



NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

September 2026

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President's Message

This year marks the 75 th anniversary of the New Orleans Society. Founded in 1951 with the intention to promote exchange of information on the culture and breeding of orchids, facilitate the study of the orchid genera, and foster comradeship between fellow orchid growers.

I did some research and found out that although there are still hundreds of orchid societies still in existence across the United States, many of them dissolved and didn't recover after the pandemic. It makes me proud to be part of probably one of the oldest orchid societies in the country. We shouldn't be too surprised though. New Orleans knows how to foster comradeship. Think about all the Mardi Gras clubs we have; they've been around much longer than us. And as far as Covid – well, we went through Katrina and any number of other destructive storms, and we always found a way to rebuild and bring our community together.

In today's digital age, connecting in person is more important than ever. Our society is an opportunity to appreciate nature, share our knowledge, and support newer growers.

Please join us in celebrating this special milestone on Sunday, September 27 th , at 4PM at Molly's house in River Ridge. There will be plenty of food and plant prizes for everyone. I look forward to seeing you there.

~Selah

Meeting Notice

No General Meeting

75th Anniversary Party

Date: September 27, 2026

Location: At the home of Molly Prokop
9117 Rosedown Place
River Ridge, LA 70123

4pm til

*You're invited
to the*

*New Orleans
Orchid Society's*

*75th
Anniversary*



DATE: *September 27th*

TIME: *4 PM*

PLACE: *9117 Rosedown Place,
River Ridge, LA 70123*

BYOB

**COSTUME
CONTEST!**



RSVP by September 19th
nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com
504-382-6039



Resource of the Month

If you've spent any time on YouTube learning about Orchids you probably see MissOrchidGirl. She doesn't always show herself in her videos, but the orchids she presents are stunning. In this video Miss Orchid Girl aka Dani shares her top 10 Orchids to own and grow. If you need some new orchid inspiration, this video will send you on a hunt to find some new specimens.

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



Upcoming Events

September 27

NOOS Birthday Party

October 3

Fall Garden Festival at the New Orleans Botanical Gardens

October 3-4

Acadian Orchid Society Show & Sale

October 9-10

Central LA Orchid Show & Sale

October 20

General Meeting

Volunteer's Needed

The New Orleans Orchid Society will be hosting a teaching booth at the Fall Garden Festival at the New Orleans Botanical Garden! Receive free entrance for the day! We need two to three volunteers for two hours shifts throughout the day. Sign up will be at our anniversary party or email nolaorchidsociety@gmail.com.

The shifts will be:

9-11AM

11-1PM

1-3PM

3-5PM

You don't need experience to volunteer.

Support for our Meeting Location

Our meeting location at the Lakeview Presbyterian Church has been a blessing for our society for more than two decades. We have had generous accommodations for a very small price. Every few months the New Orleans Orchid Society volunteers to loan flowers or plants for the weekend services at the church. Our next opportunity to help the church is the same weekend as our anniversary party. If you have flowers in bloom or nice houseplants that can be displayed, please bring them to the church Friday, September 25 th between 10am and Noon. If you have any questions, please reach out to Marian Prigmore by text at 504-810-9832.

Credits/Resources from AnnaMaria's Presentation Info from the August General Meeting. Title of Presentation "The Expanding Class of Vandas, A Brief History of Ascocentrum "Miniatures"

The expanding class of Vandas. A brief history of Ascocentrum "Miniatures".

CREDITS/RESOURCES:

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AOS WEBINARS:

- Judging Vandas with Robert Fuchs, August 27, 2019

Books:

- Vandas and Ascocendas and their combinations with other genera by David L. Grove
- Vanda their Botany, History and Culture by Martin R. Motes

The Louisiana Judging Center held its monthly judging at the Jones Creek Library in Baton Rouge, LA on July 25, 2026.

Five accredited judges (Eron Borne, Larry Hennessey, Jackie Bravo, Randy Johnson, Frank Zachariah), one virtual emeritus judge (William Riley) and three students (AnnaMaria Ball, Alena Cerri, Darwin Jimenez) were in attendance.

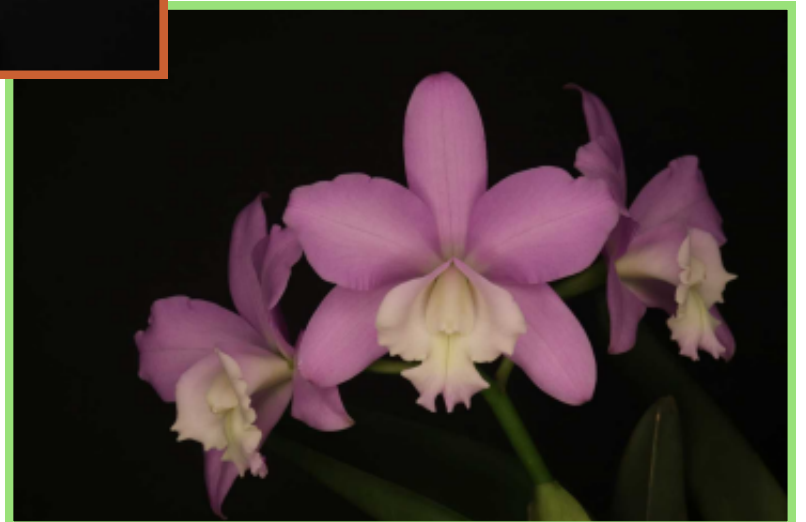
Two teams of judges researched the sixteen plants entered for judging and awarded the following three plants AOS flower quality awards:

Phalaenopsis Germaine Vincent
'Memoria Bill Flanagin' was awarded a
AM of 82 points, exhibited by
Meta Flanagin



Bulbophyllum Tree Frog was
awarded an HCC of 76 points,
exhibited by Eron Borne

Cattlianthe 'Louisiana' was
awarded an AM of 81 points,
exhibited by Al Taylor



MINUTES OF 8/18/2026 MEETING THE NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY

President Selah Cambias called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm. She thanked Patricia Sander for teaching Orchid Basics this evening. She thanked Debbie Dinwiddie for the website updates and Karlie Schaible for the newsletter.

She announced that the Board will be meeting this Sunday to discuss ideas for our 75 th anniversary party, which will be held on Sunday, September 27. She asked for additional volunteers to help with planning and putting on the party. The party will take the place of the usual monthly meeting. Therefore, there will be no meeting on September 15.

Selah announced that we need to do something regarding handling refreshments for our monthly meetings. Larry Hennessey moved to table a discussion of this issue among the general membership and to leave it to the Board to come up with solutions. His motion was seconded.

Selah announced that there was a supply swap this evening. Members with unwanted growing supplies should place them on the swap table. Members who want items on the table may take them free of charge.

Program: AnnaMaria Ball gave a presentation on the ever-expanding class of Vandas.

Break for refreshments and table judging.

Larry gave a brief treasurer's report. Mike Hymel moved to accept the report as read. His motion was seconded.

Larry will be setting up a tabletop exhibit for NOOS at the Acadian Orchid Society Show, which will take place October 3 and 4.

Larry presented the table judging results.

Door prize, birthday raffle and plant raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Monthly NOOS Winners August 18 th 2026		
Award	Member	Plant
BG -1	Pat Herbert	V. Dr. Anok x Klundee
BG-2	Dianne Seiderman	V. Chao Praya Deligh
BG-2	Marion Prigmore	Renantana Sunrise 'Prasong'
BH-1	Pat Herbert	V. Dr. Anok x Klundee
BS-1	Patricia Sanders	Trichglottis stropur purata
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.		