

THE MUMCHRONICLE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD DOMINION CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY

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Events Box: Please note Zoom Meetings will resume in June. Topics will be onpinching and staking.

Features:Featured in this newsletter is information on potting and sales events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ODCS members,

I am very pleased to announce that the ODCS Chrysanthemum Show 2023 will once again be at James Lee Community Center (JLCC) in Falls Church. Please save the dates, October 28-29, 2023. We had over 200 visitors at the Show last year and received much positive feedback. It was a grand celebration of the beauty of chrysanthemums and a season's growing effort by our members. We are very fortunate to have the expansive space of JLCC to showcase our blooms.

An email was sent to all members about the cancellation of the Ayr Hill Garden Club Sales due to no volunteers signed up. Our effort is focused on the Green Spring Gardens Sales on May 20th. It is not too late to sign up. Please see the SignUp Genius links below.

We are hopeful that our plants will be delivered on schedule. Please sign up to help with Potting if you have not done so.

Galen reports that their move to Messiah Village in Pennsylvania went very well. They are now unpacking boxes and starting to enjoy the many benefits and amenities of their new home.

It is the beginning of the growing season. Happy propagating if you have mums that survived the winter. Highly recommend thorough cleaning and sanitizing your

pots in preparation to receive your new plants in May. Look forward to seeing you soon.

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 in Tim Moore's backyard, Fairfax, VA. Please do not ring Tim's doorbell. Bring your own refreshments 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. Use the SignUp Genius to select your time slot for pick up. If your plants are not pick up on May 6th, we will not be responsible for them unless you let us know in advance.

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 (May 4-5) and schedule pick up orders (May 6), 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)

BOXES FOR YOUR PLANTS AND FOR THE PLANT SALES

We will need small cardboard boxes as containers for the plants sales at Green Spring Gardens Plant Sales and for our members' plant orders. Please collect the boxes and bring them in plastic bags to the Potting Event if you are volunteering. You can collect the cardboard boxes at grocery stores or at Costco's cardboard box bin. The boxes from sodas are excellent. Galen found many smaller boxes at Walmart last year. He just walked the food aisles and looked for empty (or near empty) boxes. He said if you can catch a person stocking the soda aisle, that is like a gold mine of boxes. They are happy to give them – it saves them from breaking them down for recycling.

MAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy May birthday to Ann Fenwick (2 years), Harry Livesay (8 years) and Bob Howell (54 years).

Many happy returns to Bob, our longest running member from the Potomac chapter and now ODCS. Bob is a Life member of NCS and a Master Judge. We hope to see him again at our Fall Chrysanthemum Show.

2022 JOHNSONS AWARD



Dorothy Pines is the Nels and Ginny Johnson Outstanding Service Award honoree for 2022. The Johnson Award can be awarded annually to a living member in good standing with at least 10 or more years of membership in ODCS, and has shown considerable service, leadership, and dedication to ODCS and its goals. This award is made possible through a generous donation by Nelson Johnson, who wanted to honor his parents in a unique way.

Dorothy meets all of the criteria. She has been an active member for 11 years. She has served as the Editor of our monthly newsletter since 2012 (nearly the entire time as a ODCS member). As Editor, she has been a member of the Executive Board.

Dorothy has contributed monthly updates on her growing efforts in the Editor's Musing, sharing with us her learning experience in growing cascades. She has consistently assisted with our annual plant sales at Green Spring Gardens and shown herself to be an excellent salesperson.

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to ODCS.

PROMIX MYSTERY- A LESSON

Our Loose Bag 2.8 cubic feet ProMix order was delivered to Shuntai's driveway on April 19th. The 9 members who ordered the Loose Bag were notified to coordinate with Shuntai to pick up by the weekend. There were 9 bags, one for each of the 9 members. According to Shuntai, on April 22, there were 6 bags of ProMix in his driveway remaining for pick up when he left the house that morning. When he returned, all 6 bags of ProMix bags were gone. Two members contacted Shuntai on April 23 that they did not get the ProMix. An email was immediately sent to all the members, in case someone mistakenly took the additional bags, to return the bags. No one responded. Another member contacted Shuntai on April 25 to pick up ProMix. This is indeed a mystery. We do not know what happened

to the missing bags. It is a financial loss to ODCS to replace those missing bags for our members. A lesson that we need to be vigilant in the future.

So, I repeat, please use the SignUp Genius to select the slot for your Supply and Plants pick up on Saturday May 6th. If you have difficulty using the SignUp Genius, please contact me. If you could not pick up your plants and supply on May 6th morning but let us know in advance, we could try to accommodate. Otherwise, we cannot be responsible for your plants or missing supply as they will be left unattended.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please save the dates for upcoming activities:

- May 3rd - 5th, 2023, Potting Activities
- May 6th, 2023, Plant and Supply Pickup
- May 20th, 2023, Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale, Alexandria
- June 11th, 2023, Zoom Meeting, Staking and Pinching
- August 13th, 2023, Zoom Meeting
- September 10th, 2023, Zoom Meeting
- October 8th, 2023, Zoom Meeting
- October 27-28, 2023, Chrysanthemum Show at James Lee Community Center

EDITOR'S MUSING

Pot sanitizing and making sun check hours around the yard are underway. The cooler weather has hampered the progress of putting some of the indoor plants outside, but I check regularly. The season changes, whether Spring to Summer or Summer to Fall brings out the beauty of nature to me. Enjoy!

IKEBANA INSPIRATION - OHARA STYLE

Ikebana International Chapter 1 (II Chapter 1) had its annual exhibit at the National Arboretum in April. These are two moribana arrangements at the exhibit from the Ohara School, in wide and shallow containers. II Chapter 1 showcased their arrangements at our 2022 Chrysanthemum Show. We look forward to welcoming the Ikebana designers back to our 2023 Show.



If you like to learn more about the Ohara School style ikebana, the website below may guide you to available Ikebana instructors in the area.

[Ikebana International Chapter No. 1 Washington, D.C. – Friendship through Flowers \(iichapter1.com\)](http://iichapter1.com)

