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PCMG Weekly Digest

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To: Tina Coley <ccoley@uada.edu>

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Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you are all doing well and surviving this second heat wave as we go into October. We have several new events and announcements coming up so be sure to read this week's digest thoroughly.

To start I want to give a huge shoutout to Tina Coley! Today is her last day working at Pulaski county extension 😞. Tina is master gardener, so although she will no longer be working as the master gardener extension secretary she will still be around. If anything, we will now see her at more Master Gardener events. As many of you know I started here in February, and we didn't have a staff chair to teach me the ropes of the job. Tina went above and beyond to help me feel welcomed and included in our extension family, and I will miss having her here in the office. If you see her at any of the upcoming events, please take the time to thank her for all she has done for us.

We will have a replacement soon but are waiting until the paperwork is final before I make the official announcement. We have several new events coming up so please read the rest of this week's digest.

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.

The Little Rock greenhouse will be open on Saturday September 30th 9am-11am and October 7th 9am-11am to accepted donations of pots. Please do not throw pots

over the fence as they get infested with ants and beetles making it difficult to sort them out. Also, unfortunately we cannot reuse 6packs but otherwise we reuse or share with other projects what we can. Thanks for your donations.

I am not sure but, I think my weekly digest are getting longer each week. If you have any questions, concerns, or announcements for next weeks digest please reach out to me. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Happy October,
Derek Reed

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).

Workday!



We will be having a workday at St. James Church on Tuesday, October 10th at 9 am. At our last workday we had LOTS of volunteers. Hoping there will be many that would like to participate in the workday at the church where we have our PCMG monthly meetings. The project counts as "project hours". It is also one way we can give back to St. James for allowing us the nice meeting place each month. Bring your gardening tools and join in the FUN!

We will weed, plant and maybe trim hedges. There are several areas that need some maintenance. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information about the workday please send Susan Rose an email: daffodilsrose555@gmail.com or call 501-416-6390.

Fall Celebration Social



The Social committee has done it again! Another awesome event is planned for us to get together and check out another local business. Let's meet at The Winery at 2:00 for a wine tasting and cheese boards for sampling. We will then walk/drive to the pumpkin patch for hayrides, sunflower maze, pumpkin patch and more.

Where: BoBrooks Farms 13810 Combee Road Roland, AR

When: October 19th, 2:00-4:00

The cost is \$15.00. You can bring your payment at the next meeting and give to Sharon Priest. If you prefer to mail your check, please send to:

Sharon Priest

10000 Ravenwood Circle

Mabelvale, AR 72103

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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!

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Seminars & Education

Winterize Your Lawn & Garden

We have an upcoming continuing education opportunity, November 9th! If you are interested in learning how to winterize your lawn and how to prune your garden before winter, then this is the perfect class for you. We have three awesome speakers:

Randy Forst – Ornamental Pruning

Krista Quinn – Tree Pruning

Dr. Hanna Wright Smith – Weed ID and Control

From the speakers alone you know this will be an awesome chance to learn more about winterization. Click on the flyer to register.



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!**

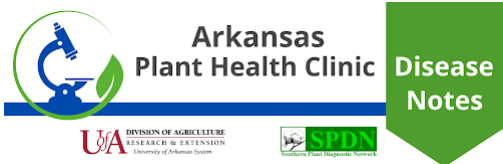


Registration for the **Lavish Herbal Feast**, October 5 and the Herb Harvest Fall Festival, October 6 & 7 is now open. This year completes the Heritage Herb Garden's fall tradition of interpreting plants and cultures of the world. We are traveling, through our senses and imagination, to the Land Down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



Its October (nearly) so that means pumpkins are everywhere. Pumpkin bacterial spot can contribute up to 50% yield loss in pumpkin patches if not caught early enough. Symptoms appears as dark angular lesions on the leaves but cause the most damage on the pumpkins themselves forming dark sunken circular spots across the fruit.

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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