



OrquidaRio Orquidófilos Associados

Dear Orchid Lover,

Welcome to the 2nd virtual exhibition of OrquidaRio.

I am Rosário, Maria do Rosário de Almeida Braga, and I am here as the interim president of OrquidaRio, while our dear president, Edson Cherém, is recovering from a great loss.

First we want to acknowledge everyone who has contributed to turn into reality the 2nd exhibition on line da OrquidaRio. I include here, besides the many members of OrquidaRio, also members of ASSON (Orchid Society of Niteroi) and COMAR (Orchid Circle of Maricá), who are constant and faithful partners of OrquidaRio. And, for the first time and with great honor, we also thank the Gaucho Circle of Orchid Growers (CGO), the São Paulo Orchid Society (AOSP) the Portuguese Society of Orchids (APO) and the San Diego County Orchid Society (SDCOS). All these orchid societies, in different states and countries (and continents!) have kindly accepted our invitation to participate in our orchid show.

Over the last six months, maybe more than in any other period in our lives, orchids and flowers in general, of every shape, color and fragrance, united us, inspired us, and brought smiles to our faces and good to our hearts. And this while everything else around us has been changing.

We celebrate the beginning of Spring in the Southern Hemisphere with our traditional "Orchids in Spring 2020", once more with the support of the Rio de Janeiro Botanical Gardens Research Institute.

Please visit our online show. Be enchanted by the many and beautiful orchids. Take your time to watch the interesting talks – although they are all in Portuguese... Click on the different links and find the products offered by commercial orchid growers, artists and artisans and also OrquidaRio.

Take the opportunity to reflect about our role as orchid lovers facing the many present challenges that our planet is going through and, especially, that our country is suffering.

Please feel very welcomed. Enjoy our exhibition. Thank you for your visit.

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