

CENTERPIECE

New Minnesota Mum for 1982



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The University of Minnesota's Department of Horticultural Science and Landscape Architecture introduced the first garden chrysanthemums in 1941. Now, 41 years later, *Centerpiece* is the 62nd introduction in the series. Although these cultivars are bred specifically for the Upper Midwest, some University of Minnesota introductions are found in gardens and nurseries around the world.

Centerpiece (77-94-31) produces a thick canopy of 4-inch, rose-lavender, quilled blooms with gold centers on plants 20 inches wide and 24 - 26 inches high. Relatively long, willowy

stems adorned with clean, rich-green foliage make *Centerpiece* a good cut flower cultivar. The vigorous, uniform plants usually begin blooming in the first week of September and continue until killing frost. Blooms show above average frost resistance. This selection is well-adjusted to pot plant culture and is in bloom for spring and fall sales. Parents are Lindy and Gait.

Spring blooming potted specimens may be cut back to four to six leaves (3 - 4 inches from the ground) and planted in the garden for fall flowering. Blooming plants purchased in pots late in the summer or early fall may be used to decorate patios,

window boxes, etc., and may then be plunged into the ground in pots or planted in a flower bed (pots removed) when summer blooming plants are no longer decorative. Planting young, non-blooming specimens in the flower border in late spring or early summer is also recommended.

Original stock plants were free of chrysanthemum mosaic virus as determined by electron microscopy. Graft tests did not detect any smut symptoms. Disease detection tests were conducted by F.L. Pflieger and R.J. Zeyen of the Department of Plant Pathology.

POPULAR UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CHRYSANTHEMUM VARIETIES

Cultivar*	Flower color	Description	Plant height**	Time of bloom*** (Twin Cities area)
Autumn Fire	Burnt orange	3½" decorative	Tall	Late
Centerpiece	Rose lavender	4" quilled	Tall	Midseason
Cream Top	White, yellow centers	3" decorative, frost resistant	Tall	Midseason
Dr. Longly	Bright rose pink	3" flat, decorative	Medium	Early to midseason
Golden Jubilee	Deep gold	3" decorative	Medium	Early
Golden Star	Rich yellow	3½" single spoon	Medium	Early
Goldstrike	Golden yellow	2" pompon	Medium	Early
Lindy	Lavender pink	4½" quilled incurve	Tall	Midseason
MinnAutumn	Reddish bronze	2½" formal decorative	Low	Midseason
Minnglow	Light lemon yellow	2¼" decorative	Low	Midseason
Minngopher	Crimson red	2¼" decorative	Low	Late
Minnqueen	Bright rose pink	3" decorative	Low-medium	Midseason
Minnpink	Rose pink	1½" flat, decorative	Low	Early
Minnrose	Deep rose pink	1½" pompon	Low	Midseason
Minnruby	Ruby red	2¼" decorative	Low	Midseason
Minnwhite	White	2" decorative	Low	Early
Minnyellow	Rich lemon yellow	2" decorative	Low	Late
Princess	Old rose and gold	2" semi-carnation	Medium	Early
Royal Knight	Maroon-purple, silver underside	3½" reflexed double	Tall	Midseason
Royal Pomp	Bright purple	2" pompon-spicy fragrance	Medium	Midseason
Sunny Glow	Orange gold	2½" decorative	Tall	Early
Superior	Bronze orange	3" decorative	Tall	Midseason
Wayzata	Bright yellow	3" flat, decorative	Tall	Early
Wendy Ann	Fawn yellow	4" semi-spoon	Medium	Early
Yellow Glow	Rich yellow	2 3/4" decorative	Tall	Midseason
Zonta	Apricot bronze	2½" pompon	Medium	Midseason

* Names beginning with Minn indicate cushion habit of growth.

** Low: up to 12 inches; medium: 12-18 inches; tall: over 18 inches. These measurements refer to first-year plants properly spaced and grown in full sun.

***Early: starts blooming before September 1; midseason: September 1-15; late: September 15 on.

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