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AVSA Weekly Growing Tip

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Greetings!

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

It's All About Exposure

Meet your new/old growing friend - the window! Long before we had sophisticated lightstands, African violet growers made full use of their window space. Many of the violets on the [AVSA Honor Roll](#) became favorites because of how beautifully they bloomed in natural light. And today, growers still enjoy beautiful results and months of flowers growing in windows large and small.

A shelf or windowsill in an east- or southeast-facing window can be a perfect perch for a violet or two (or more!). Western exposure might get too sunny and hot or cold during certain hours and seasons. But if you apply sunscreen (window blinds or a curtain) and move your plants back a few inches from the pane, these can be good growing areas, too.

To keep your window-grown plants symmetrical, turn them one quarter turn each week or so. Avoid drafty spots or open windows (which might expose your plants to unwanted bugs). If you get [water](#) on your plants' leaves either from regular watering or washing, do not put them in their window seats until they are completely dry

The intensity and angles of natural light can vary, depending on the season and where you live. Your [local AVSA affiliate](#) can be a great place to get more tips about growing in your hometown. Back issues of [African Violet Magazine](#) have helpful issues about growing in windows, too.

Sometimes, [AVSA affiliate shows](#) have entry classes for violets grown in natural light. With the proper care, those beauties blooming in your windows might also be blue-ribbon winners someday!

Do you have questions about growing violets? You may [respond to this email](#) for a personal answer to your concern.



Kevin Lee Jacobs has a [blog](#) about window growing African violets.

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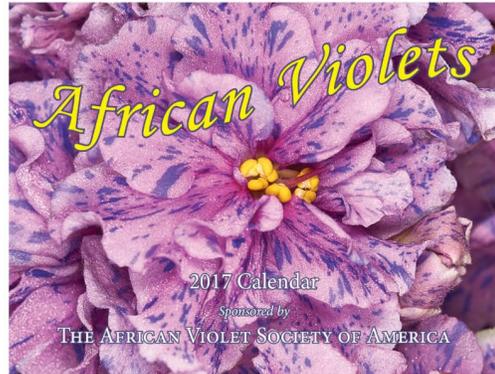
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