



# NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



June 2026

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## President's Message

We just finished one of the most rewarded shows we've ever had. Ten awards were given, nearly a record! I stood behind Larry at the end of the day on Saturday, after the judging was finished and watched him photograph one stunning plant after another. What a treat! Those photos can be seen further down in this newsletter.

Additionally, we had a force of support from you, our members, that made everything so much better- and fun! I'm so impressed by everyone's energy and commitment to the event. I can't say there were no hiccups. But I will say, everyone pulled together and made it happen.

The tables were gorgeous, the vendors seemed to sell so much, and our Metairie community seemed to really enjoy our presence. Congratulations to everyone who participated for a job well done!

-Selah

## Meeting Notice

**Date:** 6/16/26

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

**Program:** Recap of the NOOS Show & Sale at lakeside Mall May 29-31, 2026

### Location:

Lakeview Presbyterian Church  
5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA





## Resource of the Month

This month we tour Longwood Garden's Orchid Conservatory with Summer Rayne Oakes. Summer interviews Greg Griffis, who shares the newly designed orchid house and many stunning specimens, some dating back to the early 1900's. As usual, the breaks with music and labeled orchids is a pleasure to watch by themselves. I've never been to Longwood Garden's in Pennsylvania. But after watching this, I hope to go one day soon.

<https://tinyurl.com/52fkykxn>



## 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.

## Summer Calendar

### June 27<sup>th</sup> Field Trip

Meet at Perino's in Metairie for their Rare Plant Sale, 1PM. Go get coffee and beignets at Cafe du Monde on Veterans afterwards around 2PM.

### July 11-12

Baton Rouge Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale  
Location: LSU Rural Life Museum, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

# NOOS Show and Sale

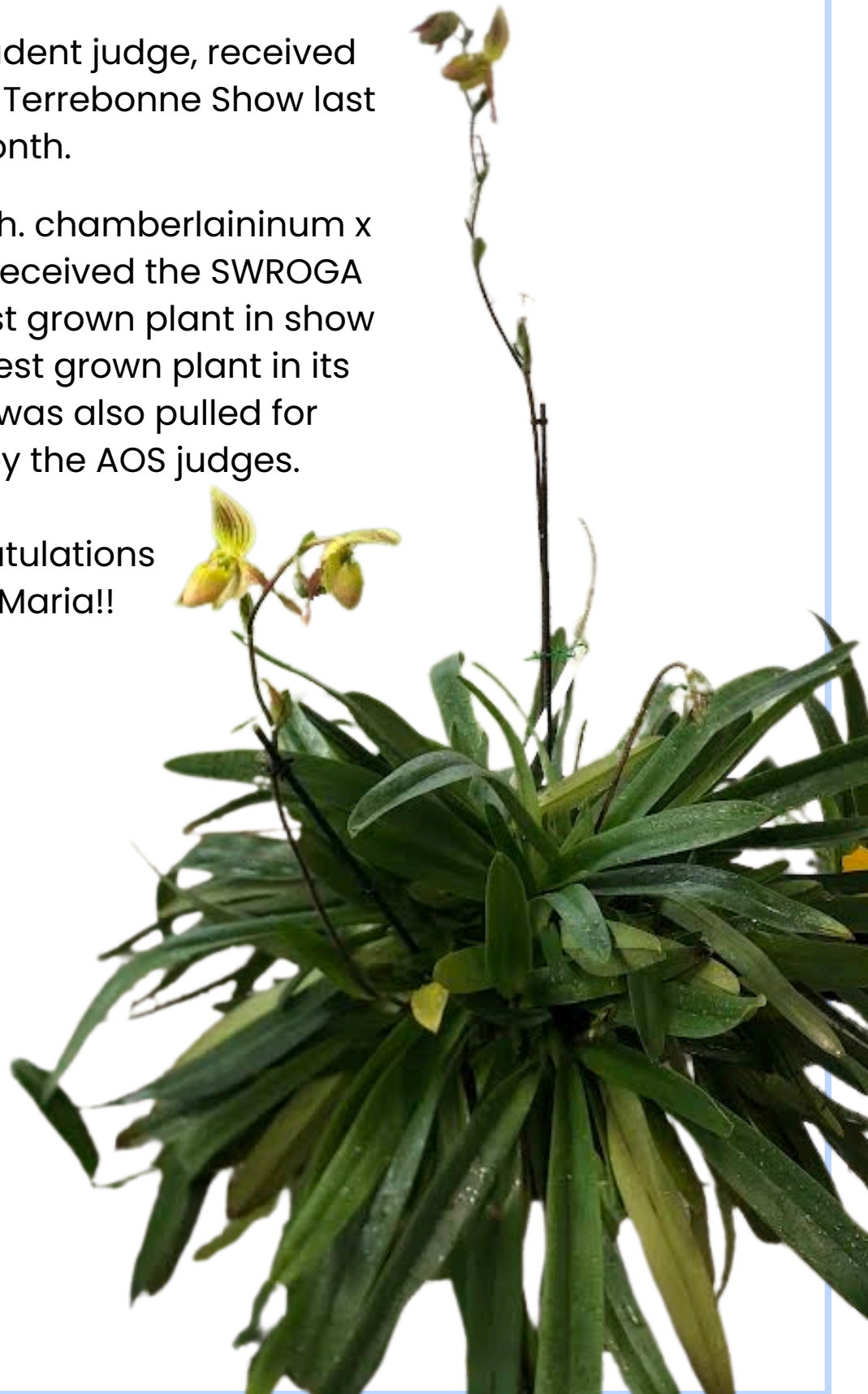


# Anna Maria's Winning Orchid

AnnaMaria Ball, student judge, received this award from the Terrebonne Show last month.

Paph. Helvetia (Paph. chamberlaininum x Paph. philippines) received the SWROGA Show Trophy for best grown plant in show and a trophy for best grown plant in its class. This plant was also pulled for consideration by the AOS judges.

Congratulations  
AnnaMaria!!



# AOS awards from New Orleans Orchid Society Show

Four teams of AOS judges granted the following eleven awards at the New Orleans Orchid Society Show



*Papilionanda Memphis Neon Hummingbird 'Grace' AM/AOS of 85 points owned*



*Trichoglottis smithii 'Lissabug' AM/AOS of 80 points owned by Melissa Garner of Memphis*



*Trichoglottis smithii 'Exotica' AM/AOS of 82 points owned by Mark Mills of Memphis*



*Dendrobium wassellii 'So Orchids' CCM/AOS of 83 points owned by So Orchids*



*Cattleya Blue Freckles 'Catherine' HCC/AOS of 78 points owned by Joe Paine of Mobile*



*Dendrobium antennatum 'Palace' AM/AOS of 84 points owned by Louisiana Orchid Connection*



*Cattleya Aurora's NewYears Gift HCC/AOS of 78 points owned by Anita Applebee of Gulf Coast Society*



*Dendrobium wassellii 'So Orchids' CCM/AOS of 83 points owned by So Orchids*



*Pinalia rhodoptera 'Thank You Kaven' CCM of 87 points owned by JoAnn Vaz of Gulf Coast*



*Show Trophy to Gulf Coast Orchid Society*

# MINUTES OF 5/19/2026 MEETING THE NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY

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

Selah introduced the members of the board and welcomed guests and new members.

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.

Selah congratulated those who won awards at the most recent Judging Center Awards on April 25. She also congratulated members whose plants were awarded at the Terrebonne Orchid Society Show. NOOS won the trophy for the best society floor exhibit at the Terrebonne Show. Congratulations and Thanks to Marian Prigmore who put our exhibit together.

Selah announced that our May newsletter is delayed, but should be coming out by the weekend. She also asked the members for suggestions for a field trip for the second half of June. Selah announced that we are accepting monetary donations this evening for our show trophy fund. Please see Ann Ebert if you would like to donate.

Break for refreshments and table judging.

Program: Information regarding preparations for the NOOS Show, May 29 – 31. Marian Prigmore, Show Chair, gave general information. Molly Prokop gave information regarding clerking. Pat Herbert discussed the raffle table and Carol Stauder discussed plant preparation and registration. Table judging results were presented by Patricia Sander.

Plant raffle, birthday raffle and door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

**Monthly NOOS Winners  
May 19, 2026**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Plant</b>
BG-1	Diane Seidemannn	Den Parishii
BH-1	Nancy Click	Pcv Key Lime Stars
BS-1	Carol Molero	E aromatica
BS-2	Carol & Arne Stauder	Phal lueddemanniana f Mindanao
Phal-1	Carol & Arne Stauder	Phal Mainshow Colourful x Phal Mituo Love
Phal -2	Molly Prokop	Phal Malibu

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  
April 21, 2026**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Plant</b>
BG-1	Carol & Arne Stauder	Phal Winter Clouds 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS
BG-2	AnnaMaria Ball	Paph Helvetia
BH-1	Donna Rasch	Paph Vexillarium (Paph barbatum x Paph fairrieanum)
BH-2	Carol & Arne Stauder	Phal Winter Clouds 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS
BS-1	Donna Rasch	Paph appletonianum x self
BS-2	Carol & Arne Stauder	Bro sanguinea

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