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Apr 17th, 2024.

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Preparing for SHOW

We will be discussing the preparations for our Show and Sale.

The Show Schedule was distributed last month, so hopefully you have had a chance to read it over and become familiar with the various classes and rules of the Show. We will discuss any questions you might have, along with how the entries process will work and how you will be able to volunteer and help with the Show and Sale. We'll need lots of help and everyone can pitch in where they are able. All hands on deck.

Project Plant Update

Now that the plants have been growing under lights that are less powerful, they seem to be much happier now than they were under the intense LED lights, which I thought might get them to grow quickly and bloom heavily. **No matter what it looks like, we all have to enter our Project Plant in the upcoming show**, so that we can compare our results and explain how we grew them. A helpful guide would be to write on an index card, how you grew your plant so that there is an education component to your entry. It will explain to others your environment and growing method and what you did to get your plant to this stage.



Winston's Plant

Laurel's Plant

Show & Sale

We started our leaves. We separated the baby plants. We potted our new varieties into fresh soil and have tried our best to grow these plants all year long. Being an exhibitor is a sometimes a daunting affair, but it's a fun engagement and we all have something to show off. I like to enter plants



which are new and unusual, even if there may be no chance that they will perform on a high level. It's for the benefit of others to see what we grow and what inspires us to get involved in this amazing hobby. **This is the highlight of our season!!**

Now it's time to put the final touches on our exhibits and get them prepared for entry

into the SHOW! Each plant is judged on its own merits and has the chance to win a Blue, Red, or White ribbon. By entering your plants and designs, you will learn more about the process of being an exhibitor and this helps improve our shows and helps us increase in our shared knowledge.

Don't be an observer and miss out on the opportunity. Get involved!!

Show & Sale -

Friday, May 10

Setup:	10:00 AM
Show Entries:	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Show Judging	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Sale Plant Pricing	12:00 PM- 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 11

Arrive:	8:30 AM
Public Hours	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Distribute Show Plants	4:00 pm - 5:00 PM
Cleanup	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Tips and Techniques

Have you ever been watering your plants with your favourite water can and spilled water on the leaves? These water drops can mark your plants and leave fertilizer or mineral deposits on the leaves that is sometimes difficult to clean off. The damage can be permanent if not attended to immediately.

I use a small natural sea sponge, which you can sometimes find at the cosmetic counter. I soak it in warm water and squeeze it out so that it is damp but not wet. If I happen to spill a bit of water on my leaves as I'm tending to them, I gently touch the sponge to the droplets and the sponge sucks up the water and I have fixed the problem immediately instead of trying to remember to come back later or forgetting altogether. Make this a common practice when you water and you'll have spot free plants.

Growing Supplies

Shane Morel

North Area

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95 Reunion Close

Airdrie

403-710-9897

Betty Fenerty

SE Area

African Violet Potting Soil must be pre-ordered

58 Prestwick Parade SE

403-726-0561

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10 Evergreen Heights SW

403-714-8540

[**SCAVS - Plant Sale List \(click to access\)**](#)

Monthly Meetings

Our regular monthly meetings are typically held on the **4th Wednesday** of each month.

This month, our meeting will be:

Apr 17th - 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Next month our meeting will be:

May 22th - 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Membership

\$20.00 (individual)

\$30.00 (family).

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