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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Following our potting activities that took place May1-3, we had two public sales of both garden and Kings mums, the first on May 10 at the Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale, and the second on the following Saturday, May 17, at the Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale.

We were blessed with good weather and good crowds for both events, and together they were very successful, resulting in our selling virtually every one of our Kings mums and most of our garden mums (including the two new garden mums, Fiesta Red and Banquet Pink Bicolor that were recommended to us by Warren Pfeiffer). Afterwards, due to the diligent efforts of Camilla Ng, all of our few remaining plants were purchased by members and others before the end of the month.

Many thanks for all the work put into these two events by Camilla, Shanelle Lu, NestiGjeluci, Nathaniel Gjeluci, Janice Chen, Jack Rubenstein, and Dorothy Pines, and to all the other members who came by to see us at the sales. Thanks also to Tim Moore, who not only hosted our potting activities but kept watch over our plants until the sales.

Some of the remaining mums – the Veritas Yellow Belgian mums – are now part of this year's Garden mum challenge, with six participants: Janice Chen, Shanele Lu, Camilla Ng, Rosemary Smith, Doris Shen, and yours truly. They will enter their mums in our annual show.

This past month we welcomed several new or returning members to the ODCS: Paul Davis, Suzanne James, Joan Matthews, Esther Rimer, and Cathy Roberts. Good to have you with us!

As always, if you have a friend or family member who is interested in mums, consider providing them a copy of the ODCS Membership Form, which is attached to the email of this newsletter. Have them mail the completed form and dues to the address provided: Galen Goss, 3128 Village Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

JUNE ZOOM MEETING

We will hold a Zoom meeting for all members at 7 pm on Monday, June __. Topics for discussion will include the upcoming changes to mum show and judges handbook for 2025. (tsuyya@yahoo.com)

BONSAI SESSIONS PLANNED

Due to the cancellation of the Bonsai Mum course at the National Arboretum, ODCS members who would like assistance in training their bonsai mums are welcome to attend bonsai mum sessions that we are organizing for this summer. Jack Rubenstein, who is a bonsai enthusiast, will guide the training. The focus of the sessions is for participants to learn wiring techniques to train their own plants.

The sessions will be conducted in Tim Moore's back yard at 9338 Athens Road, Fairfax, VA. Participants should bring their plants, their own designs, as well as bonsai wires (which can be obtained from the Stone Lantern website in 1mm, 1.5 mm and 2 mm sizes) and tools, and are encouraged to enter their creations at the ODCS Annual Chrysanthemum Show in October. The prospective dates for the sessions are June 8, July 12, August 9, and September 7. All sessions will be held from 1 pm to 3:30pm. Please email Camilla if you are interested (tsuyya@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot.

For ideas about bonsai designs for your plants, there is plenty of information online and in books on bonsai at libraries. Suggested references include The Art of the Chrysanthemum by Tameji

Nakajima and John Capobianco's Bonsai Mum video (one copy is available for sale \$30, contact Camilla). Bring the photos of the styles you like for your mums to the sessions.

TESTING A NEW CULTIVAR

John Capobianco, President of the Long Island Chrysanthemum Society, has made a proposal to other chapters of the National Chrysanthemum Society, including the ODCS, concerning testing out a new cultivar descended from the old "Artist Pink." This plant was carried in the Kings mums catalog many years ago but has since lapsed.

John has been collecting seeds from mums pollinated by bees in the hopes that a lookalike cultivar would pop up. He has germinated 300 seeds. What he is looking for is help in growing the seedlings and testing them for the results. He is willing to give the seedlings away to anyone that pays the postage and shipping costs. What he asks in return is that they record data on a chart he will provide. They would then be able to enter the seedlings under the new K2 section of an NCS sanctioned show.

Any ODCS member who is willing to participate in this project should contact Camilla Ng (tsuyya@yahoo.com).

UPCOMING DATES/ACTIVITIES, 2025

Please remember to save these dates for upcoming ODCS activities:

- July Ice Cream Social, TBD
- August - Summer Break, no meeting
- October, ODCS's Annual Show, TBD
- November Annual Meeting and Luncheon, TBD
- November, NCS National Convention and Show, TBD

Attachments:

- ODCS Membership Form