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Axel Cahiz is the co-founder of Amazonia Orchids, a Homestead Orchid Nursery located at 17899 SW. 280th Street, Homestead, 33013, specializing in fragrant Cattleya orchids.

After studying at Clemson University, Axel dedicated his efforts to the hybridizing and propagation of cattleyas in his business.

In addition to cultivating his award winning cattleyas, Axel operates his own hybridizing laboratory where he does seed flasking and tissue culture.

Amazonia Orchids produces and cultivates most of its own orchid inventory in its 22,500 sq. ft. growing facilities.

Among the numerous national and international awards from major orchid shows, Axel won the Reserve Grand Champion Award at the 19th World Orchid Conference held in Miami in 2008.

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Hello all:

Most of you might not have to worry about the sales tax holiday. The back to school sales, the new school supplies, uniforms, going to a different school, beginning of school year teacher's gift (read bribe). etc., etc., etc.

To those who do, my thoughts go to you. Hang in there.

August follows July as the hottest month of the year. Be mindful of your plants overheating. Think of air circulation. Keep thinking Calcium and Magnesium. You can get it in liquid form as CALiMAGic, or as a water soluble and granular form as Dolomite. The calcium and Magnesium available in any Cal-Mag fertilizer might not be enough during these months.

Try not to allow water to sit on the crook of their leaves. That water will heat up and cook your plant's tissue. (Good air flow will help here). You might want to water the ground under your orchids to bring those extreme temperatures down.

I say that orchids are like a factory. The more hours the factory is open (more sunlight) the more resources the factory will need. However, most orchids will stop metabolizing when temperatures go over 90-95 degrees. The factory closes its doors and sends the workers home. So water and fertilize earlier or later in the day.

I have found that whatever practices you apply to orchid growing, something different and more often than not contrary to those practices, will be perfectly fine for somebody else. The 'Just ad Ice' promotional campaign comes to mind. If you must insist on placing ice on top of your orchids, place a bit of moss between your plants root and the ice to minimize root burn.

Another newer practice, full water cultivation (FWC), and semi water cultivation (SWC) come to mind. It is an interesting proposition. For what I have seen of it in social media, it works well for its acolytes. I have no experience on the topic. Maybe we can have a conversation about this in our next meeting?



The Wave, a sandstone rock formation on the Arizona-Utah border.

These are our next headliners:

August 16th Axel Cahiz, from Amazonia Orchids on growing Cattleyas.

September 20th, will be Arthur Katz. He will present 'Rare and Unusual Orchids.'

In October, we will have our 71st Miami International Orchid Show at the University of Miami.

Happy growing,
Carlos

July 19th 2017 Judging Report

Judges: Sally Taylor, Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- *C. labiata* v. *autumnalis* 'Fowleyan' - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- *C. intermedia* x *C. violacea* 'Especial' - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips' FCC/AOS - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker

- Broanthevola Loreen Sprok - Alfredo Figueroa and Aned Lamboglia
- Blc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua' - Steve Rodriguez

Red Ribbons:

- *Angcm. leonis* - Jorge Merlo

Thank you for showing your blooms. We look forward to more plants at the August meeting.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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Alfredo Figueroa and Aned
Lamboglia



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