



NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

October 2025

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PERSONAL AD:

ISO Enthusiastic, creative person who wants to share fun and educational experiences with orchid lovers in New Orleans.

This person must be willing to spend the group's money and invite knowledgeable orchid and plant experts from the surrounding community. The ideal candidate would also be able to encourage local experts from the group to share their growing tips and tricks. The perfect individual would enjoy thinking up silly ways to engage group members. Candidates should be proficient with scissors, glue and construction paper. For more intimate information about this opportunity, contact Susan Goss.

Interested candidates should contact any New Orleans Orchid Society officer ASAP.

Meeting Notice

Date: October 21st, 2025

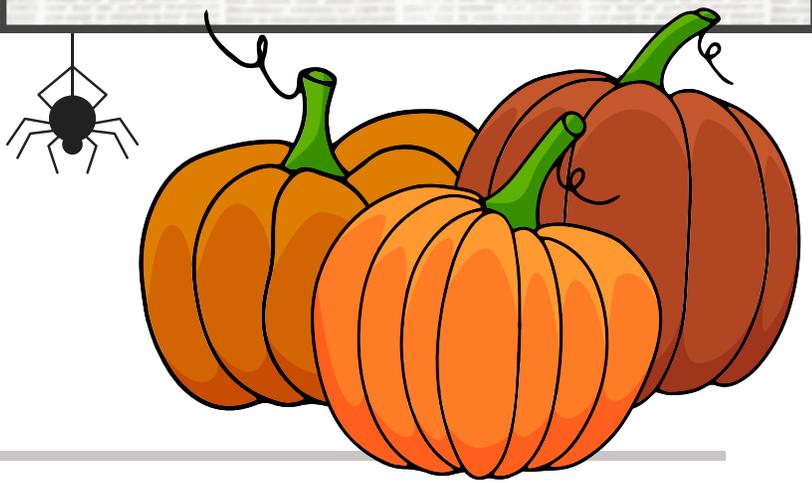
Location:

Lakeview Presbyterian Church
5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA

Program: Mike Hymel and Anna Maria Ball, plus our Halloween celebration and spooky competitions

Raffle Plants:

- Blc Hawaiian Thril 'Paradise'
- Brassvola perrinii
- Pot JerryRehfield 'Paradise Fuschia'
- Bc Hippodamia x C Small World
- Rlc Roy Field x Raven Rock 'Hackneau'



Please join us for our October Meeting!



Our Super Spooky Halloween themed October 21st meeting will feature our own Anna Maria Ball and Mike Hymel. Anna Maria will speak about White Phalaenopsis Orchids. Mike will speak about bromeliads and will have plants to sell. In addition, we will reprise our Spooky Halloween Dead, Dying and Zombie Orchid competition! Dress up your worst looking plants! Fun and prizes for all. Feel free to enjoy the Halloween spirit!

Naturally, we will have our normal table judging as well!

A bit about our presenters:

Anna Maria Ball has been an active member of the New Orleans Orchid Society for 18 years and has volunteered for everything including the table judging and the raffle table, both at our meetings and at our yearly show at Lakeside Mall. Orchids are among the many different plants she nurtures. (Ask her to tell you how she won her greenhouse in a bet with her father-in-law!) She has also clerked during the Orchid Show and it was while clerking that her interest in learning more about orchids was piqued. She has been a student judge for the AOS since the summer of 2024 and is well on her way! Her presentation: "White Phalaenopsis: A glimpse into the story of the White Phalaenopsis from the beginning, to what we see today in hybrids including bars, spots and other markings" explores the history of the world's most popular orchid! This is a practice run for her presentation for the Louisiana Judging Center later this year.

Mike Hymel is the Vice President of the Greater New Orleans Bromeliad Society. His interest in bromeliads was sparked by his grandmother's small collection. At age 10, he began adding to her collection and a later trip to the El Yunque rain forest in Puerto Rico at the age of twenty further developed his interest in the plants. Shortly after returning from the Rain Forest, with the help of his grandfather he built the first of several green houses. In the 1970's he collected plants in central and southern Florida. He has been collecting for fifty years and has visited the rain forest on several Caribbean islands, as well as in Belize this past spring, He is scheduled to visit Panama and the Costa Rican Rain Forest in 2026. Mike is retired after 48 years as Office Manager of Louisiana and Gulf of Mexico Operations for Pharos Marine Automatic Power, Inc.



Dress up your worst looking plants! Fun and prizes for all. Feel free to enjoy the Halloween spirit! Costumes welcome. If you are contributing treats think about a Halloween theme.

Coming Up in 2025

November 18th we welcome Juan Carlos Cruz from Jesorchids in Baton Rouge. Juan Carlos makes fascinating jewelry from REAL ORCHIDS! He will take us through his artistic process and have lovely gifts to sell! Be sure to think about the upcoming holidays and bring your checkbook or credit card!

Our annual Holiday Party will take place on **Sunday December 7th** !

Acadian Orchid Society Show

October 3, 2026 - The following seven AOS awards were awarded by three teams of AOS judges



Acadian Orchid Society Show Trophy of 83 points



Vanda SW New Year Red 'Glimmer'
AM/AOS 81 points owned by
Francis Peloquin



Vanda Brighton's Two Tone AM/AOS of 80 points
owned by Carol Stauder



Dendrobium Island Sunset 'Michael' AM/AOS of 85 points
& CCM/AOS of 85 points owned by Larry Hennessey



Cattleya Melana Davison 'Tricia'
HCC/AOS of 77 points owned by Larry
Hennessey



Vandachostylis Pon Washington
'Ryan James' AM/AOS 84 points
owned by Joleen Davis



Dendrobium Island Sunset 'Michael'
AM/AOS of 85 points & CCM/AOS of
85 points owned by Larry Hennessey

The Louisiana Judging Center held its monthly judging in Baton Rouge at the BREC Perkins Road Community Park on September 27, 2025.

Five accredited judges (Alan Taylor, Frank Zachariah, John Schwarze, Eron Borne, Larry Hennessey), one associate judge (Jackie Bravo) and three student judges (Anna Maria Ball, Darwin Jimenez) were in attendance.

Sixteen plants were entered for judging, one was scored and rejected and the following five awards were granted (4 HCCs, 1 AM):

- Cattleya Scarlet Imp 'Petra F. Flanagin' HCC/AOS 78 points owned by Meta Flanagin
- Cattlianthe Carlos Rafael Santiago 'Beuaregard' HCC/AOS 78 points owned by John Schwarze
- Habenaria Gubbio 'Layla' HCC/AOS 78 points owned by Larry Hennessey
- Papilionanda Corneels Cilliers 'Memoria Michael James' HCC/AOS 77 points owned by Connie Miller
- Vanda Ricky Perez 'Logan Alexander' AM/AOS 80 points owned by Connie Miller



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MINUTES OF 09/16/2025 MEETING THE NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY

The meeting began at 6:30 pm with refreshments and plant purchases.

President Denise Emmer called the business meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Reports

Vice-President Susan Goss asked members to sign up to staff the NOOS "Ask an Orchid Expert" table at the Fall Garden Festival at City Park on Saturday October 4 between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. She also announced that the October meeting will have a Halloween theme with a dead or dying orchid contest. Members are encouraged to wear costumes. Mike Hymel will give a presentation on bromeliads and AnnaMaria Ball will give a presentation on white Phalaenopsis. In November, Juan Carlos Cruz from JesOrchids Jewelry will give a presentation on how he makes jewelry from orchid flowers. He will have some of his creations for sale. Our holiday party will be on Sunday, December 7. Susan thanked Karlie Schaible for the great job she does editing the newsletter. Susan also stated that she will be stepping down from her role as Vice-President in 2026 and that we need someone to volunteer to take over.

Treasurer Gayle Dellinger was not present.

Secretary Ann Ebert reported that we have 78 members.

Old Business

Denise announced that the Acadian Orchid Society will be having its show in Lafayette the first weekend in October.

Denise announced that we need volunteers to serve as Vice-President and trustee for 2026. Denise asked for volunteers to bring refreshments for the October and November meetings. If possible, we would like to have Halloween-themed treats for October.

New Business

Larry Hennessey announced that the judging center in Alexandria will be changing the location of its monthly judging from Alexandria to various satellite locations in an effort to increase participation and expand educational opportunities. This month's judging will take place in Baton Rouge. Larry will send the address to Ann and she will forward it to the membership.

Larry also stated that the Gulf Coast Orchid Society has invited NOOS to participate in a bulk sale of plants from Island Sun Orchids. Larry will send Ann the list of plants for sale and Ann will forward this to the membership.

Program: "Orchids – The Beautiful, the Unique and the Weird," presented by Nick Rust of Rusty Exotics.

Table judging results were presented by Larry.

Door prize, birthday raffle and plant raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Monthly Plant Judging

All members must be in good standing (current dues paid) before entering any plants in the monthly table judging competition. Thanks!!

Monthly NOOS Winners Tuesday, September 16 th , 2025		
Award	Member	Plant
Bden	Larry Hennessy	Den Enobi Purple 'Splash' AM/AOS
BH - 1	Pat Herbert	Vct Catherine Higgins (Van Aromatic x Pda Mimi Palmer)
BH - 2	Pat Herbert	Van Mary Ellen (V lamellata x Rhy coelestis 'Mamai Blue') x NOI Blue
BS-1	Cody Nguyen	Phal pulcherrima var marmorata

Just as a reminder, not all categories have a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. In order to receive Award Points a plant must have at least 4 votes.

THANK YOU!

THANKS to the following NOOS members for their help with City Park's Fall Garden Show:

Molly Prokop, Susan Goss, Ilana Reisin, Betty Speyrer, David Hessler, Nancy Dempsey, Theresa Bickle, Diane Seideman, Selah Cambias, Teresa Klainer, Patricia Sander

WANTED: PLANT PURVEYOR

The Society is seeking someone to select and purchase plants which are used in our monthly raffles throughout the year.

Being able to house and care for the plants is also a plus!! Anyone interested should be somewhat orchid savvy and have a keen interest in finding bargains!

Please see Denise Emmer for more details and/or if interested.