



## What's New at Big Leaf Orchids – Fall 2011

Hi everyone,

This news is long overdue since the last one I wrote in February. I scheduled a few speaking trips this year. I enjoyed giving a talk on phalaenopsis and meeting orchid growers at various places. Many thanks go to the organizers and people who work these orchid events and society meetings to make my visit enjoyable. My last speaking trip this year is at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium at Virginia Beach on Oct 28-29, 2011. I hope to see many of you there. At this writing, HP and Mrs Norton of Orchiview.com will be there too. This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> year attending the symposium.

Fall has finally arrived. Here in North Texas, we are enjoying the cooler temperature in the 80s during the day and 60s at night. We broke the heat record this year with 71 days of 100 F Days. Last 100F day was as recent as September 29, 2011. Hopefully that really is the last one this year.

I have been working hard at de-flasking and repotting these phalaenopsis seedlings. This task seems to be never ending. I usually would take advantage of cooler weather to import phalaenopsis from Taiwan. I still have much repotting to do. So this Fall I decided not to fuss with bare root phalaenopsis import. Instead, I have received a shipment of potted phalaenopsis from Kingfisher Orchids Canada. These traveled well. Below you will find a list of what's available. These will be listed in my store soon for purchase.

I still have many phalaenopsis hybrid flasks. My latest shipment arrived 2 weeks ago. These are the traditional 500 ml glass vessels. The seedlings are usually larger due to the additional vertical space. Most of these are additional flasks I received. A new hybrid is F1167 Phal (Joy Spring Tina 'Tina' X Star of Dixie 'Riverside' HCC/AOS).



In this cross, I am looking to create larger colorful with good substance. Pod parent 'Tina' is a sibling to the now famous Phal Joy Spring Tina 'Anaconda'. Flower size of 'Tina' is 8 cm NS – a gigantea hybrid. Paired with a smaller but colorful Phal Star of Dixie 'Riverside' HCC/AOS at 6 cm which is colorful and has beautiful patterns, I hope to see more exotic spots and bars from this pair.

Additional flasks available in 500 ml glass vessels

- F1130 Phal (Jong's Celebe Amah 'Peter Lin' X Mem. Liu Jin-Chyuan) Qty 1 \$125
- F1129 Phal (Joy Micholitz-Ludde 'WOC' X venosa 'TH') Qty 1 \$95
- F1160 Phal (gigantea 'Ku5-3' X doweryensis 'Big Leaf Orchid') Qty 1 \$95
- F1167 Phal (Joy Spring Tina 'Tina' X Star of Dixie 'Riverside' HCC/AOS) Qty 3 \$125
- F1156 Phal Gretchen (gigantea 'Ku5-2' X stuartiana (yellow-09)) Qty 2 \$125

Currently we have 47 different crosses available in flask. Follow this link to take you to our flask page [http://www.bigleaforchids.com/store/index.php?main\\_page=index&cPath=25](http://www.bigleaforchids.com/store/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=25)

Susie Hanna of Greater Kansas City Orchid Society has started a good discussion on growing baby phalaenopsis from flasks. For more information, follow this link below to take you to this topic. <http://www.phalaenopsis.net/phpBB/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=10656>

Photo courtesy of Susie Hanna (picture on the left) and Jim Lehnhardt (picture on the right)



If deflasking is not your thing, we also have 27 phalaenopsis mini compots listed online. These are from our newest F11xx crosses. You will find species compot

F1142cp  x [\*\*Phal amboinensis \('Spring Creek' AM/AOS x 'Wu1'\)\*\*](#)

, as well as art-shade multiflora type of crosses.

F1165cp  x [\*\*Phal KV Golden Star HCC x \(Sogo Lawrence X Tying Shin Wonder\)\*\*](#)

Or exotic crosses like

F1163cp  x [\*\*Phal \(Golden Butterfly X mannii f. mahogany\)\*\*](#)

This is a Stem Prop List from Kingfisher Orchids that we just received. These are in 3 inch pot, grown in moss. The number in front of each plant is the quantity available. These will be available in our store. Photos below are courtesy of Kingfisher Orchids. I am always looking forward to flowering something new.

Update 10/9/2011– Please refer to our online store for availability. A few of these have sold out already.

- 2- Phal. Giant Terry 'KFO', 6-8 inch LS, \$85/ea
- 1- Phal. Sweet Memory 'Bubbles' AM/AOS, 8-9 inch LS, \$55
- 1- Phal. I-Hsin Bee 'Cuz', 10 inch LS, \$75
- 1- Phal. Gelblieber 'Arienne', 5-6 inch LS, \$55
- 1- Phal. Tzu Chiang Orange #1, 6 inch LS, \$75
- 4- Phal. Tying Shin Cupid 'Cathy', 8 inch LS, \$45
- 3- Phal. Lea Marie Salazar 'Tying Shin', 6 inch LS, \$45 – sold out
- 2- Phal. Penang Girl 'Tejas', 6 inch LS, \$45 – sold out
- 2- Phal. Ching Her Goddess 'Lin', 8 inch LS, \$75
- 4- Phal. Sogo Kaiulani 'Joy', 4 inch LS, \$45 – sold out
- 1- Phal. Chingruey's Fancy 'Tying Shin', 8 inch LS, \$55
- 3- Phal. Chingruey's Fancy 'Kimo' AM/AOS, 8" inch LS, \$55
- 2- Phal. Jiaho Cherry 'Whitecap' HCC/AOS, 9 inch LS, \$75
- 5- Phal. John Ewing 'KFO', 6 inch LS, \$45



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Phal. Giant Terry 'KFO'



Phal. John Ewing 'KFO'



Phal. Jiaho Cherry 'Whitecap' HCC/AOS

For those who enjoy delayed gratification, we are offering a small species collection.



You get 6 different phalaenopsis species (see list below) seedlings in 1.5 inch pot. Leaf span is 3-4 inches, 1-2 years away to flower depend on growing. These are the larger seedlings individually potted from our newest crosses. We have 5 sets of this available for \$95 each.

- F1107 Phal amboinensis ('Su Weay' X 'Texas' AM/AOS)
- F1110 Phal violacea (violacea 'Joy' X violacea 'Lavender' - N0446)
- F1116 Phal sanderiana (sanderiana 'Joy' X sanderiana 'South Olive' AM/AOS)
- F1123 Phal gigantea (gigantea 'Big Leaf Orchid #3' HCC/AOS X gigantea 'Big Leaf Orchid #4' AM/AOS)
- F1131 Phal stuartiana (stuartiana 'Joy' X stuartiana 'Yellow 09')
- F1148 Phal hieroglyphica (hieroglyphica 'Viclii' FCC/AOS X hieroglyphica 'Tejas Canary')

Growing Tip –



This tip came from Brian Bilyeu of Chico, TX. I have used yellow sticky traps and a few carnivorous plants to control adult gnats. They have not been as much of a problem in the past due to my infrequent watering and sphagnum moss. These fungus gnats larvae love peat moss and they need a consistent moist environment to survive. Since I am dealing with more phalaenopsis compots that are kept moist longer, gnats seem to be a problem this summer.

Brian suggested that I use mosquito dunks in water overnight, and use it to water infested plants.

I will need to repeat this spray a few times – to get rid of all larvae in moss. This seems to be a less expensive alternative to Gnatrol (Biological Larvicide) so I am giving this a try. This worked for Brian and what I read on the internet. Please email me at [phal@bigleaforchids.com](mailto:phal@bigleaforchids.com) if you have experiences using mosquito dunks to control gnats.

Happy Growing,

Peter Lin

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