

# Chrysanthemums in full bloom

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These paintings are a collection of chrysanthemums selected from my art works (Figures 1-4). The chrysanthemum, together with the plum blossom, the orchid and the bamboo, is one of the “Four Gentlemen” of China. It is said that the chrysanthemum has been favored by Tao Qian, an influential Chinese poet who lived in the middle of the Six Dynasties period (c. 220-589 CE). The chrysanthemum has been considered as The Flower of Autumn in China, as well as a symbol of nobility. I favor the flowers beauty and its symbolic meaning.

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Figure 1 The chrysanthemum 1, Xuan paper.



Figure 2 The chrysanthemum 2, Xuan paper.

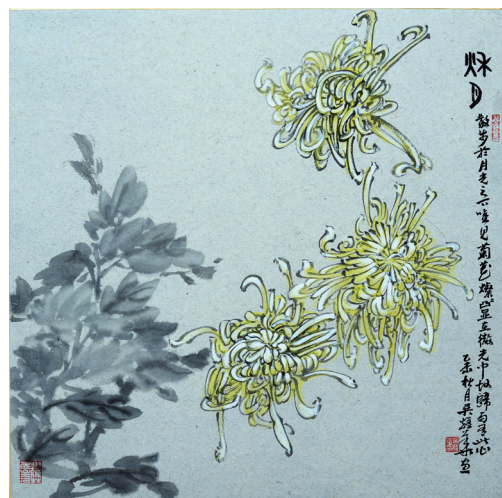


Figure 3 The chrysanthemum 3, Xuan paper.



**Figure 4** The chrysanthemum 4, Xuan paper.

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