

Heart of Jacksonville AVS

Pre Show Schedule 2015

| Week | Date | Instructions |
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| 12 Weeks | January 2 nd | 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 9 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 16 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 23 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 30 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 6 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 13 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 20 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 27 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 6 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 13 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 20 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 25 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. |

Schedule is from Growing to Show - "How to Grow Prize-Winning African Violets" by Pauline Bartholomew and The African Violet Society of America, Inc.