



Gulf Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

August 8, 2010

Our meeting will be held Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 at the **Jeff Davis Community College** located at the corner of Switzer Rd and Debuys; just north of Pass Rd. in the **media room, G121**, which is south east of the cafeteria, across from the fountain.



Paph. Bellatulum 'Crown Prince'

PROGRAM: Graham Woods of Lehua Orchids will speak on the "The Story of Little Bellatulum" and focus on the influence of Paphiopedilum bellatulum in red complex paphs. He will bring plants to sell. Lehua Orchids was founded in 1990. It is a 27,000 sq ft greenhouse facility that specializes in breeding, hybridizing and growing *Paphiopedilums*, *Masdevallias*, *Angraecoids* and *Lycastenae* primarily for the resale market. They are located on the Big Island of Hawaii in Mountain View. That is half way between Hilo and Volcano. Lehua Orchids has received many AOS quality and cultural awards. Graham is an accredited AOS judge. He is a featured speaker at the Houston Workshop on August 7th.



Among the plants available at our August meeting courtesy of Lehua Orchids will be Lc. Sky Blue Brazil (Mini Purple x C. bowringiana) photo at left, blooming size \$10.00, this is an outstanding blue flower. Graham will also have select Paphiopedilums in spike for \$15.00 along with various Masdevallias, the little yellow and orange cuties that you see from time to time on our show and tell table.

Graham asked if there was any possibility of getting some Gulf oysters while he was here. (All the great seafood in Hawaii and he wants our Gulf seafood! Shame on BP!) So we're planning to take Graham out to supper after the meeting to the Half Shell Oyster House located in the Kremer Bldg. in downtown Gulfport on the corner of Hwy 49 and 13th St. Members are invited Dutch treat. Marilyn Ladnier will take a headcount at the meeting for reservations.



Masdevallia Hampshire Prolific at left

REFRESHMENTS: John Tate will provide refreshments for the August meeting. Janet Olier will provide September's refreshments. We have no one scheduled for the rest of the year. If you'd like to bring refreshments one month or if you have to change your date; call Andra Mladinich at 228-388-5054. Please do not bring in refreshments without first checking with Andra.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: Our September meeting will be September 12 in the media room. Larry Hennessey from New Orleans will speak on *Bulbophyllums* and their kin. He will bring plants to sell.

OCTOBER PROGRAM: Our October program will be October 10 in the cafeteria meeting room. James Phillips from Riverbend Orchids will speak on *Phalaenopsis*. He will bring plants to sell.

SHOW REPORT: Our January show is fast approaching; the dates are January 28, 29, 30, 2011. We have secured Singing River Mall and have gotten AOS approval. Invitations should be going out sometime next month to the judges and vendors. Please save those dates and come forward with any ideas or suggestions and volunteer to help as much as you can. We are doing this show without a Show Chairman; it will be everyone's show; so please offer a hand.

LOGO: You may notice that the logo at the top of the newsletter is different. After the last newsletter went out, one of our members asked if he could do a new logo for us as he thought the old one needed improving. I told him I didn't remember who did the old logo and that perhaps one of our long time members would know. I was told by one of those members that we had a logo contest several years ago; members were asked to submit ideas for a new logo. The winner was the state outline with the lighthouse and an orchid drawn by Beryl Davis. I lost my computer and all my files due to Katrina and the previous logo was all we could find. As it turned out we had the state logo all the time; it appears on our show schedule.

PLANT NAMES: Recently at the Baton Rouge show one of our members had a plant pulled for AOS judging. It could not be awarded as no one knew the parents of that particular plant. The plant had a label but the name was not listed in any of the reference material used by the AOS judges. I tried to find the cross before the plant went to the show but it was not listed anywhere. Probably the name on the plant was from a company that did not register their plant names with the Royal Horticultural Society. Not having a registered plant name does not in any way take away from the beauty of the plant or its flowers, it still won a blue ribbon and a trophy at the Baton Rouge show.

The software the judges used to check the parentage of plants is available to everyone through the AOS. It is the main tool I use to find parents of particular crosses or to see if a cross has been named. It has the award record and photo (if available) for all plants awarded through the AOS. This program is inexpensive; just \$50.00 plus \$8.50 shipping. It contains data from 1932 to March 2010 along with 51,279 color AOS awards photographs and over 1000 images from various other orchid judging groups. Each subscription works on two computers and you get three quarterly updates. Email or call the American Orchid Society and ask for *AQ Plus Version 3.9*. Go to WWW.AOS.org click on shop or call 561-404-2000. The photo of *Paph. bellatulum* 'Crown Prince' on the front is from *AQ Plus*.

WE NEED FERNS: What for? For our January show! That's right our Baton Rouge exhibit team discovered exhibits need greenery and the best greenery is ferns. If you have a few you could offer to the Society in January we would appreciate it. We need small ferns in 4" to 8" pots with most being in 4" pots. They will be used to tuck behind and around the orchid plants. So if you've been thinking about dividing some ferns remember us and pot up a few 4" or 6" pots for us.