

February 2026

The Jampensis



Cymbidium floribundum (Golden Margin Orchid)

A note from our President

Hello members,
Happy cold February! I hope all your plants survived this brutal weather. I had a desperate call from a woman wanting to save her plants from the freezing temperatures, so my team sprung into action! James, Jana and I took 2 days and rescued 250 orchids. Guess what....April Sale !!!
Remember this month's theme is Mardi Gras!

Teri Scott
CFOS President

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CFOS General Meeting
Thursday
February 12th, 2026
6:30 pm - 9:00pm
St John Lutheran Church

Our Speaker: Pam Walters
Orchids in Bloom

Topic: Falling in Love with Fragrant Orchids

COME JOIN US AND HELP US PLAN OUR MAY ANNUAL SHOW!!

Next Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

Date: February 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: Show Planning

All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

Please email mail Nancy at njb.123@me.com for zoom link.

Meeting minutes are available upon request and at monthly meetings



**Culture Group Meeting - Thursday, February 5, 7 pm,
St. John Lutheran Church.** The Culture Group has monthly topic discussions and/or workshops on orchid culture. Join anytime. \$10 annually, pay cash at the meeting.

Membership



New Members: Barbara Arrindell,
Erin Kellow, Christine & Mario
Sanguinetti and Dorrie Valenzi

Please join
us in
2026
**Membership
Renewals!**

Membership renewals for
2026 are now due.
See Sheila, CFOS Membership Chairman.

Pay your dues in many ways:
Cash, Check, Orchid Bucks,
Credit Card, Tap to Pay

Single: \$30
Joint: \$45
Student: \$15



Albert Bryeck
Gina Godier
Susan Harter
Dabra Huneycutt
Brent Johnson
Oscar Lopez
Piedad Paredes
Larry Rosen
Mark Stokes

January Winners



*Bctm. Hwuluduen
Chameleon 'Colorful
Lake', owner Teri Scott*



*Equitant Oncidium
No Name, owner
Teri Scott*



*Papa. Barbatum
'Nigritum' Pigmy
owner James Shepard*



*Den. Miva Abracadabra
owner Teri Scott*



*Rhyncostylis No Name
owner Maren Aleman*

January Winners



Phalenopsis, owner Mary Beth Krotky



C. Dubois's 'Scully's x C.Beaufort 'Hartford's Elwood, owner Nancy Balderson



Rlc. Pastoral 'Innocence' AM/AOS, owner Jerry Steele



Rhyncostylis Gigantea, owner Susan Harter



Bro. Jamaica Jester, owner Cari Johnson

Upcoming Events

Join us for a Fun Filled Bus Trip to Homestead FL and the **Amazing Thailand Rainbow Orchid International Festival**



WHEN: Saturday, March 28, 2026
7am - 9pm

CONTACT: Teri 407-463-0274

COST: \$40 includes:

Bus ride
Admission (\$10 value)
Lunch (\$15 value)
Driver's Tip (\$5 value)

MEET AT: Commerce National Bank

CHRISTMAS GIFT CERTIFICATES
are available for a fabulous gift

**Seats are still available for the bus trip if interested
please contact Teri Scott @ teriscottfla57@aol.com**



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

OVERGROWN *DENDROBIUM*



QUESTION

This large *Dendrobium* is growing out of its pot. I do not want to put it into a larger pot because it may become difficult to manage due to its weight and tall growth. I have placed a second pot with some medium in it, and the growing roots are spreading into this pot. Can I let it grow in both the new and old pots?

ANSWER

This is a *Dendrobium Gaton Sunray*, and they prefer to be pot-bound. What you have done here is a great option, rather than disturbing the plant at the wrong time in its growth cycle. Bifoliate cattleya growers often use annex pots because they can be remarkably fussy regarding repotting time.

Dendrobiums do not like to be repotted unless they are actively growing roots, and that usually happens when new growths are several inches long, or even nearly mature. Older pseudobulbs often will not produce new leads if severed from the mother plant before a back growth has sprouted, and this grex will often not produce keikis. The annex pot is a great solution for this issue, training the new growth to grow into the annex pot. To encourage a back-growth, you can partially cut through the rhizome a couple of pseudobulbs behind the lead growth, leaving the plant intact until it has produced at least three growths in the new pot. Once that has happened, you can sever the rhizome completely, creating a front division vigorously rooted in the new pot and you should also have one or more new leads in the original pot. I would suggest duct taping the two pots together to avoid accidentally breaking

off the new growth before you are ready to divide the plant.

CROWN ROT?



QUESTION

Is this crown rot? What did I do? Can I save this orchid?

ANSWER

This is not likely to be crown rot. Crown rot starts in the very center of the plant. Water left in the crown is often the cause. It is common in *Phalaenopsis* due to their short, squat structure and tightly folded leaf bases.

When crown rot starts, it begins in the cleft formed by the newly emerging leaf, with that leaf first turning yellow, then soft and black, and will quickly spread down into lower leaves if not addressed quickly. What is more likely here is a fungal infection that is starting in the stem or coming up from the roots.

Note the shriveling of the roots that can be seen. That and the blackish discoloration of the stem suggest *Rhizoctonia* infection. These fungal infections often start in the roots, can travel quickly into the stem, and often begin because the root zone remained too wet. Potting mix that stays wet too long, especially old mix that is beginning to sour, has limited air exchange, and insufficient gas exchange at the roots, is the real underlying cause of root rots.

I am not completely sure that this is what this is, but it has some of the hallmarks. It is a difficult disease, often fatal in *Phalaenopsis*, to deal with once it is outside the roots and into the stem because the stem is so short, and it takes little time to get to the crown. To try saving the plant, remove it from the pot, remove and discard all the old medium and rotten roots, drench the plant with a systemic

fungicide such as Thiomyl or Liquid Copper and repot in fresh medium. Once repotted, be careful not to overwater while new roots are grown.

You can purchase both of these fungicides online. They should be applied as a drench according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Thiomyl is a wettable powder, and a drop or two of Dawn dishwashing liquid, Castille soap or proper wetter/sticker sold at agricultural suppliers should be added. Because it is a powder, you will need to stir the solution well before use and again if it sits for more than a few minutes. When you drench, pour the solution through the potting mix as well as over the leaves of the plant. Weekly applications for three or four weeks may be necessary.

WAYWARD ROOTS



QUESTION

The roots of this orchid are circling the pot. When I repot, what should I do with those roots? Should I repot now?

ANSWER

Dendrobiums like this should only be repotted just as new roots start to develop from the base of the growth. In many dendrobiums, this happens when the growth is several inches tall or even beginning to harden off. The roots at the this newly developing cane are the same ones that have grown enough to emerge from the drainage holes and circle the pot.

Dendrobiums prefer to be very tightly potted, and this plant can actually be left

These questions were part of one or more monthly webinar Q&As and compiled by Larry Sexton for inclusion here. Each month, a Q&A webinar is held during the first two weeks of the month. To view recorded Greenhouse Chats (Q&A webinars) or register for a future one, see <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars>. Send questions to greenhousechat@aos.org — Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Education and Science Officer, Editor, *Orchids Magazine*.



in this pot for a couple more years. The medium appears to be very fresh, which means that the plant may not need repotting for even longer as long as it is watered enough to avoid shriveling the canes.

This growth will finish its development, sit for a little while, then start its new growth from the base of the old pseudobulb. There is a secondary eye sending out a growth now, but it is not the primary new growth. A new eye at the base will swell, grow out horizontally for a short distance, then turn upward as the cane begins to develop. When the cane is several inches tall, the base of the growth will swell a little. It is this swelling of the base of the cane that signals the proper time to repot. Very shortly after that, new roots will emerge. I would suspect that this plant will reach that point sometime late next spring or early to midsummer.

Keep in mind that roots adapt to the environment in which they develop. Look closely the next time you repot one of your plants, and you will see the difference between roots produced inside moist potting medium and aerial roots designed to be in the air where they pick up moisture. Roots developed aurally do not adapt well to being put into a potting

mix and if just crammed into the bottom of the pot, usually die. When this is repotted, either trim these roots or make adjustments so they remain as aerial roots. If repotting is done at the correct time, the new roots and branch roots quickly replace what was cut off.

HOME REMEDIES

— Rather than expensive and potentially dangerous herbicides, spray full-strength vinegar to kill weeds between pavers and on greenhouse floors. (Do not spray on orchids.)

— Homemade insecticide (mix in a 1 gallon [3.8 L] jug): 1 pint (0.5 L) rubbing alcohol, 1 pint (0.5 L) 409 spray cleaner, and 3 quarts (2.8 L) water. Apply as a spray.

— Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol can be put into an empty spray bottle and used to treat scale, mealybugs, thrips, aphids, red spider mites and perhaps other pests. It works only while wet and must contact the insect.

— Neosporin has been reportedly used to treat orchid crown rot; remove rotted area of plant before treatment.

Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY: www.aos.org/webinar
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.
 Register now and view on your time schedule.
 Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org
 Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and summarized by topic for future viewing.

When	Jan. 08, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST	Jan. 14, 2026 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	Feb. 10, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Feb. 12, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. Send in your Photos and Questions by Jan. 05	The World of Phragmipedium Part 2 Following decades of hands-on research, find out what nature can teach us about growing Phragms.	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 07	Happy Roots Happy Orchids Get to the root of the matter to help you grow healthy orchids. How to create the ideal orchid root ecosystem.
Presenter	Ron Midlatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Frank Cervera Biologist, well established in the Phrag community	Ron Midlatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Harvey Brenneise Orchid grower with success in many different environments

Webinar announcements are posted on the AOS website, on Facebook and Instagram, and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

Use the QR code to register now!

Orchid Care & Culture Sheet

Looking for information on how to care for your orchid? These popular documents have been at the foundation of AOS orchid education for decades and provide orchid care and culture information in a convenient, concise format and are available to everyone.

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/orchid-care-and-culture-sheets>

Orchid Pests, Diseases, and Cultural Issues

If you suspect orchid pests, diseases, or cultural problems are at the heart of your growing troubles, see the list below for the common challenges and their specific solutions. If you aren't sure what ails your orchid, try our Orchid Problem Diagnostic Tool...

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/orchid-pests-diseases-cultural-issues>

AOS-Florida North Central Judging Center

New Location
Country Club of Mt Dora Community Center
 1400 Country Club Blvd
 Mt Dora, FL 32757

Held monthly on the 2nd Saturday of each month starting at 10:30am.

Open to the public to exhibit your orchids or listen in on the process that reveals the points that make an orchid awardable.



You can visit The Central Florida Orchid Society on the web where you can get information about upcoming events, see who next month's speaker is, read about our society's history, find some great resource links for care of your orchids, and pay your dues.

Check us out at <https://cflorchidsociety.org>



Like the "Central Florida Orchid Society group" on Facebook. We post details about all of our events, meetings and shows. There is an amazing collection of pictures of our orchids from previous events and judgings, as well as an open forum for questions and discussion.

Click on the link below and join in on the fun!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cflorchidsociety>



The Sunshine Girls

Chloe' and Jana have set up an email address,

clossunshine@gmail.com for members to send their card requests to.

A card request can be for any reason, to express congratulations, sympathy or concern to members of the society in the event of illness, bereavement or milestone events.

2026 Leadership

Teri Scott - President
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Jeanne Brenan - Corresponding Secretary
Chloe Mobley - Recording Secretary
Nancy Balderson - Treasurer
Sheila Coburn - Membership
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Jane Poché, Denise Andreu, Maren Aleman, Jana Evans

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