



**NEW  
ORLEANS  
ORCHID  
SOCIETY**

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# NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



May 2026

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## President's Message

Tell me what got you into orchids? For me, I was given several as a gift. They were Phalaenopsis of course. I call those "grocery store" orchids, the gateway drug into the orchid world. I accidentally got my phals to rebloom, then the next year I kept them all safe from the cold and ended up with almost no blooms! That was what sent me to The New Orleans Orchid Society. Over several months I discovered that there's a whole world of wonder around orchids. I was hooked.

This month is our annual Show & Sale at Lakeside Mall here in Metairie at Lakeside Mall. Will your orchid curiosity be satisfied? This year promises to be spectacular. We have lots of volunteer opportunities to help with the show. If you are interested in taking part, please keep reading below. We'd love to see you there!

-Selah

## Meeting Notice

**Date:** 5/19/26

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

**Program:** Everything you need about our Show & Sale

### Location:

Lakeview Presbyterian Church  
 5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA



# Jungle Treasures

May 29-31

LAKESIDE MALL METAIRIE, LA

74th Annual Show and Sale

New Orleans  
**ORCHID SOCIETY**

### Show Schedule

Saturday 1pm-8pm

Sunday 12pm-4:30pm

### Sale Schedule

Friday and Saturday - 10am-8pm

Sunday 12pm-4:30pm

[nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com)

**Following is the schedule of events for volunteers at the show:**

**Wednesday, 5/27 at 1:00 pm**

Set up of approximately 45 vendor tables in the center of Lakeside Mall - we need muscle power for this.

**Thursday, 5/28 between 9:00 am and 10:00 am**

Set up of backdrops and hardware for NOOS exhibit in the center of Lakeside Mall - we need muscle power for this. Immediately following, we need help covering plant pots and placing of plants in the exhibit.

The entire setup process takes about 3 hours or so.

**Saturday, 5/29 at 7:30 am**

Free beignet breakfast for clerks and judges at Cafe du Monde in Lakeside Mall. Between 8:00 and 8:30, plant judging begins, with volunteer clerks assisting judges. Around noon, a bus will pick up clerks and judges to transport them to Mr. Ed's in Bucktown for a free lunch. The bus will return everyone to the mall after lunch. We will need a few clerks to work after lunch to pull plants for AOS judging.

**Sunday, 5/30 at 4:30 pm**

Take down of the NOOS exhibit.

**Any help is greatly appreciated!**



## Spring 2026 Calendar

**May 29-31**

New Orleans Orchid Society Show & Sale

The next events will be in October so don't miss our show!

# Field Trip Recap

Saturday May 16 th a group of us made a Field Trip to New Orleans' very own Foo Foo Orchids. Owner Matt Myers treated us to the first picks of his vast selection of rare and unusual orchids. Many were just going into spike! After gathering out treasures we headed to Rocky & Carlo's for lunch and socializing. We all really enjoyed ourselves and look forward to our next field trip. Keep your eye on your email for that announcement in the next few weeks.



## Resource of the Month

This month our resource comes from a fellow southerner and orchid judge Stephen Van Kampen-Lewis. Stephen has been growing orchids since the 90's and makes videos sharing his best techniques and experience. Larry Hennessey told me about this video, and I thought it would be a great asset for anyone wanting to improve their success with Sphagnum Moss. At almost 20 minutes, this video is a wealth of information from a true pro. It's titled:

**How to Use Sphagnum Moss for Orchids**

<https://tinyurl.com/2s3ncvpw>



# 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  
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[contact@belledanceorchids.com](mailto:contact@belledanceorchids.com)  
[www.belledanceorchids.com](http://www.belledanceorchids.com)  
504-419-5416

## **Hicks Orchid & Supplies**

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407-733-1887

## **Florida Orchid House**

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727-666-4500

## **Louisiana Orchid Connection**

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206-817-5400

## **Florida Star Nurseries**

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[www.secretgardentrareplants.com](http://www.secretgardentrareplants.com)  
850-693-1331

## **Mac's Orchids**

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Southwest Ranches, FL 33330  
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954-410-8580

## **Foo Foo Orchids**

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## **Quest Orchids**

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## **Spring Orchids**

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## **So Orchids**

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407-928-0831

# April Louisiana Judging Center Awards

The Louisiana Judging Center held its monthly judging at the Rapides Parish Library – Westside Branch in Alexandria on April 25, 2026.

Five accredited judges (Alan Taylor, Mary Mancini, William Caldwell, Larry Hennessey, Jackie Bravo), one emeritus judge (Lena Parker) and two student judges (Anna Maria Ball, Darwin Jimenez) were in attendance.

Ten plants were entered for judging, one was scored and rejected and the following four awards were granted:



*Seidenfadenia mitrata* 'Larry's Best' received a AM/AOS of 85 points and a CCE/AOS of 94 points owned by Larry Hennessey

*Vanda falcata* (pink) 'Doodle Bug' received a HCC/AOS of 76 points owned by Mary Mancini



*Bulbophyllum* Tonya Jacobs 'Louisiana' received a AM/AOS of 87 points owned by Al Taylor

# NOOS Wins Trophy at Terrebonne Show

Marian Prigmore put together a beautiful exhibit for New Orleans at the Terrebonne Orchid Society Show in Houma this weekend. It received the trophy for best society floor exhibit. Five members contributed plants: Larry Hennessey, Carol Stauder, Pat Herbert, Donna Rausch, Carol Molero, and Selah Cambias. Six AOS awards were given at the show including Show Trophy. Two NOOS members received them. Larry Hennessey's Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum 'Layla's 12th' received an AM of 86. Carol Stauder's Paphenopsis Guadalupe Pineda 'Groovy' received an HCC of 77. The ribbon/trophy results are:

Number	Exhibitor	Plant	Class	Robbon/ Trophy/Award
1	Larry	Encyclia bractescens	102	Yellow
2	Larry	Encyclia Rioclarensis	104	Yellow
3	Larry	Guarechea Black Comet	104	Red
4	Larry	Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum	224	Blu,,Best Paph,AM 86
5	Larry	Paph. Whyte Thorne Savoir	234	Blue.Pulled
6	Larry	Paph. Bel Royal	235	Red
7	Larry	Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara	240	Blue.Pulled
8	Larry	Phal. Chienlung Happy Queen 'Wilson'	337	Red
9	Larry	Phal. Cat's Paw Firebird 'Montclair' HCC/AOS	336	Blue,Pulled
10	Larry	Phal Miki Samera C1	331	Blu,,Best Paph,AM 86
11	Larry	Phal Raspberry Sorbet 'Wendy'	333	
12	Larry	Phal Formosa Ruby 'Brilliant'	343	?
13	Larry	Phal Jamie's Raspberry Pearl 'Orchid Affair'	333	Red
14	Larry	Den. Island Sunset 'Michael' AM/AOS	607	Blue,Best Den,Best Grown Den
15	Larry	Cynorkis angustipetala	708	Blue
16	Pat	Phal.Sogo Rose F987	336	Red,Pulled
17	Pat	Phal Chia- Shing Hot Kiss 256	341	Red
18	Pat	Phal. Chi Yueh Bodhisattva	341	Blue
19	Pat	Phal. Golden Lottery		Red
20	Pat	Phal. OX Purple Lady		
21	AnnaMaria	Paph. Melvetia		Red,Best Grown Paph,Best Grown SWROGA,Pulled
22	Carol M	Phal. Pink Blush	328	Red
23	Carol M	Den. Butterscotch Ube	607	
24	Selah	Phal. Chia E Yenlin	333	
25	Selah	Den. Spotted Poni	613	Blue
26	Donna	Paph. Appletonianum	222	Blue
27	Donna	Paph. Vexillarium	232	Red
28	Donna	Ctna. Why Not	112	Blue,Best Flwr Cat
29	Carol S	Phal. KS Red Lip	339	Blue
30	Carol S	Phal. Fusheng's Bridal Dress	328	Blue
31	Carol S	Phal. Malibu Bistro	344	?
32	Carol S	Phal. Crystal Kolehmainen	335	
33	Carol S	Phal. Guadalupe Pineda	335	Best Grwn Phal,HCC77
34	Carol S	unregistered	335	
35	Carol S	Bro. Sanguinea	112	Yellow
36	Carol S	Phal stuartiana	325	Blue
37	Marian	Exhibit	930	Trophy

# MINUTES OF 4/21/2026 MEETING THE NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY

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

The membership voted to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published in the April newsletter.

Selah thanked:

Patricia Sander for teaching Orchid Basics

Debbie Dinwiddie and Anna Maria Bell for the website updates

Refreshments Coordinators Nancy Click and Betty Speyrer and those who brought refreshments: Ann Ebert, David Hessler and Diane Seidemann

Karlie Schaible for her work on the newsletter

Selah congratulated those who won awards at the two most recent Judging Center Awards on February 28th and March 28th in Alexandria. To see the awarded plants please see our April newsletter.

Selah made the following announcements:

The Terrebonne Orchid Society Show & Sale will be at Southland Mall, April 24, 25, 26th. Plants should be brought to Carol Stauder's house tomorrow. We have a couple of volunteers for each end of the show, set up and take down, but we'd love to have more. Please email [nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com) if you can help.

The NOOS Show & Sale is May 29-31st at Lakeside Mall and asked everyone to plan to attend. We need volunteers for several activities, including clerks, raffle table, registration table and take down on Sunday.

We are postponing the vote on our new logo one month due to technical difficulties.

This evening at the end of the meeting we will be having an auction to raise funds for the trophies for our show. Larry Hennessey has donated two cattleyas to auction off. We accept checks or cash.

We've rescheduled the field trip to Foo Foo Orchids for May 16th. We'll plan to meet at the greenhouse at 1pm. We'll send out carpool info once we're closer to the event. After the greenhouse tour, we'll have lunch at Rocky & Carlo's.

She created a Flower Loaning Signup Sheet to help the church with their weekend welcome table. Please sign up to drop off your arrangements on a Friday and pick them up on a Monday.

Molly Prokop offered her home for our 75th anniversary party. We have narrowed it down to two dates, September 20th or the 27th.

The membership voted to have our anniversary party on September 27.

Short break.

Program: Natalia Inyakina of the Louisiana Orchid Connection gave a presentation on "How to Unflask an Orchid."

Larry's plant auction.

Table judging results were presented by AnnaMaria Ball.

Birthday raffle, plant raffle and door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

**Monthly NOOS Winners  
January 20, 2025**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Plant</b>
BG -1	AnnaMaria Ball	Rlc. Redlands Beauty
BH-1	Molly Prokop	Rlc. Golf Green 'Hair Pig'
BH-2	Donna Rasch	Paph Fluttering Fred
BS-1	Patricia Sander	Rhy gigantea

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.

**Monthly NOOS Winners  
March 17, 2026**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Plant</b>
BH-1	Pat Herbert	V Thai Blue (V lamellata x V Noi Blue) x Rhy coelestis / Tony 'Miami Blue'
BS-1	Molly Prokop	RI digbyana

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