

# THE MUM CHRONICLE

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD DOMINION CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY

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## Events Box:

**Save the date - Please join us for the January 10th Zoom Meeting at 2:00 pm. We will be going over selections of mums for the 2021 order.**

Featured in this newsletter is information on discounted 2021 renewal membership, Bloom Finder, 2021 buying plans, A Growers' Grower and awesome 2020 mum photos.

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

Our first ODCS Zoom Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> was a great success with 17 participants. The Meeting featured a slide show of our Members' blooms. Thank you to all who sent in your photos. We received over 170 photos submitted from ## Members. We have photos from growers of a range of experience, from first year growers to members with many seasons of experience. The slide show of the chrysanthemum blooms brightened our day and inspired us to dream of next year's planting.

We also held our election of Officers for 2021. The Members voted to keep the same Officers, thus ensuring the continuity of ODCS. This year has been an unprecedented challenge for all of us.

In 2021, we plan to host monthly Zoom Meetings until the pandemic is abated. Don't miss our January 10th Zoom Meeting at 2:00. This will be the preview for our 2021 mums order!

On behalf of the ODCS Board, we wish you and your families a safe and beautiful Christmas and New Year.

## **DISCOUNTED 2021 RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP**

ODCS is offering a discount on renewal of membership. The usual \$30 membership is discounted for renewal membership for 2021 to \$10. ODCS will pay the \$20 for each renewing membership to the National Chrysanthemum Society. This is a one-time only offer for 2021. New Membership is still \$30. The 2021 membership forms are attached in this emailing of December newsletter. Please send in your dues along with the membership form to Lisa Romano by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## **2021 MUMS AND SUPPLY BUYING PLANS**

We plan on ordering garden cultivars, pot mums, and King's Mums. As in 2020, we will have the King's mums shipped directly to the members. To compensate for the additional postage, there will be a \$3.00 shipping and handling charge for each King's order. In many cases, ODCS will still be picking up a small portion of the total postage cost as we did in 2020. As a reminder, if you ordered from King's on your own, the minimum shipping charge is \$8.50. Just another good reason to be a member.

We will also be offering supply items, such as Pro-Mix potting medium, fertilizers and other items, as in previous years.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Supply order and the handling of the supply items when they arrive. If we do not have someone to help with supplies, it may hinder ODCS from ordering them.

We are also looking to fill an opening for Member at Large position on the ODCS Board. Please consider volunteering as we need your help! Please contact Galen if you have questions on either Supply Order or Member at Large at [goss@verizon.net](mailto:goss@verizon.net).

## **BLOOM FINDER**

The Newly Revised *NCS Bloom Finder* is a list of the most widely grown and available cultivars. The chrysanthemum blooms are first listed by bloom classification (Shape or Form). Secondly, the blooms are listed by color, then followed by alphabetical order. This list is a handy tool for finding the name of a cultivar if the exhibitor forgets, loses or does not know the name of a cultivar.

The *NCS Bloom Finder* is free to all Members. It is attached in the email of the December newsletter. You may print it in color or in black and white. Printed hard copies are also available from the NCS website for \$10, postage included.

### A GROWERS' GROWER



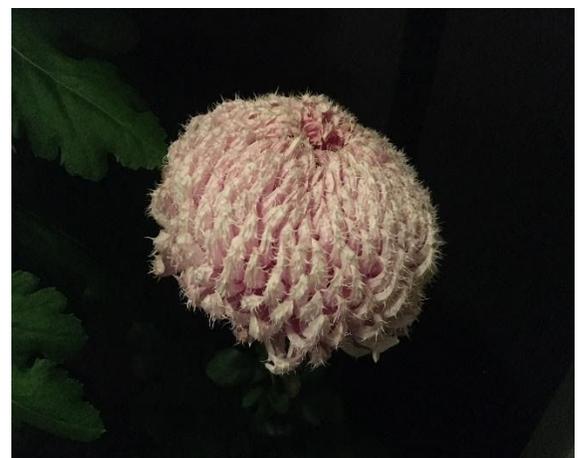
Doris Shen, one of ODCS' experienced growers, invited a few members to view her amazing chrysanthemums. Left photo: Doris with Janice Chen and Camilla Ng (blooms are Bola de Oro and Lili Gallon). Right photo: Doris and Descanso. Doris not only grows beautiful chrysanthemums; she grows new grower by making time to mentor new member Janice Chen. Way to go, Doris!!

### Our 2020 ODCS BLOOMS

We will show more pictures from the Zoom 2020 ODCS Show in 2021 Newsletters.



Pacificum, grown by Dick Waldschmidt



Gertrude, grown by Mei Wu



Anzac, grown by Galen Goss



Bola De Oro, grown by Janice Chen

### **GROWER'S HANDBOOKS**

Everything you want to know about mums but afraid to ask? Galen Goss has copies of the *Beginner's Handbook* (\$10), the *Advanced Handbook* (\$10) and *Mums the Word* book by Pat Stockett Johnston (\$15) for sale. These are very handy informational books, valuable for new and experienced growers. Please contact Galen at [goss@verizon.net](mailto:goss@verizon.net).

## EDITOR'S MUSING



I enjoyed growing this year. I had some success with all the Mums but some did not bloom on time. I was interested to know if I could be successful at our new home. It is good to know. I try each year to grow a new Mum to increase my gardening knowledge. It is helpful, the yard is coming together well. However, as any gardener knows, a garden is never finished. Looking forward to 2021.