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AVSA Weekly Growing Tip

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Greetings!

Welcome to today's Growing Tip email from the [African Violet Society of America](#).

Not too warm. Not too cold. Just right!



In the story *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, our heroine wanted her porridge to be just the right temperature. African violets like to have the [temperature](#) just right too.

The ideal daytime temperature for most hybrid violets is 68-75°F (20-24°C.) They will tolerate getting colder, but for most varieties, cell division stops at about 60°F. If temperatures are sustained below 50°F for 24 hours or more, leaf damage is likely to occur. Similarly violets usually tolerate temperatures above 80°F although growth will be more spindly. You may expect leaves to collapse suddenly as temperatures rise well above that level.

Growers who live in *cool* climates may find that many of their violets do better grown on shelves that are higher off the ground where the room air temperature is warmer.

Growers in *hot* climates often prefer to grow violets on shelves near the floor where the air temperature will be cooler. That is especially true for [variegated hybrids](#) which tend to lose variegation when grown too hot.

Leaf cuttings (seen growing in clear plastic boxes on the top shelf in the photo) prefer to be 78-80°F. Placing cuttings inside an enclosure under artificial light will raise the growing temperature by 2 or 3 degrees. If the enclosed cuttings are also placed on the highest shelf, leaves are likely to produce offspring much sooner.

Read "[Location Location Location](#)" written by Paul Kroll for more information about choosing the best location for both African violets and for other Gesneriads.

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Different growing levels have different temperatures.

Sincerely,

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**News
from
the
African
Violet
Society
of
America**

The [Crowne Plaza](#) hotel for the [2016 AVSA National Convention and Show](#) has extended their cut-off date. You can still get the \$99.00 a night room rate now until May 13, 2016 instead of the original date of May 7. After that you are not guaranteed a room or the room rate. Please call or email the office with any questions.

We hope to see all of you there!

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