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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](#).



If some of the plants in your collection aren't doing as well as others, the problem might not be *them*, it might be *you*!

When one of our favorite AVs blooms, we probably take extra time with it, grooming and gazing, fussing over it as it flowers. And when several plants are in bloom at once, our attention to what's growing well can soon overtake the time we spend on our less robust plants. This can happen at any time, and especially when [we're preparing for show season](#) - the time when we most want our plants to look their best.

It's only natural to play favorites. But when we ignore those lesser-performing plants for too long, the results can be completely disastrous. What could have been just as beautiful might end up in the proverbial compost heap!

With a little extra effort, we can turn around some, if not all, of those stragglers on our shelves. Here are some suggestions:

- 1) If you usually [wick water](#), periodically hand-water your plants, paying close attention to those that seem to be struggling. Examine them and catch problems early. You might revive a potential winner!
- 2) Move your plants around if they seem to be overshadowed by your favorites. Give them a little of that coveted spotlight and see if they perk up.
- 3) Repot those plants that seem "leggy," have a [long neck](#), or look neglected. Sometimes, fresh soil and a new pot can make all the difference to a bedraggled plant.
- 4) Consider the size of your collection. If your collection has gotten out of control, should you gift a plant or two (or more) to someone in your [local club](#) who has more room and time for it?



The little plant in the back needs attention!

Each year, as new varieties arrive on the market, we often find new favorites among them. All the more reason to get in the habit of paying attention to each plant in our collections so we can understand what to keep, gift, and groom.

Each year, the AVSA lets members submit the names of their favorite varieties and then publishes that year's [Best Varieties](#). Access to voting and viewing the Best Varieties list is one of the perks of [membership](#) in AVSA!

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Happy Growing!

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