

PCMG Weekly Digest

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Dear Master Gardener.

Is it finally Fall? It certainly feels that way today! It is shaping up to be a lovely weekend. My parents are visiting from Texas this weekend to go hiking and see some of the site and I am so thankful that the weather will be cooler.

As many of you know Tina's last day was last week, but before she left, she took the time to help train our new Master Gardener administrative specialist Brenna Hyatt. If you have been to our office for plant or soil samples, you have likely met Brenna as she was previously working the front desk. She has jumped into her new role feet first and is doing an amazing job. If you are in the area, feel free to stop by to wish her luck and get to know her!

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.

If you have any questions, concerns or upcoming events please reach out to me. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Happy Gardening, Derek Reed

We are working on our email list. If you are receiving this email and are no longer interested in getting emails for Pulaski Master Gardeners, please email me back to be removed from the list. Additionally, if your email has changed, please email me and I will update it. I don't believe I have all the emails either so if you talk with your fellow master gardeners and find out they are not receiving the PCMG weekly digest or any emails for that matter have them contact me so we can update their contact information.

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.



There will be a rain garden maintenance and plant harvest event taking place Wednesday, October 11th at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Headquarters located at 2301 S. University Ave. in Little Rock. From 9 a.m. until Noon. Come on out if you are available and don't have anything else going on! In addition to performing a valuable and much appreciated volunteer service, you will also be able to harvest some of the excess plants for your conservation projects, or for use in other conservation projects throughout the state.

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

The Chronicle



Thank you, Laura Anne Warren, for another great issue!

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Seminars & Education



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. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY 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.

If you're interested in bees and all things honey come check out the 7th Annual Arkansas Honey Festival! This Saturday at Bemis Honeybee Farm from 9AM-4PM.

Plant Disease Notes

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Pecan harvesting is happening now. If you have noticed your pecans are dropping prematurely or worse your pecans were mined out, then you might have hickory shuck worm. These little boogers cause significant yield loss in pecan crops. The adults are a nocturnal smokey black moth that lays their eggs on developing pecans where they hatch and feed on the pecan.

A Chance to Volunteer

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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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