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Subject: African Violet Resolutions for 2016

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## African Violet Society of America

### AVSA Weekly Growing Tip

December 28, 2015

Welcome to AVSA's Weekly Growing Tip email. We hope you benefit from our experience and expertise!

#### What's Your African Violet New Year's Resolution?

We did a poll on an African Violet Facebook page to discover the resolutions of growers for 2016. We heard from over a hundred growers who each had unique answers, but here is a summary of what they said:

1. Limit my collection! (26%) Either downsizing or selectively choosing only the best to grow, many growers were aware that too many violets equals trouble. A manageable collection is usually healthier and a lot more enjoyable.
2. Improve growing skills! (21%) A lot of growers knew they had made mistakes in the last year. They plan to be more consistent, to control pests better, to keep things cleaner, and to "spend more time doing and less time talking." One grower who accidentally watered with vinegar pledges not to repeat that error!
3. Add new skills! (20%) These growers were interested in learning more about violets, in trying a new lighting or watering system, in hybridizing, and in searching out some special types of violets which they hadn't grown before.
4. Participate in African violet activities! (18%) These growers were looking to join African violet clubs (you can find ones in your area at <http://www.avsa.org/regions>), to grow for competition in AVSA shows, to attend the AVSA convention in Albuquerque (May 29-June 5, 2016), and to teach other people how to grow violets too.
5. Organize! (8%) These growers are organizing their lists, making space for more purchases, and hybridizer Pat Hancock

plans to pot up 500 plants in January. Now that will take some serious organization!

6. Expand the collection! (7%) Some growers just received new light stands and can't wait to fill them while several others plan to begin hybridizing. Have fun guys!

We hope you found one resolution that will make your African violets better in 2016!



*Do you have questions about growing violets? Respond to this email and let us know. You might find the answer featured in an upcoming Weekly Growing Tip.*

Sincerely,

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The AVSA office would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year!!

Please be on the look out for registration information for the AVSA Convention and Show in Albuquerque, NM, May 29 - June 5, 2016 on our website.  
<http://avsa.org/conventions-2016>

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