

# THE MUM CHRONICLE

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD DOMINION CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY

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## Events Box:

**The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society will have its monthly meeting on Sunday, February 9th, 2020.** Our program will be a colorful slide presentation of the highlights of our 2019 Old Dominion Show and the National Chrysanthemum Show in Pasadena, CA (delayed from January). Discussion of the timeline and process for 2020 plant potting, pick-up of plants, and supply order.

**Regular Meeting:** The meeting will be held at 2:30 PM at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church.

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The biggest news is that Rosemary Smith and Camilla Ng have agreed to be co-presidents of ODCS for 2020. Please be patient with us as we have big shoes to fill, with Todd Brethauer, no longer leading the way. There is so much to learn!

The mums order has been completed. Thank you everyone for getting your order in on such short notice. It is very much appreciated as it helps us get the cultivars that we want. Unfortunately, we were not able to order all the members' selections, as we did not receive a minimal of 7 plant orders for some of the cultivars. More on that to come.

We hope you will come to our February meeting, to "oooh" and "aaah" photos of mums that won awards at the ODCS Show and the National Chrysanthemum Society Convention and Show last year. You will see what remarkable mum growers we have in our society!

Many of our experienced growers have retired, such as Todd Brethauer. Others are cutting back, such as Doris McDonald. We encourage new growers to take that big step to exhibit your blooms in the show this year. We also encourage

experienced growers to continue to exhibit their blooms, to carry the standard. The show allows the fruit of your labor to be admired, appreciated and celebrated. They also inspire other growers and attendees at the show. Currently we are planning to schedule the chrysanthemum show at the end of October (details will follow). However, without sufficient participation from growers, we may sadly not have a show. So please make it your goal to enter the show this year. Your blooms are needed. Flower power makes the day brighter.

Two chrysanthemums clubs in Maryland have closed due to low participation. ODCS is the only surviving chrysanthemum club in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Let's keep ODCS growing strong.

### **GROUP PLANT ORDER**

This year we have ordered 500 Exhibition mums from King's Mums and over 1,500 Garden, Pot, and Belgian Mums from Ball Seed.

Popular plants ordered:

Garden Mums: Honeyblush Yellow, followed by Poppin Purple

Belgium Mums: Jasoda Red

Pot Mums: Golden Gate, followed by Shanghai Red

King's Mums: Pink Splendor, followed by King's Pleasure

Please note that King's Mums took Apricot Alexis off their website. However, King's Mums supported us in our order for this cultivar! What great customer service!

We want to thank Gary Holliday and Judy Goulden for their donations to ODCS, every little bit helps.

We have requested our plants to be shipped the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Keep our fingers crossed! We are trying our best to have only one potting party.

### **SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR POTTING ACTIVITIES**

We need your helping hands to pot all these wonderful chrysanthemums!!! Please mark your calendar to help with the potting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup>, if needed. This will be at Tim Moore's home, 9338 Athens Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032. Plants and supplies will be available for pick-up on the afternoon of Saturday, May 9

from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Of course, you can pick up your plants on the day of potting if you help us with that task.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you, Lisa Romano, for being our new Membership chairperson.

We welcome 3 new members, Janice Chen, Cathy Roberts and Angela Uy. We also like to welcome back Gary Holliday.

It is never too late to renew your membership or to join as a new member this year. We have included the membership form for your ease. \$30 is still a good price for membership.

## **PUBLIC PLANT SALES**

Our public plant sales are scheduled for the following dates:

- Ayr Hill Garden Sale in Vienna, VA will be Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Green Springs Plant Sale in Alexandria, VA will be on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The plant sales are very important as they provide ODCS visibility in the community and allow us the opportunity to recruit new members. They are also the only activities we hold to raise funds for our society. The money raised is used to reduce our cost, and to keep membership and group order plant sale prices low. We need volunteers to help with the plant sales. Please mark your calendar to join us on one or both activities. It's a fun way for members to get to know each other while helping the society.

## **SUPPLY SALE**

Dick Waldschmidt is our supply order chairperson. The supply order form will be sent out at the beginning of March. The supply will be available for pick-up the same time you pick-up your plants. Thank you, Dick for taking on this task this year, for so many years in the past!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming chapter meetings:

- March 8th
- April 5th or 19th, to be determined (April 12 is Easter)

November 5th to 8th, 2020 – National Convention and Show in Durham, NC.

Please note the ODCS new Website is at <http://www.odcsmums.club/>



### Editor's Musings

The bonsai mum shown above did not live through the move. I was disappointed, but having to leave it, adding water when I returned was pretty traumatic. My new yard is smaller but is mostly red clay. My goal is to add organic materials to it each year and turn the soil over to lighten the heavy clay. Mulching will help. We will need to see if the HOA provides this service, as they seem to run fairly loose (great to hear so far). The mums I ordered should be in a sunny location, I still need to observe the yard for the best spot.

# Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society

*A Chapter of the National Chrysanthemum Society, Inc.*

## 2020 Membership

**Full Membership Individual:** \$ 30.00

**Associate Membership in ODCS for members of other NCS chapters:** \$ 10.00  
*If you are NOT already a member of another chapter, you must be a full member in ODCS.*  
**Please enter the name of your primary NCS chapter** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Garden Club Group Membership:** \$ 35.00

Enclose your check **payable to: ODCS** for the type of membership circled above: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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