clivia*. A beautiful full flower head, together with last year's scape with ripe seed pods, nestling just above this little pool.

Soon your exhilaration turns to concern, and then worry. What do you do now? Take it back to be part of your collection and you can enjoy its beauty at your leisure and be the envy of all. Think of the money from pollen and seed sales. Think of the fortune you would make from selling offsets on eBay!

But, just a minute, this is nature. This is a wondrous plant living in its correct habitat which has taken millions of years to develop. Removing it would destroy the natural ecology of the *Clivia* community in which it is growing. Quite apart from this you are sure there must be rules and regulations governing such things. You remember reading something about this years ago but things have probably changed by now

anyway. After all, it is only a *C. miniata*. Maybe you should leave it in habitat but return with some pollen from one of your special flowers and come back next year to collect the seeds? You sit and enjoy this glorious creation before returning to your hotel to consider matters.

Next day you return to the habitat to have one more look and finally decide what to do about this stunning *Clivia*. But, horror of horrors, nothing! No flower, no plant, no seeds, nothing. You know you have the exact location because of your digital photographs which you check again and again. But, no doubt, there is absolutely no sign of the plant. You search around getting more and more frantic but eventually have to accept the fact that nothing remains. Did you imagine it all? No, you have those photographs. Has some other, maybe less scrupulous, collector been since yesterday? Or a muti collector, possibly? Has some local fauna trampled and kicked it away so that it is now lost forever?

None of the foregoing are my question, however. What I want to know is what would you have done on your first visit? Also, of course, what should you have done?

As I said, thankfully I at least have those pictures... &

*Ian Coates*

PHOTO: IAN COATES





## READER'S OPINIONS

## L.A. LAW (Largely Awful)

At the Cape Clivia Club Meeting of 17th May 2008, we were entertained by two members of Cape Nature, who had come to explain what the Cape Nature and Environment Conservation Ordinance No. 19 of 1974 says with regard to clivias. Rarely have I seen so much dismay at one sitting. To my chagrin I must admit to not having done any homework in this regard in advance of the meeting. It is only since then, after having observed the effects of the speakers' words upon the membership of the tripleC, that I roused myself to getting down to a serious perusal of the Ordinance as well as the Regulations promulgated thereto (Nature Conservation Regulations under Ordinance No. 19 of 1974 with various amendments to 2001). A serious perusal? Get serious! What a strange, sometimes funny, piece of legislation this is. For one, the Regulations say things about the conditions under which one may keep dugongs and budgies. Also: "Subject to the provisions of section 65 (2) of the Ordinance, the fee payable by a registered protected flora seller for a license to sell protected flora, valid for three years, shall be R450, in respect of each premise...." Well, I may have a very unkind premise or two to offer regarding this document. Nevertheless, I recommend that all members get hold of copies of both the Ordinance and the Regulations to keep to hand for reference. Apparently these regulations are widely mirrored across the whole country, so what I have written here should have application to all South African clivia hobbyists.

In the Ordinance itself, the word "Clivia" does not appear. However clivias can be inferred from one entry in "Schedule 4 - Protected Flora", namely: "Family AMARYLLIDACEAE - all species". Regarding this ordinance, "protected flora" is defined as: "any species of flora specified in Schedule 4 or Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Washington, 1973; provided that it shall not include any species of flora specified in such Appendix and Schedule 3". There is no definition for "flora" itself. We therefore do not know whether the word refers

to South African flora, or the World flora.

I hope you can understand the definition of "protected flora"; I cannot claim to do so fully, particularly when we later appear to be excluding something we have included earlier. However I get the idea that this definition, specifically in our area of interest, must include not only South African indigenous amaryllids, but all amaryllid species of the world. So essentially you need a permit and much paperwork to trade in *Narcissus poeticus*, *Hippeastrum equestre*, *Lycoris aurea*; and not only *Clivia* species, here in the Cape. That's what it says!

However, there are two aspects of this all that do not appear to have been brought up before. Firstly regarding the Amaryllidaceae, the Ordinance says "all species". So this, by definition, leaves out "all hybrids". It must! This then puts us into the sticky area of exactly what a "species" is. There are hundreds of definitions of this term. For me, the only significant one is: A species is a group of naturally-occurring populations of similar, genetically-related organisms which interbreed to give rise to similar organisms and are isolated genetically by the so-called 'species barriers' from yet other less-closely-related organisms, the latter thus constituting different species.

We do indeed have true named interspecific *Clivia* hybrids in our collections and these, by definition, cannot be subject to the provisions of the Ordinance. At this point in the evolution of our hobby, the vast mass of the material in our growing areas is derived from man-made breeding and little of it satisfies any useful definition of "species". Even when a plant is a hybrid between two different clones of *Clivia miniata*, it is still a hybrid - an intraspecific one. Also, after a few generations under greenhouse conditions, what we grow is generally quite unfit for life in the wild. Can such plants thus ever be called "species"? What about "Belgian hybrids", "German hybrids", "Nakamura hybrids" - does the law consider some or all of these to be "species"?

The argument will be put forward that many bred plants in collections are indistinguishable from naturally occurring plants. However many cultivated plants do exhibit easily seen signs of their 'domestication'. These include variegated plants, short- and broad-leaved plants, the bulk of the yellow-flowered plants, etc. Expecting the grower to look to the Ordinance when dealing in Light of Buddha Darumas, borders on the preposterous. It would be more than easy in these special cases to exclude such plants from the provisions of the Ordinance.

It is only in the case where heritage and habitat plants of the various species are being maintained in a collection that the Ordinance may have some application, and even then there is little conservation value to making people keep records regarding the dispersal of some clone that has been knocking around in cultivation for 50 years.

There is yet another tack to approaching this awful relic of legislation - just ask the question: "Is *Clivia* really a member of the Amaryllidaceae?" In my opinion, one of the high priests of 21st century plant nomenclature is Rafaël Govaerts, author of *The World Checklist of Monocotyledons*, a project of the RBG, Kew. If you look up his resource on the Internet, you will find *Clivia* consigned to the family Alliaceae (the onion family). This may come as a bit of a surprise to those who are unable to think outside of the old box, but what Rafaël is doing is supporting a decision of the highest world authority on flowering plant taxonomy, the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG).

An updated system of plant taxonomy, the APG II system of plant classification was published in 2003 by the APG, as a successor to the original system of 1998. The APG II system recognises Alliaceae and places it in the order Asparagales, in the clade Monocots. APG II allows two options for the circumscription of this family:

- Alliaceae *sensu lato* ("in the wider sense"), including all the plants that were assigned to the families Agapanthaceae, Alliaceae and Amaryllidaceae in the 1998 APG system.
- Alliaceae *sensu stricto* ("in the strict sense"), unchanged from the 1998 APG system, excluding the plants then forming the families Agapanthaceae and Amaryllidaceae

Rafaël has chosen to go with the former circumscription.

This points to one reason for ignoring the Cape Nature and Environment Conservation Ordinance; it is quite reasonable in 2009 to argue that *clivias* are members of the Alliaceae and they are thus not covered anywhere in the provisions of the document. When a stupid law is being upheld, surely it is reasonable to respond with stupidity.

The idea of putting Amaryllidaceae and Agapanthaceae into Alliaceae is quite appealing, after all, all three families are 'lilies' which have their flowers mostly presented in an umbel-like display, amidst an involucre (a cluster of subtending bracts), atop a peduncle.

On examining some quick distance trees I generated on Blast utilising various gene sequences available on GenBank, it is obvious that *Agapanthus* is very close to Amaryllidaceae (s. s.) cohering neatly in a basal position to the amaryllid group (except when utilising the *trnL* gene), but Alliaceae (s. s.) is nowhere to be seen in any of these diagrams.

So I think that the idea of incorporating Amaryllidaceae and Agapanthaceae into Alliaceae is a bit of a crock, but Agapanthaceae can probably be validly and usefully incorporated into Amaryllidaceae. This fusion could perhaps be further supported by an examination of *Cryptostephanus*, the species of which displays a bouquet of characteristics which appear to be somewhat intermediate between *Agapanthus* and *Clivia*. DNA phylogeny does, however, indicate that *Cryptostephanus* is close to *Clivia* and not particularly near *Agapanthus* at all. *Cryptostephanus* can nevertheless perhaps be viewed as a *Clivia* which is exhibiting rather more of those primitive characteristics derived from a common *Agapanthus*+Amaryllid ancestor.

Additionally, amongst a batch of *clivias* which I acquired, one flowered out as an *agapanthus* before I had even realised that there was anything amiss. It was a pretty, dark-flowered, broad-leaved clone of *Agapanthus*, and the plant was almost a dead-ringer for a *clivia* except that the leaves were rather softer. I take this opportunity of pointing out this display of stupidity on my part to impress upon the reader

how close the basic vegetative structure of *Clivia* is to that of *Agapanthus*.

While this Ordinance does annoy me greatly, I definitely do not go against what it would hope to achieve. I really do want people to leave clivias in the wild strictly alone. One reason for the founding of the Clivia Club/Society was to do precisely that - to provide a source of cultivated material of *Clivia*, so as to remove collecting pressure on the wild stock. To go further, I think all members of the Clivia Society should swear an oath to never touch any wild clivia unless they do so through completely legal channels.

In 2009, hobbyists are no longer any great threat to wild clivia stocks, the 'domesticated' stock having, in general, the much more desirable characteristics required to satisfy their needs. It is unlikely that any wild collected plant would now win any standard class at a show. The great passive threats to clivias are urban expansion, agriculture, forestry and habitat destruction. Global warming is also likely to cook some populations into extinction. The major active threat to clivias is the muti trade. I do not think that the Ordinance addresses any of these threats in any way, and thus does not promote the survival of

*Clivia* species *in situ* at all.

Perhaps the pushing of permits and paperwork by provincial puppets onto perplexed plantspeople provides paying posts for people primarily pandering to perverse politicians and precludes purposeful plant protection? (That's one hell of a lot of 'p').

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## STORIES BEHIND THE COVERS

### THE BEARDED MAN COMPLEX

**B**earded Man is located on the Swaziland border, a transitional area between the two species of the genus *Clivia*, namely *Clivia miniata* and *Clivia caulescens*. It is also the area of the naturally occurring hybrid, formally named *Clivia x nimbicola*.

#### Front Cover

Featured is the flower of one of the hybrid forms of *C. x nimbicola* from one of the distinct habitat areas, the plant grown and flowered by Attie le Roux of White River.

#### Back Cover

The two forms of *C. miniata* of the same habitat illustrated have been photographed by Felicity Weeden. &



PHOTOS: FELICITY WEEDEN

## CLUBS &amp; INTEREST GROUPS

## CLIVIA CLUB SHOWS, MARKETS, DISPLAYS, EXPO'S AND EXHIBITIONS FOR 2009

NAME OF CLUB	DATES 2009	TIMES	VENUE	ENTRANCE FEES	CONTACT PERSON / S
KwaZulu Natal Clivia Club - Pietermaritzburg	9 May 2009 Gardenii SHOW	Saturday: 10:00 – 15:00	Anglican Church Hall Howick	R 5,00 per person Children under 12 free	Val T : 031-763 5736 John H : 083 660 1275 Brian T : 033 – 344 3585
KwaZulu Natal Clivia Club - Pietermaritzburg	10 May 2009 Open Garden & Nursery	Sunday: 10:00	Homes of Pieter & Francois Van Rooyen, Krantzkop	No Charge	Francois: 076 487 0300 Pieter : 033 – 412 2844 In evenings.
Lowveld Clivia Interest Group – Nelspruit	30 May 2009 Gardenii SHOW	09:00 – 17:00	Lowveld Botanical Garden Environmental Education Centre – on R40 road to White River	No Charge	Maria G : 083 457 1176 Paul K: 082 578 5289 Ian R: 082 379 0405
Northern Clivia Club – Pretoria	18 July 2009 Mini Show	Saturday : 11:00 – 15:00	Lapa, Forensic Sciences, Pretoria Road, Silverton.	No Charge	Christo T: 082 497 5879
Lowveld Clivia Interest Group – Nelspruit	27 June 2009 Interspecific SHOW	09:00 – 13:00	Lowveld Botanical Garden Environmental Education Centre – on R40 road to White River	No Charge	Maria G : 083 457 1176 Paul K: 082 578 5289 Ian R: 082 379 0405
KwaZulu Natal Clivia Club - Pietermaritzburg	25 July 2009 Interspecific DISPLAY	Saturday : 11:00 – 16:00	Home of John Handman – Merrivale – Phone for directions	No Charge	Val T : 031-763 5736 John H : 083 660 1275 Brian T : 033 – 344 3585
Waterberg Bostelie Groep – Nylstroom	28 – 29 August 2009 SHOW & Stalls	Friday : 06:00 – 18:00 Saturday: 08:00 – 15:00	Dopper Hall, Nylstroom	R10,00 per Adult	Ans J : 014-717 3674 082 372 0765

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Northern KZN Clivia Club – New Castle	29 August 2009 SHOW & Clivia market	Saturday: 3:00 - 16:00	Newtech, FW Beyers Drive, Barry Hertzog Park, Newcastle	No Charge	Hottie H: 034-318 1327
Lowveld Clivia Interest Group – Nelspruit	29 – 30 August 2009 Exhibition	Saturday: 09:00 - 18:00 Sunday : 09:00 - 15:00	Riverside Mall on R40 to White River , Nelspruit	No Charge	Maria G : 083 457 1176 Paul K: 082 578 5289 Ian R: 082 379 0405
Northern Free State Clivia Club – Welkom	3 – 6 September 2009 Expo	Weekdays:08:00 – 17:00 Saturday : 08:00 - 16:00 Sunday : 09:00 – 13:00	Alma Nursery, Alma Road, Welkom	No Charge	Louis C : 057-357 6067
Waterberg Bostelle Groep – Nylstroom	5 September 2009 EXHIBITION & Stalls	Saturday: 08:00 – 16:00	Dutch Reform Church East, Magazyn Street, Nylstroom	No Charge	Ans J : 014-717 3674 082 372 0765
Northern Clivia Club – Pretoria	5 – 6 September 2009 SHOW & Clivia Market	Saturday: 08:00 – 17:00 Sunday : 09:00 – 15:00	Anton van Wouw Primary School, C/O Dey & Lange Streets, New Muckleneuk	R15,00 per person over 12 years old	Christo T: 082 497 5879
Cape Clivia Club – Cape Town	5 - 6 September 2009 Display	09:00 – 17:00	Sanlam Hall, Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, Newlands	Fee of Kirstenbosch	John W: 082 575 7202 Ian B: 021 689 3901
Cape Clivia Club – Cape Town	12 – 13 September 2009 Display	09:00 – 17:00	Sanlam Hall, Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, Newlands	Fee of Kirstenbosch	John W: 082 575 7202 Ian B: 021 689 3901

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Cape Clivia Club – Cape Town	12 – 13 September 2009 – Display	09:00 – 17:00	Willowbridge Shopping Centre, Durbanville	No Charge	Eugene M: 021-914 0465 083 444 9709
Joburg Clivia Club – Johannesburg	12 - 13 September 2009 – SHOW	Saturday: 08:30 – 17:00 Sunday : 08:30 – 16:00	Garden World Nursery, Beyers Naude Drive(M5), Muldersdrift	R10.00 per person over 12 years	Maylene : 011-706 2660 Bream : 011-475 2586 Glynn M : 082 650 1463
Lowveld Clivia Interest Group – Nelspruit	12 – 13 September 2009 - SHOW & Clivia Market	Saturday : 09:00 - 17:00 Sunda y : 09:00 - 12:00	Bergvlam High School, Geelthout Avenue, Nelspruit	R10.00 per person over 12 years	Maria G : 083 457 1176 Paul K: 082 578 5289 Ian R: 082 379 0405
Cape Clivia Club – Cape Town	19 – 20 September 2009 - SHOW	09:00 – 17:00	Belville Civic Centre, Voortrekker Road, Belville	R10.00 per person over 12 years R 5.00 Pensioners	Joy W: 021-671 7384 Gerrit v W: 021-976 8924
Overberg Clivia Interest Group – Hermanus	24 – 26 September 2009 – SHOW	09:00 – 17:00	Round Hall, N G Church Hermanus, Central- Opp. Absa Bank.	R10.00 per person over 12 years	Felicity W : 084 5838 297 Felicity W : 028 316 3092 Dries D : 072 904 0415
KwaZulu Natal Clivia Club • Pietermaritzburg	12 - 13 September 2009 – Miniata SHOW & Clivia Market	Saturday : 9:00 – 16:00 Sunday: 9:00 - 15:30	Royal Show Grounds Pietermaritzburg	R 10.00 per person Children under 12 free	Val T : 031-763 5736 John H : 083 660 1275 Brian T : 033 – 344 3585 Miranda : 083 254 0796
Free State Clivia Club Bloemfontein	19 September 2009 - SHOW	Saturday: 8.00 - 14.00	Sand du Plessis Secondary School, Currie Avenue Bloemfontein.	R 5.00 per person: Children R2.00	Hennie vd M: 083 5119519 Piet L: 051-5228963

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Overberg Clivia Interest Group – Grabouw	21 – 30 September 2009 - <b>EXHIBITION</b>	09:00 – 17:00	Peregrine Farm Stall & Nursery, Grabouw	<b>No Charge</b>	Felicity W : 084 5898 297 Jessie W : 083 458 3790
KwaZulu Natal Clivia Club - Pietermaritzburg	Sunday Tribune Home and Garden Show - 25 – 27 September 2009 - Clivia Display Plant and Seed Sales Stands	Friday : 09:00 – 17:00 Saturday : 09:00 – 17:00 Sunday : 09:00 – 17:00	Royal Show Grounds Pietermaritzburg	R 35.00 Adults R 18.00 Pensioners R 18.00 Children	Val T : 031-763 5736 John H : 083 660 1275 Brian T : 033 – 344 3585 Miranda : 083 254 0796
Garden Route Clivia Club – George	26 - 27 September 2009 – <b>SHOW</b>	Saturday: 09:00 -17:00 Sunday : 09:00 – 13:00	Outeniqua Primary School, C/O Cradock & Cathedral St, George	R10.00 per adult Children free	Ida E : 072 613 6066
Eastern Province Clivia Club – Port Elizabeth	3 – 4 October 2009 – <b>SHOW</b>	Saturday: 08:30 - 17:00 Sunday : 08:30 - 16:00	D F Matherbe School Hall, 14 th Avenue , Walmer , Port Elizabeth	R 5.00 per person over 12 years	Johan B : 082 891 1545 Gideon B: 079 490 0550
Cape Clivia Club – Cape Town	3 – 6 October 2009 - Display	09:00 – 17:00	Sanlam Hall, Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, Newlands	<b>Fee of Kirstenbosch</b>	John W : 082 575 7202 Ian B: 021 689 3901
Border Clivia Interest Group - East – London	10 – 11 October 2009 – <b>SHOW –</b> Display & Clivia Market	Saturday: 08:00 – 17:00 Sunday : 08:00 – 12:00	Pioneer Nursery, Gonubie	<b>No Charge</b>	Glenn M : 071 421 7812 Peter M : 083 463 6229

## HABITAT CLIVIA

## RIVERINE CLIVIAS OF THE EASTERN CAPE'S WILD COAST

There has been so much talk about the diversity of *Clivia* population in this part of the world that three of us planned an expedition to explore one of the rivers in what was formerly known as the Transkei.

Two friends and I decided to do this trip in late September 2008 and we arranged to meet along the way and travel to the coast.

We arrived at our destination in the early afternoon and set out on a hiking tour on a trail leading up-river. Our plan was to do our canoe trip as far up the river as was practical the next morning.

On our hike on the first day we were amazed by the beauty of forest with its lush vegetation. Dominant plants were *Dracaena alectrifomis*, *Strangeria eriopus* (Cycad) and huge *Euphorbia triangularis* trees along the riverbank.

After about an hour's walk we encountered the first plants of *Clivia miniata*. These plants were growing among rocks that had tumbled from the cliffs above and there were also plants clinging precariously to the towering cliffs or growing on top of huge boulders in leaf litter. Many were in flower, some with pastel colours and some the normal orange in colour. There were also many plants of a broad-leaf form of *Haemanthus albiflos* – the white paintbrush which also grew on the cliffs together with the beautiful mottle-leaved orchid, *Stenoglottis fimbriata*.

As it was getting late we decided to continue our exploration the next day as this would take us further up the river.

We set off early the next morning after a hearty breakfast on the incoming tide. The weather was good with a slight breeze. As we proceeded



A striped beauty



Cliff hanger



Clivia at rivers edge



Clivia nobilis



*Clivia nobilis*

Heading up-river



Cycad growing in cliff



Lush riverine forest

close to the south bank we were struck by the lushness of the forest, the huge cliffs and the presence of fish eagles and two varieties of kingfishers.

From time to time we could see clivias in flower through the trees overhanging the bank and we were surprised to see them growing between 1-2 metres above the water line where they would surely get salt spray during a storm. The plants looked perfectly happy under these conditions.

Now and again we pulled up to the bank to see the populations from a closer perspective. We saw a small population of "close to" red *C. miniata* but otherwise there were mainly pastels and oranges.

We came across one of the most southerly – situated Mangrove swamps with crabs scurrying among their strange stilt like roots sticking above the mud. Of great interest, as we proceeded further was the colony of *Clivia Nobilis* plants growing between two populations of *C. miniata*. The *C. nobilis* were very robust plants, up to one metre in height. These *C. nobilis* have maintained their genetic integrity as they are

well-distanced from the *C. miniata*.

The plants were mainly growing on boulders along the riverbank where they received late afternoon sun. A number of the *C. nobilis* were in flower and the colours ranged from pastel through to red. Some of the plants showed prominent median leaf stripes. After about 4,5 km traveling up-river we decided to turn back and explore a small rocky gorge we had passed on the way. The river had also got shallower at this point and we succeeded in running the canoe over stones on the bottom, and this was something we came to regret later.

We reached the gorge, beached the canoe (on rocks) and climbed up to explore the cliffs for Lithophytes. There were many clivias (*C. miniata*) growing on the cliffs and I was able to get good pictures.

When we returned to the canoe and started to push it out we were horrified to discover that we had in fact holed it and it had gathered water and sank! This was a predicament for us as the only way to get back to civilization now was by swimming as the cliffs were impossible to climb.

*C. miniata* population

PHOTOS: WELLAND COWLEY

*C. nobilis* on riverbank*C. miniata*s near river edge

This was not a welcome prospect so we decided to empty the canoe and make for the opposite bank as fast as possible where there was a landing place. We hoped to empty the canoe there and proceed to base by zig-zagging and emptying. We nearly did not make the opposite bank as the wind had come up and we were in a storm with waves breaking over the front of the canoe. To crown it all a fish jumped into the boat in mid-stream and landed on my lap which made me stop paddling while trying to get rid of it. We were sitting in the water in a sinking canoe and were well-doused and dunked by the time we reached the opposite bank but I was fortunately able to keep my camera out of the water.

After emptying the canoe we realized that we had a supermarket plastic carrier bag with us – it had held our lunch. We got the brilliant idea of forcing it into the hole with my bush knife and that's how we managed to get back – late and wet but thankful to have survived the river – against the tide, waves and wind. We vowed to take a roll of duct tape with us next time.

All in all it was a glorious experience and we brought back memories of a forest where wild clivias abounded among beautiful trees and mossy stones, serenaded by the lapping of cool waters. &

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## SOCIETY MATTERS

# MINUTES OF CLIVIA SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 24 MAY 2008 (KRUGERSDORP) [UNAPPROVED VERSION]

## 1. Welcome

The chairperson, Johan Spies, extended a special welcome to James and Connie Abel, past Chairman and honorary member, Tino and Marietta Ferero, past chairman and honorary member, and Oom Pat (Mr Pat Gore), who has yet to miss an AGM of the Clivia Society. He also thanked Glynn Middlewick and the Joburg Clivia Club for hosting the AGM, and the get together this evening. He explained that all were free to ask questions, but that only official delegates were entitled to vote. Johan also expressed his sincere thanks to all who had travelled far to attend the meeting. All the documents were distributed in time and would be considered as read. The languages of the meeting are Afrikaans and English.

## 2. Constituting the meeting

The following proxies was recorded: Ken Smith (Proxy to Lena v d Merwe) and Willie le Roux (alternate for André Calitz). The members attending the meeting constituted a quorum and the chairman declared the meeting duly constituted (proposed by John van der Linde and seconded by Claude Felbert).

## 3. Attendance register

### Present:

Ex Officio: Johan Spies (chairman) and Peter Lambert, (Vice Chairman)

Cape Clivia Club: John van der Linde and Claude Felbert

Eastern Province Clivia Club: Sam Plaatjies, John Roderick and Willie le Roux

Northern Clivia Club: Bossie de Kock, Peter Lambert and Lena v/d Merwe

KwaZulu-Natal: Brain Tarr and Francois van Rooyen

Garden Route Clivia Club: Piet Theron

Free State Clivia Club: Hennie van der Mescht and Neil Nathan (alternate)

Joburg Clivia Club: Glynn Middlewick and Koos Geldenhuys

Northern Free State: Louis Chadinha

Apologies: Ken Smith, Aart van Voorst, Jim Shields and Jaco Nel, (representatives for associate members).

An attendance register was circulated to record others attending the meeting. A total of 57 members and Club members attended 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 12 May 2007

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 May 2007 were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting (proposed by John Roderick and seconded by Koos Geldenhuys).

## 5. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

## 6. Honorary membership

None.

## 7. Clivia Society Conference in 2010

The quadrennial Conference will be held in Cape Town with the Cape Clivia Club

as host. The Clivia Society management will organise the program of the papers. To plan the tours everybody's show dates are needed as soon as possible (within two months from this date).

## 8. Amendments to the Clivia Society Constitution

None

## 9. Chinese Affiliation

A Chinese Clivia Club seeks affiliation with the Clivia Society. There are however a few challenges, such as, for instance, language and relative weight in numbers.

## 10. Financial Reports

The following proposals were made:

- Escalate the membership fees annually instead of a large increase every third or fourth year
- Raise a levy of say 1 % on every club and associate member to fund part of the expenses of the conference
- The Club hosting the conference gets a loan as bridging capital from the Clivia Society.
- All Clubs should offer assistance to the hosting Club with the organizing of the Conference.

John van der Linde expressed his concern regarding membership growth of the Clivia Society. Large Clubs lose personal contact with members and finding a large enough venue for the annual show gets problematic.

Peter Lambert and Willie le Roux suggest that young people should be drawn to join the Clubs as the average age of the members is increasing over the years. When asked why members did not renew their membership the answer is "I forgot". Koos Geldenhuys suggests that the overseas membership should be based on the current exchange rate of the US\$ instead of a fixed Rand value.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports were unanimously accepted as proposed by Koos Geldenhuys and seconded by John Roderick.

## 11. Appointment of auditor

The current firm of auditors, Snijders and Associates, was proposed by Koos Geldenhuys and seconded by Neil Nathan.

## 12. Budget for 2009

The new committee should look into installing an ASDL line.

The meeting approved the proposed budget for 2009 as proposed by Koos Geldenhuys and seconded by Louis Chadinha.

## 13. Other Reports

### 13.1 Yearbook 9 of 2007

Johan Spies congratulated the editors on the excellent publication.

### 13.2 Newsletter

Thanks to Roger Fisher. Please members send in news and articles.

### 13.3 Research

Johan Spies, as research leader of seven postgraduate students at University of the Free State, gave a paper on the progress made on the genetics of Clivia. Preliminary results show that Clivia is a tetraploid and not a diploid plant.

### 13.4 Public Relations Officer.

Report received with thanks from Sakkie Nel.

### 13.5 Registration of the genus *Clivia*.

The report was received late for inclusion into the documentation and was distributed at the meeting. The meeting requested the publishing of the register. It may be part of the quarterly Clivia News. The owner(s) of the plant(s) have to pay a levy per page published

### 13.6 Website

No report received from Chris Vlok. The question was asked how regularly do members visit the website. Claude Felbert is of the opinion that not enough use is made of the website. Contact Chris Vlok directly.

13.7 Standards and Judging Committee  
A request was made for courses in judging.

13.8 Reports from Clubs  
Willie le Roux pointed out that their annual show dates are 27 and 28 September. A word of thanks to all Clubs for the excellent work done in their region in promoting Clivia.

13.9 Chairman's report  
Peter Lambert (vice chairman) took the chair while Johan Spies addressed the meeting. He thanked Sakkie Nel for his efforts in taking Ian Coates to *Clivia mirabilis* habitat and exposing him to typical Boesmanland hospitality.

Johan presented James and Connie Abel with a merit award thanking them for the many habitat tours organized by them and especially the October 2007 tour to eastern Mpumalanga to the *C. caulescens* habitats. The rain prevented a visit to Bearded Man, but the unplanned Kruger Game Park visit was worthwhile.

James Able spoke a word of thanks to Johan and the other members serving on the Clivia Society committees. He expressed his delight at the vigour with which the meeting was conducted in spite of an unexpected power failure (beurkrag). His anxiety is: are we growing or not? How can we take Clivia to a higher plane? To all those who are talking clivia thank you for what you have done.

Tino Ferero thanked Glynn Middlewick and the Joburg Clivia Club (JCC) for arranging this meeting. The JCC arose from the Northern Clivia Club and they are growing day by day.

#### 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. Christo Topham was the only nomination as vice Chairman and unanimously elected.

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. Ken Smith, proposed by Bossie de Kock and seconded by Willie le Roux, was duly elected.

#### 15. Election/Appointment of members for sub-committees

Public Relations Officer: Sakkie Nel and Gideon Botha (EPCC member).

Yearbook editor: Roger Fisher and R Dixon  
Newsletter: R Fisher and Willie le Roux as additional member.

Registrar: Ken Smith and John Roderick (EPCC), Peter Lambert, (NCC) and Maylene Turner (JCC).

Website: Chris Vlok and Roger Dixon (NCC) and Wimpie Maass (EPCC).

Research: Johan Spies as convenor. John Roderick and Hannes Robbertse.

Standards and judging: Koos Geldenhuys, A Calitz (EPCC) and Henriette Stroh (NCC).

#### 16. Hosting of Annual General Meeting in 2009

The Meeting decided on the Cape Clivia Club as host of the next AGM in 2009.

#### 17. Honoraria

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

**18. Closure**

The meeting was declared closed at 15:45. The Chairman thanked the meeting for the pleasant positive spirit and wished delegates a safe drive back home.

Claude Felbert informed the meeting about the new colour chart. A quote of R 200 000-00 was received. He, on behalf of the CCC, offered equity in the project; first to Clubs and then to interested parties.

John van der Linde advertised the second edition of Graham Duncan's book, *Grow Clivias* @ R 100-00. This price is a special price to the CCC.

Connie Abel thanked the Clivia Society for the fantastic award, which left James and her speechless when awarded earlier.

Roger Fisher referred to the Clubs' talks delivered monthly or so often. Please send them through to be published in the Clivia News or Yearbook. You may write in English or Afrikaans, as he will translate the article.

James is preparing a CD on *Clivia* habits, variegation, etc. If interested in it, contact him. &

*Prof. J Spies (Chairman)*

*Dr. MJ van der Merwe (Secretary)*

**ADVERTISEMENTS**

Tariffs for advertising in the Clivia Society Newsletter:

Smalls (1 to 6 lines):	R25.00	Full Page:	R250.00
Smalls (7 to 10 lines):	R30.00	A5 separate page insert:	R600.00
Quarter page:	R70.00	A4 separate page insert:	R800.00
Half page:	R125.00		

(You will be sent an account from the treasurer for the appropriate amount.)

**PRIVATE ADVERTISEMENTS**

- **Thurlow Flora:** We have on offer a large variety of carefully bred seedlings and mature plants for sale. We specialise in pastel colours, oddities, species and original wild collected and named clones of clivia. Mail order and visitors welcome. For our latest plant list please contact Sean and Terri Chubb. Tel: 031 781 1978 e-mail: terric@iafrica.com. We also have available a few hundred different named daylily clones.
- ***Clivia miniata*** seed R200 per kg – plants from R2 each. Roly's Special Pastels seed R500 per kg – plant price on application. Roly Strachan, Box 57, Highflats, 3360 or Tel. 039-8350085 evenings only.
- ***Swamp gardenii* and *miniata*** seed and seedlings available from various Natal and Transkei locations. Phone Andrew (039) 313 5024 a/h or cell 082 784 5401.
- ***Clivia* species, interspecifics and specialities.** Participate in our coordinated imports and exports of seeds and plants – Asia, Australia and New Zealand, North America and Europe. Connie Abel, Pretoria, +27-12-361 6406 or jcabel@absmail.co.za
- **Clivian Plant Sale - Nylstroom/Modimolle:** Due to space requirement we have decided to offer the contents of my Nursery House 4 at CUT PRICE! The plants originated from many Clivia gurus such as Gert Esterhuizen, Christo Letter, P Nel, Bertie Gillaume, Dave van der Berg, Wessel Lotter, the late Fanie van der Westhuizen & Ammie Grobler. CONTENTS: 90 Broadleaf plants (4-8 years old), 50 Mature large plants (4-8 years old), 320 assorted orange hybrids, 5 large yellow plants (7 - 10 yrs), 15 yellows (4-6 yrs) 5 variegated young plants, 10 Intespecific plants (4-6 yrs) 3 *C. gardenii*, 2 *C. caulescens*. Total = 500 plants for only R22 000.00. Free delivery within 200 kilometer from Nylstroom can be arranged. The plants can be viewed from 23 rd of November onwards. Please make an appointment, Ans Jacobs: Tel. 014 717 3674 or 082 372 0765.

## ANNUAL REPORTS - 2008

CAPE CLIVIA CLUB  
ANNUAL REPORT

2008 has been a year of change which has presented many challenges. John Winter, the only chairman to date, retired. Heinie Heydenrych started the year as chairman but unfortunately, after only a few months, was not able to continue for personal reasons. I accepted the Chair after a flutter of hesitation! I am sure you will agree that it is no small feat to follow in the footsteps of John Winter! I have been very grateful to the strong committee that has supported me and worked together to adjust to the changes.

Finding a suitable venue for general meetings has been a challenge. For many years we have enjoyed the wonderful venues at Kirstenbosch Gardens free of charge. Sadly this is no longer available to the club. The Committee is still endeavouring to find a suitable alternative venue in the Southern Suburbs. In the Northern Suburbs we held meetings at the Eversdal School and at the Cape Hunt and Polo Club while we waited for the renovations to the Durbanville Library to be completed. It has proved worth the wait and we hope we can continue to meet in this very pleasant venue for some time to come.

One of the major challenges facing the Committee is the discontinuation of the annual seed and plant distribution that has been coordinated by Mick Dower and John Winter for several years. The Club always received 15% of all proceeds of this project which gave the Club an annual injection of some R30 000 which, among other things, enabled the members to receive a subsidy on membership fees for quite a few years. The Committee is looking to do its own seed and plant distribution project with members who would like to sell and share top quality seeds and plants with all the members of the club. I am sure, with the support of the members, this will be equally successful. However, in the meantime, there is a gap in our financial income and together with additional increasing expenses, this is a serious challenge to the Committee.

On a positive note, again the Show was the highlight of the year, efficiently coordinated again by Gerrit van Wyk. As always it was a

magnificent display of Clivia in all its variety and was well supported by the public. The Indigenous Bulb Society once again put on a display of indigenous spring flowers which added additional interest for the visitor. The Bellville Civic Centre has proved to be an ideal venue for our Show. For this reason the Committee has agreed to continue using this venue despite a substantial increase in the rental. The success of the Show depends on the participation of members in every capacity. This is our main income earner. I would like to see all members getting involved and supporting this event.

For the first time a Show was held in Hermanus, co-ordinated by Felicity Weeden who leads the Overberg Interest Group. Congratulations to Felicity and her team for a successful show - may this be the first of many. Two successful displays were held at Kirstenbosch Gardens, before and after the Show, which included an exhibit of *Clivia mirabilis*. A Display was held in Grabouw and for the first time a display was held in the Willowbridge Shopping Centre in Bellville, enthusiastically arranged by Eugene Malherbe.

This year the Colour Chart project came to fruition. The Colour Chart is the culmination of four years of research and effort by Mick Dower and Claude Felbert. This is being marketed throughout the world and we are very proud that this has initiated by our Club. Congratulations to Mick and Claude and just to mention that this project has now been taken over by Dave Garriock.

We are very grateful to Pieter van der Merwe who has taken over the compilation and editing of the Cape News and continues to provide this valuable medium for members to share their comments and experiences. Cape News is available to all via the e.mail. Please make sure that you keep us informed of your e.mail address so that you can continue to receive this colourful and informative newsletter. Workshops again proved that members appreciate hands on advice. These workshops will continue to be offered to members in both the Southern and Northern Suburbs.

My gracious thanks to John Winter, Ian Brown and Eugene Malherbe for their enthusiastic contribution.

Again, my sincere thanks to all of the Committee who give their time freely and enthusiastically in support of the Club. I know that with their efforts and your support the year ahead will be another busy, enjoyable and successful one promoting, growing and breeding Clivia.

And finally, they say behind every successful man there is a woman, rather in the Club's case behind every successful Committee there is a woman. I would just like to express my and the Committee's sincere and gracious thanks for all the dedication and hard work that Joy Woodward puts into the Club to make things run smoothly and successfully.

Also just to mention that the Cape Clivia Club now also has its own website - <http://www.miniata.co.za>. &

*Mickey Hoctor*

## EASTERN CAPE CLIVIA CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I submit this report on behalf of the Eastern Province Clivia Club. The year in review was phenomenal - not only for the massive strides the club has taken but also the steady increase in growth. This year we elected a new Committee as well and it would be remiss not to laud them for their impressive contribution to the club and service to our members.

One of the year's highlights include as always the Society's AGM during which the executive committee were elected. This proved to be a very informative and enlightening in particular the reports on the latest research done on *Clivia* as well as new theories on the cultivation of *Clivia*. It provided further also for the exchange of ideas and record of the growth of the club as well as new developments within the Society.

The other highlights were the Mini-Interspecific Show during July 2008 which was well attended and had a number of excellent quality plants on exhibit. The Annual Clivia Show was a huge success in terms of the number of plants entered, the quality of the plants on display as well as the number of visitors and enthusiasts attending. Arguably this is due to the bigger and new venue at High School DF Malherbe in

Walmer, Port Elizabeth. These shows enable the Club opportunity to generate revenue as well as recruiting new members / Clivia enthusiasts. Of specific note is the tireless efforts of assigned mentors and specialists who give talks, demonstrations and assistance to the public, schools etc. to promote the interest in Clivia.

I further wish to applaud and express gratitude to committee members as well as other members that volunteered and assisted the club to make these events such a big success. Without your tireless efforts and dedication none of the club's achievements would have been possible. It is important to continually recruit, mentor and involve new members in leadership roles since it is a sure recipe for growth and development within the Club and Society. I further would like to express gratitude towards the sponsors and supporters that assisted in making the events for the year a great success. The challenge would be to supersede the achievements of the past year.

The past year had an economic downturn that has affected us all. We are all facing the challenge of finding new and innovated ways of generating income. We lost some of our members due to various reasons such as re-allocation, health and personal circumstances to name but a few. The challenges for 2009 are amongst others to keep increasing our membership and to create interest in Clivia amongst the broader public.

The year 2009 stretches ahead of us full of promise, hope, opportunity and success. It is my wish that these will become a reality for all of you. God's richest blessings for you all. &

*Sam Plaatjies*

## FREE STATE CLIVIA CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2008 was a good one for our Club. We, in the course of the year, covered the following subjects –

1. The difference between a Peach and an Apricot
2. The influence of light on the colour of flowers
3. Clivia in nature
4. Photography
5. Clivia diseases



The show was a highlight. André van Rhyn was the chief judge. He also showed new judges the finer points of judging. There was high appreciation for the manner in which he did this.

Workshops were held where new members had the way in which seeds are germinated demonstrated. There were many new members who joined us in the course of the year. The club is constantly striving to recruit new members. Interest in the club continues to grow in the central Free State.

The involvement of members and the faithful attendance of meetings and our show is proof of a lively interest in our Club. While I this year lay down the reins I wish the new management every best wish and may our club go from strength to strength. &

*Hennie van der Mescht*

## **JOBURG CLIVIA CLUB ANNUAL REPORT**

**T**he Joburg Clivia Club held their Annual General Meeting on the 28th February 2009 with the re-election of the previous committee. The challenge that the committee faces, is to ensure that the show this year is bigger and better than the 2008 show.

The club continues to grow with a membership of 137 members at the end of the 2008. Meetings with talks on various clivia related topics continue to be presented on a monthly basis.

Our web site may be found at [www.joburgclivioclub.co.za](http://www.joburgclivioclub.co.za). &

*Glynn Middlewick*

## **GARDEN ROUTE CLIVIA CLUB ANNUAL REPORT**

**O**nce more we as a club on the beautiful Garden Route look back with immense gratitude to a very successful and busy 2008 – full of excitement and wonderful experiences, for which each of the committee members made a contribution, time, dedication and co-operation, with a wide interest of Club

members who supported us with so much enthusiasm and co-operation that the Club grew and strongly expanded bringing so much of the joy of clivias to so many.

At our April meeting we were fortunate to have Prof Johan Spies giving a lecture on breeding for colour and other recent developments on breeding and research. This was very well attended and received.

During May I had the privilege to attend the AGM in Johannesburg. This is always a most enjoyable and enlightening occasion. My report is available from Ida and Kobus.

The Mid year meeting was highlighted by the interspecifics on Show. There were more entries than the previous year and participation needs to be encouraged as this opens up the possibility of new colour combinations and shapes of plants and flowers.

At present we have a membership of 87, a significant growth from the 68 of last year. Most are very enthusiastic and have already made a contribution with the organisation of the Club, as well as obtaining new varieties and possibly later even making these available to other members. In this respect it is especially important that we all ensure that we acquire new colours and shades and even breed them ourselves, and for this you need preferably good and of the most recent results.

With the outstanding co-operation of Club members and Clivia Friends it was our privilege at the end of September to hold a beautiful and highly successful show at the Outeniqua Primary School Hall, which drew much admiration and many compliments. Even the judges from Cape Town felt compelled to praise us for the superb presentation and high quality of our show plants as well the great variety which we exhibited. A successful function was held on the Friday after the show where all were thanked heartily for their contribution, hard work and good attitude in having all so superbly shown and it also leant opportunity to thank the judges for their sacrificing of time and effort. Attendance at the was very good despite the fact that it co-incided with that of the Port Elizabeth show and that we were deprived of their attendance. The colourful exhibits were a feast for the eyes and thanks to Gerhard Faber and his team there



were refreshments available throughout the time of the show to both exhibitors and visitors to all their taste.

Congratulations to Ricky Jardim for the honours of the Best Plant on show; Piet Claassens with the Runner-up and again Ricky for the Third-Best on show. Congratulations too to all the others awarded laurels in the various categories, as well as the rest of the exhibitors who contributed to the beautiful exhibition of plants. Every-one's contribution is very important to us when we open the doors of our annual show to the public, since it is our display-case for creating interest and also convey our enthusiasm to other flower-lovers and interested persons.

Thanks to all the Committee members, by name Ida and Kobus Esterhuizen, who had to become acquainted with the new registration procedures and for hours of hard work behind the scenes. Gerhard Faber for his invaluable contribution to the revision of Categories, and switch to a computer-driven registrations and the general organisation and management of the Show, as well as refreshments. Kobus Kearney for the needed Financial contributions, assisted by his wife Helena, who manned the new members table. Gordon Fraser for the taking of photos, for his talk the Sunday morning and also his large number of entries. Thanks also to Gerrie for his insightful talk of the Saturday morning of the Show.

This year we thought it opportune to co-opt a number of members to the committee. Thank you Charles Deacon for the excellent way in which you managed the advertisements, if an idea was raised, it was considered done. Also Bridget Randall and Fiona Barnwell for your assistance

and accompaniment during the judging and involvement during the Show days. Carrie could unfortunately not attend, due to clashing family commitments, which we all understand. Thank you "Dankie" aan Oom Kerneels for your contribution during the Show days. A special 'Thank you' to the Malan Brothers who once more participated. We enjoy and appreciate your colourful presence each time.

The proceedings of the year were brought to a close, with the year end function at the excellent facilities of the Outeniqua Experimental farm, as suggested by Gerhard van der Merwe and organised by Gerhard Faber in his by now known, exemplary manner. Those who were not there, should really try to attend this year, it was a well organized, most enjoyable, fun-filled occasion and will be long remembered.

We are looking forward to a year in which old favourites may flower again and the inherent genetic possibilities of the Clivia may be the cause of further amazement and gratification that humble us and keep us healthy, so that we would still be around, to see that really 'Special One' flower!

My gratitude to each and everyone concerned – Thank you!! &

*Piet Theron*

## LOWVELD CLIVIA INTEREST GROUP

The Lowveld Clivia Interest Group celebrated their fifth year of existence. Some of the highlights of 2008 are captured below.

### 1. INFORMATION SESSIONS

Three information sessions were held in this year:

In April the CEO of Knittex, Mr. Tommy Rogers, gave an informative presentation on shade cloth and the impact of light. This was followed by a presentation by Attie le Roux on breeding variegated clivias, further supported by James and Connie Abel's CD.

In June John Winter, accompanied by Mick Dower gave a presentation on clivia habitat plants.

In August a "wet workshop" was held where

several members shared their experiences with harvesting, cleaning, disinfecting and germinating seed, removing offshoots, potting and preparation of pots and plants for show purposes.

## 2. PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS

Banners and posters were designed to record 25 good reasons to grow and plant clivia and illustrate the advantages of belonging to an interest group or club.

Sue Kloeck compiled six articles for the local media, while Daan Dekker and Willem Froneman participated in radio talk shows.

## 3. HABITAT VISITS

Johan Schoeman and Attie le Roux took numerous clivia enthusiasts on habitat tours, delighting them with several sightings of clivia x *nimbicola*.

LCIG - Activities during 2008 (Continued).

## 4. CLIVIA SHOW

The 2008 season was an extremely difficult one. Most garden clivia had flowered by 30/31 August when the show was held, while collectors and growers under shade cloth had very few plants available to show. Entries dropped to 144 plants, but the quality was certainly not compromised. Congratulations to Paul who displayed the Best on show, 1st and 2nd runner up in flower and best on show and 1st runner up in the section without flowers. Attie le Roux showed the 2nd runner up in this section.

The show was preceded by a display of spectacular plants at our major shopping centre where information was widely distributed and many seeds and seedlings handed out to garden enthusiasts.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP

Our numbers have increased to 74.

## 6. 2009

The interest group has set some specific objectives for the coming year, which we collectively will strive to achieve:

- Increasing membership numbers,
- Retaining members' interest and retaining membership,
- Facilitating varied and constructive information days with practical hands on demon-

strations,

- Promoting the genus as a popular garden plant and valuable indigenous asset in habitat,
- Organising at least two field trips,
- Producing our own newsletter and information bulletins,
- Organising a bigger, better and more spectacular annual show,
- Promoting three of the other species of clivia by linking mini shows of that species with information days,
- Making quality seeds, seedlings, plants and offsets available to particularly new members,
- Ensuring that our members have priority access to top plants,
- Promoting public interest,
- Facilitating the switch from Interest Group to full Club status. &

*Paul Kloeck*

## NORTHERN CLIVIA CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

2009 has seen the Northern Clivia Club lose one of our nearest and dearest members, with the passing away of the Club Treasurer, Bossie de Kock. Bossie will be sorely missed by all the Club members for his loyalty, friendship, guidance, meticulousness and hard work and his unenviable drive and passion for Clivias and the entire Clivia community. Our sincere condolences to Bossie's family on their huge loss. Bossie will long be remembered by all the Club members and all Clivia enthusiasts whose lives were touched by this dear friend.

So far this year we have had two very well attended meetings, both followed by the now customary "bring and braai," were discussions continue till late in the afternoon over a cold beer (or some other cold beverage) and good food and fellowship. Thanks to all who attended and helped to make a success of these events. We are glad to have several new members joining the Club. A sincere word of welcome to these new members and I hope that they will enjoy their stay with us.

At the last meeting we had an excellent talk by Peet van der Walt on "Record Keeping" followed by a slide show of his incredible collection. Peet has been growing Clivias for more than 30 years and he certainly has an impressive collection.

Other speakers lined up for 2009 are Tino Ferero (New Zealand Trip on 18th April), Joubert van Wyk and George Mann (Nakamura's Clivias on 6th June), Rudo Lotter (Interspecifics on 18th July), Koos Geldenhuys (Preparation and Judging of Show Plants on 15th August), Gerda Gers (Pierre de Coster Collection on 11th October) and At Schoeman (Insects on 11th October).

Our Annual Show will again this year be held at the Anton van Wouw Primary School on the weekend of the 5th & 6th September. The show is definitely the highlight of our Clivia calendar and I am once again sure that it will prove to be a resounding success. We will also host a mini Show on the 18th July at the Forensic Sciences Lapa. At this show emphasis will be given to the pendulous types of Clivias, but all flowering plants can be displayed. We are looking forward to bumper displays at both of these shows.

*Peter Lambert*

## NORTHERN FREE STATE CLIVIA CLUB

All Praise and Glory to the All Mighty for the many blessings received during the year. We had 5 meetings during the year under review. The workshops were in the following format: We normally started with a formal meeting, followed by a lecture/ slide show/ discussion on the different aspects of the Clivia plant.

The host-hostess allowed us to view their private collection of Clivia plants.

The day normally ended with a social.

**The venue of the respective workshops were at the residence of the following members:**

- 21 February 2008 – Annual General Meeting with Jan and Pikkie Rossouw as the host-hostess assisted by Ansie Adendorff
- 15 May 2008 with Louis and Nantie Chadinha as the host-hostess

- 10 July 2008 with Louis and Nantie Chadinha as the host-hostess
- 9 September 2008 with Hannes and Mariekie van Rooyen with Stefan and Renette Ferreira as the host-hostess
- 20 November 2008 with Leann Bester as the hostess.

**The Clivia Expo held at Alma Nursery – 4 – to 7 September 2008 deserves a special mention:**

The Clivia Expo was once again well accepted by the local gardening community.

The Management of Alma Nursery allocated us a prime floor position.

The co-operation and support of all the members made this an outstanding social success.

**The Expo - plants came from the following members:**

Leann Bester, Nantie Chadinha, Leen Coetzee, Stefan Ferreira, Klasie Geldenhuys, Willem Geustyn, Johan Kruger, De Waal Maree, Johann Olivier, Dave Peyper, Jan Pienaar, Peet Pretorius, Jan Rossouw, Ray Schamrel, Hannes van Rooyen and Shaun Watt.

The exhibitors also acted as guides and supervisors during this period. They were assisted by Andries Peyper, Andre Schamrel, Ragel Maree and Johan Stolk.

Jan Rossouw did all the transport work.

**Local Newspapers**

Our relationship with the editor and personnel of the Vista - and Forum newspapers and the Gold-Net News respectively, is positive and they carried a number of articles on the Clivia plant.

**Invitations to other Garden and Flower Clubs / Expo's**

We received a number of invitations to other Garden – and Flower Clubs.

Our plants were also on show at a number of venues in our area.

Some of the other Clivia Shows were visited by our members.

**Clivia Society Annual General Meeting**

The Clivia Society AGM, held at Johannesburg, was attended by Louis and Nantie Chadinha, as the Club delegates.

### Office Administration and Finances

Jan Rossouw, as the Treasurer, did a magnificent job in managing the financial matters of the Club. Our thanks to each and every member who is, financially in good standing with the Club.

Rev Johan Kruger donated Clivia seed which was sold on the soft-donation principle.

The distribution of the Clivia Society literature is satisfactorily and numerous compliments have been becoming forward, as to the preparation and presentation of the Clivia News – and Yearbook respectively, from our Club members and other interested persons.

### Clivia Colour Chart

The new Clivia Colour Chart, designed and distributed by the Cape Town members was not well accepted by our Club members. The feeling is that a Colour-Name Reference Chart should supplement the Number-Colour Reference Chart. It is our wish that the designers of the Clivia Colour Chart should use their expertise in preparing such a supplementary Colour - Name Reference Chart.

### Condolences

Andries (Jr) the son of Andries and Dave Peyper passed away during the year under review. Our sincere condolences are extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

### Hospitalization

The following members were in hospital during the year: Leann Bester, Dave Peyper, Buddy and Leen Coetzee. Jan Pienaar and Denise McCarthy is receiving treatment currently. We trust that you all are responding positively to the treatment and will soon be fully recovered.

### Thanks and Appreciation

My personal thanks to each and every member of the Clivia Club for the loyal support given during the year and furthermore in the manner in which you promoted the interest of our Clivia Club.

It is a great feeling to be associated with you. May the year 2009 bring happiness and joy to you all and may all your Clivias bloom this season. &

*Louis Chadinha*

## WATERBERG BOSLELIE-GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

**W**e here in the Waterberg, each in their own way keeping at their proliferating lilies. I am suitably reminded of the exalted words of the Bible that even Solomon in all his glory was nor arrayed as one of these lilies!

Our small Group plans for their TENTH SHOW this year! We are a formidable little team that works with enthusiasm and inexhaustibly for each show to the best advantage of all of our members and to the greater pleasure of all our audience.

Our local newspaper, DIE POS, has given us ever more support each year, for which our great appreciation.

I have one concern: we are all getting older and the younger members shine in their absence! We have not been able to make any impact at the local High School. But we are once more going to take the bull by the horns, put heads to gether, and make the TENTH Show the best ever!

We also have plans for the weekend after the show to exhibit in conjunction with one of our church's bazaars, in their hall. There will be stalls for those members no longer capable of selling in Pretoria.

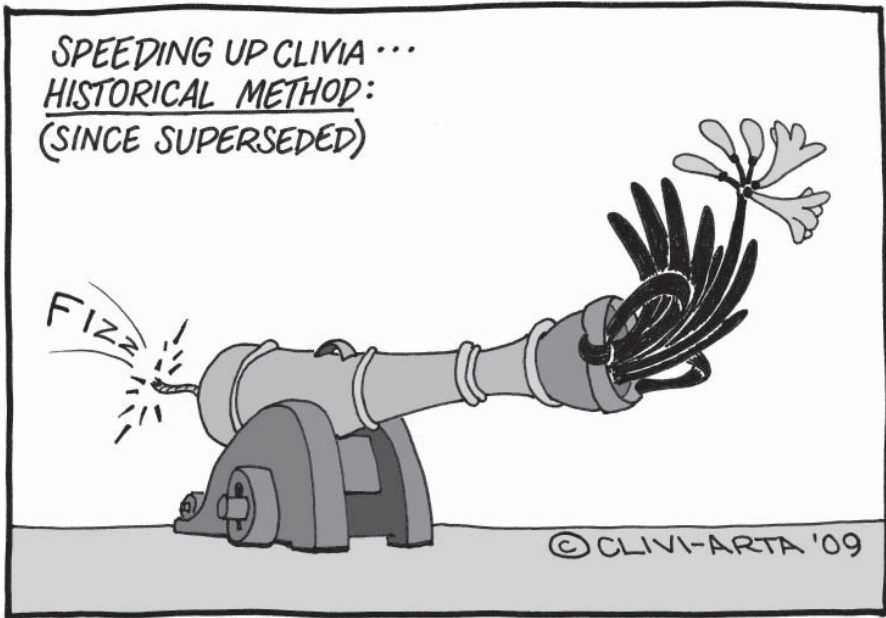
The judges of the Northern Clivia Club are becoming as family to us here – we look forward to your part in our "lily-festival". Some of their members are highly professional in their presentation especially of seed to buyers and we wish them every success.

I hope the rest of us will sell enough clivias to cover costs as well as make available additional space!

Every best wish to the Northern Clivia Club in your gigantic task.

Greetings to the Boslelie addicts. &

*Ans Jacobs*

**CLIVI-ARTA***Helen Sanders***CLIVIA SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS**

Overseas members can order back volumes of the Yearbooks and volumes of Newsletters (since 1992) via the Society. South African members should approach their local branches. We must point out that it is difficult to quote a fixed price without knowing the method of payment and delivery. We suggest you contact Sakkie Nel (the caretaker treasurer) via e-mail or by fax and list the items you are interested in as well as the name of the country in which you reside. Sakkie would then be in a position to suggest the most economical option. Australian, UK, New Zealand and USA members are reminded that they can order via Ken Smith, Jaco Nel, Alick McCleman and William McClelland respectively – see inside back cover for contact details. Also note that further discounts can be negotiated with Sakkie for orders exceeding 10 of a specific item. The items listed in the table are available. &

Item	Approximate price (US \$)*
Clivia2006 Conference Proceedings on double DVD	Please contact treasurer for pricing
Yearbook 9	15
Yearbook 8	15
Yearbook 7	15
Yearbook 6	15
Yearbook 5	out of stock
Yearbook 4	10
Yearbook 3	10
Yearbook 2	10
Yearbook 1	out of stock
Cultivation of Clivias	15
Newsletters after 2002 per number	1,5
Volumes 1(1992) to 11 (2002) of quarterly newsletters	10 per volume
Set of volumes 1 to 10 of quarterly newsletters	available on request

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