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February 2026

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Meeting Notice

There is no meeting in February, the below information is for the March meeting

Date: 3/17/26

Orchid Beginner's Class 6:15pm
General Meeting 7pm

Location:

Lakeview Presbyterian Church
5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA

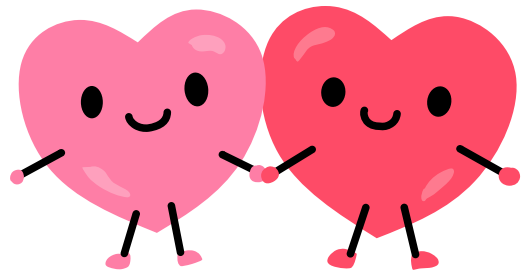
Program: Speaker Matt Myers of FooFoo Orchids - How to mount an orchid

President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mardi Gras! I think we finally made it through the coldest weather. Personally, I'm relieved and ready to get going on my Spring gardening plans. Time to start my research! I have a question for you, the Members. Do you ever come across a resource website or YouTube video about orchids that is very informative and entertaining? If so, I'd like to hear about it and share it with the society.

We're going to have a new section in each newsletter for Resources that are especially interesting and/or beautiful. This month we'll begin with a favorite of NOOS member Mike Hymel. He's a big fan of orchid shows from around the nation. Look for the link below. And please share your finds with us by emailing the link for your resource or video to nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com. Every emailed resource you send gives you a ticket for a drawing at the end of the year for an orchid themed gift!

-Selah



Volunteer Opportunity

For each event listed above in the Spring Calendar we have volunteer positions available. For the Show & Sale events we have positions in setting up and taking down

the show. Those should take about two hours of your time. The volunteer role usually includes lunch or refreshments, and free entry into the shows. No experience is necessary. It's a great opportunity to learn what happens behind the scenes at a show and get to know your fellow NOOS members. The

City Park Spring Show in April is a teaching table with the theme Ask The Orchid Expert. Again, you don't have to have experience to volunteer for this. We usually have several people on hand with lots of experience, so no question goes unanswered. Please email nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com if you have any questions or have some time to share with NOOS. We will be reaching out with sign-up information as we get closer to each event.

Spring Calendar

March 6-8

Mobile Area Orchid Society's Show & Sale

April 11, 2026

City Park Spring Garden Show

April 24-26

Terrebonne Orchid Society Show & Sale

May 29-31

New Orleans Orchid Society Show & Sale

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
info@maos.com (251) 209-1008

Open Board Position!

We have a volunteer who has stepped up for the Treasurers Position. If you are interested in this open position, please email the Board at

nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com

by Friday February 27, 2026. We will be voting on this position soon.

VOTE VOTE VOTE

The March 17 th meeting has a big agenda this year. We will be voting on THREE items.

- 1. The Logo.** Final deadline for submitting your logo or idea is Sunday March 1, 2026. The final entries will be voted on at the March 17th Meeting.
- 2. NOID Table.** We will be having a NOID Table at the March 17 th Meeting. Should we continue this each month? VOTE yes or no
- 3. Anniversary Party** – This year marks our 75 th Anniversary. The month is July. Would another month be better for you, the members? Please cast your vote on what month you would like to have our Anniversary Party.

In order to receive a voting ballot, you must be a paid member of NOOS for 2026. If you arrive to the meeting and haven't paid your membership, you can pay then and receive your ballot. If you cannot make the meeting due to medical reasons, please email the Board at nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com and we'll help you get your vote in. Deadline for emailing the Board for medical absence is Tuesday, March 10th.

Resource of the Month

Member Mike Hymel enjoys viewing Orchid Show videos from around the world. This month he shares the 2026 Tamiami International Orchid Festival that was held in January in the Miami area. The host of the video, Bryan, takes you on a tour of every single orchid vendor and the exhibit. Filmed pre show so there are no big crowds to get around. Mike says he likes this one because Bryan visits all the vendors, he even shares prices and deals you can only find at the show. This is not to be missed. Thanks Mike!

<https://tinyurl.com/a6swcxyw>

**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**



Gulf Coast Society Show and Sale

January 30th– February 1st 2026

Plant	Class	Owner	Ribbon	Other
Paph. Sighing Barbie	39	Larry	Red	
Paph. Vanguard	31	Larry		
Phal. Zheng Min Anaconda 'Wilson' AM/AOS	57	Larry	Blu	Tri-Color, Besy Phal
Catasetum David and Lee XOXO	107	Larry	Yel	
Den. Fire Wings	91A	Larry		
Den. Hawaii Spectacular	91A	Larry	Yel	
Den Island Sun 'Michael' AM/AOS	92A	Larry	Blu	Best Den Flwr
Stenorrhynchos speciosum	109	Larry	Red	
Epicatanthe Butterfly Kisses	23A	Larry	Yel	
Cattleya Beautiful Morning	20	Larry		
Vanda Somsri Paragon	70	Larry	Blu	Tri-Color, Besy Phal
Vanda Somsri Glory 'Red'	70	Larry	Red	
Wuttiphanara Manoonya 'Yellow'	75	Larry		
Angraecum Orchidglade	64	Carol S.	Blu	Tri-Color, Pulled
Rhy gigantea var. alba	75	Carol S.		
Rhy gigantea var. carota	75	Carol S.		
Broughtonia negrilensis	14	Carol S.	Red	
Den. Fire Wings	91A	Molly Prokop		
Ctt. Spring Imp	23A	Molly Prokop	Yel	
V. Fred's Choice	74	Pat Herbert	Blu	
Paph. Fluttering Fred	40	Donna Rasch	Blu	
Paph. Petula's Treasure	42	Donna Rasch	Yel	
Exhibit	7	Marian Prigmore	Blu	

The New Orleans Orchid Society won the best society exhibit < 50 sq ft. There were 22 plants in the exhibit from 5 exhibitors (Larry, Carol, Molly, Pat, and Donna).



This is the winning display < 50 ft

People in this picture left to right
Larry Hennessy,
Selah Cambias,
Randy Johnson,
David Hessler,
Marian Prigmore,
Mike Hymel

Thank you for volunteering!

Marian Prigmore,
Larry, Selah,
and Donna set up. Larry and Selah tore down.



Let's get Social

February Social Event. On Sunday February 22nd , NOOS members met at Perino's for a Rare Plant Sale then headed to Café Du Monde for coffee. It was a beautiful day. We plan to have many more events like this, so please check your Newsletters and emails for future events!



MINUTES OF 11/18/2025 MEETING THE NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY

The meeting began at 6:30 pm with refreshments.
President Denise Emmer called the business meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Reports

Vice-President Susan Goss announced that tonight's program will be presented by Juan Carlos Cruz of Jes Orchids.

Secretary Ann Ebert announced that she is accepting 2026 membership dues at tonight's meeting. Dues are due by December 31, 2025. She also announced that there is a silent book auction tonight.

Treasurer Gayle Dellinger was not present.

Election of 2026 Board Members

The following board members were elected by acclamation:

President - Selah Cambias

Vice-President - Margaret Flannery

Secretary - Ann Ebert

Treasurer - Steve Shimmin

Trustees: Pat Herbert, Patricia Sander and David Hessler.

New Business

Marian Prigmore announced that our holiday potluck dinner will take place on Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 pm. Everyone should bring a dish that serves 8 to 12 people. Denise reminded everyone that we play "Dirty Santa" at the potluck.

Please bring a plant-related gift in the \$20 price range to participate.

Break for Table Judging

Program: Juan Carlos Cruz of Jes Orchids gave a presentation explaining how he makes jewelry from orchid flowers.

Table judging results were presented by AnnaMaria Ball.

Door prize, birthday raffle and plant raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.