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The Newsletter Of
The Baton Rouge
Orchid Society



**7 PM, Wed
Mar 17, 2021**

***Zach Goodnow*
'Mini Orchids in
Glass Terrariums'**

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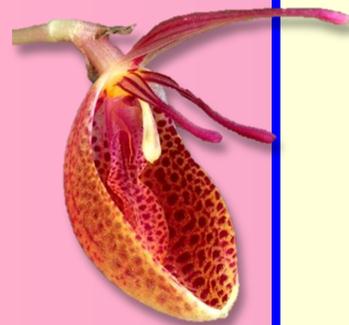
Zach's Bio

Some mini orchid flowers



Zach Goodnow is the March speaker. Zach has grown orchids for approximately 22 years, starting with a Cattleya hybrid purchased from the New Orleans Orchid Society vendor booth at the New Orleans City Park Botanical Gardens Spring Show. He now grows primarily species orchids from Central and South America and Madagascar. Because Zach began growing orchids while he was still attending school, his plant collection had to remain easily moved. This led to his interest in miniature species and growing in terraria.

He has grown orchids and other tropical plants in various glass terrariums and other enclosures since 2011. This month, he will share some of the lessons he has learned over nearly a decade of growing this way. The talk will be more of an informal “show and tell” / Q&A session rather than a formal presentation, so please bring your questions!



Message from President Frank McMains

Hello BROS!

February has been a month of cleaning and preparation in my orchid shed. Once the night time temperatures warm up reliably, it will be time to move the tropical plants outside. The plants take notice of the longer days, the blackberry canes erupt in flowers. It is the time to catch sac-au-lait and plant tomatoes.

Glenn, Patty and I opened the conservatory during the Camellia Society show. We had a steady stream of visitors and lots of interest. We plan to open the conservatory to the public again on Saturday, March 20th to coincide with the Master Gardeners show. In addition to being open for people to admire the orchids, we will supply membership information and we also plan to sell blooming orchids, provided we can secure plants. There are restrictions on group size at the Master Gardener Plant Sale so check the following link for details and other events: <https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/burden/events>

The society recently purchased some lovely plants from Water Orchids. Information about them and how to add one to your collection is in the newsletter below.

Frank Zachariah is working hard to get us access to a wide array of speakers and orchid related topics. Please get in touch if you would like to attend any of these special Zoom meetings as long as they last.

This month the BROS will be hosting Zach Goodnow. Zach will speak to us on the topic growing orchids in a terrarium. It should be informative.

Lastly, the board members and I have been working behind the scenes to try to maintain the high standards of the BROS. We are formally requesting a vote from membership to authorize money to pay for our registration as a 501c3 non-profit. This is a one time fee. Additionally, Jim Morrison, who has also been undertaking herculean tasks on behalf of the BROS and our home at the LSU AgCenter at Burden, proposes we subscribe to a software suite that will consolidate administrative tasks and allow us to do things like sell orchids online and accept member dues through the website. The board has voted in favor of authorizing Jim to proceed, and we ask you to support our decision.

One more thing. T-shirts! We should have new, 2021 BROS t-shirts available this month. The design and how you can order one for yourself (or for several loved ones) will be emailed to you later in the month. Baton Rouge artist Élise Lassonde has produced a delicate, hand-drawn illustration of the clam-shell orchid, *Prosthechea cochleata*, from our conservatory, for the t-shirt.

We purchased these 5 orchids from Taiwan to share with our members and friends. They are \$15 bare root.

If you are interested in any of them, contact Lata at

PlantLover58@bellsouth.net



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Delight '# 2'



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Rlc. Fringe Benefits
'Green Ange'



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C. Amazing Thailand
'Magician'



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Minutes from the Feb Meeting

February BROS meeting 2/17/2021

Larry Hennessy spoke on growing bulbophylliums highlighting his talk with culture information and pictures. He has 20 years of experience growing Bulbos. They can come as miniatures as well as higher orchids. The Bulbos that do well in south Louisiana come from South East Asia with its hot climate.

His choice in potting mix is 2/3 tri mix and 1/3 New Zealand sphagnum moss. When the weather warms up he moves his plants outside under 50% to 60% shade cloth. Bulbos like a well drained, wet medium during the summer. He divides his bulbos bulbs into four or five clusters. Some of the easier varieties to grow here are Stars and Stripes, bicolor, makoyanu, and Doris Dukes. For a rambling bulbo you can choose longiflorum, while another favorite is Bulb. medusa for its fine hair like appearance.

Larry offered our Society a plant list in April if members want to buy plants.

Patty Granier, Secretary

LSU Orchid Conservatory Notes by Frank Zachariah

Still in the process of moving orchids from cypress and organic to a better draining media (haydite and styrofoam). Plants waking from our winter nap.

The potting bench and sink is making care easier and tidier thanks to Hal Canning.

Burden has asked us to start putting plants outside in Hal's display box so the public can enjoy them.

Thanks to Glenn Gawarecki for the photos on this page and the next page. WOW!



LSU Orchid Conservatory

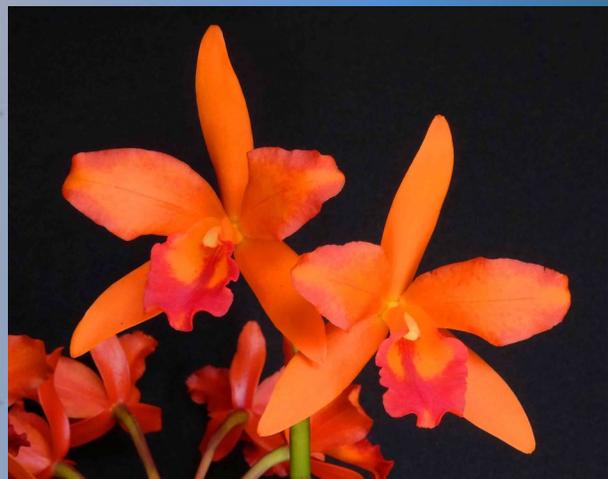
Photos by Glenn Gawarecki



Lata Johnson's Bloom Page



**These orchids were given an AOS
award last week in Alexandria at our
Louisiana Orchid Judging Center**



Memoriam

Ronald "Ronnie" Kennedy, DDS, was a long time active member of BROS, although not in recent years since he retired. For several years he was our official Show photographer. Society "Old Timers" will remember him. We send our condolences to his family.





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American Orchid Society Judge?

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