

# Pre Show Schedule 2013

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
12 Weeks	January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Remove leaves. Re-pot; pot down if there are necks or pot up. Lights should be on twelve hours a day.
11 Weeks	January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Keep plants disbudded. Exceptions are trailers and some miniatures. Don't let mini over bloom this early. It will bust the center
10 Weeks	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	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)
9 Weeks	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Increase light time by one hour to thirteen hours. <i>Disbud heavily variegated varieties and double varieties or the last time.</i> Continue to disbud all other varieties. Continue bloom-booster fertilizer.
8 Weeks	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Increase light time by one hour. <i>Disbud doubles and lightly variegated varieties for the last time.</i> Continue to disbud semidouble stars and singles. Check for suckers. Continue bloom-booster fertilizer.
7 Weeks	February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Increase light time by one hour (to fifteen hours). <i>Disbud semidouble stars for the last time.</i> Change to 12-36-14 or 7-9-5 fertilizer formula.
6 Weeks	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Disbud singles for the last time.</i> Check for suckers. Wash foliage. I have a video on website about washing foliage
5 Weeks	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	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	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	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 8 <sup>th</sup>	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 15 <sup>th</sup>	Remove spent blossoms, peduncles, and pedicel stubs.
1 Week	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	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 28 <sup>th</sup>	Again remove spent blossoms, etc. Remove leaf support rings. 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.