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**PCMG - Weekly Digest**

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Dear Master Gardener,

Welcome to the latest issue of the Pulaski County Master Gardener Weekly Digest!

Whew, it's hot out there!! I hope you are all taking care to stay hydrated and limit your exposure to the heat, humidity, and sun. Below you will find more information on how to deal with the heat, a link to the June Meeting recording, a follow through on Derek's volunteer request for LR Parks, and reminders for upcoming seminars such as the Hydroponics Workshop and Growing Your Own Groceries. There's also a new Plant Disease notes issue for your fruit trees, a Holiday closing and much more. *Remember to click the icons below to find out more on those subjects (not all icons are active, those will be noted).*

### **Office Closing**



The Extension Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day. If you plan on celebrating with fireworks, please be sure to follow the local laws and keep safety as your main priority. Keeping a bucket of water, a water hose, and/or fire extinguisher handy is always a good idea. Happy Independence Day and we will be back in the office on Wednesday. (no link associated with icon).

### **Monthly Meeting Recording**



June's General Membership meeting is available for your viewing pleasure, just click the icon of Carol Mendel, watch, and record those hours...two for

each monthly meeting! The topic this month was about another great Extension program that benefits your fellow Pulaski County residents. As always, I wish I could attend in person, but video is the next best thing.

## **A Chance to Volunteer**



Would you like to help Little Rock Parks identify invasive plant species all while earning Community Outreach Work Hours? The group will meet at 9am July 15<sup>th</sup> at Boyle Park Pavilion #3. Because of the great response from PCMG's already, we will be represented on the t-shirt which will be available for purchase at the event. T-shirts will be \$10 each. Also, lunch will be provided as a thank you for your efforts. Please reply to [dreed@uada.edu](mailto:dreed@uada.edu) and/or [ccoley@uada.edu](mailto:ccoley@uada.edu) to participate. (no link associated with icon).

## **Seminars & Education**



**\*\*\* THIS WORKSHOP IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Please feel free to share the registration link with your interested friends and colleagues.**

**\*\*\*** In two weeks (Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>), Derek Reed, Pulaski County Extension Horticulture Agent, will be conducting a hydroponics seminar at the State Extension Office ([2301 S. University Ave, LR](#)) with Rob Galloway from The Nurserie ([7901 Stagecoach Rd, LR](#)). A registration fee of \$15.00 is required and seating is limited. You can also contact the County office at 501-340-6650 to register. The office will take cash or check only, and the online link will accept credit/bank cards. [Register now!](#)



Have you ever thought about growing celery in your home garden? I've tried with unsuccessful results, so I will be tuning in to the next Grow Your Own Groceries. You too can learn how to grow celery too with Faulkner County's Krista Quinn. Click the logo to register for the July 11th online class.

## **More Dates**

- July 17<sup>th</sup> - Master Gardener Monday on Zoom at 12 p.m. Register at this [link](#).
- July 25<sup>th</sup> - County 76 Quarterly Membership Meeting.
- August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - PNG Leadership Conference (Plant Nurture Grow). Embassy Suites, Hot Springs, AR. Open to all Master Gardeners and County Extension Agents.
- If you have dates that you would like included in the Master Gardener Calendar for 2024, such as plant sales, seminars, etc., please contact Julie Treat at the State Office ([jtreat@uada.edu](mailto:jtreat@uada.edu)) by August 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Results**



Pests, Weeds, and variety trials were the focus of the 2023 Horticulture Field Day which was a great success at the Southwest Research and Extension Center in Hope. Follow the story by clicking the photo and read all about it.

## **Plant Disease Notes**



If you have peach, nectarine and/or plum trees, you may be experiencing Brown Rot. Take a look at the latest Plant Health Clinic's Disease Note, issue #19 to learn more. You can also search past postings if you have other ailing plants. Their Facebook link on our website will take you to the most recent posting from the lab.

## **For Your Health**



Sun Safety is a very real thing, especially right now with the high temperatures we've been having. Please click the logo to go to a UADA YouTube public service video about sun exposure and its effects. Then [click this link](#) to go to a story on the CES page with more information on exposure, protection and skin cancer. Please protect yourselves while working on your MG project and at home.



Along with sun exposure and high heat/humidity comes Heat Exhaustion. Learn the warning signs and how to treat it by clicking on the icon. Again, remember to stay hydrated and take breaks often when working outside and on your MG project.



I don't know about you, but I am a mosquito/bug magnet. Just recently, the Center for Disease Control reported about five malaria cases found in the United States. Learn more about what entomologists are saying and how to protect yourself on your MG project by clicking that buggy icon.

## **State Horticulture**



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

***Remember these tours, seminars, and articles (even reading this email) count toward your Education Hours and volunteering for an outside project counts towards your Community Outreach hours...be sure to track your time.***

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 (two education hours) 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](http://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](#)

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Take care and happy growing!

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