

THE MUM CHRONICLE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD DOMINION CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY

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Due to the current Pandemic situation, the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society is canceling the monthly meeting until further notice.

Featured in this newsletter is information on cancellation of Informal Show, Zoom Meeting, October care and bloom photos.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members and friends,

After months of careful nurturing your plants, October is the predictable show time for chrysanthemums. However, due to the continued pandemic crisis and the beginning of the flu season, taking into consideration of the safety for all, we decided to cancel the Informal Show. We like to thank Galen Goss for his initial offering to host the show in his driveway nevertheless.

We still love to see the fruits of your labor and share the pleasure of viewing the blooms of fellow members. In lieu of the in-person Informal Show, we will have a slide show featuring your blooms at our first ODCS Annual Zoom Meeting on November 15th, at 2:30 p.m. Members will be emailed Zoom meeting instruction. See information below for submitting your photos.

PHOTOS SUBMITTAL

We encourage all members, beginners and the experienced, to submit photos of your chrysanthemums grown during 2020. Please email photos to Rosemary Smith at rsmith9802@gmail.com by November 10th. Each photo should have the name of the cultivar and Class. The Class information is in the King's Mums catalog. If your mum is not in the current King's catalog, just provide the cultivar name. We suggest placing your bloom against a solid dark background for better photography, if possible. Photos may be individual cut blooms, plants in pots, floral arrangement or garden landscape.

Submit only one photo for each cultivar, each garden landscape and/or each floral arrangement. No different angles of the same mum, please.

You can also post your blooms on your personal Facebook page, if you have one. Old Dominion has a Facebook page and that would be another great place to share your bloom pictures. We will also post the photos that you send to Rosemary on the ODCS website (www.odcsmums.club) after our meeting on November 15th.

OCTOBER CARE

Check your buds and blooms for worms, caterpillars, cucumber beetles and grasshoppers. October may bring wind, rain and even frost in some evenings. To prolong the enjoyment of your blooms, protective covering should be installed over the plants as needed.

Fertilizing can be discontinued when the buds start to show color.

Ed Mascali is available to answer questions you may have on growing mums. You may email your questions to Ed Mascali at emascali1@yahoo.com. Please include your phone numbers in your email to Ed, so he could answer your questions over the phone.

AUTUMN PROMISES



Promising buds of Norton Vic (top) and Purple Light (bottom). Photos taken on 9/28/20, grower and photographer, Camilla Ng.

CRAPE MYRTLE OFFER

Tim Moore's Muskogee Crape Myrtle seedlings are still available. Please email Galen if you are interested in getting one of these seedlings. Galen will make arrangements with you for the delivery of your seedling.

The Muskogee Crape Myrtle is a deciduous large shrub or small tree with lavender blooms, flowering from July to September. It prefers full sun and well-drained soil, growing on average one to two feet per season. At maturity it can reach 15ft to 20ft in height, and 20ft width.

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.



EDITOR'S MUSING

I am very pleased that the five (5) mum survived the leaf miners. I tried weekly spraying but several leaves would be damaged each week. Perhaps it was one leaf miner doing all the work. Color is beginning to show on two of the plants. I have three plants with three buds; 1 with two buds and 1 with 1 bud. It is a race to see if any will outperform the rest. This year I tried to control the intake of water, moving the plants each time I know it is going to rain; I shaded all 5, but two still have very tiny buds. Still it all great fun during this bleak time.