

#### **PCMG Weekly Digest**

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Dear Master Gardener.

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. I know I have been enjoying this great weather. Last week was a busy one that's for sure! We had our first class for our Fall 2023 Master Gardener training and the Master Gardener 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday! We have an excellent class full of questions and eager to learn. If you ordered a T-shirt for the Birthday and did not pick it up, we have them here in the office on Roosevelt so please come pick it up.

This week we had our master gardener meeting and we had Dr. Anthony Bowden speak with us. His presentation is available on our website if you are interested in seeing the complete presentation. This week if any of you attended the Grow Your Own Groceries for October you would have seen me giving a presentation on zoom yesterday. It was my first large zoom presentation, so I was more than a little anxious when Krista Quinn told me over 500 people had signed up! So thank you if you were able to attend my presentation.

Events and education opportunities are starting to slow down. This Saturday River Valley nursery is hosting a fall festival. If you would like to volunteer to work the booth, feel free to reach out to me. If you would like to check it out the festival they will have booths, food trucks, native plugs, and a sale on pottery. We have a continuing education class on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at the state office please see details below on how to register.

We have been working on our email list, if you know of anyone who should be getting these emails and is not, please let me know so I can make sure we have the most up to date information.

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

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**



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.

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#### **Plant Disease Notes**

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Are you planting Pansies and have noticed that some of them are stunted in growth, wilting, or generally yellowing? Then it may have this week's disease Black Root Rot. This soil-borne pathogen is a fungus that can reside in the soil for years due to its thick cells. If you suspect your pansy of having black root rot examine the roots if they have small black specs along the root, then it is likely infected. In some cases, the entire root can turn black. Be sure to inspect new pansies for black root rot and select healthy specimen. If you are recycling pots form any plant be sure they have been cleaned and sanitized properly.

## 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 <a href="https://arkmg.uada.edu/accounts/login/?">https://arkmg.uada.edu/accounts/login/?</a> 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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