



15<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

I hope you're all busy planning your Christmas/New Year vacation, so clivias will probably play a secondary role at this time of the year. The amaryllis worms are present and causing their unwanted destruction of our plants. With the wetter weather, the seedlings are affected by fungal attacks and the mealie bugs continue to be a nuisance.

The good news is that the Clivia Society Newsletter, a combination of issues three and four, has arrived in Johannesburg and will be posted to you. Hopefully the postal service can deliver it to you before the first of January!

As Roger Fisher mentions, the Newsletter depends on information supplied by the members to fill the pages. Any interesting facts, surprising hybrid crosses or wisdom learnt from years of clivia cultivation can be included in a short article in the Newsletter.

The provisional dates for meetings in 2009 are as follows:

February 28<sup>th</sup> - Annual General Meeting followed by a talk on general clivia cultivation

April 4<sup>th</sup>

? May 16<sup>th</sup> – The AGM of the Clivia Society in Cape Town

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

June 27<sup>th</sup>

July 25<sup>th</sup>

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

(September 5/6<sup>th</sup> – Northern Clivia Club Show)

September 12/13<sup>th</sup> – Joburg Clivia Club Show

October 24<sup>th</sup>

A notice of our Annual General Meeting will be sent to you in January and nominations for positions on the committee will be called for.

**Subscription reminder:** please remember to renew your subscriptions. Thank you to those of you who have renewed your subscriptions. The subscription fee for 2009 has increased to R150.00 (from R125.00). Of the R150.00, R100.00 is paid over to the Clivia Society to cover expenses for items such as the publication of the Newsletters and Year Book.

Regards, Glynn.

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