

# VioletsFun

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## (Some of) What's New:



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### Our calendar:

#### February 26, 2019

International orders must be placed by this date for shipment week of March 4.

#### February 21-24, 2019.

##### CT Flower & Garden Show.

Visit us at booths 800, 802. More info: [ctflowershow.com](http://ctflowershow.com)

#### March 15-18, 2019.

##### Rochester GardenScape.

Visit us at booths 58,59. More info: [rochesterflowershow.com](http://rochesterflowershow.com)

### Free stuff and how to get it!

#### Write a review.

Write a review before ordering, good or bad, we'd like to know. Get a free plant added to order.

#### Winter shipping now applies!

Safe delivery on orders shipped prior to April 1 guaranteed only by *Express mail*.

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**N Green Tea.** Fluffy double white pansy blooms with hint of green. Round, medium green, variegated leaves touched white. Semiminiature. Excellent bloomer.

**Codonanthe Hairy Massaquassu .** Dark green, succulent, fingernail sized leaves on cascading stems. Dainty white blooms. Makes a lovely plant, attractive when grown to any size. *A note: acquired this plant at a convention and have not been able to verify name or description elsewhere.*

**Many more!** These are just *some* of the new varieties that have been listed in the past month.

### What's news:

For those considering a visit, please be aware that late winter and spring means possibly seeing plants before, during, or after a show. This means you may see lots of plants in bloom (before a show, many of which may be going to the show and not for sale, or very few (immediately after a show). Come with a list, if you can, and we can usually find the plant you want.

### Inventory updates:



**Mini wicking pots** have returned! We again have a good supply of these for sale. They come in four different colors, and are a great self-watering solution for miniature violets and other small plants.

Episcias will return to our listing by March 1. Thanks for your patience.

### This month's questions:

I am in danger of losing one of the plants from my last order, Sinningia 'HCY's Aries'. It is starting to shrivel up, and the top has detached itself from the dirt. Please tell me this plant can come back!

*The good news is that Sinningia are tuberous. The plant you received was mature enough to have one. They are formed relatively quickly after we propagate them, and will bloom once the tuber has developed. Much like a potato (also a tuber), so long as*

**Our shop and glasshouse at:** *the tuber is healthy, and has an "eye", it will (re)sprout. Keep the soil moist, not soggy (so tuber doesn't rot). You can keep it in it's pot, or set it aside in a clear baggie with a handful of soil, then pot it again when you see it starting to sprout.*  
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Open to public Wed-Sat, 12-5 pm I bought a miniature violet in a very small pot, about 2.5 to 3 inches. The actual plant is potted up in a pot that sits inside another, leaving about a half inch space for water to soak up into the potted plant through the drainage holes. I don't know if I am overwatering or undewatering this plant. Are they supposed to dry out in between watering? I have had these little plants before and I always kill them.

**Are you a member?**

Consider joining the African Violet Society of America. Sign up through our website and get a free plant! For more information on AVSA, visit [www.avsa.org](http://www.avsa.org) *If the soil is very light, containing lots of perlite (we suggest at least 50%), then it can be kept wet all of the time, or virtually so. You could even grow in 100% perlite (or similar material that doesn't absorb much water), and keep standing in water--basically "hydroponically". That said, we still think it's a good idea to, at least occasionally, let the soil dry out and aerate. Using any other soil mix, containing less perlite, it's best to let the soil dry between waterings.*

Has your collection grown far beyond violets? Consider joining the Gesneriad Society. For more info: [www.gesneriadsociety.org](http://www.gesneriadsociety.org) *My guess is that your previous plants were kept to wet. This is easy to do with "self watering" systems when the soil mix is not light enough. The general rules are: the wetter you keep the soil, the more perlite should be in your soil mix and, when watering on a schedule (not using a self-watering pot), to water when surface of the soil is "dry to the touch".*

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