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AVSA Weekly Growing Tip

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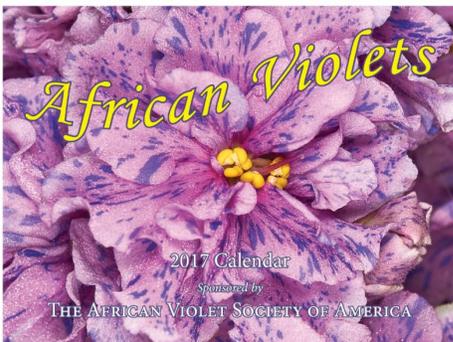
Welcome to the African Violet Society of America's Weekly Growing Tip email. We hope you benefit from our experience and expertise!

Gift Ideas for the Violet Grower Who Has Everything (Hint: There's Always Room for More...)

If you're stumped about what to get your favorite African violet grower during this holiday season, don't despair! Even with freezing temperatures, snow, and ice outside, you can warm the heart of even the most already-gifted grower with one (or more) of several AV-related gift ideas.



[AVSA-affiliated vendors'](#) websites are never closed, and some vendors will ship live plants year-round. If you're unsure about exactly what to order, most vendors offer the option of ordering a gift certificate so that your favorite AV grower can get exactly what he or she wants anytime during the new year.



The [African Violet Society of America's website](#) also has a store that includes favorite items such as the [2017 African violet calendar](#) and the brand [new downloadable 2016 version of the AVSA Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors and Judges](#). Besides tangible items, you can purchase a gift membership to start or extend your friend's membership in AVSA.

Want to "do it yourself?" You can make a festive and practical gift basket comprised of [items that AV growers use frequently](#), such as small sealable plastic bags, measuring spoons, waterproof pens, 3 ounce plastic cups, stick-on labels, plastic squirt bottles and small watering cans. An empty photo frame for the perfect photo of a ribbon-winning plant is another thoughtful idea.

If your holiday budget is already stretched thin, another way to give to your favorite AV grower is to offer your help at [crunch times during show season](#) or when your friend is away. Transporting plants and show props or volunteering at the show itself is a wonderful expression of your appreciation and friendship. If you have a green thumb, your help tending plants during a vacation, illness, or other time when a grower can't take care of them will be an invaluable gift.

Still stumped? Although it might seem that your AV-growing friend has everything to nurture a gorgeous garden of violets, most of us have a wish list. Or two! Just ask - and you'll probably learn what AV growers already know: There's always room for one more!

Happy growing - and a beautiful holiday season!

You may [contact us](#) with your violet questions or comments at any time.

Please share this tip with anyone who might be interested and invite them to [sign up](#) for their own weekly email from the African Violet Society of America.

Sincerely,

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News from the [African Violet Society of America](#)

The AVSA Office will have special hours for the holidays - closing Monday, December 19th through Tuesday, January 3rd. The [AVSA Store](#) is operational, but orders will not be processed until the new year.

AVSA Board Members make a resolution now that you will have your budget requests and annual reports complete and submitted to the secretary by January 31, 2017!

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