

FINAL PROGRAM: INTERNATIONAL CLIVIA CONFERENCE 2023 (CAPE TOWN)

**MILNERTON HIGH SCHOOL: FRIDAY THE 29 SEPTEMBER AT 18:00 TO WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER
13:00 – 2023**

THEME: MYTHBUSTERS

(PAPERS ARE COUCHED AS REBUTTALS OF COMMON ASSUMPTIONS/DISCUSSION GROUPS ARE EXPLORATORY.)

There is a post-conference guided visit to *C. mirabilis* habitat 300 km north of Cape Town on a private farm from 4 October, returning to Cape Town by 13:00 on 6 October 2023, and advertised separately. Environmental sensitivity has severely limited numbers. **Registration has now closed.**

FRIDAY EVENING, 29 SEPTEMBER 2023:

Gala Opening Function in the Conference Centre (at Milnerton High School, Milnerton, CT) (MHS)

- 18:00 to 18:30 Preliminary Registration for Accreditation.
- 18:30 to 18:50 Minister Bredell and delegate to visit Show plants.
- 18:50 to 19:30 Cheese and wine (with a marimba band).
- 19:30 to 19:40 Preparation for introduction of Opening Speaker.
- 19:40 Minister Anton Bredell opens International Clivia Conference and Cape Clivia Club Show.
- Welcome by Clivia Society Chairman.
 - Welcome by Chairman of Host Cape Clivia Club.
 - Virtual key-note address by Dr. John Rourke (who formally described *C. mirabilis*).
- 20:30+ Smart finger supper.

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER & SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023:

Cape Clivia Club Show, visits to private Clivia collections by arrangement, tourism attractions: Table Mountain aerial cableway, Robben Island, Kirstenbosch, Babylonstoren Wine Estate, Cape Point Nature Reserve, West Coast Nature Reserve.

MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2023:

This is the first day of the Clivia Conference, of which multi-media sessions will take place in the *Conference Centre* at MHS. (Note the separately specified venue shifts for food, entertainment and auction.)

The program looks like this:

- 08:45 to 09:45 Completion of Registration and issuing of Conference paraphernalia, self-service tea and coffee.
- 09:45 to 10:00 Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements.
- 10:00 to 10:45 Session #1: **C. MIRABILIS INTERSPECIFIC CROSSES DISAPPOINT**
(Speaker: Felix Middleton, breeder/grower, researcher.)
- 10:45 to 11:15 Q & A (The speaker will respond to questions from the floor.)
- 11:15 to 11:45 Morning Tea (in *Conference Centre*).

- 11:45 to 12:30 Session #2: **HERITAGE CLIVIAS HAVE 'OUTSERVED' THEIR USEFULNESS**
 (The speaker has withdrawn for a personal emergency, requiring a sudden strategic substitution).
 Substitute Session #2: Visiting C.mirabilis is just like a trip to the Mall.
 (Speaker: André Swart, pensive plodder in serene settings, with no pretensions of hiking super-powers.)
- 12:30 to 13:00 Q & A (The speaker will respond to questions from the floor).
- 13:00 to 13:45 Sit-down Lunch (in *Conference Centre and annex*).
- 13:45 to 14:30 Session #3: **GENES TRUMP PROVENANCE**
 (Speaker: André Swart, breeder/grower, retired legal practitioner.)
- 14:30 to 15:00 Q & A (The speaker will respond to questions from the floor).
- 15:00 to 15:30 Afternoon Tea (in *Conference Centre*).
- 15:30 to 16:15 Session #4: **WET FEET KILL CLIVIAS**
 (Speaker: Dave Garriock, breeder/grower, innovator.)
- 16:15 to 16:45 Q & A (The speaker will respond to questions from the floor).
- 16:45 to 17:30 Body Break.
- 17:30 to 18:30 Cheese and wine (in *Conference Centre*).
- 18:30 to 19:45 **AUCTION** (in *Conference Centre*).
- 19:45 to 21:30 Sit-down, smart served dinner (in *Conference Centre*).

TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2023:

This is the last day of the Clivia Conference in the *Conference Centre* at MHS. (Third day at Kirstenbosch).

- 09:00 to 09:45 Self-service tea and coffee.
- 09:45 to 10:00 Housekeeping Arrangements.
- 10:00 to 10:45 Session #5: **WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET?**
 (Speaker: Claude Felbert, grower, retired professional photographer.)
- 10:45 to 11:15 Q & A (The speaker will respond to questions from the floor).
- 11:15 to 11:45 Morning Tea (in *Conference Centre*).
- 11:45 to 12:30 Session #6: **Discussion group:**
PHOTOGRAPHIC EMBELLISHMENT IS MERELY ARTISTIC LICENCE
 (Karel Stanz, Chris Smit, Cora de Kock.)
- 12:30 to 13:00 Q & A (The discussion group will respond to questions from the floor, as well as discuss the new colour card).
- 13:00 to 13:45 Sit-down Lunch (in *Conference Centre and annex*).

13:45 to 14:30 *Session #7: **CLIVIAS' POISONS LIMIT THEIR USEFULNESS TO AESTHETICS**

(This is a product show-and tell. Note that the venue may move to the *Conference Centre annex* for this demonstration, with opportunity for scrutinising both product and process.)

14:30 to 15:00 Q & A.

15:00 to 15:30 Afternoon Tea (in *Conference Centre*).

15:30 to 16:15 Session #8: **THE DIGITAL ERA HAS MADE THE CLIVIA SOCIETY AND ITS CLUBS IRRELEVANT**

(Speaker: Glynn Middlewick, collector of fine Clivias, anaesthetist and editor.)

16:15 to 16:45 Q & A.

16:45 Delegates depart MHS for an evening dinner together at a private venue.

WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2023:

08:30 Assemble at MHS for departure to Kirstenbosch by open-top red sightseeing bus.

09:00 Buses leave for Kirstenbosch.

09:55 Arrive at Kirstenbosch for short guided tour, ending at *Richard Crowie Lecture Hall*.

10:00 to 11:30 Session #9: **Discussion group:**

A YELLOW IS A YELLOW IS A YELLOW: BREEDING IS NO MYSTERY

(Graham Duncan, Liz Boyd, Sean Chubb, Paul Kloeck.)

12:00 to 13:00 Open-top buses return to *Conference Venue* via scenic western seaboard.

This is the end of Conference, except for those few who will proceed on the *C. mirabilis* tour.