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NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

April is one of my favorite months of the year. Not just because it's my birthday month, but because spring flowers are everywhere! The trees are growing new leaves with that particular chartreuse color of new life. For a chance at a special orchid surprise, see me at our next meeting, April 21st and tell me what you love most about Spring.

We have two opportunities coming up to add to your orchid collections! The Terrebonne Show the last weekend in April, and our very own New Orleans Orchid Society Show and Sale at the end of May. These are our last two shows until July, so don't miss out!

This month at our General Meeting on the 21st, we have special guest Natalia Inyakina who will be teaching us about deflasking an orchid. The Resource of the Month take us on a virtual tour of Waldor Orchids in New Jersey where fourth generation orchid grower David Off shows us his process after the orchids are deflasked. Check out the YouTube video and come to the April 21st meeting to see it in real life!

Remember, if you ever want to reach the NOOS Board, please email us at noalorchidsociety@gmail.com.

Meeting Notice

Date: 4/21/26

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

Program: Natalia Inyakina of Louisiana
Orchid Connection
"How to Unflask and Orchid"

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

Noid Table

We will be continuing to have our NOID table for your plants that don't have parentage or who lost their tag. If there's no identification, there's no problem! Bring your beautiful bloomers! NOID plants will be voted on based on beauty alone. The winner will receive a raffle ticket for the drawings at the meeting.

Spring 2026 Calendar

April 24-26

Terrebonne Orchid Society Show & Sale

May 16

Field Trip Social to Foo Foo Orchids

May 29-31

New Orleans Orchid Society Show & Sale

Resource of the Month

Fourth Generation orchid grower David Off takes Summer Rayne Oaks on an incredible tour of his family's facility. Summer Rayne Oaks is one of the most visually stunning Creators on YouTube. Her videos never disappoint. David's facility is large but immaculate. The close ups of particularly gorgeous specimens, along with the music and labeling of the plants and David's experience, makes this video thoroughly enjoyable. At about 50 minutes long, it's well worth a relaxing rest in your garden or greenhouse with your favorite cup of refreshment.

<https://tinyurl.com/4xty6drn>



Show and Sale Events

Terrebonne Orchid Society Show & Sale

Orchid Reflections

April 24, 25 and 26, 2026

Southland Mall

5953 West Park Avenue

Houma, LA 70364

New Orleans Orchid Society Show & Sale

May 29, 30 and 31, 2026

Lakeside Mall

3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd.

Metairie, LA 70002



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Cattleya Auction

Special auction held at the April 21st meeting 7 PM, Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Two gorgeous Cattleyas will be auctioned off to raise fund for the trophies given at our May Show and Sale. The first, pictured here, is a Lc. Mari's Magic. The second is in bud, Bc. Beautiful Morning. Don't miss out on this rare opportunity!

Volunteer Opportunity

We're looking for a couple volunteers for the Terrebonne Show, especially on Sunday to help take down. If you're interested, please email nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com or text NOOS President Selah Cambias at 504-382-6039.

Coming next month, May 29-31, we'll need as many volunteers as we can. It's our show time! Positions needed include Clerks, Raffle Table, Set Up beginning Wednesday afternoon, Registration Table on Friday, Take Down on Sunday.

Field Trip Social Rescheduled!

On Saturday, May 16th at 1pm we're going to take a field trip to Foo Foo Orchid's greenhouse where Matt has many rare and unusual orchids for sale.

Foo Foo Orchids is 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.

We will share more information closer to the date, including car pooling opportunities.

2026 New Orleans Orchid Society Show Vendors

*All vendors accept pre-orders, and you save on the shipping

Belle Dance Orchid & Tropicals

Denise Ogeron & Cindi Becnel
Belle Chase, LA 70037
contact@belledanceorchids.com
www.belledanceorchids.com
504-419-5416

Hicks Orchid & Supplies

Kenneth Hicks
Orlando, FL 32817
Hicksj0430@bellsouth.net
<https://HicksOrchidsandSupplies.simdif.com>
407-733-1887

Florida Orchid House

Ti & Henry Do
Myakka, FL 34251
ktorchidhouse@gmail.com
www.floridaorchidhouse.com
727-666-4500

Louisiana Orchid Connection

John Nelson & Tim Wein Yu
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
john@laorchid.com
www.laorchid.com
206-817-5400

Florida Star Nurseries

Jodi Shumaker
Mariana, FL 32448
jodishu@gmail.com
www.secretgardentrareplants.com
850-693-1331

Mac's Orchids

Mac & Helen Rivenbark
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330
macsorchids@aol.com
www.asianorchidsource.com
954-410-8580

Foo Foo Orchids

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804-658-7924

Quest Orchids

Yolanda & Segundo Cuesta
Miami, FL 33175
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Spring Orchids

Denny & Renee Hasse
Spring, TX 77389
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713-898-4411

So Orchids

So and Dieu Nguyen
Orlando, FL 32835
So.orchid@gmail.com
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407-928-0831

February Louisiana Judging Center Awards

The Louisiana Judging Center held its monthly judging in Alexandria on February 28, 2026. Seven accredited judges (Alan Taylor, Frank Zachariah, Mary Mancini, Eron Borne, Larry Hennessey, Jackie Bravo, Randy Johnson), one judge emeritus (Lena Parker) and three student judges (Anna Maria Ball, Alena Cerri, Darwin Jimenez) were in attendance.

Eight plants were entered for judging, the following three awards were granted (2 HCCs, 1 AM):



Paphiopedilum Mooning Wood
'Louisiana' received an HCC/AOS of 75
points owned by Al Taylor

Paphiopedilum Vanguard 'Louisiana
From antkaren' received an HCC/AOS of
76 points owned by Al Taylor



Dendrobium Sakurako 'Bea Domingue
from Bravo' received an AM/AOS of 82
points owned by Jackie Bravo

MINUTES OF 3/17/2026 MEETING THE NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY

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

Selah introduced the 2026 Board members. Larry Hennessey volunteered to serve as Treasurer after Steve Shimmin had to give up the position due to health problems. The Board voted to have Larry fill the vacancy.

Selah asked everyone to take a handout that gives contact information for all the Board members and the dates of upcoming out-of-town shows. The handout also gives the new email address for the Board: nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com.

Selah congratulated those who entered and won ribbons and trophies at the Gulf Coast and Mobile Orchid Shows. Donna Rasch briefly explained what is necessary for entering a plant or plants in a show.

Selah thanked Karlie Schaible for her work editing the newsletter. She also thanked Debbie Dinwiddie for updating the website.

We started sharing links to orchid-related resources such as videos. The links are being published in the newsletter. If you would like to share a link, please email it to nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com. The next link we will be sharing will regards orchid flasking. This should relate well to our program for the April meeting. Guest speaker Natalia Inyakina from Louisiana Orchid Connection will be giving a presentation on deflasking orchids.

The field trip to Foo Foo Orchids that we had planned for March 21 is being postponed to a later date.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to work our "Ask an Orchid Expert" table at the City Park Garden Show on Saturday, April 11. We need one or two volunteers to help Marian Prigmore set up our 5 x 5 floor exhibit at the Terrebonne Show and Sale.

The NOOS Show and Sale takes place May 29- 31. There are various opportunities to volunteer at the show.

Marian Prigmore requested assistance for Lakeview Presbyterian Church, which has provided our meeting room for several years for a very reasonable rental price. Due to declining enrollment, the church is having difficulty paying for flowers for their welcome table. The NOOS membership agreed to loan flowers and/or blooming plants to the church one weekend a quarter.

Patio Planters of the Vieux Carre has requested a speaker to give a presentation at one of their meetings, which are held the first Wednesday of the month. It was recommended that we approach Carol Studer to see if she would be interested in speaking. Patio Planters is also hosting a Secret Garden Tour on April 12.

Molly Prokop showed members one of her plants - a blooming Cattleya with a color break in the flowers. This is most likely due to a virus.

The membership unanimously voted in favor of adding a NOIDs category for the monthly table judging.

NOOS will be 75 years old in July. The membership unanimously voted in favor of having a birthday cake at the July meeting and planning a bigger celebration for later in the year.

We are considering changing the By-Laws to provide that a member who is unable to attend a meeting may do absentee voting by email at least 7 days before the meeting. By majority vote, the membership approved of allowing absentee voting. There was a brief discussion regarding whether absentee voting should be limited only to those with medical issues. By majority vote, the membership approved absentee voting without this limitation.

Three NOOS logo designs were presented and discussed. Voting on a new logo was tabled until the April meeting to give AnnaMaria Ball and Selah more time to tweak the logo design with the fleur de lis.

Break for table judging and refreshments.

Program: Matt Myers of Foo Foo Orchids gave a presentation on how to mount orchids.

Plant raffle, birthday raffle and door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

March Louisiana Judging Center Awards

The Louisiana Judging Center held its monthly judging at the Rapides Parish Library - Westside Branch in Alexandria on March 28, 2026.

Eight accredited judges (Alan Taylor, Frank Zachariah, Mary Mancini, Eron Borne, William Caldwell, Larry Hennessey, Jackie Bravo, Randy Johnson), one emeritus judge (Lena Parker) and two student judges (Anna Maria Ball, Alena Cerri) were in attendance. Twelve plants were entered for judging, one was scored and rejected and the following award was granted:



Phalaenopsis OX Firebird 'Bravo' received an AM/AOS of 85 points owned by Jackie Bravo.