

Heart of Jacksonville AVS

Grooming Show Schedule 2017

Week	Date	Instructions
12 Weeks	December 30 th	Remove leaves from your African violet. Re-pot; pot down if there are necks or pot up to next size if needed. Lights should be on twelve hours a day.
11 Weeks	January 6 th	Keep plants disbudded. Exceptions are trailers and some miniatures. Don't let mini over bloom this early. If they are showing a lot of bud, partially disbud or you may lose the center.
10 Weeks	January 13 th	Disbud plants. Start bloom-booster. A bloom-booster is any fertilizer with a high center number like a (5-57-17, or 3-12-6) fertilizer formula
9 Weeks	January 20 rd	Increase light time by one hour to thirteen hours. Disbud heavily variegated varieties and double variegated varieties for the last time. Continue to disbud all other varieties. Continue bloom-booster fertilizer.
8 Weeks	January 27 th	Increase light time by one hour. Disbud all doubles and lightly variegated varieties for the last time. Continue to disbud semi-doubles and singles. Check for suckers. Continue bloom-booster fertilizer.
7 Weeks	February 3 th	Increase light time by one hour (to fifteen hours). Disbud semi-doubles for the last time. Discontinue bloom boost fertilizer, changing to African violet fertilizer like a (12-36-14 or 7-9-5) fertilizer formula.
6 Weeks	February 10 th	Disbud singles for the last time. Check for suckers. Wash foliage. I have a video about washing foliage. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCnS_k79kSM
5 Weeks	February 17 th	Check plants for buds. Buds can be gently manipulated towards center of the plant. Check for suckers and keep debris off foliage with soft brush.
4 Weeks	February 24 th	Check plants for buds. Buds can be gently manipulated towards center of the plant. Check for suckers and keep debris off foliage with soft brush.
3 Weeks	March 3 th	Check plants for buds. Buds can be gently manipulated towards center of the plant. Check for suckers and keep debris off foliage with soft brush.
2 Weeks	March 10 th	Remove spent blossoms, peduncles (stem emanating from an axil and supporting the entire flower cluster), and pedicel stubs (stem emanating from the peduncle and supporting the individual blossom).
1 Week	March 17 nd	Remove spent blossoms, peduncles, and pedicel stubs. Check for suckers. Brush away soil particles, etc. Pot down necks or pot up only if necessary.
Day before	March 23 th	Again, remove spent blossoms, etc. Remove training devices, such as picks or pins. Training rings can be left on for transporting to show. Place plants in transporting boxes so that the foliage is supported.