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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](#).

The Best Grower in the World (*this year*) is Bill Price of Canada!

How did Bill Price earn that lofty title? Every year the [African Violet Society of America](#) gathers for its annual convention. An important part of the convention is the National Show. This year over 600 entries competed for awards and Bill Price's species plant was selected as Best in Show (see photos at right.)

The winning plant has a difficult name, so let me explain. The letters and numbers at the beginning are the official scientific classification for a species and are based on DNA testing. The words "clone diplotricha Parker" were assigned soon after the plant was discovered in Africa, and tell us much about the history and provenance of the plant.

So why did this exhibit take the top honors? It is a species, but unlike the humble original species plants found in nature, this one is full of bloom.

The plant is clean and



incredibly strong. In spite of the delicacy of the flower, it traveled from Canada in perfect condition. It is rare, and it is difficult to grow this plant so well. Bill truly earned his seat at the top!



Bill Price with his Best in Show species **S. 5c2 clone diplotricha Parker** at the AVSA National Show in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Next year the convention and National Show will be in [Orlando, Florida](#), and a new Best

Grower will be declared. Could it be you? I'll have my camera handy to take your photo!

Would you like to [see the show results](#) and who the other top-of-violet-world African violet growers are? [Would you like to be the best grower in the world?](#)

Congratulations Bill Price! Enjoy it while it lasts because another fine grower is going to challenge you in 2017!

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

Sincerely,

Joyce Stork
African Violet Society of America, Membership & Promotion

News from African Violet Society of America



Here's our hard-working Amy loaded down with bags at the 2016 AVSA Convention

The AVSA office is back to regular hours 9:00-4:00, Monday through Thursday. Amy Carruth, our office manager is ready to answer the phone at 844-400-2872 or handle your questions by [email](#).

Speaking of convention, you may wish to learn more about [growing species](#) or see a [presentation by Bill Price](#) (the best in the world). These CD and DVD programs are offered in the [AVSA Store](#) where you can find many other useful items.

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