



Terry Eakin, Caretaker at Carisbrook House

Terry Eakin is the caretaker at Carisbrook House, where, among other things, he pursues a keen interest in cultivating clivias. He had always been an active gardener, though he took up the interest in clivias after his retirement, influenced by his brother's example. When he moved to Carisbrook, he was initially interested in the examples of *Clivia Miniata*, which are South African plants brought to the household by the sons of the family who had built the house. They had fought in the Boer War, an event that inspired their interest in the plants. Terry has travelled to South Africa and seen how the clivias have become an endangered plant in their own homeland, because of excessive land clearance. These days he is a skilled clivia grower, keen to support an often endangered plant, and taking pleasure in encouraging others to enjoy the many varieties of clivias now available. He is an active member of several clivia growers' associations.

