



Fallbrook Landscape Committee's Fall Mum data sheet

- 1) Plant early to establish vigorous roots.
- 2) Plant in a sunny spot with good drainage.
- 3) In winter, protect with straw, leaves or tree branches.
- 4) Uncover mid-April and cut back.
- 5) Keep trimmed to 8" until July 4th.
- 6) Can be divided every other year

These sun loving plants should bloom until the first hard freeze. Your new mum may be planted directly in the ground and may indeed come back next spring. You can also leave this plant in a pot, but it will likely need almost daily water (*with some miracle grow fertilizer*) and die when it freezes. Drooping foliage is a sure sign of thirst.

The fall chrysanthemum, fall mum, or hardy mum is actually a Chinese chrysanthemum, having been cultivated in China for 2,500 years prior to being introduced to the West. There they symbolized a scholar in retirement. Dew from the petals supposedly gave longevity, with an infusion of the petals and leaves used for wine and medicine.

Zen Buddhist monks took chrysanthemums to Japan around 400 A.D. In 1795 the first mum was exhibited in England. The pompom mum was originally called the chusan daisy. First grown in France, it was renamed the pompom mum because it resembled the pompoms on sailors' hats there.

Nearly 20 people here in the village ordered over 60 of these mums. We will have a colorful autumn here at Fallbrook. Thanks to you !