
PCMG - Weekly Digest

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Dear Master Gardener,

Welcome to the latest issue of the Pulaski County Master Gardener Weekly Digest!
Read on to see how the week played out and to find out what's coming up.

What a joy to see some rain this morning on the way into the office. My backyard and gardens will love it and it will help clear the pollen and dust out of the air. Aaaahhh, to breath clearly... Derek is out of the office today through next Wednesday. With Derek being out, it's always nice to know that the Horticulture Hotline is open for MG's to volunteer and field the questions that would normally go to Derek. Please check in with the office to volunteer for your three-hour shift. Our T-Shirt meeting is only two Tuesdays away! Derek's Hydroponics Workshop is approaching fast, check out the new way to register/pay below. The State Master Gardener Convention is happening right now, and the County 76 Auction ends today. Are you seeing problems with your tomatoes already? Check out the latest Plant Health Clinic Disease Note, Issue 16. And there is still plenty of other research and education going on in Extension. *Remember to click the icons below to find out more on those subjects.*

Monthly Meeting



We are two Tuesdays away from the next monthly meeting. This one is going to be a short program so that you all can gather in the "fun room" for refreshments, Service Awards, and dues-t-shirts. Remember monthly meetings are always the third Tuesday of the month, except July, August & December (no meetings those months). The next PCMG Membership Meeting will be Tuesday, June 20th, 11:30am-1pm at St. James United Methodist Church, [321 Pleasant Valley Drive, LR](#). (no link associated with icon).



May's General Membership meeting is available for your viewing pleasure, just click the logo. Record those hours...two for each monthly meeting! Be honest with yourself and watch it all the way through. Wish I could attend in person, but video is the next best thing. 😊

Seminars & Education



Are you interested in growing blackberries? Join the Field Tour in Clarksville next Tuesday, June 13th to see and taste the latest varieties, learn about pests and how to manage them and much more. The berries will take you to the page with all the info.



*****ATTENTION: YOU CAN NOW REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE FOR THE HYDROPONICS WORKSHOP!***** Our own Derek Reed will be conducting a hydroponics seminar with Rob Galloway from The Nurserie ([7901 Stagecoach Rd, LR](#)) on July 13th at the State Extension Office. Registration of \$15.00 is required. Rob has been featured on Arkansas PBS's "Good Roots" program. Check out Rob's interview [HERE](#). Register early by clicking the flyer as this Workshop will soon be released to other county MG's programs and the public. Limited seating available. After registering, be sure to print the flyer for that refrigerator-reminder. You can also contact the County office at 501-340-6650 to register.



Here's something different...research results on vegetable, fruit and turfgrass field trials will be presented June 28 during the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture's 2023 Horticulture Field Day at the Southwest Research and Extension Center in Hope. Find out more by clicking the field day photo.



Grow Your Own Groceries is all about cucumbers this month. Join Krista Quinn June 15th to learn more. Click the cucumber pic to go to the GYOG page and register.

The Magnolia Chronicle



The June Magnolia Chronicle has been released. Click the logo to read your President's Message, what you should be doing in the garden this month, the plant of the month and more buzz about bees. The Mount Holly Garden Series schedule is also listed in the Chronicle.

Here Comes the Sun!



Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer and effects approximately 5 million people in the U.S. each year (taken from the article in the link). Sun Safety should be close to the top of the list for gardeners. Click the gardener picture to read more about UV rays, sunscreen (SPF) and remember to keep your gardening hat close by if not on.

Plant Disease Notes



Those of you with your veggie gardens producing may be experiencing issues with your tomatoes already. Take a look at the latest Plant Disease issue (#16) on Tomato Bacterial Speck. You can also search past postings if you have other ailing plants. The Facebook link on our website will take you to the most recent posting from the lab.

Spotlight



And now for something completely different! You have seen some of Gerald Klingaman's writings before in the Magnolia Chronicle. Gerald is retired from Extension but still writes his amusing Musings on Nature. Today you can learn

about Sand Casting with natural items. I really enjoy his writing style...funny and informative.

Remember all of these tours, seminars, and articles count toward your Education Hours...be sure to track your time.

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Calendar Photos

The State Office is looking for more photos for next year's Master Gardener calendar. Dig through your photos to find your best Fall pics and submit them by June 22nd. Click the "mums" to go to the PCMG website with the photo formatting information.

State Horticulture Office



The latest from our State Horticulture Educator, Randy Forst, plus lots of other cool links to the UAEX website. Click the link, then look down the right side of the page for Janet Carson's blog, the PCMG Facebook page, local nursery links and much more.

State Convention Auction



The State Master Gardener Convention is in full swing right now. If you weren't able to attend, there is still the opportunity to participate with the County 76 virtual auction. Keep in mind that it ends at 1pm today. Proceeds will go to the Janet B. Carson Scholarship fund. If you win the bid on an item, it will be available for pick up in Russellville at the Conference. If not attending the conference, you will be contacted this month for pick-up arrangements. Click the icon to go to the auction page. For more information, contact County 76 Fundraising Chair Patsy Louk at 479-841-9865 or pjlouk@gmail.com

Please be sure to enter your time online for any Education Hours such as reading this email, going to a seminar or attending the Monthly Membership Meeting by

clicking this link <https://arkmg.uada.edu/accounts/login/?next=/home/>. If you need help logging in, give me a call or check out the [instructions](#) on our website.

All of these things and more can be found on your PCMG Directory website or a link on the Directory website will take you to the proper page. Please explore and know that the following items will be available all the time on our website thanks to Paul Nolte.

About the PCMG Directory website (armgs.org) Home Page

The Home Page consists of a List of Posts that have been made to the website.

- The first post in the list will always be the most current Magnolia Chronicle newsletter.
- After the Magnolia Chronicle will be a list of all other posts in reverse chronological order.
- Scroll down through the list and Click on any item you wish to see.

Other Links:

- To see a list of **All Weekly Digests**: [Click Here](#)
- To see a list of **2023 Magnolia Chronicles**: [Click Here](#)
- To see a list of **All Announcements**: [Click Here](#)
- To see a list of All **Projects that have submitted Workday Photos**: [Click Here](#)

Take care and happy growing!

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