

September 2026

# The Dampensis



**Cattleya labiata var. semi alba flames x var. coerulea  
'September Mist' (not AI)**

# *A note from our President*

Hello,

It's hot..hot and hotter! What a summer this is. Watch for black rot with these heavy downpours, it spreads fast. I am so pleased my lycaste bloomed. I haven't killed it. Lots of events coming up: sales trip and show. Will need volunteers to help at these events. Look for the signup sheets. Wear your WACKY HAT for extra raffle ticket!!

Teri Scott  
CFOS President



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CFOS General Meeting  
Thursday

**September 10th, 2026**

6:30 pm - 9:00pm

St John Lutheran Church  
1600 S. Orlando Avenue  
Winter Park, Fl 32789

Julien Baruch  
Krull-Smith Nursery  
Topic: bifoliate Cattleyas

**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



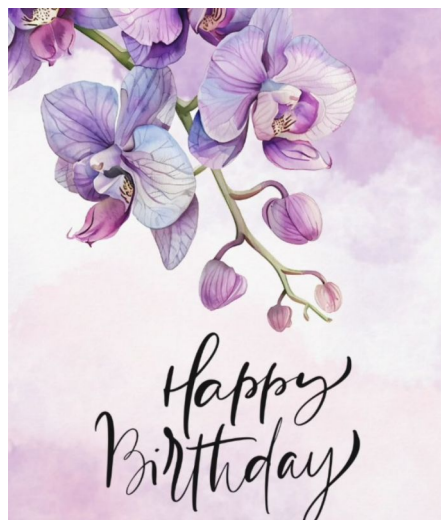
***New Members: Kathy Murphy  
& Pamela Volkman***

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***THANKS FOR THE  
REFRESHMENTS!***

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***Jana Evans  
Nancy Balderson  
Vivian Luscuskie  
Jerry Steele  
Sheila Coburn***



***Maki Clayton  
Dakota Hunter  
Vivian Luscuskie  
Pam Marion  
Cathy Mathews  
Kathy Murphy  
Linda Scherer  
James Shepard  
Charlotte Thompson***



***LOOK!***



***PURCHASED NAME TAGS  
AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP!***

***- SEE MEMBERSHIP -***

# August Winners



***Den. Aridang Green***  
***Owner Guselle Perto***



***Stanhopea No ID***  
***Owner Oscar Lopaz***



***Dendrobium from Lowe's***  
***Owner Vivian Luscuskie***



***Lsa. Dick Pippin 'Lemon yum yum'***  
***Owner Guselle Perto***

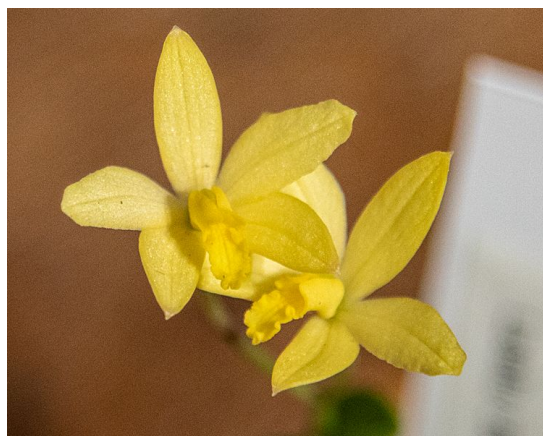


***Prosthechea Cochleata***  
***Owner Terry Drayer***

# August Winners



*No id*  
*Owner Linda Scherer*



*L. Bradei*  
*Owner Guselle Porto*



*Aeridoranda Suwannaphum*  
*Sunshine Owner Oscar Lopez*



*V. Reno Delight 2 tone*  
*Owner James Shepard*

# Upcoming Events

## Save the Date

### RePotting

With Jordon  
Krull Smith's Head Grower



Saturday  
September  
12th  
10am - 12n

Krull Smith Nursery Pavillion

Central Florida Orchid Society  
Presents the



### 4th Annual Jean & Ed Gilliland Memorial Show

October 22nd - 24th  
& One Day Sale

October 24th

Sponsored by and located at  
**Commerce Bank & Trust**  
1201 S. Orlando Ave, Winter Park 32789



Central Florida Orchid Society is hosting a  
**Private Collection Orchid Sale**

**September 19th & 20th 9 am - 4 pm**

At Orchids in Bloom Nursery  
2001 Rocks Springs Rd Apopka, FL 32712

Over 200 Vandas and other orchids  
Cash and Credit Cards Accepted

# Upcoming Events

## Central Florida Orchid Society is Sponsoring



**A BUS TRIP to  
REDLANDS Orchid Show & Sale  
October 16th 2026**

**\$50 per person - includes Bus fee, tip and admission to Redlands  
Bus leaves Friday October 16th @ 7:30 am and returns 9:30 pm  
from Commerce National Bank**

**1201 S. Orlando Ave Winter Park 32789**

**Open to the public - need a full bus to go - 29 seats available.**

**Contact : Teri Scott 407-463-0274 to sign up**

**Payment is due when the bus is full.**

## WELCOME TO OPEN HOUSE ORCHIDS HEAVEN

**Oct 9 - 11 2026**

**9 am to 5 pm**

Join us in nurturing your green oasis with our wide selection of  
vibrant orchids and plants and gardening essentials

**Sponsored by orchidsinbloom  
2001 rock springs road  
Apopka FL 32712**

**Welcome  
Florida  
vendors**

**Welcome  
International  
vendors**

**Orlando international  
orchids show and sale**

**Sponsored by  
Orchidsinbloom**

**Oct 30 - Nov 1**

**9 am to 5 pm**

**407-242-0619**

**Free admission  
Free drinks  
Free parking**

**Live beautiful orchids display by Florida vendors  
Welcome are speakers  
Free class for all the orchid lovers  
Animals welcome kids welcome**

## The Apopka International Fall Orchid Festival

**Featuring Orchid & Rare Plant Vendors from All Over The World!**

**October 30 - November 1, 2026**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME! • FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING!**



**Sponsored and Hosted by**

**Krull-Smith**

**Location: Krull-Smith Nursery**

**2800 W Ponkan Rd • Apopka, FL 32712**

**Tel: (407) 886-4134 • [orchids@krullsmith.com](mailto:orchids@krullsmith.com) • [www.krullsmith.com](http://www.krullsmith.com)**

Prepared for approval by the Central Florida Orchid Society

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### DISEASE PREVENTION



Problems caught early enough can be dealt with using simple things, such as alcohol and a cotton swab, or one of the other effective home remedies. Early insect infestations can be dealt with by making a citrus-based spray made from citrus peels. Steep them in hot but not boiling water, let this “tea” cool to room temperature, and use it as a spray. For insects with waxy, hydrophobic coatings, such as scale and mealybugs, better control will be had by adding a drop or two of dishwashing liquid to the “tea.” This helps to penetrate the wax coatings.

If you are willing to use chemicals, neonicotinoids (imidacloprid, for instance), Orthene, and many other reputable insecticides offer good control (do not use Orthene indoors as the smell is quite bad). These products are toxic to bees, so use them carefully and avoid spray drift as much as possible. If the problem is controlling mites, something as simple as a spray of micronized sulfur may give adequate control. Sulfur is toxic to many mite species, is relatively harmless, and actually provides nutrition to the plants as it washes into the potting mix.

I do not like prophylactic spraying. Be careful not to use the same thing over and over, or the pests will build up resistance. It is easier to pay close attention to your plants and deal with infestation early. If you go to the AOS webinar webpage (<https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars>), search for recorded webinars for pests or diseases, and you will find several webinars. Insect Growth Regulators (IGRs) are great for longer-term control, and you can also find information relating to their use in recorded webinars as well. Remember to rotate these like regular pesticides to minimize the buildup of resistance. IGRs are insect hormone mimics and are much less toxic to non-insects. In the July 2026 issue of *Orchids*, the Q&A column has a question on the use of IGRs, and here is a link to a short archived article on their use ([https://secure.aos.org/digital-library/202302orch\\_92-02/24/index.html](https://secure.aos.org/digital-library/202302orch_92-02/24/index.html)).

### JUST ADD ICE?

#### QUESTION

My friend cared for my healthy orchids while we were on vacation. Now there are dead spots on the leaves. It cannot be sunburn because some leaves that were under other leaves exhibit the same damage. I told her to give the plant



an ice cube now and then. I suspended a funnel to place the ice cube in, so it would not touch the plant. Could the ice cube have caused the leaf damage?

#### ANSWER

I do not think this is freezing damage. Plastic is a good insulator, so if ice were placed in the funnel, the plant would get cool, but not cold enough to freeze. Also, if this were freezing damage, it would be all around the funnel. This damage is on more than one leaf and is removed from the funnel. It looks like sunburn to me. The fact that one leaf is under another does not rule out sunburn. If the light comes in at a low enough angle, it will burn whatever is perpendicular to the light source. It can go under an upper leaf and burn a lower leaf that is positioned just right. The actual damage also looks like sunburn. There is a sharply defined area where the tissue dies. The part that was cooked, over a short period of time, will collapse, turn brown or black, and dry out. Sunburned areas dry out and become almost paper-thin. The odd angles of burn on the underside of leaves, and the

#### QUESTION

Can you recommend any products for maintenance and disease prevention?

#### ANSWER

This is really an entire article in itself, but here goes:

First and foremost is good hygiene. This helps keep disease down. These are also environmental factors of which growers should be mindful, such as good air movement, no heat (or cold) stress, good light levels (both too little light and too much light weaken plants and make them susceptible to disease) and cleaning up dead leaves and spent flowers. Good due diligence prevents pest and disease problems from reaching the stage you see in the pictures here and helps avoid advanced problems that require serious chemical intervention.

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](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) — Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Education and Science Officer, Editor, *Orchids Magazine*.

many affected leaves, are hallmarks of sunburn.

Sunburn damage does not get bigger once the initial damage occurs if the source of the light is gone. If the spots dry out, you can trim the leaves or remove them. Undamaged parts of the leaves are still working for the plant.

Regarding the use of ice to water orchids, my opinion is that it is not a good idea long-term. No tropical orchid is exposed to ice water! Although rainfall from a thunderstorm may be cool, it isn't ice cold in the tropics. Ice, as it melts, chills your plant's roots — also not a good idea, but more importantly, melting ice does not provide enough water to flush out the dissolved solids accumulating in the pot over time. Although ice water may work for a while, sooner or later, the dissolved solid build-up becomes toxic to the plant. The roots eventually burn, die back, and can result in the loss of the plant. Unless you are using purified water or rainwater, the orchid potting media needs to be periodically flushed, even if you rarely fertilize.

## REPOTTING



## QUESTION

How often should I repot my orchids? When should I repot them?

## ANSWER

Orchids should be repotted before your potting mix experiences significant breakdown. In bark mixes, this corresponds to 18-month to two-year intervals, depending on the quality of your bark. One sign your potting mix is breaking down is that fine particulate material will come out of the drainage holes of your pots as you water. It may look like coffee grounds.

When should I repot? Any time the potting mix is degrading, and before the plant begins to lose vigor. You are much better off repotting a plant into fresh medium and cleaning out the dead roots than waiting for an ideal time. If your potting mix begins to smell sour, repot. Otherwise, you want to repot just before the new roots begin to grow. For most orchids, that is usually just as the new

growth begins. Most cattleyas will flower, sit for a short time, and then put out a new growth along with a flush of new roots. Bifoliate cattleyas are an exception because they do not start producing roots until the new growth is mature or nearly so (often in the summer). Oncidiums flush new roots when the new growth is ½ to ¾ mature. Do not repot oncidiums just as new growth starts, or the plants will be seriously set back.

Some orchids are notoriously sensitive to root disturbance. Angraecums, once they reach flowering size, do not like their roots disturbed. What do you do in this case, when the potting mix breaks down? You can tease the potting mix out of the pot, leaving the roots undisturbed, and add in fresh mix. It is the breaking of roots and ripping them out of the pot that causes the damage. If the root tips of any of the aerial roots of your orchids are green and actively growing, it is a sign that the rest of the plant's roots are also doing the same thing, and the plants can be repotted.

There are a couple of additional repotting concepts worth mentioning: slip potting and annex potting. Slip potting is when you take a plant and simply move it up into the next larger size pot

without removing the old potting mix. This is commonly done when potting up seedlings, but it can also be done on larger plants if the potting mix is still good. Once the plant is placed in the larger pot, fresh mix is added around the existing root ball. New roots will rapidly grow into the new medium. Annex-potting involves taking a second pot, attaching it to the old pot in front of the developing new growth, and allowing the plant to continue to grow into the new pot. If using plastic pots, some growers cut the annex pot so that it fits flush against the old pot. The two pots can be wired together or held together with duct tape. This method is especially helpful with bifoliate cattleyas as they outgrow their existing pots, and it avoids repotting at the wrong time. It is also useful for sympodial orchids that resent disturbance. The new roots grow into the annexed pot. Once you get a couple of new growths in the annex pot, you can partially sever the rhizome at the edge of the old pot, often inducing a backbulb to sprout, and then completely cut the rhizome, making two healthy divisions without disturbing the root systems.

# Webinars - Coming Attractions!

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*Register now and view on your time schedule.*  
**Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)**  
*Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and summarized by topic for future viewing.*

| When             | Sept. 01, 2026<br>Tuesday<br>8:30 pm EDT                                                                                                                                                    | Sept. 27, 2026<br>Sunday<br>11 am—4 pm<br>CULTURE DAY                                                                                                                            | Oct. 07, 2026<br>Wednesday<br>8:30 pm EDT                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Topic</b>     | <b><u>FREE Live</u></b><br><b>Greenhouse Chat</b><br><b>Orchid Q &amp; A</b><br>Answers to your questions about all things orchid.<br><i>Send in your Photos and Questions by August 30</i> | <b><u>Live PAY PER VIEW</u></b><br><b>SAVE THE DATE</b><br><b>Tiny Treasures of the Orchid World</b><br>Online Registration Required<br>Four Guest Speakers<br>Four Great Topics | <b><u>FREE Live</u></b><br><b>Greenhouse Chat</b><br><b>Orchid Q &amp; A</b><br>Answers to your questions about all things orchid.<br><i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Oct. 05</i> |
| <b>Presenter</b> | <b>Ron McHatton</b><br>AOS Chief<br>Education and<br>Science Officer                                                                                                                        | <b>The Experts</b><br>Offering Culture Tips and<br>Education.                                                                                                                    | <b>Ron McHatton</b><br>AOS Chief<br>Education and<br>Science Officer                                                                                                                      |

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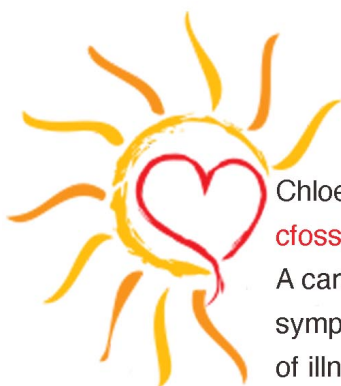
*Check us out at <https://cflorchidsociety.org>*



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](mailto: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**

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Chloe Mobley - Recording Secretary  
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Sheila Coburn - Membership  
Lori Erlacher - Past President

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