



# NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

January 2026

## Officers

**President:** Selah Cambias  
**Vice-President:** Margaret Flannery  
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## President's Message

Greetings fellow New Orleans Orchid Society members! I hope everyone and your orchids are staying warm this particularly cold January. Although I've been a NOOS member for a relatively short time, almost two years, as your new President for 2026 I'm looking forward to helping the Society strengthen its community reach well into the future. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of NOOS, and I want to help make it memorable. My plan is to get to know each of you and find out what you love about NOOS. That way we can improve what we're doing best and usher in some fresh perspectives. I'm excited to hear your ideas and I will strive to make them happen. This Society is about you, the members. For that reason I created a new email address that each of the Board Members will have access to. This way, your ideas and suggestions will reach all of us. The email address is [nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from each of you.

-Selah

## Meeting Notice

**Date:** 1/20/25  
General Meeting 7pm

**Location:**  
Lakeview Presbyterian Church  
5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA

**Program:** Bring your Problem Plants



**We will not be having a General Meeting in February this year because our usual meeting date is on Mardi Gras Day.**

General Meetings will resume March 17, 2026 (St Patrick's Day.) We will be sending out a newsletter in February with many upcoming events. Don't miss it!

## January's Program

For our January General Meeting that was held on the 20th the topic was Bring Your Problem Plants. Plants were brought in by Diane Seidemann, Deniece Ageron, Ann Ebert, Pauline Prados and Gayle Dellinger. Larry Hennesey and AnnaMarie Ball gave exceptional and personalized advice for each plant. Many members said they learned a lot and really enjoyed the program.

MOBILE AREA ORCHID SOCIETY'S  
47TH ANNUAL  
ORCHID SHOW & SALE  
March 6 – 8, 2026

Hosted by



Friday  
Exhibit Set Up 8 AM  
Orchid Sales 10 AM  
Close 5 PM

Saturday  
AOS Judging 8 AM  
Orchid Sales 9 AM  
Exhibit Viewing Noon  
Close 5 PM

Sunday  
Show Open 9 AM  
Orchid Sales 10 AM  
Close 3 PM

For More Information  
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## Open Board Position!

Our previous Treasurer had to step down due to health conditions, so we are on the hunt for a new Treasurer for the year 2026. The job includes keeping track of expenses going in and out of the club reserves, and reimbursing members who have purchases for the organization. Additionally you will assess and approve or not approve new expenses with the Board and make a brief report at the General Meetings. You don't need bookkeeping experience, but rather an interest in helping shape the present and future of NOOS.

**Be part of the next 75 years of NOOS and reach out to any Board member or email [nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com).**

# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This year we will be revisiting the topic of the NOOS Logo.

The Board has plans to issue a new name tag to all new members and those who don't yet have a name tag. We will be restructuring our Marketing and Communications Systems to look cohesive and modern. In order to accomplish this, we need to brand ourselves clearly. The Board believes this brand recognition should come from you, the members.

For our March 2026 General Meeting we will be presenting several logos for you, the membership to vote on. We will include our oldest and newest logos and any other logos that are submitted by you, the members.

**If you have a logo idea and would like to present it for the vote please email that to [nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com).**

We will be using the final logo to print on our website, social media, name tags, and other merchandise.

Be a part of the next 75 years of NOOS and submit your ideas by March 1, 2026.

# MINUTES OF 1/20/2026 MEETING THE NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY

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President Selah Cambias called the business meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

Selah introduced the 2026 Board members and referred everyone to the handout that was being given out at tonight's meeting. It gives contact information for all the Board members and the dates of upcoming out-of-town shows.

Steve Shimmin is unable to serve as Treasurer and has stepped down. We need a volunteer to take this position. Anyone willing to help should contact one of the Board members. Past Treasurer Gayle Dellinger will fill in until we find a replacement.

Selah views her role and the role of the Board to be facilitating what the members want. She is interested in receiving input from all members, including new members and "legend" members who have been in the society for decades. She wants to foster fun and a sense of community.

We have a new plan for Orchid Basics. Classes will begin at 6:15 pm and end at 6:50. Patricia Sander taught it tonight, but we are looking for several volunteer teachers to take turns.

We have changed the location of the Welcome/Sign-In table for our meetings. It is now the first table members will see when they come in, followed by the raffle table.

We are looking for ideas for a new logo for NOOS that the membership can vote on during the March meeting. Members are encouraged to submit ideas. We will also look at all the designs that former Vice-President Susan Goss obtained. All designs will be published in the March newsletter.

There will be no meeting in February because our usual meeting date falls on Mardi Gras.

The Board is considering several new member and returning member benefits. Please share your ideas with the Board. We are considering the following: name tags for all members; welcome plant, welcome phone call and follow up greetings for new members; member handbook for all members; NOOS business cards for all members; more plants and growing supplies available at meetings; giving ribbons to winners of the monthly table judging. Someone suggested that instead of giving ribbons, we give an extra raffle ticket to each table judging winner. This was put to a vote and the raffle ticket option passed and was put into action during tonight's meeting.

Our website and Facebook page need maintenance and updating. Selah agreed to work on the website.

There are two out-of-town shows before our next meeting in March: Gulf Coast and Mobile. Selah and Randy Johnson offered to help with taking down our exhibit at the Gulf Coast show. We will send out an email to request volunteers to help set up and take down the Mobile show.

Selah thanked the members who brought refreshments to tonight's meeting.

There was a short break.

Program: Problem Plants. Members with problem plants brought them in to obtain advice from more experienced members in an open discussion format.

Larry Hennessey presented the table judging results.

Birthday raffle, door prize and plant raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:28 pm.

# Monthly Plant Judging

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

<b>Monthly NOOS Winners January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>		
<b>Award</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Plant</b>
<b>Best Hybrid</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Donna Rasch	Rlc. Golf Green 'Hair Pig'
<b>Best Hybrid</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Molly Prokop	Paph. Fluttering Fred
<b>Best Species</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Patricia Sander	Rhy. Gigantea
<b>Best Grown</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	AnnaMaria Ball	Rlc. Redlands Beauty
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.		