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*Zinnia* commemorates a German physician, anatomist and botanist, Johann Gottfried Zinn (1727-1759), who was director of the botanic garden from 1753 and professor of medicine from 1755 at Göttingen. He produced the first comprehensive anatomical description of the human eye and two anatomical terms used today for eye structures include his name. He was a member of the Berlin Academy of Science (predecessor of the Royal Prussian Academy of Science which existed into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century). His published works include *Descriptio anatomica oculi humani iconibus illustrata*, and *Descriptio plantarum horti et agri Goettingensis*.