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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We've finished potting the plants our members ordered for the 2025 growing season in addition to the plants we will offer for sale to the public. By now, all pickups should have been made from Tim Moore's house.

Many thanks for all the help at this year's potting activities go to Camilla Ng, Van Avondolio, Dorothy Pines, Tim Moore, Warren and Marianne Pfeiffer, Carol Gaulding, Rosemary Smith, Jody Goulden, Alice Buch, Shanele Lu, and my sister, Lisa Sherman! Thankfully, the plant delivery schedule occurred in time to ensure the pickup date on May 3 was met. In the meantime, we've had inquiries from local people interested in buying mums from us, which goes to show there continues to be a need for the efforts we make in support of mum growers in the greater DMV area.

Our group supply order was delivered successfully in late April and the orders were prepared for delivery to the members by Van Avondolio and Camilla Ng. Many thanks for their work on this. For those of you who ordered Marathon and B-NINE, there is specific information below about the use of these products.

The next events are our public sales of mums, starting this coming Saturday, May 10, at the Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale (8 am – 1 pm, on the grounds of the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street, N.E., Vienna, VA 22180). The following Saturday, May 17, we'll be at the Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale (9 am – 3 pm, 4603 Green Spring Rd,

Alexandria, VA 22312). Tell others you know who are interested in mums about these important events!

Many thanks again to Warren Pfeiffer for his presentation on propagating mums from cuttings, delivered at the Zoom meeting on April 14. **For May, there will be no Zoom meeting.**

As always, if you have a friend or family member who is interested in mums, tell them they can purchase mums from us at our two upcoming plant sales events. Also, 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.

SIGNUP GENIUS FOR SALES EVENTS

There are still slots remaining for volunteers to help with our upcoming public sales events at Ayr Hill and Green Springs Gardens. To volunteer, please use this link to our Signup Genius forms prepared by Van Avondolio:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DA8A92FA1F85-55070717-2025#/>

If you need help with Signup Genius, please email Van and she will add you in: van.avondolio@yahoo.com.

Even if you are not volunteering to help with these events, feel free to drop by while they're going on, and bring a friend with you!

BONSAI PLANTS ARRIVING

You've heard the planned training course *Bonsai Basics – Chrysanthemum Bonsai* at the National Arboretum this year has been cancelled, much to the disappointment of several of our members. The provider of the event's mums, John Capobianco, offered several varieties of mums useful for bonsai to us, and many of you have taken him up on the offer. These are shipping this week and will arrive at Camilla Ng's house; you'll be notified when they're ready for pickup.

There has been discussion about meeting the area's need for mum bonsai training through other means, and we will keep you posted on those plans.

ADDITIONAL GARDEN MUMS SET TO ARRIVE

We are expecting two new garden mums, Fiesta Red and Banquet Pink Bicolor, to be delivered the week of May 5. Anyone interested should contact me at canyon765@gmail.com. One unit of 3 plants will sell to members for \$5.00. These mums are recommended by Warren Pfeifer who saw them at Longwood Gardens, PA, last fall.

USING MARATHON AND B-NINE

How to use B-NINE: To retard neck stretching just below the flowers on potted chrysanthemum plants, spray the top one-third of the foliage to runoff with (0.25% (2500 ppm) B-NINE after shading and buds are about pea size. Important - Do Not spray buds that are showing color. One gallon of spray will treat 200 sq ft so mix only a small amount. Suggest mixing three quarters of a teaspoon per quart of warm water. Use the spray within 24 hours.

How to use MARATHON 1% Insecticide: Apply one half teaspoon to a 10" pot. To assure optimum effectiveness, the product must be incorporated into the top of the soil so that the roots of the plant can absorb the active ingredient. Suggest using a plastic fork and work the granules in just below the soil surface.

The pot must be watered well and the top of the soil must be damp. Do not apply if the soil is water-logged. If water-logged it will not penetrate the root zone of the plants. Do not over-irrigate or allow excessive runoff to occur following an application. Wait until the plant wilts before adding a small amount of water for two or three weeks after applying Marathon.

ALICE BUCH RECEIVES NELS AND GINNY JOHNSON AWARD

Alice Buch has received the Nels and Ginny Johnson Award for Outstanding Service to the ODCS.

The annual award, established by Nelson Johnson to recognize his parents for their dedication to the ODCS, is presented to a member in good standing with at least 10 or more years of membership in ODCS, who has shown considerable service, leadership, and dedication to ODCS and its goals. Alice's award was for 2022, but its presentation was delayed until our potting activity last week.

The award cited Alice's ODCS membership for 19 years; her steady work at our spring plant potting activities; her assistance as tabulator at our annual show and her transportation of our show supplies to and from the show venue; her services as transporter and cashier at the Green Spring Garden Sales; and her work over several years in auditing our annual financial data to verify the accuracy of income and expenses. The presentation was made by ODCS President Andy Sherman and Past President Camilla Ng.

UPCOMING DATES/ACTIVITIES, 2025

Please remember to save these dates for upcoming ODCS activities:

- May 10, Ayr Hill Plant Sale, setup 7 am, plant sale 8am to 1 pm, Vienna, VA.
- May 16-17, Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale, set up May 16, plant sale 9 am to 3 pm May 17, Alexandria, VA
- 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