

## GROWING FOR SHOW CALENDAR

**Now:** Start choosing your plants and move to your best lighting, where they are easy to watch, and keep them disbudded.

**12 weeks before show:** Remove marred or off-size leaves. Re-pot either up or down. If you choose to do it, foliar feed once in addition to regular fertilizing. Light should be on twelve hours a day.

**10 weeks before show:** Completely disbud all plants except perhaps miniatures and trailers. Put one new tube in each fixture. Start bloom-booster (5-57-17,20-60-20) fertilizer formula.

**9 weeks before show:** Increase light time by one hour to thirteen hours. Disbud heavily variegated varieties and double varieties for the last time. Continue to disbud all other varieties. Continue bloom-booster fertilizer.

**8 weeks before show:** Increase light time by one hour. Disbud doubles and lightly variegated varieties for the last time. Continue to disbud semidouble stars and singles. Check for suckers. Continue bloom-booster. Foliar feed once more (optional).

**7 weeks before show:** Increase light time by one hour (to fifteen hours). Disbud semidouble stars for the last time. Change to 12-36-14 or 15-30-15 fertilizer formula for the remaining weeks.

**6 weeks before show:** Disbud singles for the last time. Check for suckers. Wash foliage.

**1 week before show:** Remove spent blossoms, peduncles, and pedicel stubs. Check for suckers. Brush away soil particles, etc. Pot down necks or pot up only if necessary.

**1 day before show:** Again remove spent blossoms, etc. Remove leaf support rings. Place plants in transporting boxes so that the foliage is supported.