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Save the date - Please join us Sunday, April 11th, 2021 for the Zoom Meeting at 2:00 pm, with special speaker Ivor Mace on “Growing Large Exhibition Blooms”.

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

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

We had quite an awe-inspiring talk by Rita Rover at our Zoom Meeting on March 14th on “Cascades”. ODCS was joined by members of the Bay Area, Sacramento, Long Island, and the Central Carolina chapters, NCS President Dan Schadler and Ivor Mace of Wales. If you were unable to attend the Zoom session, Rita has graciously agreed to share the recorded video of her talk with our members. Attached to the newsletter email, please see the article “*Chrysanthemum Cascade Culture*”, authored by Ted King, as recommended by Rita.

The special speaker for our April 11th Zoom Meeting is Ivor Mace. Ivor is a specialist in growing late flowering chrysanthemums and in the large Exhibition cultivars. He is a grower of chrysanthemums for over 48 years. Ivor has exhibited blooms at the National Chrysanthemum Society's Championships continually since 1975 and has won the championship 25 times. Invitation to the Zoom Meeting will be emailed to members on the morning of April 11th. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

Photos of Ivor with some of his large exhibition blooms.



SIGNUP GENIUS FOR PICKUP AND CLEAN UP

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 not done so, please use the user-friendly Signup Genius to sign up a time slot. Please click (Ctrl+Click) on the link below to access Signup Genius to schedule your Supplies Order pickup appointment.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da8a92fa1f85-maypotting>

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.

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. 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. Everyone else can pick up their plants on Saturday, May 8th by appointment.

A reminder, your King's Mums will be delivered directly to your home.

APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday wishes to James Dronenburg, Lisa Romano and Tim Moore!

- James has been a member for three years.
- Lisa, our Membership Chair, has been with ODCS for ten years.
- Tim has been with ODCS for 33 years. For many years, Tim very graciously hosts our annual Potting Event and allows us to store our supplies and equipment in his backyard.

Very happy and healthy birthdays!

SUPPLIES ORDER

The supplies have been ordered and will be delivered to Galen's driveway on Wednesday, April 7th. This seemed like the easiest approach this year. Galen will contact those members who have ordered ProMix (bales or bags) to schedule pick up at his driveway. All other supplies will be available for pickup at Tim Moore's house on May 8th.

IN SEARCH OF POT MUMS

Since all the suppliers of pot mums canceled orders due to Crown Gall, pot mums are in demand. If you have pot mums that wintered over, and have some to share with fellow members, please email the cultivar names and the quantity to OldDominion@mums.org. Members who are looking for specific pot mums, please also send your pot mums wish list to the same email address. Donors do not need to root the cuttings and we thank you in advance for sharing the joy.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

- Sunday, April 11th, at 2:00 P.M., Ivor Mace on “Growing Large Exhibition Blooms”
- Saturday, May 8th, ODCS Garden Mums and Supply Order pickup by appointment, begins at 10:00 A.M.
- October 30th– 31st, ODCS Mum Show
- November 4th – 7th, National Chrysanthemum Society Convention and Show in Durham, NC.

NATIONAL CONVENTION AND SHOW

From Joan Matthews, President, Central Carolina CS

The Central Carolina Chrysanthemum Society will be hosting “A Festival of Fabulous Mums”, the 77th annual NCS Convention and Show to be held in Durham, NC at the Millennium Hotel, November 4th – 7th, 2021. (Photo used by permission from Millennium Hotel Durham)



The chapter has planned a full program of activities and seminars. The newly renovated Millennium Hotel Durham is located just blocks from the Duke University campus and the beautiful Sarah P. Duke Gardens where a guided tour is planned. The first week of November will have stunning displays of fall color as well as brilliant chrysanthemum plants placed throughout the 55-acre

botanical garden. (The photo to the left is of the Japanese Tea House at Sarah P. Duke Gardens. Photo: Michelle Rawlins)

Another exciting tour is being planned so stay tuned for more details soon.

The CCCS is planning several extra seminars this year covering a range of topics. Seminars include a panel discussion on *Successful Growing Techniques, The Importance of Flowers to Society* given by Dr. John Dole, Academic Dean, CALS, NCSU, *Sarah P. Duke Gardens: The Garden Gateway Project* by Kate Senner, Director of Development & Major Gifts, Sarah P. Duke Gardens. *Carnivorous Plants of North Carolina* by Chris Liloia of the North Carolina Botanical Garden, and *How to Use Social Media to Promote Your Chapter* with Brie Arthur, The Plant Lady, Horticulturalist and Author.

There will be a Judge's Symposium with a topic to be determined as well as the traditional Horticulture Symposium that will cover *Chrysanthemum Hybridization*. There will also be an opening reception and an ice cream social included in the registration fee along with the Awards Banquet which will entail an additional charge. And a Silent Auction with some really great chrysanthemum related items.

Of course, the main attraction will be the chrysanthemums featured at the flower show Saturday and Sunday, Nov 6-7. In addition to the Horticulture division, there will be a Design division with 7 classes and a Botanical Arts division with 3 classes. There will also be 7 plant related talks open to the public at the flower show.

Other places to visit while in the Durham area include the Duke Lemur Center, the Nasher Art Museum, The Magic Wings Butterfly House and Bayer Insectarium and the nearby North Carolina Botanical Garden at UNC-Chapel Hill where you can see some of the carnivorous plants that will be featured at the Saturday morning symposium.

Notes from Galen: I hope that several Old Dominion members will venture down the road to Durham, NC for the convention and show. It is about a 5 ½ hour drive from my house to Durham. That is close enough that you can take some late blooming cultivars and enter them in the show. Who knows, you might bring home a top prize for one of your blooms. How exciting would that be? The programs that the chapter has designed is also very exciting. We have not had such a variety of seminars/presentations at a national convention in many years. The chapter has done an amazing job of planning and preparation for us. We hope that everyone will be fully vaccinated by November and that we can safely meet and have fun in Durham.

Amy and I are looking forward to attending. I love seeing my mum friends from across the country at these national events. This year will be even more special since we have not been together since 2019. The hotel rate is \$139 plus taxes (a total of \$158) and it includes 2 free breakfasts per room each day. Please browse the hotel website for further information. Hotel website: <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/durham/millennium-hotel-durham/?cid=gplaces-millennium-hotel-durhamand>. Hotel telephone number: 919-383-8575.

There will be more information about the convention and show in the June issue of *The Chrysanthemum* magazine and on the NCS website (www.mums.org) by the beginning of June.

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 looking forward to the growing season this year. Hope is all I can pin point as a way forward from this last year. The chance to try my hand at planting and growing mums is exciting. Cascades are not new to me, but getting them to flower on time is chancy. Wishing everyone much success this year!