



# Vero Beach Orchid Society



July 2024



July Speaker: Francisco Miranda

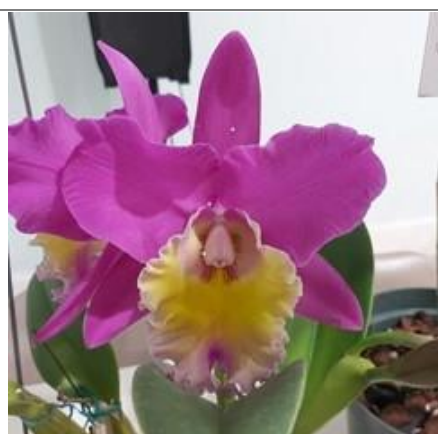
Francisco Miranda was born in Rio de Janeiro on February 6, 1956. He got his degree in Biology and began his taxonomic studies in the orchid family in 1981. During the next 4 years, he lived, most of the time, in Manaus where he studied Amazon orchids and began his master's degree. Shortly after returning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

Our meeting will begin on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and there will be a raffle table and sales plants supplied by Miranda Orchids.

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**FAMILY DUES: \$25.00**

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE JULY 18TH AT THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 2526 17TH AVENUE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM**