

EXHIBITING

Most horticultural shows have classes for Chrysanthemums and/or visit our National & Regional Shows to meet fellow enthusiasts and see flowers at their best.



2026 Show Dates & Venues

National Shows	
5th & 6th Sept	Staffordshire County Showground, Weston, Stafford ST18 0BD
30th & 31st Oct	
In the Midlands	
11th Sept	Wilnecote Parish Hall, Watling Street, Tamworth B77 5AD
1st Nov	
In the North	
18th - 20th Sept	Newby Hall, Ripon HG4 5AE
13th - 15th Nov	Markham Grange, Doncaster DN5 7XB
In the North West	
13th Sept	RHS Bridgewater, Occupation Road, Worsley, Manchester M28 2LJ
8th Nov	
In the South	
20th Sept	Hazlemere Community Centre, Rose Avenue, Hazlemere, High Wycombe, Bucks HP15 7UB
15th Nov	
In Scotland	
8th & 9th Sept	Leven Parish Church Hall KY8 4HA
1st Nov	Grangemouth Community Unit FK3 8JE
In South Wales	
6th Sept	Ynyswen Welfare Hall, Treorchy CF42 6EB
4th Nov	National Botanic Garden, Llanathne SA32 8HN
In the South West	
20th Sept	Marston Magna Village Hall, Yeovil BA22 8BY
15th Nov	

COMMUNITY

As a registered charity, our stated purpose is:

“To enhance the social, physical & mental wellbeing of individuals & communities by promoting the growing and showing of Chrysanthemums.”

Our website offers lots of advice to the beginner and experienced gardener alike.

www.chrysanthemum-ncs.org



2026 Memberships start at just £24!

- 2 full colour publications per year
- Winter Lectures by Zoom
- Access to advice from our experts
- Access to the NCS Video Archive
- Discounted entry to the Harrogate Flower Show at Newby Hall

Contact us or our Regional Groups by email using:

enquiries@chrysanthemum-ncs.org



Chrysanthemums

A FREE INFORMATION GUIDE



GETTING STARTED

Obtaining plants

Gardeners can obtain plants by buying annually from a nursery or supplier, or by raising their own cuttings. After flowering, plants are cut down to around 30cm to produce 'footstools'.

These are carefully trimmed of basal shoots, planted in a tray of compost and kept dry & frost free over the winter. In early Spring, shoots will appear that may be used as softwood cuttings by rooting in trays or pots of compost. Alternatively, these stools may be re-planted in early to mid-May and four of the basal growths grown on to produce flowers.

When well rooted, pot on singly in an 8cm pot or 12 to a standard seed tray. Plants obtained rooted from a nursery are treated similarly. Plants should be watered sparingly. When plants have filled pots or trays, move on to a 12.5cm pot or 6 to a seed tray. In late Spring, plants should be 'stopped' i.e. growing tip removed to encourage a number of side shoots or stems.



Greenhouse Chrysanthemums

Greenhouse chrysanthemums are grown in containers or pots. Plants produced in 12.5cm pots as above, are potted into a circa 22cm pot of John Innes or soilless compost in late May or early June, well supported & stood outside. From then on, plants will benefit from weekly feeding with a balanced liquid feed of normal strength up until buds show colour. Plants, including Fantasies are generally grown as disbuds, the number of stems is 4-5 for decoration, for larger bloom, 3 per plant, single and anemones 7-8 per plant.

Remove side shoots but keep the central bud - from this stage plants should be kept reasonably moist Buds will begin to show colour in late August to early September and should be placed in a greenhouse or conservatory in mid to late September.

IN THE GARDEN

Garden Chrysanthemum Blooms *(below)*

In early/mid-May, plants from trays or pots may be planted in their flowering positions, either in prepared beds, borders or suitable containers. A top dressing of a general fertiliser is usually given 3-4 weeks before planting. After planting about 40cm apart, plants and then flowering stems are tied to a cane or grown through mesh for support. Where large flowers (disbuds) are wanted, side shoots are removed to allow one central bud per stem. For decoration or cutting, allow 4-5 blooms per plant, or 2-3 for exhibition. Water plants as necessary, especially when flowering.



Garden Sprays *(see front cover)*

Early garden sprays produce vivid splashes of colour from pots or in the ground. They naturally produce a bud in the growing tip too, and shoots form to give a number of flowering stems - often as many as ten blooms per stem. All they require is some support & a little attention with a weekly balanced liquid feed and will reward you with a super display. Expect flowers from August to October.

Hardy Chrysanthemums

These may appear in general plant catalogues as Koreans or Rubellums and may be planted into garden beds or borders where they will flower every year. After flowering, they are cut back and treated as herbaceous perennials. They are perfectly hardy & new shoots will appear in the Spring from which they will flower naturally from early September & as with herbaceous perennials, no disbudding or pinching is needed.

PATIO DISPLAYS

Patio or Cushion Mums

We refer to these as Garden Mums, you may also hear them referred to as Yoder Mums or Charms.



They have been produced for containers or the front of borders where they will produce a long period of autumn colour & replace spent summer bedding.

Usually flowering from early August into December. Highly versatile, they are also used in hanging baskets, window boxes and a wide range of containers.

Cuttings may be taken as late as June and grown 3 in a 3ltr pot or 5 in a 5ltr pot. They will naturally produce a dome shaped plant with flowers completely hiding the foliage.

