

The Jampensis

April 2026



Cymbidium Carmel Split 'Masterpiece'

A note from our President

Hello members,

Lubber grasshoppers are upon us. My first batch, hopefully my last.

The bus trip to the Amazing Thailand orchid show was great. Everyone had a great time, so much I was asked to do it again. So here it is:

REDLANDS ORCHID SHOW Oct 16th Friday.

7:30 am- 9:30. Cost \$50 includes bus, tip and entrance fee. I need a full bus 56 people. Sign up.

Our show is approaching please sign up for volunteer spots. Remember orchid bucks for helping.

NO NAME ORCHID SALE

April 18th 9am-3pm @ 8 Lake Drive Debary, FL 32713

Plants \$20- or less 407-463-0274

April theme is Easter!

Sincerely yours,

Teri Scott

CFOS President

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CFOS General Meeting

Thursday

April 16th, 2026

**PLEASE NOTE WE ARE MEETING ON
THE 3RD THURSDAY IN APRIL**

6:30 pm – 9:00pm

St John Lutheran Church

1600 S. Orlando Avenue

Winter Park, FL 32789

Our Speaker: Jim and Melana Davison

Jim-N-I Orchids

Topic: TBA

Culture Group Meeting - First Thursday of the month at 7:00 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 Member: Nuvia Bibiloni



Maren Aleman

Barbara Arrindell

April Bean

Juan Carlos Bianchi

Robert Boswell

Mike Cimato

Cynthia Ebanks

John Georgoudiou

Melissa Gugliano

Robyn Hartz

Duane Hutton

Sara Joiner

Mary Krese

John Manasco

Wendy McCleskey

Lita-Marie Moody

Beverly Murphy

Ly Nguyen

Edgar Perez

Luz Sanchez

Scott Sinemus

David Smith

Eric Thude

Victoria Walter

Reid Whitacre

HELLO
MY NAME IS

*See Sheila at Membership to
sign up & purchase your
Central Florida Orchid
Society name tag.*

Membership



*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: \$20

March Winners



Onc. tolumnia owner **Albert Brueck**



Den. Oriental Smile 'Butterfly'
owner **N/A**



Paph. Hawaiian Pops Red x Hawaiian Spectacular Red owner **Daniel Iskanya**



Rhyncattleanthe Lily Marie Alma's
owner **James Shepard**



V. Somathawil x Kultana Fragrance
owner **Albert Brueck**

March Winners



Phalenopsis
No id
owner Stanley
Meyer



Honorable Mention
C. Harmill 'Orange
Flow' x C.
Aurantiaca 'Mishima
Spots' owner James
Shepard

Den. jewelini
owner Albert
Brueck



Blira. Snowblind
'Sweet Spot'
owner Teri Scott



Gptm. Arlene
Armour owner
Teri Scott



Aseda. Jairak
Brightful Red owner
Albert Brueck

Upcoming Events

Join Us in Welcoming Spring to Florida at the
Apopka International
Spring Orchid Festival
April 10-12, 2026 • 9:00am-5:00pm
Hosting The American Orchid Society 2026 Spring Conference
ALL ARE WELCOME! • FREE ADMISSION • FREE PARKING

FEATURED VENDORS:
Afri Orchids
AWZ Orchids
Bredren Orchids
Blue Ridge Orchids
Ching Hua Orchids
Gold Country Orchids
Hang-a-pot
Mainshow Orchids
Miranda Orchids
OFF
One More Orchid
Orchid Diva
Orchid Eros
Orquivalle
Paph Paradise
Springwater Orchids
Sunset Valley Orchids
Tokyo Orchid Nursery
Tropiflora

**PRESENTATIONS BY
WORLD-FAMOUS SPEAKERS**

**HUGE SELECTION OF ORCHIDS
& EXOTIC PLANTS FROM TOP-QUALITY
LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL VENDORS**

AOS JUDGING
1:00pm Friday
at Krull-Smith

Location: Krull-Smith Nursery
2800 W Ponkan Rd • Apopka, FL 32712
Tel: (407) 886-4134 • orchids@krullsmith.com • www.krullsmith.com

*Jerry Steele will be holding an orchid sale at his place at 4806 West Kelly Park Road Apopka, to coincide with the Apopka International Spring Festival. He'll be open Friday the 10th and Saturday the 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Pictured Orchid is Rlc. (Dick Smith x Burdekin Wonder)*



**Orlando international
orchids show
April 10-12 2026**

Florida growers
Hawaiian growers
International vendors

Friday to Sunday
9 am to 5 pm

**Free parking Free
admission**

2001 rock spring rd Apopka Fl
Orchidsinbloom.net
407-242-0619

**NO NAME PLANT SALE!!
April 18 9am-4pm at Teri's
8 Lake Drive, Debary FL
407-463-0274**

Upcoming Events

Thanks for
keeping
my plants
alive

Free repotting
Special offer At
Orchidsinbloom
2001 rock spring rd Apopka
32712

Call an appointment
407-242-0619 walk in welcome

April 24 to 26 2026

20% off orchids purchase



The Central Florida Orchid Society presents
**68th ANNUAL
ORCHID SHOW & SALE**



*Orchids
under the Sun*

MAY 23 & 24, 2026
Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

Florida National Armory
2809 S Ferncreek Ave, Orlando

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<https://cflorchidsociety.org/>



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STRUGGLING *PHRAGMIPEDIUM*



QUESTION

The leaves of my *Phragmipedium* continue to turn brown. I put it outside last summer to see if that would help, but it did not. I also repotted it last year. Any suggestions?

ANSWER

This looks to me like a reaction to an environmental- or potting-mix stress and I suspect that the roots are very seriously damaged. *Phragmipediums* can be notoriously sensitive to water or potting mix pH, high dissolved solids, salt build-up in the potting mix, and, in some cases, a significant, sudden change in potting mix type. Any of these issues can cause this type of problem. When you repotted, did you switch from a moss mix to a bark mix? If you did, you may have lost all or most of the root system.

I would first remove the plant from the potting mix it is in, clean up the root system, remove any dead roots, and try potting it in moss. Most of the *phragmipediums* in cultivation like to be moist and do not like wet-dry cycles, so take care not to let the moss dry out. If, when you examine the roots, you find a large number of dead roots, it would not hurt to treat the plant with a good systemic fungicide such as Thiomyl, Pagent, or Heritage. You could also consider a copper-based fungicide such as Soluble Copper or Phytan 27, just be careful not to expose any *dendrobiums* you may have to these fungicides. *Dendrobiums* do not tolerate copper. These fungicides also

work against anthracnose fungus.

If you so decide to attempt a rescue, do not expect rapid improvement. A plant this debilitated may take several years to reestablish and bloom again.

DENDROBIUM WINTER REST



QUESTION

Please explain dry winter rest for *dendrobiums*. Do *dendrobiums* that are not deciduous need a winter rest? Are some plants too young to need a winter rest?

ANSWER

Seedlings need a far less pronounced dry winter rest. Seedlings need more uniform conditions. Seedlings are small, near the bark of the tree, shaded by other plants, and typically growing in a moss layer, giving them more shade and moisture. For nonflowering seedlings, you can just decrease watering frequency, but not to the point that they are stressed and canes shrivel.

The purpose of a dry winter rest for flowering-size plants is to mimic the plant's natural environment and induce flowering. These plants are adapted to areas where the rains stop, their host trees lose their leaves, light levels go up, and temperatures drop, but the humidity remains high. It is several weeks of these conditions that signal time to flower.



There are a few *dendrobiums* that do not lose their leaves but still need a dry winter rest. Two of these common in cultivation are *Dendrobium*

lindleyi (formerly *aggregatum*) and *Dendrobium jenkinsii*. Their small pseudobulbs and single, leathery leaves give the

impression that they would be delicate. The truth is far from it and plants will tolerate long periods without water if the humidity is high. Australian *dendrobiums* such as *kingianum* and *speciosum* also keep their foliage but still need a cool, dry winter rest.

While we are discussing dry rests, the term is a relative thing; a period of time when plants stop growing, need far less water, and usually prefer cooler temperatures (dependent on where they come from). How does one know the plant is ready for dormancy? The canes will stop growing. During active growth, there is always a new leaf coming up in the center of the cane. At some point, the cane will begin to mature, and no new leaves will emerge. This is the signal the plants are entering dormancy and should be kept drier. Drier does not mean desert dry; it means less water. Humidity should be maintained at normal levels. You can usually still water, but you want the plants to completely dry out without shriveling the canes. *Nobile dendrobiums* like the one pictured here will hold their leaves through the first year and then drop the leaves from the two-year-old canes. Because leaf-fall involves mature canes, it is common to have new growths present at the same time (arrow). These new growths need some moisture and many growers will mist dormant plants without watering the roots. Start watering the roots again when you can count the flower buds on the canes, typically in February or March.

ORCHID REHAB



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*.

QUESTION

What is the best way to rehab an orchid? Do they need more or less light than normal? What is the watering and fertilizing schedule? What do you think about using seaweed fertilizer along with regular fertilizer?

ANSWER

Care should be taken to minimize further stress. This generally means higher humidity, somewhat more shade and less water unless you can see active root growth. Overwatering at this point can saturate the remaining roots and potting medium and lead to rotting.

The plant in your picture is a bit desiccated, indicating either underwatering or loss of its root system at some point in time. To rehab your plant, pot it in the smallest pot in which the root system will fit using a medium of your choice. Raise the humidity as high as you can. Shade it a little more than normal and wait for root development. As root development starts, you should see the emergence of a new leaf. This new leaf should be turgid, although the existing leaves likely will not improve. Once root growth starts, you know the plant is on its way to reestablishing itself. Resist the urge to repot into a larger pot until the new roots fill the small one. You are much better off to up-pot the smaller plant at this point than to put the plant into a pot that is too big and risk rotting the new roots. If keeping humidity up becomes a problem, you can put the plant in a container such as a terrarium or large jar with the lid slightly ajar.

Seaweed fertilizers are low-concentration fertilizers that also provide plant hormones. Many growers use them; just keep in mind that unless you have active root growth, application of fertilizers will not do much. You want a good, strong root system before you need to worry about nutrition.

CATLEYA TWISTED LEAF

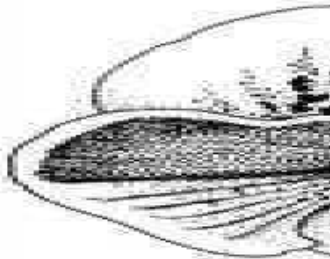


QUESTION

This orchid has a leaf that has twisted 180 degrees. What causes this to happen?

ANSWER

I suspect that the root cause is due to underwatering. The pseudobulbs of your plant are significantly wrinkled, and, although some wrinkling of mature pseudobulbs in cattleyas is expected depending on the pedigree, it should not be this pronounced. When a developing growth does not get enough water, twisting of the pseudobulbs and leaves can be common. I would increase the watering frequency until you get new growth that remains plump. Just keep in mind that the mature growths will likely not change so focus on new growth.



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.

— Citrus peels can be used to prepare a “tea” that is toxic to most insects. Simply cover citrus peels with water, gently simmer for a few minutes and allow to stand overnight or place citrus peels in a “sun tea” jar and allow to steep in the sun. Filter off the peels and use the liquid 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/webinars
 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	Mar. 03, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Mar. 18, 2026 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	April 02, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST	Orchid Culture Days <i>Pay Per View at Your Leisure</i>
Topic	<i>FREE Live</i> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 28</i>	<i>Members Only Live</i> Vanda Cultivation Make Caring for Your Vanda Orchids Easier. Tips from a Passionate Orchid Grower.	<i>FREE Live</i> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by March 31</i>	Recorded Webinars Choose from Eight Popular Full Day Presentations. Gain Insight Into the Culture of Orchids. Select <i>Virtual</i> from the Full Index to Sign up for the Culture Day Presentations.
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Serena Roman Orchid Grower. Known as Lady Vanda	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Scientists, Biologists and More

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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>



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
Jeanne Blankenship - Vice President
Jeanne Brenan - Corresponding Secretary
Chloe Mobley - Recording Secretary
Nancy Balderson - Treasurer
Sheila Coburn - Membership
Lori Erlacher - Past President

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