

# AgBud



A series of horticulture insights

*Did you know?*

Chrysanthemums, also referred to as “mums,” repel insects such as mosquitoes. The oil is extracted from the flowers to be used in some insect repellents.

## Overview

- Chrysanthemums are photoperiodism plants, which means they are day-length sensitive.
- There are thousands of varieties in various color options and flower formations.
- Blooms consist of tiny flowers called florets and can range in a variety of sizes.
- Mums are perennials even though most people treat them as annuals. If planted as perennials make sure they are in full sun.
- They are classified based on their shape and petal arrangement.

## Production

They rank among the top three crops in floriculture, next to roses and carnations.

Chrysanthemums bloom from September to November.

Mums prefer soil that is well-drained and high in organic matter.

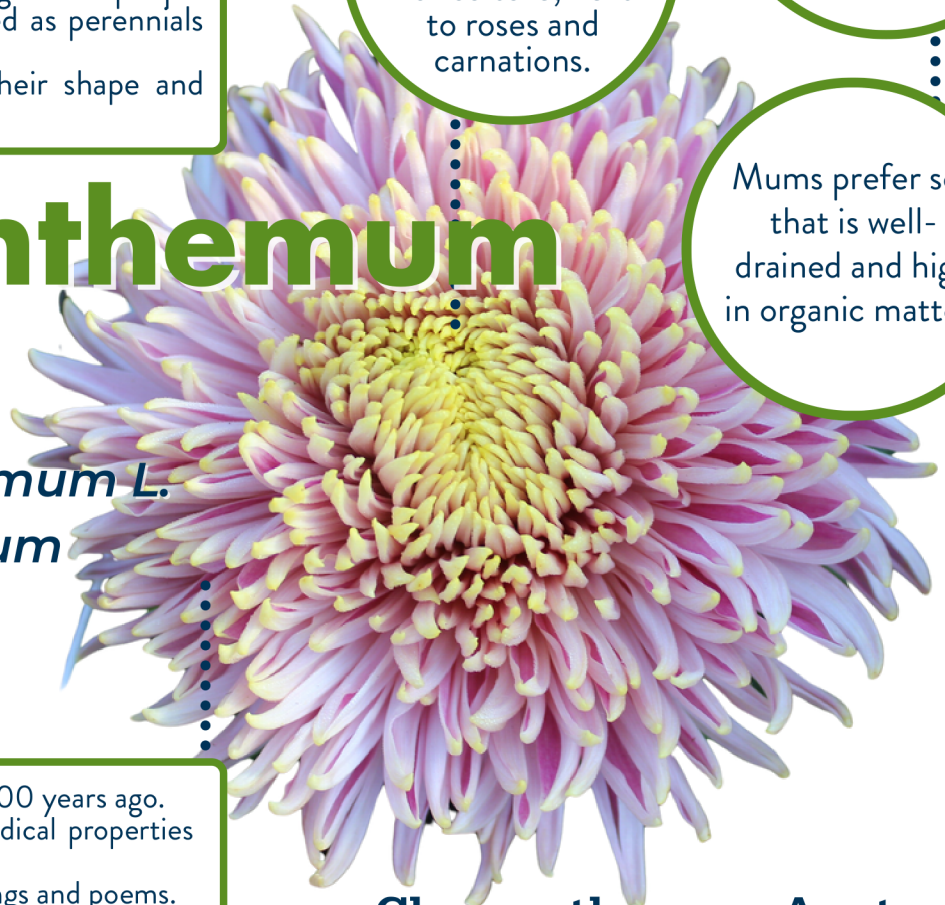
# Chrysanthemum

**Kingdom:** *Plantae*

**Family:** *Asteraceae*

**Genus:** *Chrysanthemum* L.

**Common Name:** Mum

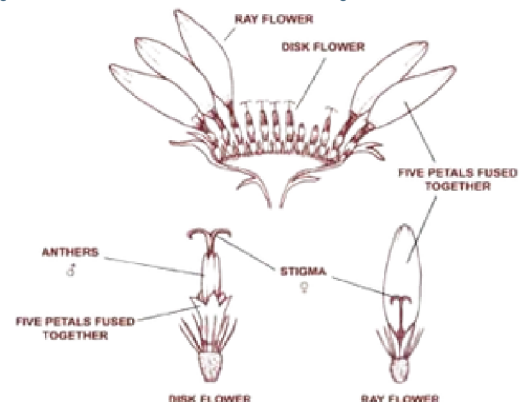


## History

- They originated in China over 3,000 years ago.
- It was believed that they had medical properties as an herb.
- They were used for ancient paintings and poems.
- They are a big symbolic flower in Japan, and they celebrate National Chrysanthemum Day each year.

## Chrysanthemum Anatomy

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