

THE MUMCHRONICLE

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Events Box: Please join us Sunday, February 12th, 2023 for the Zoom Meeting at 2:00 pm. Topic will be “Fertilizers for Mums”.
Features: Supply Order information and form in email attachments. NCS Outstanding Award.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

The Year of the Rabbit began on January 22nd, 2023. May we all have a happy and prosperous Rabbit Year.

We have several months before our plants arrive in May. Traditionally, we offer ODCS members savings and convenience of buying supply. Please see the Supply Order Form attached to this newsletter email. Prices have gone up from last year in certain items. It is no surprise though, as all consumer products and foods have increased in price. Please mail in your Supply Order **to Alice Buch by February 18th, 2023**. Your Supply Order will be ready for your pickup on May 6th, along with your plants. If you are a new member, please be sure to attend the Zoom meeting featuring the different fertilizers for chrysanthemums.

The Executive Board members of 2023 are Camilla Ng as President, Ed Mascali as Vice President, Galen Goss as Treasurer, Janice Chen as Correspondence Secretary. The Executive Board is comprised of elected officers. Jacquie Smith as Member-at-large. The Standing Committees are as follows: Farhad Nourbakhsh as Plant Order Chair, Lisa Romano as Membership Chair, Van Avondolio as Webmaster, Van Avondolio and Alice Buch for Supply Order, Janice Chen and Jonathan Gazarek for Public Relations and Publicity, Dorothy Pines as the Newsletter Editor. Rosemary

Smith is the Past President. I am grateful to each of you for accepting the duties as officers of the Board and Committee Chairs, providing continuity and services to chapter members.

2022 AWARD

Galen recently presented Alice Buch with an NCS Outstanding Service Award for her service and contributions to the chapter. These awards are normally announced at the Saturday evening banquet at the national convention and show and the presentation is made by the NCS President. Since Galen is the current national president, it was only appropriate that he made the presentation to Alice.

The award certificate from national was accompanied by a letter from Camilla. The letter said, in part, “You have been a member of the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society for 19 years. During that time, you have been a steady worker at our spring plant potting activities – meticulously confirming receipt of the plant orders in addition to helping with plants potting. You have stepped in as tabulator at our annual shows when needed. This year you provided crucial transportation of our show supplies from the storage shed to the show venue and back. For at least the past four years, you served as audit to review our annual financial data verifying the accuracy of income and expenses.

“It is my pleasure to thank you for your contributions to the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society and I congratulate you as the recipient of 2022 NCS Outstanding Service Award.”



2023 MEMBERATLARGE

I am pleased to announce that Jacquie Smith has joined the ODCS Board of Directors as Member-at-large. Jacquie became a member of ODCS in 2022. She helped out at the Chrysanthemum Show and clerked for the judges. We thank her for her volunteerism and enthusiasm.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Robert Fisher, Anne Dremluk, as well as Ayden Yang (youth member) of Alexandria to the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society (ODCS).

HACKED

In the last several months, some of our members have received emails that looked to be from Galen or me, asking you to respond immediately or to make purchases. Please do not respond to such emails. They are absolutely not from either of us. In fact, Galen has received messages from "himself" asking him to respond. We would not ask anyone to make purchases. The hacker seemed to have gotten some of our members' email address through mums.org. Other NCS chapter members have also received such emails. Van suggests moving such email to the JUNK folder. This should deter future messages from the same sender. You should also change your log-in password of your email account.

THE CHYRSANTHEMUM MAGAZINE

All dues paying ODCS members should receive the NCS quarterly publication of *TheChrysanthemum* 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.

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."

IMPORTANT DATES

Please save the dates for upcoming activities:

- February 12th, 2023, Zoom Meeting, Fertilizers for Mums,
- March 12th, 2023, Zoom Meeting, Propagating.
- April - No Meeting
- May 3rd - 5th, 2023, Potting Activities
- May 6th, 2023, Plant and Supply Pickup
- May 13th, 2023, Ayr Hill Plant Sale, Vienna
- May 20th, 2023, Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale, Alexandria
- June 11th, 2023, Zoom Meeting

EDITOR'S MUSING

Appreciating the down time 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!