

## Cover Story



Indian River Orchids had 2,450 sq. ft of growing space and was out of space. Plants were double stacked and very tight. With plans to expand in the future, Jason and Wendy started planning for more greenhouses. Little did they know the hurricane season of 2004 would make the decision for them. Hurricane Frances came thru Vero Beach with a vengeance. "When we returned after evacuating we had high hopes that we would only lose the plastic and have the structure to work with, but we had no idea that everything would be 2 feet high and totally destroyed." Jason Griffin.

It was time to think about rebuilding and the first thing that they said was that whatever we build, it will be **STRONG** and a lot bigger. After checking every greenhouse in the surrounding 200 miles, they decided that Jaderloon was the only choice.

Indian River Orchids was not only getting a face-lift it was going high-tech. Only the best of everything would be accepted. "This is our last chance to do it right; I can't do this again." Wendy Griffin said.



Indian River Orchids opened its doors in September of 2000 by Jason and Wendy Griffin. Jason and Wendy originally worked additional jobs and did their growing in the evenings and sales on the weekends. After a few years, Wendy went full time to keep the nursery open all week. Growing Orchids grew from a hobby-gone wild to a 365 day a year job. The nursery began with a small group of Vandas, Cattleyas and Dendrobiums. After a few years, the nursery began importing from Thailand and growing seedlings for the years to come. The Orchid world is vastly growing in size and is one of the largest flowering plants sold in the world.



After choosing what type of greenhouse they wanted, Jaderloon put the ball in motion. With plans for over 12,000 square feet of growing space, Indian River Orchids would be back in business soon and bigger and better than ever.

Now Indian River Orchids consist of 3 Jaderloon Classic greenhouses 24' W x 144' L with Rollup Sidewalls, Roof Vents on each bay and an interior Jadershade system.

Jason and Wendy had Jaderloon place the columns in the ground to be sure they were exactly right and then they went to work putting every single nut and bolt in themselves. This husband and wife team built their dream greenhouse from the ground up with all the support and planning of Jaderloon. It took just a few months for all the work to be completed. Just in time for Hurricane season 2005... Hurricane Wilma came thru and gave the new greenhouse a big test. The weather station picked up 120-mph winds for over 4 hours. Jason and Wendy stayed in their Jaderloon greenhouse thru the storm and were amazed, "We did not even lose any plastic." Jason Griffin

"Working with Jaderloon has been a pleasure. We have a superior greenhouse that we are proud of and one we feel safe in." Indian River Orchids.

**Indian River Orchids  
Vero Beach, FL**