

THE MUMCHRONICLE

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Events Box: No Zoom Meeting in October.
Chrysanthemum Show at James Lee Community Center, Oct. 29th-30th, 2022.
Features: Show update, annual meeting/luncheon.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

At the September 10th Zoom Meeting, we screened the Pat Stockett Johnston's short video on "September/October Tasks" and David Eigenbrode's "Magic with Mums, Part 3" (on cutting and showing). The link of the recorded session was emailed to all members on September 10th by Galen. The volume of the Eigenbrode video is extremely low, but all the pertinent information that Eigenbrode said was captured textually on the screen. Following the videos, I reviewed the criteria of NCS Spray in a presentation. Not all cultivars that may be grown as sprays would produce NCS quality sprays. The Classification Handbook, a reference tool that is available on the NCS website, identifies cultivars that may be grown as NCS sprays. It is advisable to perform due diligence, to help in your future cultivar selection for sprays.

We have received notice from King's Mums that the 2023 group order date will be earlier than in past years. We will have the plant order forms to you in early November. Stay tuned.

I hope many of you will enter your blooms for the 2022 Chrysanthemum Show. We will have participants from the Garden Clubs for designs. In addition, Ikebana International, Chapter 1 is participating with us with a special exhibit of different styles of ikebana arrangements, a first in the history of ODCS.

Attached to the email is the Show flyer. Please feel free to forward the flyer to your friends and families inviting them to come celebrate the beauties of Fall. I look forward to seeing everyone then.

SHOW UPDATE

Galen Goss, General Show Chairman

Plans are set for our Show the end of October. The judges have been invited and have responded, thanks to Ed Mascali. The show schedule is now complete including the Design Division, thanks to the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, and the special exhibition by Ikebana International, Chapter 1. I will be sending an updated .pdf of the Show Schedule booklet soon. It contains all the rules for Division I – Horticulture and the various sections in which you can enter. A printed booklet of the Show Schedule will be available at the Show for exhibitors, judges and Show workers.

If you need entry cards prior to the show, please let me know. I have a supply and will get some to you either in person or through the mail. It is always helpful and a great time saver to have the cards filled out ahead of time.

One of the items you need on the entry cards is an Exhibitor Number. This is how ribbons and points are tracked and tabulated after the judging. You can get an Exhibitor Number by contacting Olga Osterberg at 703-922-4596 or oj1938@gmail.com. Let Olga know what number you would like (the numbers are assigned on a first come, first served basis).

If you know mum growers who are not ODCS members, please invite them to enter their blooms in our Show. We welcome all mum growers. There is no membership requirement. Nonmembers may get an Exhibitor Number at the door.

Those of you who plan to enter a design, be sure to check the rules and classes in the Show Schedule. If you have any questions on designs, Thea McGinnis, the Design Division Chair can be reached at 607-425-4770 or theamcginnis@gmail.com. Advance registration is required. Please contact Thea to register. We appreciate the work that Thea has done for us on the Design Division.

We will need help setting-up on Friday, October 28th at 11 a.m. The tables provided by the community center are not heavy and two people can make a quick set-up. We will have green covering for each table. Entries are expected to come in at 1

p.m.; we should have all the tables in place by then. Please contact me if you are available to lend a helping hand.

Just a reminder that if you have items to donate for the Fundraiser, please email Janice Chen at jan4chen@gmail.com. Please include a photo of the object and a brief description, email to Janice by Saturday October 15th. You may arrange to have items dropped off or picked up before the Show with Janice, or bring your donation to the Show on Saturday, October 29th, by 9 A.M. Thank you for your generosity.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the show – helping and/or entering blooms. It will be great to see all the entries again after two years of Covid restrictions.

Speaking of Covid – James Lee Community Center no longer requires masks. However optional, you may want to wear one to protect yourself and others.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, Dorothy Pines, Anna Dereska and Mei Wu has prepared a slate of officers to serve in 2023 to include Camilla Ng for President, Ed Mascali for Vice President, Galen Goss for Treasurer and Janice Chen for Corresponding Secretary. Nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting on November 13th, 2022. Thank you, Nominating Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING/LUNCHEON

Please save the date, November 13th, 2022, for the ODCS Annual Meeting Luncheon. The Annual Meeting/Luncheon will be at the *Sampan Café*, 6116 Franconia Road, Alexandria, Virginia, at 1:00 PM. The luncheon will be a 9-course Chinese banquet, see menu below. \$20/member. Members may invite one guest at the same price. Additional guests will be \$32/person. Please mail check to the Treasurer, Galen Goss for the luncheon, written to ODCS, post marked by November 1st, 2022. This is one meal you do not want to miss. The reservation form is included with this newsletter.

Banquet menu
Cold Platter Appetizer
Fried Shrimps with Salted Egg Yolk
Minced Beef Soup

Peking Duck
X.O. Sauce Fish Filet
French Style Beef Cubes
Ginger Scallion Double Lobsters
Stir Fried Snow Pea Leaves
Chef's Special Seafood Fried Rice
Fresh Fruits

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

We wish Amy Goss a very Happy Birthday. Amy has been a member for 45 years. Amy and her husband Galen are active supporters of ODCS and lifetime NCS members for many years.

We also wish new member Kuan Loh a very Happy Birthday. Already a great gardener, Kuan is a fast learner in growing mums.

HERE'S A DAHLIA, THERE'S A DAHLIA



Members of ODCS Janice Chen, Kuan and Eileen Loh, Doris Shen, Lilian Chan, and Camilla Ng visited the National Dahlia Show on September 24th, at the Reston Sheraton. Ed Mascali gave us a guided tour through the amazing exhibition halls. Ed won many awards, three of which were in the Court of Honor. According to Ed, the competition was tough with many dahlia growers from all over the country and even

internationally. The above photo is one of Ed's winners in the Court of Honor.

NEW NCS WEBSITE

NCS has a newly designed website. The address remains www.mums.org. Please check it out. It has new features and many improved old features. We are still

building it so if you have any suggestions for the site, please let Galen and Anette Lloyd (the NCS Social Committee co-chairs) know.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

- October 29th– 30th, ODCS Mums Show, James Lee Community Center
- November 13th, Annual Meeting/Luncheon–Sampan Café, Springfield

THE SHOP

Galen has a supply of “Mums the Word” T-shirts (recently reduced to \$15, XXL \$18) and ball caps (also reduced to \$15) for sale, no shipping cost. You can see the items at the NCS website:<https://mums.org/shop/>. If you like to get one of these NCS products, please contact Galen at galen.goss@mums.org.

Everything you want to know about mums but afraid to ask. Galen Gosshas 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 handy informational books are excellent references for new and experienced growers.

Those who are interested in keeping this season’s mums as stock plants, the NCS booklet *Care of Stock Plants - Rooting Cuttings, 2021 Edition* (\$7) can be ordered through NCS’s website <https://mums.org/shop/>. NCS accepts PayPal for your convenience. Galen has this one also. You can save the shipping and handling charge by contacting Galen directly. Washington Post slogan, “If you don’t get it, you don’t get it.”

EDITOR’S MUSING

The remaining plantis surviving and appear to be healthy but needs water more frequently. I began shading the cascade, but no sign of buds yet. I did the final pinch including the leader tip. I am researching using a chemical fertilizer for bud development but fear using them since I have only used organics. I am still on the spray schedule, checking for signs of pests.