

THE MUM CHRONICLE

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, March 8th, 2020. Our program will be a presentation on Bonsai Mums with a demonstration by Michael James, Curator of the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, National Arboretum. The Supply order will also be discussed.

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 ODCS Board is conferring honorary annual membership to Jeanne Malone, who was president in 2006, and Todd Brethauer, who was the president of ODCS for the past nine years. Todd continues to be a great asset to ODCS behind the scene, coaching the new co-presidents. The ODCS Board is grateful for his help for the continuity of the chapter.

While we may be awed by stunning dinner plate blooms of the disbudding chrysanthemums, the jewel like chrysanthemum bonsai are just as breathtaking and a challenging art form. We have a great presentation on chrysanthemum bonsai scheduled for our March 8th meeting. Michael James, Curator of the Bonsai and Penjing Museum will give a slide presentation of Bonsai Mums. He will also give step-by-step instruction on how to make a bonsai mum. Don't miss out on this great learning opportunity that may inspire you to try bonsai mums.

We would also like to welcome Dick Waldschmidt and Gary Holliday to the ODCS Board of Directors as our two Members-at-Large. We look forward to working with both of you this year.

CONDOLENCE

Marjorie Hernandez, mother of Rosemary Smith, Co-president of ODCS, passed away on February 13th, 2020 in Smyrna, Tennessee. Mrs. Hernandez enjoyed a full life of 95.5 years. ODCS expresses deep condolence to Rosemary and her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

GROUP SUPPLY ORDER

Dick Waldschmidt is our supply order chairperson. The supply order form is attached below. Thank you, Dick for taking on this task this year, for so many years in the past!

As members of ODCS, you have the benefit of much savings since we buy the supply in bulk, plus the convenience of one-stop shop for all your supply. The supply will be available for pick-up the same time you pick-up your plants in May. Please submit your Supply Order by March 18th, 2020.

The Supply Order Form and Advisory Notes are attached as separate files with the newsletter.

APRIL MEETING

April 19th, Sunday meeting will be on Potting Up Your Mums. Ed Mascali, Vice-president of ODCS will give a talk and demonstration on potting up. Topics will include caring for your new cuttings, guideline for pot size, soil type, soil amendments, and propagating. Ed is an experienced grower and a valued mentor of ODCS. This meeting is highly recommended to new ODCS members. We also welcome other experienced growers to share their knowledge.

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 7th, 8th and 9th. This will be at Tim Moore's home, 9338 Athens Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032. A map will be included in the May newsletter along with other important information about the potting activities. Plants and supply will be available for pick-up on the afternoon of

Saturday, May 9th 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.

PUBLIC PLANT SALES

Our public plant sales are scheduled for the following dates:

- Ayr Hill Garden Sale in Vienna, VA will be Saturday, May 9th, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale in Alexandria, VA will be on Saturday, May 16th, 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 is a fun way for members to get to know each other while helping the society.



Editor's Musings

I have begun the Clay soil transformation. I added Clay Mender to the soil. I also purchased Gypsum as I am told that I will need to add it 3 to 4 times the first year, and once each year after. I am encouraged as all the articles state that Clay has a large number of nutrients, and by adding menders and other organics it will allow those nutrients to be used by the plants. The articles were very encouraging to someone who worked one garden for close to 20 years and never quite achieving great soil in all the garden area. A new year, a new challenge.

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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: \$_____

Name: _____

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