

## Evergreen Chrysanthemum Association

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### Presidents Message

Thank you to everyone who helped make our **79th Annual Fall show** a success!

Please note, **we will NOT be meeting on Saturday, November 8 at 10 a.m. at Volunteer Park Conservatory.**

Instead, join us for our **ECA Annual Appreciation and Awards Banquet** on **Saturday, November 15, 2025**. See details below.

On the cultural front now is the time we need to focus on preparing our stock for next year's cuttings. Learn more on this topic in the November Cultural notes

### ECA Annual Appreciation and Awards Banquet

**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**4:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Azteca Mexican Restaurant**

153 SW 157th St

Burien, WA 98166

### Banquet Details:

- Dinner for ECA members is **complimentary**.
- Alcoholic beverages are **not covered** by ECA.
- The evening will include dinner and a short program of recognition and appreciation.

### Please bring your late blooms!

It's another wonderful opportunity to share and admire what we've been growing this season.



### Upcoming Events

**Sat, Nov 15th**

**ECA Awards Banquet –**

**4:45 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Azteca Mexican Restaurant**

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**Sat, Dec 13th**

**ECA Monthly Meeting**

Sharon Priebe Wing – VPC

10 am – Noon

**Sat, Dec 13th**

**ECA Board Meeting**

Sharon Priebe Wing – VPC

12:30 pm – 2 pm

**Sat, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Last day to place Peat Tray Orders**

**Sat, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

**King's Order deadline**

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## 2025 Show Recap

Thank you to all who volunteered at our 2025 Annual Fall show. Our show would not be possible without you.

Here are some 2025 show statistics:

**10 ECA participants**

**16 ECA volunteers**

**149 entries**

**209 blooms/plants**

**912 People's Choice participants**

## Chrysanthemum Photos

It's always wonderful to have bloom photos for our **spring plant sale!**

If you have a bloom from a **variety that's new to our club**, please be sure to **take a photo**. These images help showcase the diversity of our collection and make our plant sale displays even more inviting.

## ECA Master Growing List

As you begin planning which cultivars you'd like to grow in **2026**, take a few minutes to make a list of the **mums you've been growing this year**.

This will be the first step in helping us identify which cultivars are currently represented within our club. In **March 2026**, we'll begin collecting members' growing lists to build a more complete picture of our club's collection.

## Peat Tray Orders

The **last day to order peat trays** for plant starts is **Saturday, December 13, 2025**.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please contact **Mark Ross** at **maross75@gmail.com**

## **Evergreen Chrysanthemum Association - Our story**

Our story begins in 1934, when **Jack McGlashan** entered a chrysanthemum display at the Vancouver Horticultural Society's Fall Show. His exhibit won the **Gold Medal** and sparked tremendous interest in cultivating these remarkable blooms.

Following his win, Jack made an offer: if twelve people would each take six chrysanthemum plants (which he would provide) and commit to meeting once a month, he would supply the necessary materials and give monthly growing instruction. To his surprise, **fifty men showed up!**

Month after month, members brought their potted plants to meetings to learn and share progress. When it came time to "take the bud," Jack personally visited each member, offering individualized guidance.

In **October 1935**, the first **Vancouver Chrysanthemum Show** took place — and it was an overwhelming success. The blooms were spectacular, and members took great pride in having grown such large, exhibition-quality chrysanthemums.

The club's success quickly inspired others, leading to the formation of new groups in **Burnaby, West Vancouver, Point Grey**, and even as far south as **Seattle, Washington**.

By the late 1930s, the **Seattle Chrysanthemum Society** was established, following Jack McGlashan's growing methods.

In **1947**, a group of growers unhappy with the governance, branched off from the Seattle Chrysanthemum Society to form the **Evergreen Chrysanthemum Association (ECA)**.

And here we are — **78 years later** — still thriving. Today, ECA stands as one of the **oldest and largest chrysanthemum clubs in the United States**, and among the few remaining in the Pacific Northwest. We are the **only U.S. club that continues to follow the traditional British classification system** for chrysanthemums.

## Kings Chrysanthemum Order

Visit the King's Mums website at <https://kingsmums.com> and start making your wish list now!

ECA will be placing a **group order with King's Mums** shortly after our December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There are several benefits to participating in the group order, including:

- **Quantity price discounts**
- **Priority customer status**
- **Priority delivery**

We will compile all member lists into a single club order for submission to King's Mums. ECA will pay for the group order. You will be responsible to reimburse ECA for your Kings Mums purchase. We expect to receive our group order from Kings in March.

## November Cultural Notes

Now that bloom season is behind us, it's time to focus on preparing our stock for next year's cuttings.

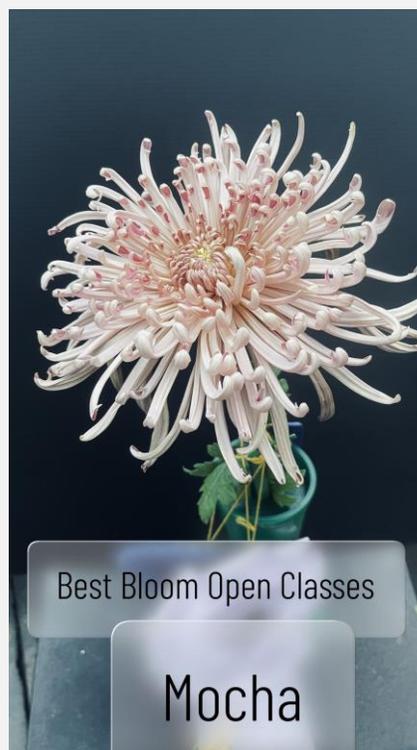
Once your mums have finished flowering, **cut them back** to short stems—about **4 to 6 inches**. Remove all laterals and leaves, then **clean up your pots** and store them in a **cool, dry space** sheltered from wind, rain, and slugs. It's important for the stools to remain relatively dry during this brief dormant period. This chilling phase will help produce **stronger cuttings** for next year's growing cycle.

While mums are hardy, they do need protection from **hard freezes** (below 28°F). Most plants can handle a night or two of freezing temperatures, but three consecutive nights of hard freeze will likely kill all but the hardiest varieties. During severe cold snaps, you can use a **garage, shed, greenhouse, cold frame, or tarp** for temporary protection until the weather improves.

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## ECA 2025 Show

### Pictures



About **three to four weeks before your desired cutting time**, move the stools into a **well-lit, heated area (around 60°F)**. Water and fertilize them with a **high-nitrogen fertilizer** such as Miracle-Gro to stimulate new growth.

### Timing: Fitting It All Together

Let's assume you finish cleaning and storing your plants by **November 20**, and plan to start cuttings around **January 15**. Here's how the schedule might look:

- **Nov 20:** Begin dormant period; apply first fungicide spray
- **Dec 15:** Second fungicide spray
- **Dec 20:** Bring plants indoors, fertilize, and provide heat
- **Jan 10:** Third fungicide spray
- **Jan 20:** Begin taking cuttings

As you can see, it's a tight schedule—but you can fit in all three fungicide treatments.

### Looking Ahead

There's been lively discussion among members about the **best time to start cuttings**, and that conversation will continue. We'll share more on this topic in the **December or January newsletter**.

By **January–February**, your stock should be ready for propagation. Be sure to **select your strongest, healthiest plants** from each variety for cuttings, and **discard any weak or diseased stock**. Strong beginnings make for a successful bloom season ahead!

## ECA 2025 Show pictures

