

THE MUM CHRONICLE

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Save the date - Please join us Saturday, March 14th, 2021 for the Zoom Meeting at 2:00 pm, with special speaker Rita Rover on “Cascades”.

Featured in this newsletter is information on 2021 Supplies Order, Signup Genius for potting, pickup scheduling and take down.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

The talk given by Dan Schadler at our Zoom Meeting on February 13th on “Fertilizers for Fabulous Mums” was very informative. ODCS was joined by members of the Long Island chapter and guest Ivor Mace of Wales. Dan’s fertilizer recipe file was attached with the Zoom invitation email.

The special speaker for our March 14th Zoom Meeting is Rita Rover. Rita has been a grower of chrysanthemums for over 30 years. She is a National Chrysanthemum Society Accredited Judge and a member of the Long Island Chrysanthemum Society. Rita has won many top awards for her cascades at both local and national shows. She will share with us her knowledge on growing cascades. Invitation to the Zoom Meeting will be emailed to members on the morning of March 14th. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

THE GALL ON POT MUMS!

All distributors that ODCS were working with have canceled their pot mums this year due to Crown Gall. This dreaded disease is caused by soil-inhabiting bacterium, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, now known as *Rhizobium*. The bacterium causes abnormal growth or galls. ODCS members who ordered canceled Pot Mums will receive a refund.

SIGNUP GENIUS FOR POTTING EVENT AND PICKUP

A big hand of applause to Van Avondolio, our ODCS website manager. Van has designed a user-friendly signup for scheduling Potting volunteers, and Plants and Supplies pickup. Plants and Supplies will be available for curbside pickup on Saturday, May 8th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., strictly by appointment.

If you have RSVPed to volunteer, your names have already been added to the Signup Genius. Thank you in advance for stepping up.

Due to the reduced quantity of Pot and Garden mums that we have to pot up this year, we are scheduling potting on Thursday, May 6th only. No potting on May 7th. We will ensure safety measures are in place for working during COVID-19, such as mandating mask wearing, and safe spacing between one another. Members who volunteer for potting task can pick up their plants on the day of potting.

We still **need volunteers to help with plants and supplies pickup, and clean up/take down** on Saturday, May 8th. Please use the Signup Genius to sign up to volunteer. Helping hands make work light and are much appreciated.

NCS NEWS

The National Chrysanthemum Society has upgraded its website (www.mums.org). In the Membership tab, the "Members' Info" section, for members only, now contains the NCS Bylaws, color-enhanced electronic version of *The Chrysanthemum Quarterly Journal*, the 2021 Bloom Finder, Classification Handbook and other documents that are good resources for members.

MARCH HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday wishes to Dick Waldschmidt! Dick has been a very active ODCS member for 21 years. He has won many awards for his mums through the years. Most notably are his Exotic or Unclassified Class 13 Pacificum cultivar and Container-grown Garden mums. Dick is the Supplies Order Chairman for many years. We thank Dick for his volunteerism. Here are several photos of Dick's mums that won awards at the ODCS shows. Photography by Todd Brethauer.



Pacificum, Best Container Grown (2019)

Veritas Yellow, Blue Ribbon





Lava Red, Blue Ribbon

SUPPLIES ORDER

Attached to the March ODCS newsletter email are the Supplies Order Form, the Advisory Notes and the Fertilizer Schedule. The Advisory Notes will help you determine the supplies to order. The prices of the fertilizers and ProMix are more affordable compared to retail prices because we buy the items in bulk, hence savings to all our members. Please mail your printed Supplies Order Form and your check (made payable to ODCS) to Alice Buch, posted marked by Wednesday, March 17th. When you place your Supplies Order, please email Alice to give her a heads up of your ordering, that “the check is in the mail”. Alice’s address and email address are on the Supplies Order Form.

Dick Waldschmidt and Gary Holliday are the Co-Chairmen for Supplies this year. Thank you to Dick, Gary, and Alice for volunteering.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please save the dates for upcoming chapter Zoom meetings and activities:

- March 14th, at 2:00 P.M., Rita Rover on “Cascades”
- April 11th, at 2:00 P.M., Ivor Mace on “Growing Large Exhibition Blooms”
- May 6th, ODCS, Garden Mums and Supplies Order pickup by appointment, begins at 10:00 a.m.
- October 30th, ODCS Mums Show

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.