

VioletsFun

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Our calendar:

October 17, 2016.

International orders must be placed by this date for shipment week of October 24.

October 21-22, 2016.

NY State AVS Convention
Held in Ronkonkoma, NY. For info: www.africanvioletli.com

October 28-29, 2016.

Mid-Atlantic AVS Convention
Held in Mount Laure, NJ. For info: www.maavs.org

Free stuff and how to get it!

2017 AVSA Show awards.

Best Robinson collections
1st place: \$200
2nd place: \$100

Write a review.

Write a review before ordering, good or bad, we'd like to know. Get a free plant added to order.

Contact us:

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(Some of) What's "New":

New Waves. New Russian hybrid chimera. Sdbl. white pansies with distinctive pink center pinwheel stripes. Medium green, lightly quilted foliage. Heavy and constant bloomer. Compact standard chimera.

S pendula v kizarae. Saintpaulia species with single lavender purple blooms regularly produced above light to medium green, round, hairy, serrated leaves. Trailing foliage. Easy to grow makes a great window specimen--we grow ours in our workroom bathroom window!

Bristol's Dust Bunny. Wonderful, small growing streptocarpus. Lots of stick-tite sdbl. reddish purple-black blooms with white mottling on backs, held on short stems in bouquet above flat, compact, foliage. An excellent little plant that is easy to grow and always seems to be in bloom (limited supply).

What's news:

Visit our [facebook](#) pages to view photos of many of the prize-winning plants from the [Ohio State AVS](#) convention show. 'Buckeye Seductress' won best in show, and two of our own varieties 'Rob's Combustible Pigeon' (2nd best in show) and 'Ma's Blue Spinner' (best chimera) appeared on the court of honor. Always one of our favorite shows, it's held each September on the grounds of the Kingwood Center in Mansfield.

Inventory updates:

Leaf support rings back in stock. All three sizes now in stock. Not a necessary item for growing African violets, but very handy for those wanting to grow plants for exhibition, or for those varieties that need help in holding their leaves flat.

Our apologies for the sparse look of our online catalog. Late in the year (and short of time and staff), many items are in short supply. We're growing more and will be adding more to available inventory as we have them. We only list what we actually have for sale--if you can't find something you've seen listed before, be patient, it will reappear when we have more to ship.

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www.avsa.org

This month's question:

I found your site while doing some research. I learned through an article of yours that leaf propagation from chimera African violets won't produce a plant identical to the mother plant...my question is, what will the plant look like? Will it inherit one property rather than both? I did a leaf propagation of 'Rebel's Splatter Kake' and was wondering how it will mature. I've attached photos. one is the day I got it, the other is a few days ago.

You can't be certain, but plants produced by propagating leaves of a chimera will likely be a solid-color version of the chimera parent (without the stripes). For example, if the chimera bloom is white with blue stripes, babies will likely be solid white or solid blue. If a leaf chimera, babies will have green foliage, without the variegation.

'Rebel's Splatter Kake' should propagate true (blue fantasy spots on pink with a white edge) but, since it is so variable to begin with (like your photo) that there will likely be some variation in the babies as well. To generalize, varieties with more "complicated" (more colors and combinations of colors) blooms tend to be less stable--both in response to environment and care, and in propagation. 'Rebel's Splatter Kake', for example, will produce two (named) variations--'Rebel's Night Breezes' (dark blue blooms with white edge) and 'Rebel's Astro Spinner' (a chimera with blue stripes/rays on pink). If you grow this variety long enough, you'll likely see all three variations.

Much more information on [chimeras](#) and their [propagation](#) on the plant care pages of our website.

