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PCMG Weekly Digest

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Dear Master Gardener,

After complaining about how dry it's been at our Master Gardener meeting this week, I was pleasantly awakened by the sound of a storm rolling in around 4 this morning. I then spent the next hour or so listening to the gentle rain and the soft rumble of thunder. Merlin (my dog) was less enthusiastic and chose to spend the hour panting and shaking hoping for it to stop. I don't think we received much but it was still a pleasant break from the dry spell we have been under.

For anyone who was unable to make it to the meeting on Tuesday you missed an awesome presentation over the effects of light pollution and how to reduce it by Mr. McMath. There are many ways to reduce light pollution other than reducing the number of lights that I hadn't considered. Since the streetlight lights up my entire room at night, I am hopeful that Pulaski County will move forward with some of his recommendations. If you want to become more involved with the Arkansas natural sky initiative Mr. McMath has been kind enough to supply us with several links to get involved.

<https://darkskyarkansas.org/>

<https://idsw.darksky.org/activities/dark-sky-friendly-home/>

<https://www.facebook.com/darkskyarkansas.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ARK.IDA>

Also, if you or anyone you know is interested, the **Magnolia Chronicle** is looking for a new Editor and Co-Editor. We will be doing a bit of a revamp of our current chronicle and whomever takes over will have some advisors and templates to help. You will not be doing the writing by yourself as we will have several people assisting with it. If you are interested in volunteering, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to reach out to Carol Mende, Melody Parsley, or myself for more information.

I do want to give huge shout out to Luara Ann Warren for taking over the chronical when we needed someone! She has done an awesome job and we appreciate her service.

After a blistering Summer, we have finally made it. Tomorrow is the first day of Fall! I for one will be taking advantage of the cool mornings we have been seeing to take care of some much-needed lawn work. If you have any questions, concerns, or announcements don't hesitate to reach out to me. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Happy Gardening,

Derek

More information and events are below. Hope you all have a great week out there! *Remember to click the icons below to find out more on those subjects (not all icons may be active, those will be noted).*

The Chronicle



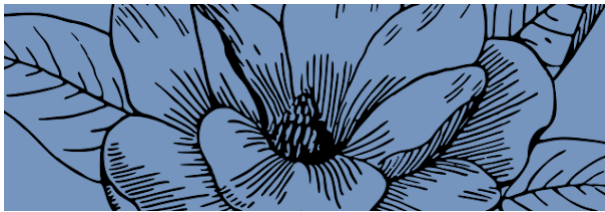
The latest issue of the Magnolia Chronicle has been posted to the Directory website (armgs.org). Follow the link in the logo to find out what's going on in the garden this month, what plant has been spotlighted, learn more about the Pollinator Stewardship Program and read a book review on Sam Thayer's Field Guide to Edible Wild Plants of Eastern & Central North America. Thank you, Laura Anne Warren, for another great issue!

Seminars & Education



Happy Birthday Master Gardeners! Be sure to save the date! Friday

October 13th, 9 am -5 pm @ St. James UMC. Registration will open sometime next week. The event is 35 dollars and includes lunch. Master gardeners and Agents only. Speakers is Joe Lamp'l from Grow a Greener World. Janet Carson will MC the Lunch. There are two sessions a morning and an afternoon session. **Only Register for One Session**, both sessions are the same. Click the image to register. **Spots are limited so register soon!**



Nursery and Landscape Symposium will be held

September 28th from 8:30 - 2:00 at the State Extension office. Come join us for an opportunity to engage with horticulture experts from Land Grant Universities on ongoing plant research and variety trials both regionally and nationally! **TODAY is the last day to register!** Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Click in the icon to register.



Registration for the **Lavish Herbal Feast**, October 5 and the Herb Harvest Fall Festival, October 6 & 7 is now open. This year completes the Heritage Herb Garden's fall tradition of interpreting plants and cultures of the world. We are traveling, through our senses and imagination, to the Land Down Under!



River Valley's Fall Festival is returning this year for the first time since Covid! Join River Valley **Saturday Oct. 21st** for their fall festival. There will be a sale on all plant products including, native plant plugs, container plants and more. They asked if we would be interested in hosting a booth for their festival so we will join them, and other environmental groups represented at the festival. If you wish to volunteer for the festival, please contact me. I will send out more information on the festival early next week. No link associated with the icon.

Plant Disease Notes



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Downy mildew is something we have all dealt with at some point in our gardening career. It typically appears as yellow angular lesions that appear in between veins of the leaf. This often results in effected plants dropping their leaves early. In grapes, downy mildew can result in reduced sugar content. If downy mildew moves to the fruit itself the fruits will not ripen and will eventually drop from the vine.

A Chance to Volunteer

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Would you like to help Little Rock Parks identify invasive plant species all while earning Community Outreach Work Hours? Pushy Plants is going to start meeting up on Friday mornings at various parks to continue mapping. All times are at 9 am except for National Public Lands Day which is at 8:30 am. If it is raining, the event will be cancelled. Be sure to bring water and be sure to sign in when you arrive.

Meet in upper parking lot September 23 – National Public Lands Day – Kiwanis Park – 8:30 am

Spotlight - Picture This!



What's your MG Project up to these days? Send in pictures from your workdays and have them posted on our Directory website for everyone to see what's going on in your MG world. Did you know we even have a Facebook/photography committee? Until you get your pictures sent in, click the icon to see what everyone else is up to and here's the [FB link](#).

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 toward 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) 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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