



NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

SPECIAL PRESENTATION! Internationally known speaker and orchid grower Francisco Miranda will be speaking at our upcoming meeting July 21st. Francisco is a taxonomist, naturalist, and orchid grower.

He travels extensively for speaking engagements in the U.S. and internationally since 1988 while living in Brazil. The subjects of these presentations reflect his extensive travels to study orchids in their natural environments. Francisco runs Miranda Orchids, a nursery specializing in growing mainly Cattleya alliance species. Many of the plants are produced in his lab and nursery in Central Florida from his extensive collection of stud plants.

Francisco will be touring our area and giving a variety of presentations. I'll include is schedule below so you can visit other area Orchid Societies and enjoy his other topics. Our presentation will be on Catasetums. In our resource section I'm including a YouTube video to get you warmed up about Catasetums and how to grow them. If you're already a grower of these special orchids, Francisco's presentation will be delightful.

-Selah

Meeting Notice

Date: 7/21/26

Orchid Basics Class 6:15pm

General Meeting 7pm

Program: Speaker Francisco Miranda of
Miranda Orchids in Central Florida -
Catasetums

Location:

Lakeview Presbyterian Church
5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA



Guest Speaker Spotlight

Internationally known speaker and orchid grower Francisco Miranda will be speaking at the following societies as he travels thru Louisiana next week. Francisco is a taxonomist, naturalist, and orchid grower. He travels extensively for speaking engagements in the U.S. and internationally since 1988 while living in Brazil. The subjects of these presentations reflect his extensive travels to study orchids in their natural environments.

Sunday (7/19) – “Laelias” at the Calcasieu Society meeting in Lake Charles

Monday (7/20) – “Orchid Habitats” at the Acadian Society meeting in Lafayette

Tuesday (7/21) – “Catasetums” at the New Orleans Society meeting

Wednesday (7/22) – “Cattleyas of Brazil” at the Houma Society meeting

Thursday (7/23) – “Cattleyas of Brazil” at the Central LA Society meeting in Alexandria



Resource of the Month

Learn the basics of growing Catastums. In this short, eight-minute video, you'll learn how these orchids are different from many others. They seem complicated, but the Orchid Sisters make it easy and very approachable. This month's speaker, Francisco Miranda, will go into detail about these special orchids.

<https://tinyurl.com/ms43m5hj>

Upcoming Events

August 18

General Meeting

September 27

NOOS Birthday Party

October 9–10

Central LA Orchid Show & Sale

October 20

General Meeting

Judging Center Opportunity

This message was passed on to us from Eron Borne of the Louisiana Judging Center. If any member is interested in attending their meeting, this is your chance. If you are interested in any other opportunities to attend the LJC meetings, please feel free to email nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com and we'll get you connected.

The Louisiana Judging Center (LJC) will hold its July monthly judging in Baton Rouge this month on Saturday, July 25. The judges' training will start at 11:00 with judging of the plants at 1:00. Plants must be entered prior to 1:00. The judging events will take place at East Baton Rouge Parish Library/Jones Creek Regional Branch, 6222 Jones Creek Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70817.

Our center chair Al Taylor will open the judging meeting at 11:00. We will have a presentation on judging the smaller non-standard Vandas. This will cover what judges are looking for when judging this type of flower and examples of species in the background and what they contribute, along with current examples of awards. Then Al and Eron will talk about the judging program and what it is all about.

Note, next month in August, the LJC will be doing the monthly judging in Lafayette so there are two very close opportunities to the South LA societies to learn more about orchid judging and watch how we judge orchids.

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.

The Baton Rouge Orchid Society's Annual Show and Sale

Saturday, July 11

Marian and AnnaMaria put together a very nice exhibit in Baton Rouge this weekend. Five members, Larry, AnnaMaria, Donna, Pat, and Carol S, contributed 34 plants. AnnaMaria's Myc. Annalisa received an AM, one of the 6 AOS awards of the show.

Ribbons and trophies are summarized on the next page.



NOOS at Baton Rouge Show Ribbons and Trophies

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Number	Exhibitor	Plant	Class	Robbon/ Trophy/Award
1	Larry	Encyclia kennedyi	102	Red, Bst Grn Trophy
2	Larry	Encyclia Fallon Williamson	104	
3	Larry	Bc. Ivan Portilla 'Camila'	110	
4	Larry	Brassavola Yaki	110	
5	Larry	Procatavola Key Lime Stars	110	
6	Larry	Broughtonia sanguinea var aquinii var aurea	112	Blu
7	Larry	Guaricattonia Gretchen Garriques	112	Red
8	Larry	Phal pulcherrima var blue	325	
9	Larry	Phal unregistered	332	
10	Larry	Den. Jairak Spider	607	Blue
11	Larry	Den. Island Sunset 'Michael' AM	607	Wht
12	Larry	Bulbophyllum longisepalum	712	
13	Larry	Bulb. Betty Kelepecz ' Mem Dorothy Porche' AM/AOS	712	
14	Pat	Aeridovanda Rapeepath "Yellow" FCC/AOS	304	Red
15	Pat	V. Suwannaphum Butterfly	315	
16	Pat	V. Ladda Gold	315	Red
17	Donna	Paph. QF Babylon	232	
18	Donna	Paph. QF Elizabeth	235	Red
19	Donna	Paph. Pleasantry	232	Red
20	Donna	Paph. QF Alohi	234	Blu
21	Donna	Paph. Quintal Jewel	232	Wht
22	Donna	Paph. Lawrenceanum var. hyeanum	222	Blu
23	AnnaMaria	Myc. Annalisa	113	Blu, AM
24	AnnaMaria	Bc. Yellow Bird	110	
25	AnnaMaria	B. Little Yaki	110	Pulled
26	AnnaMaria	V. tessellata	312	Blu
27	AnnaMaria	Rby. Everything Nice 'Show Time' HCC	110	
28	AnnaMaria	Ctsm. KL's True Love	704	
29	Carol S.	V. Ashley Lowe	315	Blu
30	Carol S.	Rby. Apache Sunrise	110	
31	Carol S.	Phal. Corona	335	Red
32	Carol S.	Phal. Bentley's Magician	325	
33	Carol S.	Phal. Lueddemaniana	335	
35	Marian	Exhibit	930	



Winners Circle



New Orleans Orchid Society members brought home several awards this month.

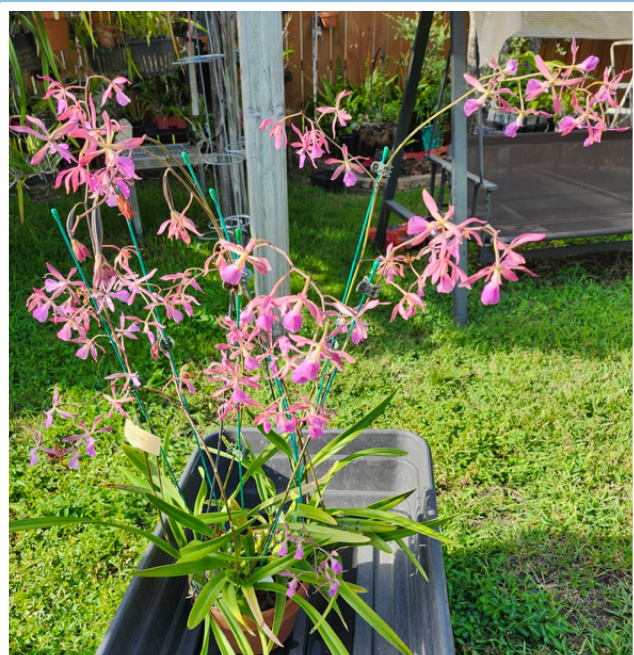
AnnaMaria Ball brought her *Myrmecocattleya Annalisa* that earned an **Award of Merit**. The color of this beauty is dazzling.



Myc. Annalisa (C. bicolor x Mcp. exaltata)



The other member who deserves special recognition is **Larry Hennesey** whose *Encyclia Kennedyi* won **Red** with a **Best Grown Trophy**. Congratulations to Larry for that well deserved accomplishment.



Two other NOOS members brought home **blue ribbons**, and their gorgeous specimens deserve to be seen. **Donna Rasch** shares a close up view of her *Paph. Lawrenceanum* var. *hyeanum* x sib. **Carol Stauder** shares her *V. Ashley Lowe*. Stunning color for each of these



MINUTES OF 6/16/2026 MEETING THE NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY

Vice-President Margaret Flannery called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

Margaret thanked Carol Stauder for conducting this evening's Orchid Basics.

Margaret stated that Molly Prokop, coordinator of clerks for the NOOS show, was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but that she expressed her thanks to all who clerked at the show.

Program: AnnaMaria Ball presented a slideshow of awarded plants from the 2026 NOOS Show. The slideshow was prepared by Larry Hennessey, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Show Chair Marian Prigmore thanked the members of the show committee and all volunteers who worked on the show.

Marian also asked for members to lend plants, not necessarily orchids, to Lakeview Presbyterian Church for their service on Sunday, June 28. Ann Ebert will send an email with details.

Break for refreshments and table judging.

Birthday Raffle

Margaret announced the programs for the meetings for the remainder of the year:

July – Francisco Miranda – The Genus Catasetum in Brazil

August – not yet determined

September – NOOS anniversary party

October – Phillip Hamilton from Bredren Orchids

November – Scott Ellis from Maneki Orchids

December – holiday potluck social

Margaret announced that the Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show will be held on July 11 and 12. We need plants for our exhibit and volunteers to take down the exhibit on July 12. Marian has volunteered to set up our exhibit.

Door Prize

Carol Stauder presented the table judging results.

Plant Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 pm.