

THE MUMCHRONICLE

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Events Box: Happy Holidays! Zoom meeting will resume in February 2023.
Features: Posting for treasurer, free rototiller, and Mike Hill's Garden.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

First off, a very happy and healthy New Year to everyone!

Our group Plant Order to King's Mums was submitted mid-December. Many thanks to all members who mailed in their plant orders in a timely manner, and to Farhad Nourbakhsh and Galen Goss in preparing the order summary.

Some of you have neither send in your plant orders nor renewed your membership for 2023. You may still purchase plants at our May plant sales. Lisa Romano, our Membership Chair, will be contacting you by phone and/or email for membership renewal. The Membership renewal is also attached to the email of this newsletter. Please mail your Membership form and check to Lisa Romano.

Dick Waldschmidt, who has been our Supply Chair for many years has retired from this task. We gratefully thank Dick for his service to the chapter. In the last several years, Gary Holliday has assisted Dick in Supply Order. Gary has also resigned due to health matters. We wish both Dick and Gary good health and thank them for their help.

The 2023 Supply Order Committee will be chaired by Van Avondolio, assisted by Alice Buch. A huge applause to Van and Alice for stepping up to lend a hand. We will be sending the Supply Order Form with the February Newsletter.

Our Zoom meeting will be resume on February 12th, 2023, 2:00PM. Zoom Meeting information will be emailed to you as the date draws near. Please save-the-date. See you all then.

NCS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN - 2022

ODCS made a recent donation to NCS for the 2022 Fundraising Campaign. Several of us have also made individual donations. Each donation helps NCS reach the 2022 goal of \$6,000. NCS is getting close. If this newsletter reaches you before December 31, please consider a donation. Donations can be claimed as deductions on your taxes to the extent allowed. The funds help support the important work that NCS undertakes each year. Donation help fund the publication of our quarterly journal, *The Chrysanthemum*, and our other publications as well as help in our outreach efforts to local and regional botanical gardens.

The 2023 Fundraising Campaign will kick off on January 1, 2023. The annual kick-off letter will be included in the March 2023 issue of *The Chrysanthemum*.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Manda Fang of Herndon as well as Theresa Wang and Yuan Zuo of Fairfax. We look forward to meeting you at our February 2023 Zoom Meeting.

TREASURER – HELP WANTED

By Galen Goss, ODCS Treasurer

I announced at the luncheon in November that Amy and I have started the downsizing process in preparation to moving to a retirement community. We were recently offered an apartment at Messiah Village in Mechanicsburg, PA (just south of Harrisburg, PA on Route 15). We accepted the offer which has come much sooner than we anticipated. If you have visited our home, you know that we have a lot of things – collections – that we have to sell, give away, or throw away. It is a daunting task, but we are jumping in and starting to work diligently toward a spring-time move. I anticipate not being available for either the potting activities or the plant sales. I will continue to support ODCS and Camilla as best I can from afar – the computer and email will continue to work as will my cell phone.

Bottom line - ODCS needs a new treasurer. I am willing to pass the responsibilities onto someone as soon as possible so that I can work with the new treasurer on all of the tasks involved in the position.

The primary job of the treasurer is to be a good keeper of ODCS's money – accounting for the receipts and disbursements in a timely manner and with excellent documentation. The records are reviewed at the end of each year to ensure that all is well. The treasurer also reports to the national secretary and treasurer (list and money) all new and renewing members so that everyone receives *The Chrysanthemum*. I prepare a monthly report on the financial status for the board, file our tax information with the IRS, and file our legal corporate status with the Virginia State Corporation Commission. I am the keeper of the money at our annual plant sale at Green Spring Gardens. As such, I get to sit under the tent instead of being out in the sun or rain or heat of the day. Not a bad trade-off. The job requires good computer skills to record the receipts and disbursements (I use Microsoft Excel). I interact with all of the ODCS committee chairmen when money is involved – many emails, texts, and phone calls – so good communication skills are a plus.

I have taken on a number of other tasks over the years that do not directly relate to the treasurer's job. Those tasks can go to other committees, such as ordering the supplies and some of the plants from our group orders.

As you can see, the job of treasurer covers a lot of different tasks. That is why it would be good to transition the job to someone sooner than later. If you are interested, please contact Camilla. If you have questions, please contact me.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

We wish our new member YC Hor-Nash a very Happy Birthday. YC signed up with ODCS at our Show in October. We look forward to see her at our Zoom meetings and other activities.

CHYRSANTHEMUM MAGAZINE

All due paying ODCS members should receive the NCS quarterly publication of the *Chrysanthemum* magazine. If you did not receive your magazine in the mail, please email NCS Secretary Anette Lloyd at anette.lloyd@mums.org. You can also see the publications at the NCS website in the "Members Login" area at the

top of the homepage. You need to sign in with the password. If you have forgotten it, email Galen or Anette.

ROTOTILLER IS STILL AVAILABLE

Tim Moore asked us to include the following in the newsletter.

"I have a rototiller manufactured by Yard Machines (Model 340) that I bought in 2001, have not used in some time and do not foresee that I will ever use again. It has a 5 HP Briggs and Stratton OHV engine, adjustable tilling widths of 13", 22" and 24", and an adjustable depth bar to 7". It was kept in my garage until that became too full and is now in the shed with the chrysanthemum club equipment. It will probably need some refurbishment. It is free to anyone who wants it."

Tim can be reached at 703-426-7271 or at tbmbrm@aol.com. I hope someone can use the rototiller and help Tim out.

NCS WEBSITE

NCS has a newly designed website. The address is www.mums.org. Please check it out. It has new features and many improved old features. It includes nearly 300 photos of mums in the Photo Gallery. If you have any suggestions for the site, please let Galen and Anette Lloyd (the NCS Social Committee co-chairs) know.

THE SHOP

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."

PHOTO GALLERY

From the garden of Mike Hill in Nashville, TN. Mike had great success inspite of moles, aphids and dry weather in his area. He is also a photography enthusiast as evidenced by these excellent images of some of his blooms with depth of field in natural lighting.



Bola de OroBridesmaid



Le Mans



Downpour



Heaton's Coffee

IMPORTANT DATES

Please save the dates for upcoming activities:

- February 12th, 2023, Zoom Meeting.
- March 12th, 2023, Zoom Meeting.
- April 9th, 2023, Zoom Meeting.

- May 3rd- 5th, 2023, Potting Activities
- May 6th, 2023, Plant and Supply Pickup
- May 6th, 2023 (anticipated date),Ayr Hill Plant Sale, Vienna
- May 20th, 2023, Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale, Annandale

EDITOR'S MUSING

Appreciating the down time from the show and as it has a way of doing this time of year, I look forward to the new growing season. Everyone continue to be safe!