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Next Meeting

Wednesday April 13, 2022

Held in Person at Farmington
Senior Center

Featured Event

Brazilian Orchid Habitats:

The Coast

By

Francisco Miranda

A Short Bio of Our Speaker

Francisco Miranda was born in Rio de Janeiro on February 6, 1956. He got his degree in Biology and begun his taxonomic studies in the orchid family in 1981. During the next 4 years, he lived most of the time in Manaus where he studied Amazon orchids and began his Master's degree.

Shortly after returning to Rio de Janeiro, the Master's was completed on "section Cattleyodes of the genus Laelia". Since then, the main interest has been on the Brazilian laelias and cattleyas. He is the author of several papers ranging from species descriptions to subjects of growers' interest in Brazilian, German and U.S. publications.

He is also author of two books. Since 2000, he lives in Haines City, Florida, where he operates Miranda Orchids, an orchid nursery specializing on Brazilian species and the Cattleya alliance. He also guides trips to Brazil and frequently visits Brazilian habitats to find new and/or interesting orchid species.



Good news everyone!

This Cym is still for sale, \$25.00 with proceeds to benefit the club.

Contact Cheryl for details.



AOS JUDGING NEWS

From Glen, Our AOS rep

The Northeast Judging Center is Moving!

Effective April 16, 2022, the NJ site of the Northeast Judging Center of the American Orchid Society, is moving to the [Flat Rock Brook Nature Center](#), at 443 Van Nostrand Avenue, Englewood NJ, 07631. This new and convenient location is easily accessed from I-95, I-80, NJ Route 4, and the Palisades Parkway. Judging day remains the third Saturday of each month and will continue at this new location for the remainder of 2022.

During to COVID, we found a temporary home at the First Presbyterian Church of Hanover, but the church wanted the space back for other uses. We wanted to keep the Judging Center easily accessible to both our growers as well as our judges, hence the selection of Flat Rock Brook Nature Center.

Flat Rock Brook Nature Center offers free parking adjacent to the building and overflow parking down the hill, on the public streets. The building is ADA accessible and there is drive-up access to where judging takes place for convenient plant drop-off. Everyone is welcome! Bring an orchid for judging, or just come and listen. Either way, you'll learn a lot about orchids.

So don't forget, starting April 16, 2022 and going forward, judging is at the Flat Rock Brook Nature Center. Come join us.

With orchids timing is everything. If your orchids are in their prime earlier in the month, the Northeast Judging Center in Boylston MA meets on the first Saturday of the month, and the Mid-Atlantic Judging Center meets in Philadelphia PA on the second Saturday of the month. So, there are lots of opportunities to have your orchids judged and pick up a few tips from the judges.



HAVE IDEAS?

If you have ideas about the direction of the future of the society, please consider joining the board!



Upcoming AOS News and Events

<https://www.aos.org/news-events.aspx>



Orchids in the News

(Finally! Something on the internet is true!)

<https://www.express.co.uk/life-style/garden/1587220/orchids-watering-ice-cube-method-damage-houseplant-gardening-expert>



From the Editor's Desk

Good evening everyone,

Some super great news from the New Hampshire Show! Our very own Christian won two 1st place rosettes!! Pictures below. Congratulations to him and everyone else that won ribbons!



Photos by Carla Sternberg

Also, we are still looking for an editor for this lovely newsletter! I know that many of you are very capable, and you wouldn't be left high and dry if you wanted to attempt working on this. We (the collective 'we') are more than happy to help you get started as best we can. It's not hard, and is actually fun! Please let one of the board members know if you decide you want to give it a try.

Because There was no Show Table at Last Month's Meeting, Here are some photos from the New Hampshire Show

This is our COS display



Photo by Sue Kennedy

Our table after all the awards



Photo by Karen Kuziel

March Meeting Minutes

Our virtual presenter was Bill Thoms. He spoke on Bulbophyllums in the Philippines. There are 10,000 islands there and 12,000,000 square miles north of Manilla. Bill traveled to Mt. Ugo, where there were clouds on hills, and he was at 4,500 feet in a very steep area. Tree ferns flourished, along with Paph. philippinense growing in clay. The jungle was 55 to 60 degrees, with the Bulbos inside a cloud, essentially. He found species dearii, makoyanum,, fascinator, and romyii, along with Dend. cobbianum, Ceratostylis species, and Dend. nemorale.

As far as growing the Bulbos, he prefers "More water, longer," a horizontal mount or plastic pot with sphagnum moss. He gives them molasses and "plant potion number 9," a chelating agent. He believes in mounts with roots exposed, rather than too easily rotting tree fern fiber. Nitrate is better than nitrite, as in the MSU food, with watering before feeding at half strength. He advocates weakly weekly feeding. Protek, a silicon supplement, also helps. As far as insects, Bonide neem oil does the trick, with a bit of Palmolive for wetting enhancement. Neem, cold pressed, has a two year shelf life. Enstar 2 and Orthene are alternatives. The speaker also advocates no phosphates in the food.



Mentor List

The following COS members are available to answer your culture questions and help you with any orchid growing problems you may have.

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COS Membership Dues: \$20/yr. Individual \$25/yr. Family

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