

# THE MUM CHRONICLE

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 2021 mums order, introduce two Members at Large, Membership dues mail to Galen Goss and 2020 mum photos.

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

Happy and healthy New Year to you and your family. Hope 2021 will be a better year for everyone!

While the 2020 stock is wintering over, growers are making a wish list of cultivars for the 2021 season. You should be receiving the King's Mums 2021 catalog in the mail. You may also visit the website [www.kingsmums.com](http://www.kingsmums.com) to view the selection.

In addition to the catalog cultivars, King's Mums offers ODCS a special list of Heritage cultivars, which is not offered to the general public due to limited quantity. The Heritage mums are older cultivars that are seldom available commercially. We will feature this Heritage list as well as Garden, Pot and Belgium mums at the Zoom Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 2:00 PM. Please save the date and plan to attend this eye candy preview of Heritage Mums. Instruction to Zoom session will be emailed separately. If you need assistance with Zoom, please ask Rosemary Smith or Camilla Ng prior to January 10<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

Important note:

**Mums order forms will be sent out before the Zoom invitation. Orders must be postmarked to Rosemary Smith by Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**REMINDER: 2021 RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP**

If you have not already sent in your 2021 renewal membership, please do so before submitting your 2021 plant order. ODCS is offering a discount on the renewal of membership. The usual \$30 membership is discounted for renewal membership 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 due is still \$30.

The Membership Chair Lisa Romano is not available to process the membership dues the next two weeks. Hence, we are requesting your dues be mailed to ODCS Treasurer, Galen Goss to expedite the processing of your membership.

Please send in your dues along with the membership form(attached) to **Galen Goss** by **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Please write your check made out to **ODCS** and mail to:

**Galen Goss**  
**10107 Homar Pond Drive,**  
**Fairfax Station, VA 22039-1650**

### NCS WEBSITE

The National Chrysanthemum Society (NCS) Social Media Committee announced two new items for chapter members.

1. On the NCS website ([www.mums.org](http://www.mums.org)), a new “MEMBERS’ INFO” under MEMBERSHIP is password accessible for members only. It contains the NCS Bylaws and the Manual for Guidance (which describes the duties of each NCS committee). ODCS 2021 members will be emailed this password. It is not to be released to the public.
2. The NCS website now has an improved PayPal option for purchasing handbooks and NCS products. You can now order multiple items (e.g., Advanced Grower’s Handbook and an NCS “Mums the Word” T-shirt) on the same order form.

### NEW MEMBER AT LARGE

We welcome two volunteers who filled the slots for Member at Large, Gary Holliday and Janice Chen. The ODCS Board appreciates enthusiastic helping hands, especially as we look forward to host club events and judged show post pandemic.

**Gary Holliday** is a long-time resident of Alexandria, VA. He is originally from Liberty, SC and a Veteran of Foreign Wars, Vietnam. His career has been as a member of various

consulting firms in support of the Department of Defense. He also worked for the U.S. Coast Guard and the United States Patent and Trademark Office where he retired in 2018 after 22 years of service. He is an avid supporter of the ODCS' goals.

**Janice Chen** - “If you really want to learn how to grow chrysanthemums, join the club!” It has been three years since I accidentally encountered the chrysanthemum show at the Merrifield Garden Center. I ran into a friend of a friend who was running the exhibition, which sparked my interest in chrysanthemums. However, it was not until 2020 that I decided to become a member of the ODCS. My only wish is that I have joined sooner. Undeterred by the pandemic, I was able to grow mums with a hands-on approach. Not only did every plant survive, they also bloomed with breathtaking beauty. A huge thank you to the ODCS Board for their dedication and hard work, allowing me to share and appreciate the achievement of fellow growers at the online Zoom meeting, teaching me about more varieties and growing techniques.

### **NEW MEMBERS TO ODCS**

We like to welcome new members who recently joined ODCS. Ann Fenwick, Mai Nguyen and Farhad Nourbakhsh. We look forward to meeting you at the January 10<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting.

### **2020 ODCS MEMBERS' BLOOMS**

Peggy Stevens, Class 7 - Singles/Semi-Double



Grown by Camilla Ng



Grown by Ed Mascali



Seaton's Coffee, Quill – Class 10  
grown by Doris Shen



Descanso, Spiders – Class 11  
grown by Rosemary Smith

### **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 am looking forward to the 2021 Mum growing season. Each year I try something new or grow a different mum type. I am uncertain what that will be this year. I enjoyed the challenges last year. I did get aphids at the very end of the season. Note for next year; I will keep up the spraying.