

PROGRAM - GROWING TIPS – September 2017

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As most of you know, this is my 3rd year with the club. I have learned so much in this time. When I was asked to give a presentation for Growing Tips I was very excited. Once I start talking about African Violets I can stop. I can go on for hours. So you can see how this was going to be a challenge for me to only have 30 minutes on the subject.

When I gave the presentation I went over the Basics and some must have reading material.

Soil, water, lighting, fertilizer, repotting and grooming.

Recommendation reading material:

Growing to Show

All the African Violet Magazines you can get your hands on and subscribe on line with AVS.

Helen Van Pelts Wilson's African Violet Book

When I was done with the presentation I went around the table and asked everyone what was their growing tip they would like to share. This is what the members shared.

: Every Morning tell your plants "I love you, my little prize winning beauties!"

: Put your little plantlets in a baby jar and wick water.

: Put your leaves in a small yama pot and place them in a growing dome.

: Cover your leaves with a plastic bag and leave the bottom of the bag open for air circulation. Don't close the bag.

: If you own cats, place your plants in a different room so they can't get to them. They may dig them up or even eat your plants.

: Isolate your new plants in a different room, place them in a red vine container and or place them in a dome grower.

: Check your plants daily. Take off deal leaves and spent flowers.

: Give your plants a bath once in a while. Make sure you don't leave you centers wet.

: They need A LOT of Bob Dillon.

: Check you PH in your soil.

: TV comedies. Your plants love a good laugh.

: When changing anything only try it on a few plants at a time.

: Keep your Humidity up to 50% if you can in your growing area.

WOW! We have a great group. With all these great tips, its going to be tuff for the Judges to Judge our plants for our next show. Who is going to be our next "BEST IN SHOW". Happy Growing.