

THE MUM CHRONICLE

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Events Box: Please join us Sunday, March 13th, 2022 for the Zoom Meeting at 2:00 p.m., on propagating mums and supply order.

Featured in this newsletter is information on 2022 supply order, horticulture notes, potting and sales events, and Signup Genii.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

By the time you read this newsletter, Winter has not many days left as the official end of winter is March 20th. Gardeners are planning actively for Spring growing season to start.

The program on March 13th will be on propagating mum cuttings. We will also go over the Supply Order. The Supply Order Form is attached with this newsletter email. Please mail your Supply Order Form and check to Alice Buch post marked by March 16th, 2022.

At the February 13th meeting, Ed Mascali and I gave an educational presentation on fertilizers, Pro-Mix, and the ODCS feeding schedule. The presentation was emailed to all the members. If you have questions on the fertilizers, please bring your questions to our next meeting or email to OldDominio@mums.org.

SAVE THE DATES FOR POTTING PARTY

Potting the rooted cuttings is one of the activities which allows ODCS members to get to know one another. We pot up the rooted cuttings for our members and also for the public sales, which is the only fundraiser activity of ODCS. We will need helping hands to set up the tents and tables on the morning of Wednesday May 4th. The actual potting will be on May 5th and 6th. If you are new to ODCS, we highly recommend this hands-on experience.

Potting will be at Tim Moore's backyard, at 9338 Athens Road, Fairfax, VA 22032. Please do not ring Tim's doorbell. We ask our volunteers to please wear masks regardless of your vaccination status. Bring your own refreshment and a chair. Members who

volunteer for potting can pick up their plants and supplies on the day of potting once their orders are filled.

Volunteers are needed to help with plants and supplies pick up on Saturday May 7th and clean up and take down after pick-up is completed.

Please use the Signup Genius to sign up to volunteer (see below). Helping hands make work light and are much appreciated.

PLANTS AND SUPPLIES ORDER PICKUP

Plants and Supplies will be available for curbside pickup on Saturday, May 7th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., strictly by appointment. Dick Waldschmidt, our Supply Order Chairperson, will be assisted by Gary Holliday. Thank you both for volunteering.

PUBLIC SALES

Galen Goss, our Potting Chairperson, is also the lead for the Public Sales. This is our first public sales since 2019. ODCS will have a booth at the Ayr Hill Garden Club sponsored public sale at the historic Freeman Store Ground in Vienna, Virginia. Volunteers are needed to help set up tent at 7 AM on Saturday, May 7th. The sale is from 8 AM to noon.

Our second and larger sales venue is at the Green Spring Gardens on Saturday, May 14th. Volunteers are needed to help load up the trucks at Tim Moore's, and set up the tent and tables at Green Spring Gardens on Friday, May 13th. Many hands will also be needed on May 14th to help with customers from 8 AM to 3 PM, then clean up and take down from 3 to 4 PM.

Plant sitters are needed to take care of the plants for the Green Spring Garden Sales from May 7th to May 13th. The plants will be in trays for pick up on May 7th. The plant sitters will deliver the trays to ODCS tent at the Green Spring Gardens on May 13th between 11 AM and 1 PM.

We hope you will come join us for the camaraderie and fun. Many hands make the work light. Please use the Sign-up Genius below for signing up to volunteer as plant sitters and or help with the sales events.

GENIUS FOR POTTING EVENT, ORDER PICK UP, PUBLIC SALES

Van Avondolio, our ODCS website manager and event planner has prepared two Signup Genii, one for the Potting event and order pick up, and another for the public sales. Please review the available slots for each of the events for volunteering and pick up appointments. Select your spot, then click on the button at the bottom of the page to confirm your sign up. You will be sent an email to confirm and remind you of your appointment(s). You can always come back to the website and make changes to your appointment at any time.

To volunteer for the Potting activities and schedule pick up orders, click (Ctrl+Click) on this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DA8A92FA1F85-maypotting1>

To volunteer for Ayr Hill Sales (May 7th) and Green Spring Gardens Sales (May 13th and May 14th), click (Ctrl+Click) on this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DA8A92FA1F85-public>

BOXES NEEDED

Many low sided cardboard boxes are needed to fill orders and for the plant sale. Please start collecting and saving these boxes and bring them in a large plastic bag to the Potting in the event of rain. Bring your own boxes or trays to carry your order home. If you have plastic grocery bags to spare, please bring them as well.

MARCH HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday wishes to Dick Waldschmidt! Dick has been a very active ODCS member for 22 years. He has won many awards for his mums through the years. Dick is the Supplies Order Chairman for many years. We thank Dick for his volunteerism.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Lisa Romano

We welcome the members of the Centreville Garden Club to the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society (ODCS).

SLEEPING BEAUTIES



Lying on their sides with a thick white fleece tucked under, covered with evergreen boughs, are Ed Mascali's wintering over chrysanthemums. The fleece is DeWitt Ultimate 650 Plant Protection. This insulation keeps the plants from extreme changes of temperatures throughout winter. Isn't this the coziest wintering over mum bed! Photo by Camilla Ng.

How do your sleeping beauties sleep? Please share your method in wintering over your mums with a photo, email to olddominion@mums.org. It will be included in the April newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

- March 13th, Propagating Chrysanthemums, Pat S. Johnston and Bare Mtn Farm videos
- April 10th, "Magic with Mums", David Eigenbrode video
- May 5th- 6th, ODCS Potting Activities
- May 7th, ODCS Mums and Supply pick up; Ayr Hill Garden Club Public Sales, Vienna

- May 14th, Green Spring Gardens Public Sales, Annandale
- June 12th, July and August Tasks, Pat Stockett Johnston video
- July Picnic, TBA
- September 11th, September/October Tasks, Pat Stockett Johnston
- October 29th, ODCS Mums Show
- November 13th, Annual Meeting/Brunch - TBA

NCS T-SHIRTS AND CAPS

Galen has a supply of “Mums the Word” T-shirts (\$20, XXL \$22) and ball caps (\$20) for sale, no shipping cost. You can see the items at the NCS website: [Products | National Chrysanthemum Society, USA](#) If you like to get one of these NCS products, please contact Galen at galen.goss@mums.org.

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 Grower’s Handbook* (\$10), *Mums the Word* by Pat Stockett Johnston (\$15), and the 2021 *Classification Handbook and Appendix* (\$15) for sale. These are very handy informational books, valuable for new and experienced growers. Please contact Galen at galen.goss@mums.org.

Those who are interested in keeping this season’s mums as stock plants, the NCS booklet *Care of Stock Plants - Rooting Cuttings, 2021 Edition* (\$6) can be ordered through NCS’s website [Care of Stock Plants – Rooting Cuttings | National Chrysanthemum Society, USA](#) NCS accepts PayPal for your convenience. Galen has this one also. You can save the shipping and handling charge by contacting Galen directly.

EDITOR’S MUSING

The meeting on fertilizers was helpful. Should the cascades survive my overwintering tests, it will be useful. My goal is to keep a written record of survivors and any cuttings. There is a lot of information available throughout the growing year and it is great ODCS has experienced growers to help make growing fun. Many thanks to all who serve and keep the organization growing.