

THE MUMCHRONICLE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD DOMINION CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY

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Events Box: Please join us Sunday, March 12, 2023, for the Zoom Meeting at 2:00 pm. Topic will be: Propagating.

Features: Featured in this newsletter is information on potting and sales events, and Signup Genii, Galen's Farewell luncheon.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

The official first day of spring 2023 is March 20th, the spring equinox. As I am drafting this newsletter today February 23rd, with daytime high 79 degrees, it sure feels like spring is pushing an early start. With a mild winter, many of our mums likely winter over. The program on March 12th will be on propagating mum cuttings from your winter over plants. We hope to see you all then.

Ed Mascali and I reviewed fertilizers, Pro-Mix, and the ODCS feeding schedule at the February Zoom Meeting. If you have any further questions on the fertilizers, please bring your questions to our next meeting or email to OldDominion@mums.org.

The National Chrysanthemum Society will be hosting a Zoom Presentation on Saturday March 4th, 2023, 1PM. You are all invited to attend. The topic is "So Much to Know about H2O". The speaker will be Andy Wickham who is an enthusiastic grower of large exhibition chrysanthemums. He is a regular exhibitor each fall in the UK championship class for 18 blooms. He holds a Ph.D. degree in chemistry and, as he describes it, "has all round interest in water", particularly managing water for achieving quality growth of chrysanthemums.

Join Zoom Meeting

We are still looking for someone to take over the responsibility of Treasurer. We also need a Sales Chair Person for the Ayr Hill Garden Plant Sales on May 13th, and a cashier for Green Spring Gardens Plant Sales on May 20th. If you are interested to help and like to find out more information, please contact Galen or Camilla.

I also like to give a heads up on a new Bonsai Mum program at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum. Registration information will be released in March. If you are interested to learn how to train bonsai mums, this is an opportunity you do not want to miss. Stay tuned.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

As you all know by now, Galen will be moving in April to a retirement community in Pennsylvania. I would like to set up a farewell luncheon for Galen and Amy Goss. Galen and Amy have been active members of ODCS and lifetime member of NCS for 46 years. They have given so much of their time and energy to help the club throughout the years. Without Galen's invaluable knowledge, patience and guidance, our club could not have run this smoothly. He is a gem and a true friend. We will all miss him and Amy greatly. I know many of you would like to wish Galen and Amy farewell in person. We have a lunch date on March 25th at Maggiano's Little Italy in Springfield Town Center. If you would like to come for lunch (or have a cup of tea) to catch up with Galen and Amy, please email me by March 20th, so I can make reservation with the restaurant.

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 3rd. The actual potting will be on May 4th and 5th. We highly recommend this hands-on experience especially to new members.

Potting will be at Tim Moore's backyard, at Fairfax, VA 22032. Please do not ring Tim's doorbell. 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 also needed to help with plants and supplies pick up on Saturday May 6th 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 6th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., strictly by appointment. Van Avondolio is our Supply Order Chairperson. Thank you, Van for wearing many hats to help the club.

GENIUS FOR POTTING EVENT, ORDER PICK UP, PUBLIC SALES

Van Avondolio, who is also our ODCS website manager and event planner has prepared two Signup Genii, one for the Potting event and Plants and Supply 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:

[ODCS Mums Club: May Potting & Pick Up Schedule 2023 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

To volunteer for Ayr Hill Sales (May 13th) and Green Spring Gardens Sales (May 19th and May 20th), click (Ctrl+Click) on this link to sign up:

[ODCS Mums Club: Public Garden Sale Events Volunteer Schedule \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

MARCH HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday wishes to Dick Waldschmidt, Ann Dremluk, Janice Chen, Jonathan Gazarek and Le Lai. May your birthdays be filled with pleasant surprises and a wonderful year ahead.

NEW MUMS SUPPLIER

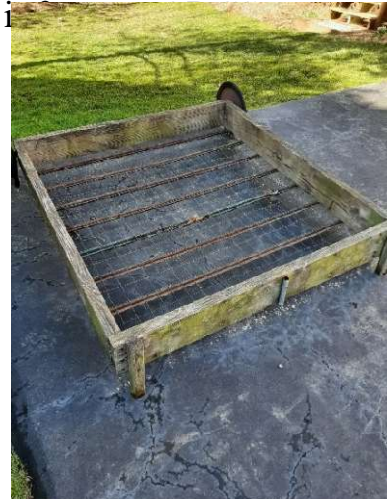
A new mums supplier Oregon Chrysanthemums and Hostas was announced at the February Zoom Meeting. Oregon Chrysanthemums is accepting individual orders. You may order on your own or with another grower as there is a 10 plants minimum. Here is the link to the supplier's website: [Oregon Chrysanthemums and Hostas LLC](#)

BACK ISSUES OF *THE CHRYSANTHEMUM*

Galen has a box of back issues of the NCS Journal from the mid-1970 through 1997. Old issues contain interesting articles on growing and caring for mums – at least the way things were done in the past. Many of the methods and techniques are still applicable today. Back then the journal was the size of a *Reader's Digest* magazine. NCS converted to our current size in 1998. If anyone is interested in this collection of back issues (for free), please contact Galen immediately. Otherwise, they are headed to the recycle bin.

GARDENING SUPPLIES AVAILABLE

As you all know, Amy and I are getting ready to move to an apartment. We will not have room for much in the way of gardening materials. One such item is the cart or wagon that I have used for my mums, which measures about 4 feet by 4 feet. Many of you have seen it over the years. I “inherited” it from a member when he moved to Iowa many years ago. I would like to give it to another ODCS member now. It has a handle to facilitate moving it, but the handle needs some repair work (I backed my truck over it one day and was unable to fully repair it). Even if you don't move it, it works well to keep pots off of the asphalt driveway in the summer heat. It holds 12 10-inch pots. I also have other gardening tools and equipment that I would love to pass on to members. If you are interested in the cart/wagon or other items, please contact me quickly, galen.goss@mums.org.



THE CHRYSANTHEMUM 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 problems signing in, email Galen or Anette.

NEW PASSWORD – It is that time of year when a new password is assigned for the NCS website’s “Member’s Login” area. This year’s password is: 2023GrowMums! It is case sensitive and you need the exclamation point.

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:

- 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



Purple Light, Class 8
Anemone
Grower photographer
Camilla Ng.
This photo was taken
November 22, 2022.

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!