

VioletsFun

The Violet Barn newsletter

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Our calendar:

May 28, 2018.

International orders must be placed by this date for shipment week of June 4.

May 24-26, 2018.

AVSA/AVSC Convention Show.

In Buffalo, New York, at the Adams Mark Hotel. Jointly held national conventions of African Violet Societies of America and Canada!

Mark your calendar! This is the event of a lifetime. Exhibitors and vendors from across North America will be there. We will have showplants, display, and sales booth. For more info: www.avsa.org or www.avsc.ca

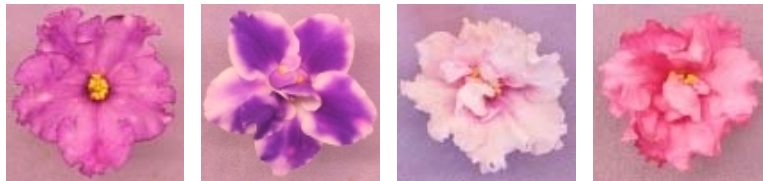
Free stuff and how to get it!



Come to the AVSA show!

Bring this newsletter to our sales booth and redeem for free plant (of our choice)!

(Some of) What's New:



AE Fly to the Moon. New standard variety with large, sdbl. orchid stars with variable white puffs throughout. Dark green foliage.

AE Lady Lorain. Sdbl. blue and white pansies with variable pink puffs on blue. Medium green, standard foliage.

LE Ivetta. Fluffy, slightly ruffled, double white with pink eye. Light green and white variegated, standard, foliage.

LE Pink Neon. Double bright, neon pink blooms over dark green and white to pink variegate, ruffled, standard foliage.

Many more! These are just *some* of the new Russian and Ukranian varieties recently listed in the past month.

What's News:

AVSA/AVSC 72nd Annual Convention in Buffalo, NY.

What and why to attend. This is a must-attend event, the *joint* convention of the African Violet Society of America *and* Canada. Given that it hasn't been held in NY state in 36 years, attending may be a once in a lifetime opportunity! See spectacular show plants, designs, and displays. Visit the sales room for plants and supplies--including the latest hybrids you might not find elsewhere!

When and where. Show and sales rooms open to the public Friday, May 25, from 9 to 5 pm, and Saturday, May 26, from 9 to 3 pm. Admission is only \$5. Where? The Adams Mark Hotel and Event Centre, 120 Church Street, Buffalo, NY 14202.

A bonus! Bring this newsletter with you to our sales booth. We'll give you a free plant to show our appreciation. Make a purchase and enter for our daily gift basket drawing--baskets include all local (from the Naples valley area) products!

This month's questions:

I had two sets of leaves that I rooted six months ago, but they never produced plantlets. I was going to discard them, but I turned them out of their pots first to see if I could see anything under the soil. To my surprise, one leaf had ghostly white plantlets that

In addition, we will draw for a gift basket each day from amongst our customers.

2018 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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Mon. thru Sat., 12-5 pm ET

Our shop and glasshouse at:

7209 County Road 12

Naples, New York 14512

*Shop and glasshouse open to public Weds-Friday, 12-5 pm
We will close at 4 pm on May 24*

For those attending the 2018 AVSA/AVSC convention, we are a 2 hour drive from Buffalo.

Are you a member?

Consider joining the African Violet Society of America. Sign up through our website and get a free plant! For more information on AVSA, visit www.avsa.org

Has your collection grown far beyond violets? Consider joining the Gesneriad Society. For more info: www.gesneriadsociety.org

seemed to be growing down instead of up toward the soil surface. I repotted the leaf shallowly so that the tiny plantlets will be exposed to light. Is this a common problem, and do you think my upside-down plantlets will develop normally now?

It's likely those plantlets would have worked their way upwards, though some never do. It is a good practice to root the leaf cuttings shallowly, cutting the petiole (leaf stem) no more than 1/4" to 1/2" long from the leaf base. This way the plantlets won't have so far to go to reach the surface. Cutting the petiole at an angle (cut side facing up) also encourages plantlets to develop above the stem, rather than below, getting them pointed in the right direction.

I have a pink and white variegated African violet that has been in bloom for more than three weeks. I notice that the big outer leaves are all drooping. I did overwater the poor thing, and poured off as much as I could. Should I repot it into a 8" pot?

Given that this is your suspicion, it was likely overwatered. After repotting, you need to be more careful in watering, since the root system may not be able to process the additional water before it begins to grow new roots into the additional soil. An 8" pot is WAY to big. This will only make overwatering even more likely. Unless you have a very large plant being grown for exhibition, a 4" or 5" pot will be sufficient, given the likely size of the plant's root system.