Interspecific enjoyment

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found the article and stunning photos and graphs by Felicity Weeden on the hybridisation of *Clivia* and the way forward in Clivia News No 2 of 2014 most enjoyable. As far as the breeding of interspecific *Clivia* is concerned, I agree with

her that there is plenty of scope in this field and I feel that we need to give more exposure to these plants and promote them amongst our members.

The EPCC introduced an Annual Interspecific



Peach C. miniata X Orange C. gardenii





Orange C. gardenii X Peach C. miniata



'Victorian Peach' X 'Gem's Golden Renaissance' C. gardenii (3)



'Victorian Peach' X 'Gem's Golden Renaissance' C. gardenii (2)



'Victorian Peach' X 'Gem's Golden Renaissance' *C. gardenii*

Yellow *C. miniata* X Orange *C. gardenii*



Yellow *C. miniata* X Yellow *C. gardenii*



Show quite a few years ago with only a few plants on display, but this has increased steadily over the years. The large variety of flower shades and shapes amongst the interspecific flowers not only display a different beauty but also attracts the attention of those not familiar with these out-of-the-ordinary flower shapes. I am sure that there is still a large percentage of members who have not tried their hand at interspecific breeding and we should encourage them to explore this avenue. ightharpoonup