

Chairman's report 2015

As the chairman I'm pleased to report that our monthly meetings were well attended and the turn-out on average was 65 %. The financial report is not really conclusive due to the bank issues we are facing with imperial bank (I believe Mr. John Gold of North Coast has already mentioned in his report). The club has 33 active members and all have paid their subscription, hopefully by the end of this week our honorable secretary Jean Elms will remit our subs and calendar payments. To add to that, the calendars are not moving due to free handouts from companies and friends, maybe we adapt a different format as Mr. John Golds suggested.

January newsletter AGM Meeting 2015

The meeting was held at Jean Elms' residence on the 15th of January, thank you Jean for your hospitality and continued support. There was a good turnout and the new office bearers were elected. The minutes were read out and confirmed.

February newsletter -herbal remedies and herbal teas

We welcomed our new members who joined the club this month. A vote of thanks to Hamuda for hosting the members at her beautiful home, and Dr. Delon for the informative talk on cholesterol. Let me see if I can put all that was said on paper.

March newsletter - common mistakes made in landscaping

We had a lovely turn out for this event that was hosted by Zainab at her lovely home. Thank you Zainab for hosting the club, the lovely tea/coffee treats were beautifully designed for the occasion.

April 24th -25th a trip to Malindi

This was the itinerary for the trip

1. We proceeded with our journey to Abrabuko Sokoke forest for a walk and discovered the beauty of the flora and fauna.
2. Had a picnic lunch
3. Proceeded to Malindi then Mambui.

May 21st 2015

Talk on diseases affecting our plants – leaves

Members were requested to bring samples of diseased plant leaves from their garden for proper analysis and discussion. We discussed and identified leaf diseases, effective treatment both chemical and organic. **A big thanks to our host Veliben Patel**; it was a well attended meeting with over 25 members showing up. The members brought diseased leaves of plants for diagnosis.

June 23rd 2015 –Shamba workshop

We had our first shamba workshop for the gardeners; a total of 23 gardeners attended the workshop hosted by Lady Marion of Kilifi. Thanks Jean for hosting.

July

We had no functions this month due to Ramadhan

August- 20th 2015 at 2.30pm

A visit to Mr. Venu Patel's home to view his collection of plants; We learnt about potted plants and how to keep them healthy, the talk focused more on choices of pots. Make "*Right plant, right place*" your motto. You must take into consideration the conditions of your space. Don't try to grow a flower like a rose —which requires six hours of full sun—

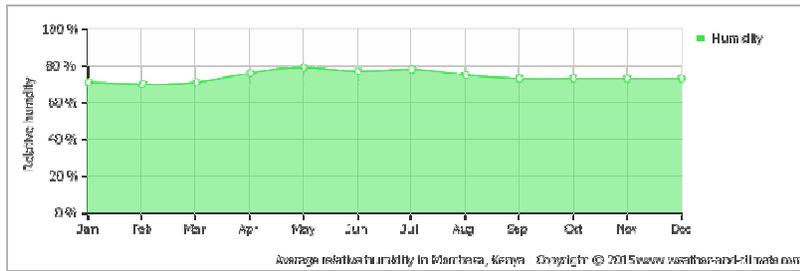
September meeting-exhibiting plants for the flower show, this talk was meant to encourage all the members to take part in the mini flower show scheduled for March 2016. You have ample time to start preparing your potted plants for the show. Remember it's not how unique the plant is, but how healthy and well presented to the judge that will give your plant the winning ticket.

October meeting – North coast flower show, for those who missed this wonderful display I will try and paint the beautiful scenery in words. The entry point of the venue was filled with bright colors of the phalaenopsis/vanda orchids. All in full bloom and hanging beautifully from the pots, the displays and scents from the blooms were breath taking. My spirit was filled with wonderful rays of colors that not only I, but the entire group spent the first one hour just admiring the heavenly display of orchid blooms.

November 16th-19th 2015 – A 3 nights stay in western Kenya

13 members went for this trip that took us to Kisumu including the tour to its surrounding islands and Kakamega. This was a very successful trip. The members were treated to sites like the "crying stone" and the Isiukhu Falls in North Kakamega forest. During the trip we also learnt about medicinal plants.

Mombasa Climate County during 2015



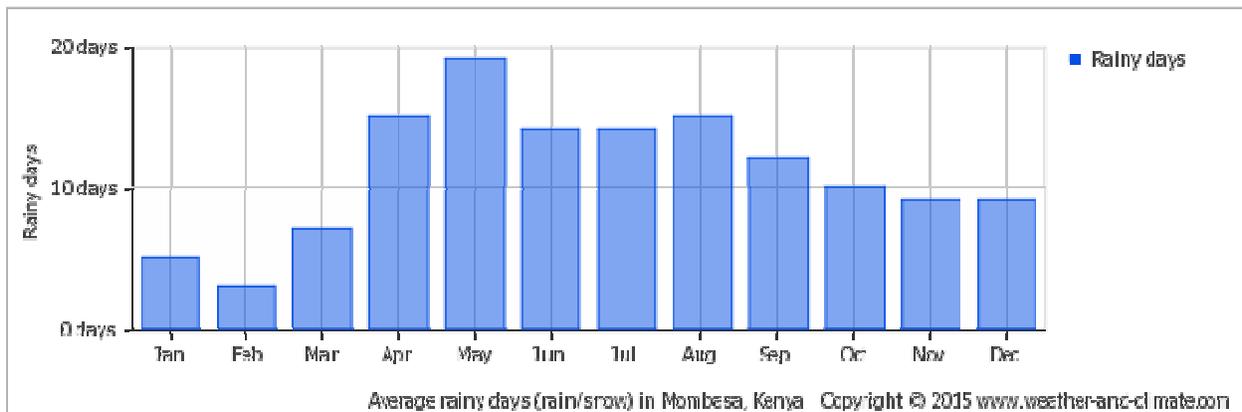
Humidity was high as usual

On average, the temperatures are always high.

Most rainfall (rainy season) was seen in April, May, October and November.

On average, the warmest month was March while the coolest month was July.

May was the wettest month while February was the driest month.



Line up schedule for 2016

January 18th 2016 at 2.20 pm AGM.

The list below are the office bearers for the year 2016, the meeting was well attended and we had a guest speaker Mr. John Ndege, who is currently studying coastal trees and vegetation and writing a writing a book on the same.

CHAIRMAN:

Cecilia Abwao

Proposed by Jean Elms; seconded by Nila Devani

VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Mumtaz Adam

Proposed by Cecilia Abwao; seconded by Zamida Saeed

HON – SECRETARY:

Jean Elms

Proposed by Mumtaz Adam; seconded by Batul Chakera

HON – TREASURER:

Nila Devani

Proposed by Jasmin Shah; seconded by Nila Papat

JOINT HON – TREASURER:

Zamida Saeed

Proposed by Cecilia Abwao; seconded by Jean Elms

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Shrena Malde; Colleen Street; Jasmin Shah; Jane Semanya; Hamuda Tahir and Smita Shah.

February 29th 2.30 pm

A talk and demonstration by Mrs. Cecilia Abwao on creating a fairy garden, this is in view of many members having limited space to garden. This meeting will be held at Mumtaz Adams' residence behind Bliss hotel. A Horticultural signpost will be placed along the road to give directions.

March 11th - 12th 2016

Mombasa horticultural society mini-flower show/plant sale to be held at La Veranda Italian restaurant, (which is located behind Nkumatt city mall along Mombasa - Malindi highway).

April

A visit to Aloo farm in Mtwapa , dates are to be confirmed later.