

THE MUM CHRONICLE

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Events Box: Please join us Sunday, April 10th, 2022 for the Zoom Meeting at 2:00 p.m., featuring “Magic With Mums”, David Eigenbrode video.

Featured in this newsletter is information on potting and sales events, Signup Genii, horticulture notes and Young Gardener Project.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

Spring is officially here on March 20, 2022. With the recent mild weather, the mums are reviving and very soon, the ambitious gardeners will apply the propagating techniques that we have screened at the Zoom Meeting on March 13th. Ed Mascali also added to the program in sharing with us his collection of propagation pots and techniques.

The feature for April 10th meeting is “Magic With Mums”, a video of David Eigenbrode. David was an avid grower of chrysanthemums, a National Chrysanthemum Society Master Judge and was considered one of the nation’s top growers. He was instrumental in starting the Chesapeake Chrysanthemum Society in 1984. The video will take us to David’s garden. Please join us for this screening and be inspired.

YOUNG GARDENER PROJECT

ODCS is kicking off a new Young Gardener Project, modeled after the successful San Gabriel Valley Chrysanthemum Society’s Kids Club. Please see the flyer and registration attached to the April Newsletter email. This program is designed for parent (or grandparent) and child to learn how to grow chrysanthemum together, with the goal for the child to enter the blooms in the Youth Section at the ODCS Show. The registration is accepted by April 27th. For further information on the program, please email to olddominion@mums.org.

GENIUS FOR POTTING EVENT, ORDER PICK UP, PUBLIC SALES

A reminder to use the Signup Genius to sign up. 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>

POTTING AND PLANT/SUPPLIES PICKUP

DO NOT call the Moore's residence or ring their doorbell. They are not involved with the potting process. They are kindly allowing us the use of their property for potting. The home of Tim and Ruthie Moore is at 9338 Athens Road Fairfax VA 22032.

PARKING: There is no on-street parking on Athens Road, so we must all park in the driveway (no parking in the yard). Park close together. When someone needs to leave, those blocking the way will need to go out and move their cars.

POTTING TIME: If you can't stay all day, you are welcome to come for however long you can help.

YOUR BRING LIST: Bring your own lunch, water, a chair, and gloves if you need them, and maybe a snack to share. We have only a few chairs, so we encourage you to bring your own. A folding chair, the kind used with a card table, works best. Lawn chairs are too low for the potting table and the arms take up too much room. Many potters prefer to stand and pot. Although we will be working outside, we request that you wear a mask.

BATHROOM: Ruthie Moore's mother, Margaret Martin, graciously allows us the use of the bathroom in her apartment. We request that you either remove your shoes or wear your own shoe covers before entering Margaret's apartment. We

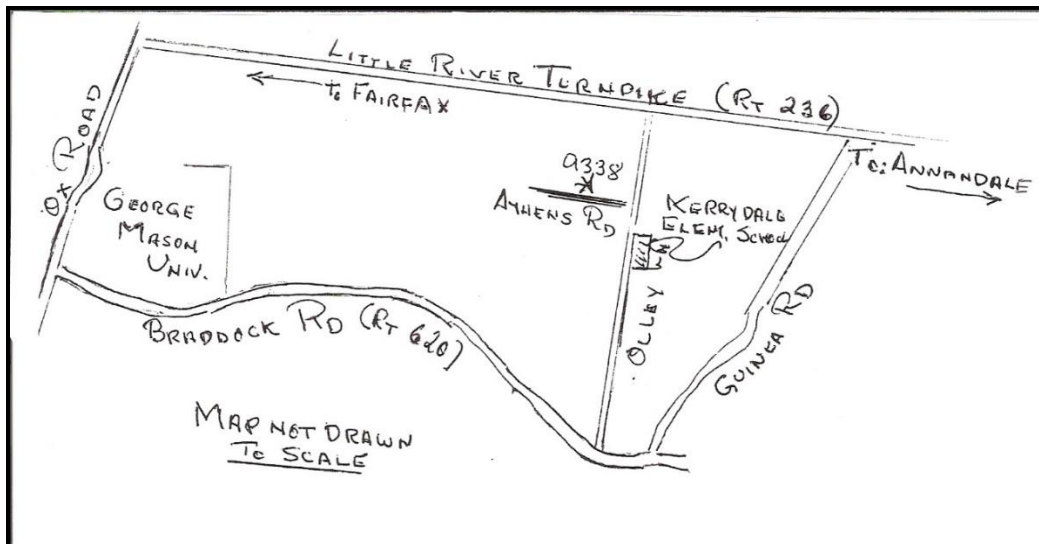
have paper towels to dry your hands. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE HOUSE TO USE THE BATHROOM.**

DIRECTIONS TO POTTING LOCATION: 9338 Athens Road is located in Fairfax (see map below). Athens Road is off Olley Lane that runs between Little River Turnpike (Rt. 236) and Braddock Road.

Athens is closer to Rt.236. If you are approaching it from Lee Highway outside the Beltway take Old Picket Road until it ends at Little River Turnpike, turn left get in the far-right lane and at the light at the top of the hill turn right on Olley Lane.

After the street narrows watch to your right and when you pass Tartan the next right is Athens. After you turn, watch for the second driveway on your right and you have arrived. Drive in and please park on the driveway. Take the concrete path on the left of the house to the back of the house and there we are.

DO NOT RING THE DOORBELL.



BOXES NEEDED

A reminder to please collect low sided cardboard boxes for filling plant orders and for the plant sales. Please save these boxes and bring them in a large plastic bag to the Potting. Bring your own boxes or trays to carry your plant and supply order home. If you have plastic grocery bags to spare, please bring them as well.

APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

- James has been a member for four years.
- Lisa, our Membership Chair, has been with ODCS for eleven years.
- Tim has been with ODCS for 34 years. Tim very graciously hosts our annual Potting Event and allows us to store our supplies and equipment in his backyard.

GARDEN TIPS

- Spring cleanup of garden beds should begin. Decide if new/more mulch is needed.
- Apply fertilizer to trees and shrubs.
- House plants should be reacting to longer days and increase light, begin fertilization. Turn them a quarter turn each week. Repot if necessary.
- Now is the time to apply a pre-emergent crab grass preventer to the lawn.
- Early March is the time to cut back your ornamental grasses, liriop, and sedum before new growth begins. This is also the time to prune and reshape your crape myrtle without harming this year's bloom.
- Roses should be pruned, use spring type clothes pins to control the canes and avoid thorns.
- Irrigation systems and outdoor faucets can be safely turned on late in the month.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

- 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. It would be great if everyone who will be working at either the Ayr Hill or Green Springs sales had either an NCS cap or T-shirt (or both).

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.



A tour de force ikebana arrangement by Saga Goryu master David Komeiji, at the 65th Anniversary of Ikebana International, Washington D.C. Chapter No. 1, on March 26th, 2022. Photo by Camilla Ng.

EDITOR'S MUSING

The Mums show promise, but it is too soon to determine if they will live. I am keeping them inside for now checking every day on the moisture, adding a little every two to three days. This is the period I over or under water and have a few plants die. It is too early to place them outdoors, with warmer days, I may put them out for short time each day. Still testing.