



## Clivia Society of NSW Inc. NEWSLETTER — **Winter Issue #21 August 2020**

### **Issue # 21      Covid-19 Winter-August 2020**

#### **President's Message**

Greetings to all,

Certainly, weather is getting warmer. As a home gardener I appreciate the pop of colour that the now sporadic flowering of Clivia brings. To me Clivia flowers signal the warmer weather looming and that September is near. September forecasts the beginning of warmer nights and clear and sunny skies, and that August winds have now passed.

Certainly, in my garden, at least, Clivia are beginning to flower. My wife just told me that the reason she likes Clivias is that the flowers provide a welcome greeting each time when stepping out.

The weather of the recent weeks has been great, and if you have the opportunity and time available to you to appreciate the outdoors and the sun, you are lucky.

September would normally mean that preparations for the Spring Clivia Show would be well underway, with the annual show due only weeks from now. Alas this year the show is not happening however all members can still appreciate the flowers and plants that may now and soon be on full flowing display around them.

In reflection what makes this newsletter special is that it reaches out to all members and provides worthwhile and interesting information, care tips on Clivia and photographs of current flowers that may be on display. Whilst this Covid-19 pandemic prevents the Society membership as a group being able to meet to share conversation and discussion, tips and tricks on all things Clivia, share current information on up and coming Clivia cross plantings, the excitement of developing new discoveries, as a group we are still able to stay in touch as we continue to meet through spreading its words. It reaches out to all.

Best wishes to everyone,

Stephen Reid

President



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### Secretary's Report

Secretary Di has passed on her best wishes to all.

"As there is nothing for me, as Secretary, to report, you may certainly mention my relocation to the Central Coast.

BTW we have sold our house here in Castle Hill and will be moving on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.

Whilst Di will be physically distanced, she intends to keep up the Secretary's duties. The marvels of modern electronic media.

Di, we wish you all the best during your move.

Ed.

### Treasurer's Report

Our cheque BSB 012-318, A/C No. 2857-03753 has a balance as at 31.07.2020 of \$8,904.12. As at 07 August it has \$8,894.12

The term deposit a/c remains at \$3,000 as at 31.07.20 and 07 August 2020.

Regards

John Chng

Treasurer

## **VIRTUAL SPRING SHOW**

**Has now commenced**

Members have the opportunity to share the joy in Clivias with their fellow members and followers. You are invited to capture images of your Clivias and submit them to foundation member Ray Sidoti who has agreed to post them into the Society's Facebook page. The virtual show will run for the rest of the flowering season and we anticipate an umbrella of recognitions to be announced in the October issue [#23] of this Newsletter, recognitions such as: the nicest garden variety Clivia, most interesting floral pattern, best orange *C. miniata*, the most outstanding throat colour, best cream *C. miniata*, Interspecific, best yellow *C. miniata*, most attractive garden setting featuring Clivias, nicest potted Clivia specimen. Plus, a couple more secret recognitions.

Open to all financial members of the Clivia Society of NSW Inc. Members can submit up to ten images, images for the current (2020) flowering season [1<sup>st</sup> week August to 3<sup>rd</sup> week October inclusive], maximum of one recognition per member to spread the joy by participating.



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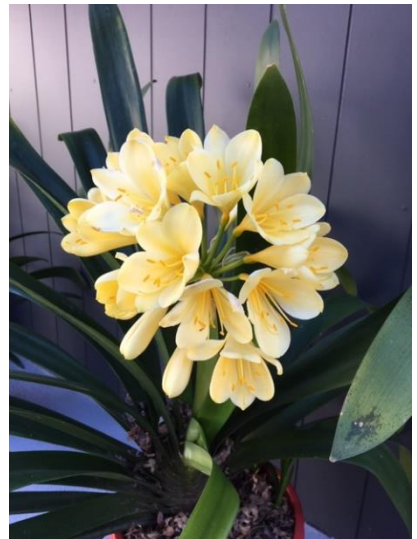
Please don't be shy, all of us share the same interest and joy in these wonderful flowers, no matter how big or small, whatever colour.

Your images are best sent to Ray by email: [rmsidoti@hotmail.com](mailto:rmsidoti@hotmail.com)

Please include a brief description of any breeding background (if known). Images may also be published in future issues of this Newsletter as well as on the Society's Instagram site.

SOME IMAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS
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Thank you for the following images of the diverse range of Clivias available.



Above images from John Layton



Above images by Jim Kouts





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Above by Ray Sidoti

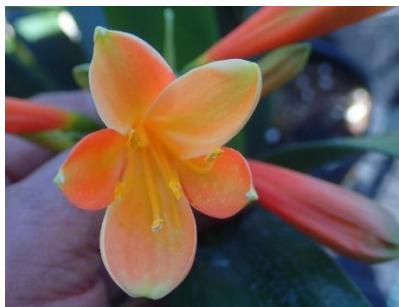




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Above Interspecific images by Ray Sidoti



Above images supplied by Peter Hey

<b>MORE INFORMATION on growing Clivias</b>
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Queensland member Gary Conquest has been undertaking a long-term project collating Clivia information and articles from a broad range of sources, both domestically and overseas. They include a diverse collection of links to videos, articles as well excellent images from breeders and collectors around the Clivia world. Your Committee agrees that the link to his web site should be provided for you to continue into the journey of this captivating Genus. Happy viewing/reading. Ed

The link is as follows:

<https://www.growingclivias.com>





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### **SEED GERMINATION** by Peter Hey

Following is an extension of the latest work into breeding unique plants for Australian Horticulture. It continues from previous Society Newsletter articles on pollination, germination, care and cultivation. Generally, the information provided presents ideas for the collector and enthusiast to achieve satisfying results growing these wonderful plants.



Part of the process – splitting the berries to access the seeds

**HANDY TIP:** Harvest your berries and store them in breathable mushroom bags. (They rot if stored in plastic bags for extended periods) This will maintain the berries in good condition and allow them to dry out very slowly, thus making eventual peeling easier.

**HANDY TIP:** Berries will keep for many, many weeks in mushroom bags especially if you leave the berries connected to their pedicels and part of the scape (say 50-70mm)

**STEP:** Ensure you record your cross reference/pollination number on the bag to keep track of identification during germination and eventual growing on.

### **CLEANING THE SEED**

**STEP:** Use a blunt instrument to split the berries open. Clivias have three seed capsules (ovules) separated by placental membranes. Carefully break the capsules apart, then gently ease the individual seeds apart, avoid damaging the 'satin' membrane that covers the seed, allowing for quicker drying, leave them to dry somewhat overnight (or better – for a couple of days) before removing the individual seeds from the berry casing. Much less mess.

**STEP:** Wash the seed in fresh water to remove any berry pulp and membrane. Rinse.



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STEP: Soak the seeds for half an hour (or more) in fresh cool water together with a few drops only, per litre of dish washing detergent or 2ml per litre of a liquid fungicide (I use phosphorus acid). Double rinse.

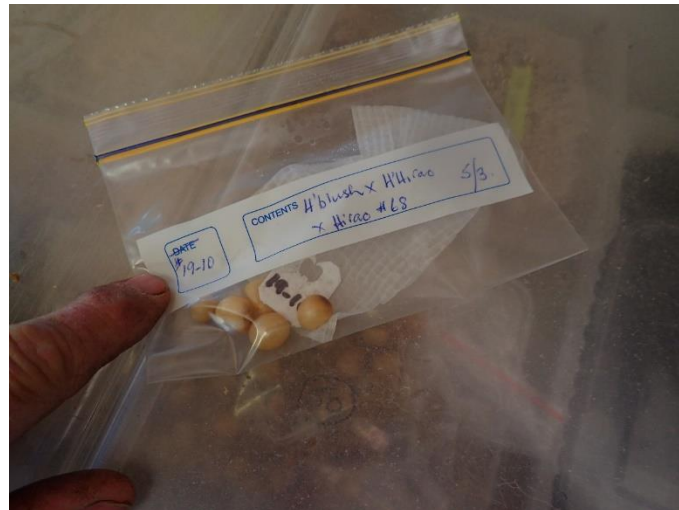
HANDY TIP: Stir the solution to ensure any tiny air bubbles are released from the surfaces of the seed.



Remove and discard any seeds that float to the surface as these will not be viable.

STEP: Spread out on kitchen paper towel and inspect for damaged or discoloured seed.

STEP: If storing in frig, place the seeds in a clip-lock sandwich bag (ensure their identification is clearly recorded) together with a piece of damp kitchen paper towel.



Storing seed in refrigerator

### GERMINATING YOUR SEED

There are many, many different methods of germination that work, I have tried most, including:

- In a clip-lock bag with damp paper towelling



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- On damp peat moss
- In a clip-lock bag with damp sphagnum moss.
- Individually in peat jiffy plugs.
- Multiple planted in damp pine bark fines in a plastic pot.

HANDY TIP: If planting at the surface of any media (moss, perlite, bark or peat) DO NOT bury Clivia seed deeply into the substrate as it can easily rot! Leave on the surface with at least half the seed exposed/showing.

HANDY TIP: Place the raised radicle [opposite the placental scar tissue] downmost.

My preferred method, selected because of minimal losses and relative simplicity, is as follows:

Place seed in new disposable food containers [lidded and labelled] 2/3 filled with damp sphagnum moss; these are set out on a heat bed, at 24-25°C. Alternatively, place in a warm position, often on top of a frig will be suitable. Provided I follow good hygiene methods, I can achieve majority germination. Seeds will commence germinating in about 5 to 6 days and continue until most are germinated after about a further two weeks.

– refer following images



HANDY TIP: I use sphagnum moss as it produces iodine, a natural fungicide, which minimises seed losses. Above is a propagation box constructed from scrap foam insulation sandwich panel with polycarbonate lids. Heating system from pet/reptile supplier.

Newsletter Issue #22 will cover **planting out methods and options** for the freshly germinated seed.





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### SOME COVID-19 INFORMATION TO KEEP YOU SAFE GUIDANCE from NSW Health

#### NSW Health identified locations of concern COVID19 as of 7am 28 August 2020

If a person has visited these locations on these dates, they must **self-isolate** and **get tested** for COVID-19 irrespective of symptoms

Location	Dates
<b>Hunters Hill:</b> Hunters Hill Bowling Club (indoor dining room)	Sunday 23 August
<b>Sydney:</b> City Tattersalls Fitness Centre	Between 8am-2pm on: Wednesday 19 August, Friday 21 August or Sunday 23 August*
<b>Zetland:</b> Virgin Gym	Monday 24 August (Active Dance Class, 7:40pm)

\*Other members of City Tattersalls should get tested if they have even the mildest symptoms

If a person has visited these locations on these dates, they must **monitor for COVID-19 symptoms**

Location	Dates
<b>Auburn:</b> Ramadan Pharmacy	Wednesday 19 August
<b>Balgowlah:</b> Fitness First Balgowlah	Sunday 23 August
<b>Burwood:</b> Service NSW	Friday 21 August



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Location	Dates
<b>Burwood:</b> Westfield Shopping Centre	Thursday 20 August
<b>Cabramatta:</b> Cabramatta Family Practice	Thursday 20 August
<b>Drummoyne:</b> Destro's Pharmacy	Saturday 22 August
<b>Fairfield West:</b> Aldi	Sunday 16 August
<b>Glebe:</b> Broadway Shopping Centre	Saturday 22 August
<b>Homebush West:</b> Sydney Markets Flemington	Sunday 9 August, Tuesday 11 August to Thursday 13 August
<b>Hornsby:</b> PRP Diagnostic Imaging	Monday 24 August
<b>Manly:</b> 4 Pines Manly Brew Pub	Sunday 23 August
<b>Mt Druitt:</b> Westfield Mount Druitt	Wednesday 12 August and Friday 14 August
<b>Parramatta:</b> Parramatta Local Court	Tuesday 11 August, Wednesday 12 August
<b>Sydney:</b> 300 George St	Wednesday 19 August to Friday 21 August, Monday 24 August
<b>Sydney:</b> Fitness First Bond Street	Thursday 20 August and Friday 21 August
<b>Waitara:</b> Magpies Waitara	Monday 24 August
<b>Willoughby:</b> Harris Farm	Saturday 22 August
<b>Zetland:</b> Virgin Gym	Monday 24 August (not active dance class)
<b>Sydney Bus routes</b>	See below



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### **Sydney bus routes**

**Bus route 339, X39: Friday 21, Saturday 22 and Monday 24 August**

**Bus route: 723, 728, 731, 752, 755, 756, 758: Thursday 20 and Friday 21 August**

**Bus route: 6546, 6583, 723, 728, 729, 730, 731, 750, 756, 759: Monday 24 August**

**Central coast train between Woy Woy and Sydney on Monday 24 August**

**Central coast train between Woy Woy and Gordon on Tuesday 25 August**

Reference:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

SOMETHING TO KEEP YOU HUGGY
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### **Sourdough bread**

During the shut-down, I did the Covid-19 Lemming [*Lemmus lemmus*] Act and followed many through the adventure of creating sourdough starter and learning the do's and don'ts of making and baking sourdough loaves. My method creates delicious, malty, crunchy half-loaves [250gr flour] with a reasonable rise. (Refer image) I recommend that you create your starter using a combination of flours, we used a mixture of spelt, wholemeal and plain flours, thus giving the naturally developed yeasts the ability to work with different flour combinations, without having to use different starters. Tip: Keep it simple. We bake sourdough bread once each week, generally on Sundays to go with home-made soup. Any more frequently and one gets just too cuddly.







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### 2020 SEED LIST – Just Cliveas and Rare Things

Paid advertisement

POLLN #	BERRY PARENT	image	POLLEN PARENT	image	Number per pkt	\$ per pack
19-30	['Brick' X 'Bertie's Bronze']	Y	Moonlight Bronze	Y	3	10
19-32	VT-14 (Group 2)	Y	Chameleon	Y	3	20
19-32(a)	VT-14 (Group 2)	Y	VT-51 (Group 2)	Y	2	15
19-35	VT-17 (Group 2)	Y	VT-51 (Group 2)	Y	2	15
19-42	VT-51 (Group 2)	Y	VT-14 (Group 2)	Y	2	15
19-48	'Butterball'	Y	Self	Y	4	10
19-49	['Andrew Gibson' X 'Tango']	Y	Chameleon	Y	2	10
19-60	['Andrew Gibson' X 'Rolys Organza'] #1	Y	['Rolys Chiffon' X 'Andrew Gibson']	Y	2	10
19-64	Ella's Pink	N	('Wittig's Pink' x Self) EP	Y	5	20
19-83	'Noel Giddings Peach' EP	Y	[Just Peachy x 'Wittig's Pink'] EP	Y	4	20
19-84	[Victorian Peach X ('Wittig's Pink' x Self)] EP	Y	('Wittig's Pink' x Self) EP	Y	4	20

EP = European Peach Compatible

Please contact Peter via email: [heypete@tpg.com.au](mailto:heypete@tpg.com.au) to place an order













This release is for the 'First Choice' benefit of Society members.

The release is on the basis of first come first served, unsold items will be made available to the general public.

Some of the related images follow. The complete seed offer for 2020 including related images will be posted in the website: <https://www.jcart.com.au> during September.



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Chameleon	VT-14	VT-17	VT-51
			
NGP	WP X self	WP X JP	AG X R Org.
			
AG X T	VP X WP	BUTTERBALL	R Chiff. X AG

### YOUR SELECTION/NOTES



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YOUR NOTES