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Topic is cattleya species of Venezuela and South America.

A collector and an avid grower of tropical plants ranging from bromeliads, orchids, ferns, aroids and beyond. He has been collecting all types of tropical plants for over 25 years with his specialty being bromeliads. Alex first became addicted to bromeliads when he was gifted a variegated neoregelia which set off what set-off an out-of-control hobby that he truly loves. Alex has held high level positions in the plant industry ranging from Southern Regions Director for the Bromeliad Society International, president & Show and Sale Chairmen of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida, Florida council of Bromeliad societies and former President of the International Aroid Society. Alex is an avid outdoorsman whose love for the Everglades and Florida's ecology is truly remarkable. He also enjoys fishing, swamp walks, "any outdoor adventure in any environment", and is a 24-year veteran of the Miami-Dade County public schools as a high school administrative assistant over school operations, budget, and personnel. I am also the proud owner of Bello Tropicals Nursery in Homestead Florida with over 5 thousand square feet of growing greenhouses.