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*Gerbera* commemorates a German physician and naturalist, Dr. Traugott Gerber (1710-1743) who established the first botanical garden in Moscow in 1735. From 1735 to 1742 he was not only Director of that botanical garden (initially concentrating on medicinal plants) but also taught medicine at the University, and botany, and from 1739-1741 collected plants on several trips in Russia and in Jutland (Danish peninsular). In 1742 he became a doctor in the Russian Army and died early the following year in Finland.