

# Tucson Orchid Society

## September 2014 Newsletter

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**September Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 7:30 PM**

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### **Speaker: Francisco Miranda on Rupicolous Orchids**

Our September speaker is Francisco Miranda. He will be speaking on “Rupicolous Orchids.”

There is a multitude of rocky habitats in Brazil, and on most of them orchids can be found. Although most people associate rupicolous orchids with the rock-growing laelias on the mountains, and indeed several of them grow like this, there are many many other types of orchids growing under these conditions. In fact, rocky habitats are by no means restricted to the mountains. These orchids are thus a very interesting subject in terms of both their type and their range.

Francisco Miranda’s biography: 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 four 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 has Miranda Orchids, an orchid nursery specializing on Brazilian species and the *Cattleya* alliance.

## **Come See Doug Bultman's Greenhouse, Sept. 21, 2-4 PM**

From Doug: Hi! My greenhouse is now ten years old and I am ten years more tired. We are both showing our age. This open greenhouse will hopefully show how to build an inexpensive green house in Tucson and also the pit falls of not adequately maintaining it. We are in the foothills at 4920 N. La Callecita.

1. For those of you without smart phones like me, find your way to River Rd. and Swan.
2. Go north on Swan to Pantera, turn left (west) and go to the end of Pantera.
3. Then turn left (South) on Valley View Rd. to Cerrada del Charro.
4. Turn left (East) on Cerrada del Charro for a couple of lots to La Callecita.
5. Turn right on La Callecita to the first house - 4920.

If you get lost call me at: 400-4029

## **President's Corner**

Hi Everyone,

September is here and I am looking forward to our next meeting and to the coming of autumn. I was unable to attend the August meeting because of a health reason, but I will be back for September. I am delighted to learn that Ron Coleman did a superb job and that people were interested in going to see these plants in situ. Thanks Ron.

I am looking forward to hearing and seeing Francisco Miranda, our September speaker. He will be talking on rupicolous laelias. I have about 60 of them. Of course, I killed about 120 of them before I learned how to grow them in Tucson. I will share the method with anyone who wants to try them. The neat thing about them is that they take up very little room since most of them are miniatures and some are barely two inches tall.

The Annual Auction is coming up soon on November 5th. So start dividing your plants and making divisions for the Auction. Please make sure that they are quality divisions. I would like to see plants that anyone from newbies to experienced growers would want to have. I will pass a sheet round in October for helpers. We usually have great help from the membership. Things seem to be working out with not tearing the room apart to set up for our meetings. As long as this is working out we don't need to start looking for another space. Let me know at the meeting if this works for you.

Happy Growing and I will see you at the meeting. Mike Barretti

## Future Greenhouse Open Houses.

Sept. 21	Doug Bultman	4920 La Callecita, Tucson 85718
October 26	Tony Knight	1876 N. Camino de Oeste
December 14	As always	Wes Addison's home along with the Holiday Party

## Cookie List

*This is the list of people who have signed up to bring cookies to the monthly meetings during 2014.*

January: Sue Philips	July: Ron Norman
February: Ed Busch	August: Tony Knight
March: Jim Santino	September: Dawn Gall
April: Mary Ann Albano	October: Angela Stith
May: Sheri Musil	November: Mark Dimmitt
June: Beth Woodin	

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## General Meeting Information

The Tucson Orchid Society regularly meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Adobe Bridge Club, 3727 E. Blacklidge Dr., Tucson, AZ 85716 **at 7:30 PM**. From the intersection of E. Ft. Lowell and N. Dodge, go two blocks south on Dodge, turn left on Blacklidge and the building is on the north side of the street.