

# VioletsFun

The Violet Barn newsletter

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## Our calendar:

### December 25, 2018.

International orders must be placed by this date for shipment week of January 2, 2019.

### December 15, 2018

Orders must be received by us by 5 pm ET on this date to ensure arrival by December 25, when Express mail shipping selected.

## Free stuff and how to get it!

### Write a review.

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

### Winter shipping now applies!

Safe delivery on orders shipped prior to April 1 guaranteed only by *Express mail*.

## Contact us:

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mail. POB 9, Naples, NY 14512

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Mon. thru Sat., 12-5 pm ET

## Our shop and glasshouse at:

7209 County Road 12  
Naples, New York 14512

Open to public Wed-Fri., 12-5 pm

## (Some of) What's New:



**N Game Beads.** (N Ingra v Biser) New Russian hybrid. Semidouble to double white and blue stars. Pointed, medium green and white variegated foliage. Great blooming semiminiature.

**N Silver Smoke.** (N Serebryanny Dym) New Russian hybrid. Double silvery-blue blooms edged in white. Dark green girl foliage. Extremely profuse bloomer. Semiminiature.

## What's news:

### An update of a personal nature.

On December 14, one of the Violet Barn owners, Olive, had successful open-heart surgery to repair a genetic problem with her mitral valve. Though the surgery was a success, there have been complications and setbacks along the way, making her recovery a bit longer than hoped for. All things considered, she is now doing well, and she hopes to be back growing her plants soon. Thank you to all for the many kind thoughts of encouragement and understanding. Please, no phone calls (emails or messages are fine), we are simply too busy at the moment for these...thank you.

### Change in shop visitor hours.

Due to the above events and the resulting staff shortage, the shop and glasshouse will be closed on Saturdays during November and December. For these same reasons, certain items may be unavailable during this time. We hope to have normal hours and availability of items should return late in January. Our apologies, and thanks for your understanding.

### "Winter shipping" in effect.

We continue to ship anywhere, anytime, but from now until April 1, winter shipping applies, and safe delivery is guaranteed only when shipped by Express mail.

## This month's question:

Hello, I have two little plants from a 'mother leaf'. As they are still only 3, almost 4, months old, I haven't split them yet. I transplanted them into a bigger pot. Doin't it, I

accidentally broke the 'mother' leaf! Will they die? May I do something to help them continue growing without their mother? Can I plant the mother leaf again?

**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](http://www.avsa.org)

*Once the plantlets appear, you won't need the mother leaf, and it shouldn't be necessary to pot the clump of plantlets and mother leaf into a larger pot. Once they are this large (or large enough for you to confidently handle) they can be separated from the mother leaf, and each other, and potted individually. Once you have plantlets that have appeared above the soil level, the mother leaf, though helpful, is usually not needed, as the plantlets can grow on their own.*

Has your collection grown far beyond violets? Consider joining the Gesneriad Society. For more info: [www.gesneriadsociety.org](http://www.gesneriadsociety.org)

*You can reroot the mother leaf, but usually not worth the effort. Fresh, younger, leaves root and produce plantlets more easily. Your mother leaf is no longer fresh, nor young. It can be reused, though, just don't expect the same results as quickly as the first time.*