

CHS NEWS

NEXT MEETING

Monday, 5 December 2022 at **19:00** at
The Athenaeum

-- PLEASE NOTE THE STARTING TIME --

END OF YEAR GET-TOGETHER

By way of a change, the Committee has decided to invite all members to an evening of catching up with those we have not seen in a long, long time. Ask others for a lift if you do not want to drive home in the dark.

We would like everyone attending to please supply a plate of eats – savoury or sweet – which can be regarded as ‘finger food’. Please note that crockery and cutlery will not be available, so soft and squishy or runny items will be too messy. RSVP to Glenda by **Thursday, 1 December**, if you will be attending and what you intend providing so that we do not duplicate eats.

As we have done in the past, there will be wine and juice, courtesy of the CHS, as well as lovely raffle prizes at R10 per ticket.

No cost for members, but non-members will be asked to pay R20.

NEXT OUTING

Fri, 2 December at 11:00: Visit the Jamestown Flower Farm in Stellenbosch. Description in October CHS News.

Cut flowers can be bought at R6/stem. They have a card facility if you do not have cash.

Travel together and take a picnic to have lunch next to a stream. This will be a lovely relaxing outing before the start of the ‘silly season’.

Please RSVP to Glenda by Tuesday, 29 November.

REPORT BACK

November Plant Table

These are the plants brought in by members with their comments. There is more information on the video which can be found at <https://youtu.be/ol7PUTbfgnc>

Cymbidium “Sweet Devon”: a primary hybrid of ‘Devonianum’ and ‘Suave’, a species from Australia with no pseudo bulb.

Arpophyllum giganteum: from Mexico; a very unusual orchid.

Impatiens niamniamensis “Cockatiel/Parrot Impatiens”: has afternoon sun; found at Pinelands Christmas Craft Market.

(Pictures of above flowers can be seen on Page 2, top row)

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*“Earth laughs in
flowers.”*

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Bougainvillea: kept small for more than 10 years in a pot.

Fuchsia: likes semi-shade; needs regular pinching out of tips.

Calandrinia spectabilis: sun-loving; hardy

Sinningia leucotricha: from Brazil; Gloxinia family with tuber; goes dormant in winter; kept in shadehouse.

Aeonium "Super Bang": found at 'Living Desert Plants' at Stellenbosch Rare Plant Fair.

Acokanthera oppositifolia "Boesmans Gif (Bushman's poison)": used by Bushman for arrow tips; all parts poisonous: only when fruits are ripe are they then edible for birds.

Rhipsalidopsis noid "Christmas Cactus": some leaves have a maroon edge to them; star shaped flowers.

(Pictures of the next two plants are below.)

Rose "La Reine Victoria": a Bourbon type rose (from 1872); perpetual flowering and scented; spreading shrub but >1m high.

Black Mission Fig: a seedling from a 200-year old tree that was destroyed by the Longhorn Beetle; no extra care; occasional shower water; now 5 years old; first fruits.



Jenny's choice for the month:

Vriesea carinata: Shelley has had it for 3 years; first time it has flowered (left)

Rodney's *Epiphyllum* "Deutsche Kaiserin" (right)



Spring Plant Sale

The final total for this sale was R12 623.00!! Again, a very big thank you to all who helped to make the sale the success that it was.

The idea is to hold another sale next year, but only if a venue can be found. Glenda is prepared to do another Autumn Plant Sale but only in 2024. If you are willing to host/organise a plant sale in 2023, then please speak to someone on the Committee to discuss a date.

Members' plants

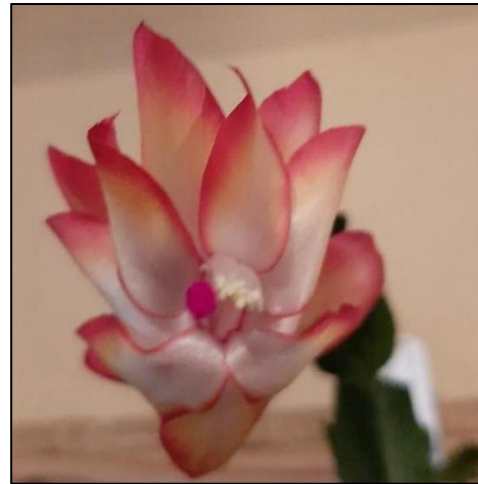
From Melanie

Rhipsalidopsis noid (left) flowers at this time of the year and a flower that resembles a star, hence the name "Christmas Cactus". Grown from a leaf and is flowering very well this year.

From Rodney, his *Rhipsalidopsis noid* (right) now open, with the leaves showing the maroon edge.



Again from Melanie, her *Phalaenopsis* (below left), also grown from a slip; and Rodney's *Schlumbergera* (two varieties) which flowers from April to May, hence the name "Easter Cactus".



GLEANINGS IN OLD GARDEN LITERATURE

by W Carew Hazlitt, 1887

APPENDIX

A short account of several gardens near London, with remarks on some particulars wherein they excel or are deficient, upon a view of them in December, 1691.

1. HAMPTON COURT Garden is a large plat, environed with an iron palisade round about next the park, laid all in walks, grass plats, and borders. Next to the house, some flat and broad beds are set with narrow rows of dwarf box, in figures like lace-patterns. In one of the lesser gardens is a large green house divided into several rooms, and all of them with stoves under them, and fire to keep a continual heat. In these there are no orange or lemon trees, or myrtles, or any greens, but such tender foreign ones that need continual warmth.
2. KENSINGTON Gardens are not great nor abounding with fine plants. The orange, lemon, myrtles, and what other trees they had there in summer, were all removed to Mr London's and Mr Wise's greenhouse at Brompton Park, a little mile from them. But the walks and grass laid very fine, and they were digging up a flat of four or five acres to enlarge their garden.
3. CHELSEA PHYSIC Garden has great variety of plants, both in and out of greenhouses. Their perennial green hedges and rows of different coloured herbs are very pretty, so are their banks set with shades of herbs in the Irish stitch-way, but many plants of the garden were no in so good order as might be expected, and as would have been answerable to other things in it. After I had been there, I heard that Mr Watts, the keeper of it, was blamed for his neglect, and that he would be removed.
4. Sir Henry Capell's garden at KEW has as curious greens, and is as well kept as any about London. His two lentiscus trees (for which he paid forty pounds to Vesprit) are said to be the best in England, not only of their kind, but of greens. He has four white striped hollies, about four feet above their cases, kept round and regular, which cost him five pounds a tree this last year, and six laurustinuses he has, with large round equal heads, which are very flowery and make a fine show. His orange trees and other choicer greens stand out in summer in two walks about fourteen feet wide, enclosed with a timber frame about seven feet high, and set with silver firs hedge-wise, which are as high as the frame, and to secure them from wind and tempest, and sometimes from the scorching sun. ...
5. Sir Stephen Fox's garden at CHISWICK being but of five years' standing, is brought to great perfection for the time. It excels for a fair gravel walk betwixt two yew heads, with rounds of spires of the same, all under smooth tonsure. At the far end of this garden are two myrtle hedges that cross the garden; they are about three feet high, and covered in winter with painted board cases. The other gardens are full of flowers and salleting, and the walls well clad. The greenhouse is well built, well set, and well furnished.



A bed of flowers!

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