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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](#).

Pick a Favorite!

I'll bet you have some favorite violets. I know I do. The African Violet Society of America invites members to vote annually for up to 25 of their favorite African violets. The votes are tallied to create the [Best Varieties List](#). It is published in 2 places: in the *For Members* area of the [AVSA website](#) and in the Nov/Dec issue of the *African Violet Magazine*. The Best Varieties List and [Honor Roll](#) (which includes varieties which have been in the top 25 at least three times) are a reliable guide for growers who want to buy good plants. Here's some recent winners:

In [2015](#), the variety winning the most votes was "Milky Way Trail" which is an easy-to-grow semi-miniature trailer. Trailing violets, grown properly, have multiple crowns all attached to one main center stem. Trailers are labeled according to the size of their leaves since it is possible to grow nearly all trailers to a large overall size as the plant develops more and more crowns.



Photo by Sady Garcia

"Milky Way Trail"



"Irish Flirt"

In [2014](#), the top variety was "Irish Flirt", a beautiful (but somewhat variable) green semi-miniature which may grow up to 8" in diameter. This single crown plant is a great size to fit into a small growing area, and those green flowers last a long time.

In [2013](#), the winner was "Picasso" a long-time favorite large size standard. All standard-sized violets are expected to be 9" in diameter or larger. Those described as "large" grow easily to 18" or more. Large standards are spectacular at show; if that's too big for your home, keep it smaller by limiting the size of the pot.



"Picasso"

If you are an AVSA member, you can help choose the Best Variety for 2016! Just list your favorites (up to 25) and [VOTE](#)

today! If you aren't a member yet you can still vote by [joining today](#). I've just sent mine in, and I hope you will too!

Anyone is welcome to [sign up for this growing tip](#) from the African Violet Society of America. Subscribers are not required to be members of AVSA. Please share it with your friends!

Have a growing question? Feel free to contact us at the [AVSA Office](#)!

Sincerely,

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News from the

[African Violet Society of America](#)

AVSA Affiliate Club officers, please encourage your members to [submit their votes for Best Varieties](#) too!

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- to provide a convenient association for growers;
- to stimulate interest in African violets;
- to promote the distribution of varieties;
- and to publish reliable and practical information.

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