



# NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



March 2026

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## President's Message

We now have a fully elected Board for 2026, including a new Treasurer! I am very grateful for the support of the previous Board while we figure out how to help bring the Society into the next phase of existence. I hope we can continue the mission of those who lead before us. The new Board has been busy making our Spring plans and we're excited to share them with you. This month we have several items to vote on, and your presence is needed. Our presenter for the March General Meeting is New Orleans' own Matt Myers of Foo Foo Orchids. Matt will be teaching both the Beginners and General meeting presentation. We have a NOID (no ID) table this month, so you can bring any beautiful thang you have in bloom. I think our meeting room will be full of blossoms this month! Several Spring events are around the corner, and you know we need some volunteers. So, keep your calendar ready! Finally, since our General Meeting is on St. Patrick's Day, I'm going to bring a special prize for anyone who brings something GREEN. Maybe it's a plant, maybe it's green cookies to share with the others. You decide! Come see me with your green item when you arrive.

Remember, if you ever want to reach the Board, please email us at [nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com). See you all March 17th at 6:15PM!



-Selah

## Meeting Notice

**Date:** 3/17/26

### Orchid Beginner's Class 6:15pm

*What is an orchid? Species vs Hybrid  
An in depth look at everything  
Phalaenopsis*

### General Meeting 7pm

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

### Location:

Lakeview Presbyterian Church  
5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA



# Resource of the Month



This month our resource is a YouTube video of a home garden tour that will knock your socks off! Nature Nell takes us to the home of Mercedes, who lives down in Florida, and has orchids hanging EVERWHERE. In fact, she says they do much better hanging because they drain so well. Since we have Matt Myers teaching us about mounting orchids for our March 17th General Meeting, I figured we could all use some inspiration. Mercedes does all her gardening work by herself, and she's very resourceful! Please sit back and get a cup of your favorite beverage and watch Nature Nell show us one his fan favorite gardens. I'm sure you'll be even more excited about the talk Matt is going to bring us on March 17th!

<https://tinyurl.com/4wrha2a2>



## Spring 2026 Calendar

**March 21**

Field Trip Social to Foo Foo Orchids

**April 11**

City Park Spring Garden Show

**April 24-26**

Terrebonne Orchid Society Show & Sale

**May 29-31**

New Orleans Orchid Society Show & Sale

## Field Trip Social

Foo Foo Orchid's very own Matt Myers will be sharing his expertise at our March 17th General Meeting. For the Beginner's Class at 6:15 PM he'll be teaching "What is an Orchid? Species vs Hybrid and an in depth look at everything Phalaenopsis." During the General Session he's going to teach Orchid Mounting.

On Saturday, March 21st we're going to take a field trip to Matt's greenhouse where he has many rare and unusual orchids for sale. We'll first meet at Lakeside Mall to carpool. Let's meet at 12:15 in the Dillard's parking lot facing 17th street. We'll then head over to Foo Foo Orchids located at 1313 Lamanche St. in New Orleans. After the greenhouse visit, we'll head to Rocky & Carlo's at 613 W. St Bernard Hwy in Chalmette for lunch.

The Mobile Area Orchid Society  
Invites you to attend a special guest presentation  
on Cymbidiums  
Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 2:00pm



Mathew Myers of FOOF00 Orchids

From Metairie, La  
Will speak and sell plants  
Mobile Japanese Gardens  
Second Cottage with Handicap Ramp  
700 Forest Hill Dr.  
Mobile, Alabama 36608  
For more information contact Cynthia Oetker 228-313-4873  
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## NOID Table

Do you have grocery store orchids in bloom, and you'd like to bring them to compete? Do you have an orchid that gives you beautiful new blooms, but sadly, you lost them name tag? Bring them to our March 17th meeting for the NOID table! No ID? No Problem! We'll have a table just for NOID Orchids that will compete for the most beautiful of the bunch. The winner will receive a raffle ticket.

\*\*If you love this idea, we'll be Voting to decide if we should keep the NOID table at every meeting.

## Vote, Vote, Vote

We need your vote! As it turns out, we have several more items to on during the General Meeting than we anticipated. We'll cover the Logo, the NOID Table, our Anniversary plan, and more!

Please be sure your dues are paid so you can vote. If you are unable to attend the General Meeting due to illness or other , please email the board at [nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com) by **Saturday, March 14th** .



# Mobile Area Orchid Society Show and Sale

March 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

The show included seven exhibits with 207 entries, of which 19 were pulled for AOS award consideration. Two plants received flower quality awards.

Plant	Class	Owner	Ribbon	Other
Encyclia cordigera	11	Larry		
Epidendrum stamfordianum 'Layla's 11th' HCC/AOS	11	Larry	Blu, Tri-Color	Trophy
Paph. lowii	29	Larry	Blu	
Paph. Vanguard (Not for AOS judging)	31	Larry	Blu	
Vanda Motes Adorbs (Not for AOS judging)	69	Larry	Red	
Vanda Motes Adorbs	69	Larry	Blu, Tri-Color	Trophy, Pulled
Phal. amboinensis	48	Larry		
Phal. Jamie's Raspberry Pearl 'Orchid Affair'	54	Larry	Red	
Dtps. Chian Xen Piana '339' FCC/AOS	54	Larry	Wht	Pulled
Phal. Zheng Min Anaconda 'Wilson' AM/AOS	57	Larry		
Den. Fire Wings	91A	Larry	Blu, Tri-Color	
Den. Silver King	91A	Larry		
Den Island Sun 'Michael' AM/AOS Not for AOS judging	92A	Larry	Blu, Tri-Color	
Stenorrhynchos speciosum	109	Larry	Red	
Phal. Smiley Bluebird x Mituo Princess		Carol S	Blu	
Phal. Mainshow Blue Wave x Mituo Princess		Carol S		
V. Christensonianum		Carol S	Blu	
Cl. Grace Dunn		Carol S		
Paph. Hung Sheng Taianu		Marian	Blu	
Phrag. Leslie Garay		Marian	Blu, Tri-Color	
Van. Moreton Bay		Pat H	Red	
Vanda MV Tannis		Pat H	Blu	
Exhibit	6	Larry		



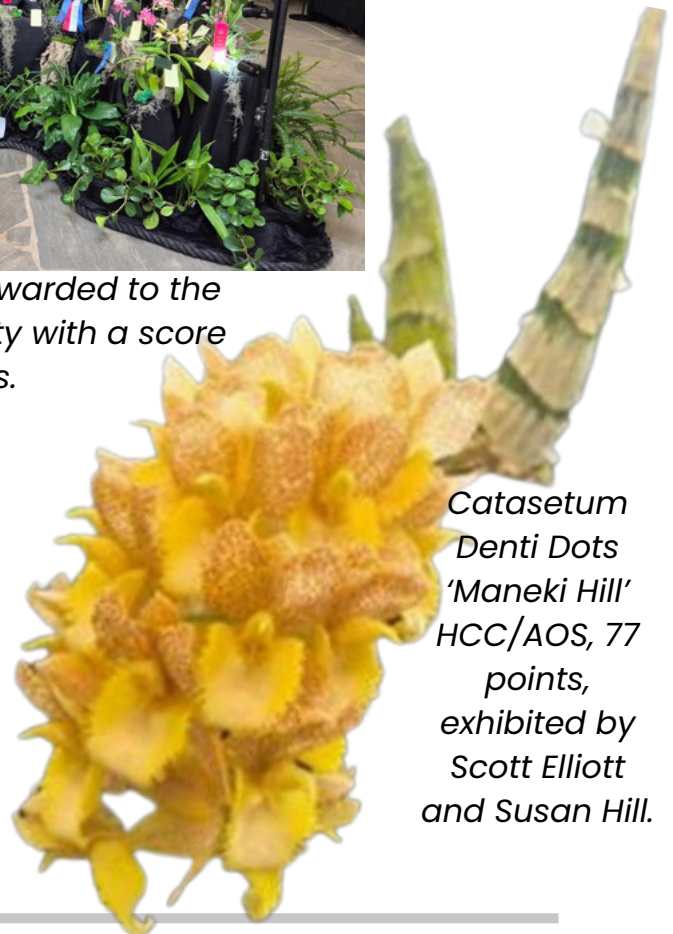
NOOS won first place for the best society exhibit < 25ft at the Greater Mobile Orchid Society Show this weekend. Larry set up and tore down. Four people contributed plants: Larry, Carol Stauder, Pat Herbet, and Marian Prigmore. There was two AOS awards plus the show trophy.



The Show Trophy was awarded to the Gulf Coast Orchid Society with a score of 80 points.



*Cymbidium Pistachio Mint 'Tom Thumb' AM/AOS. 82 points, exhibited by Andy Braun.*



*Catasetum Denti Dots 'Maneki Hill' HCC/AOS, 77 points, exhibited by Scott Elliott and Susan Hill.*