

PCMG Weekly Digest 1 message

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Dear Master Gardener,

Could it be?!? RAIN is in the forecast! Fingers crossed! Hopefully, I didn't just jinx it, but it certainly looks like rain is on the way this weekend. I for one and certainly looking forward to a rainy chilly weekend. I have been working the past few weekends and I am looking forward to the chance to do nothing but read my book this weekend.

Last weekend was the River Valley Nursery Fall festival. A huge shout out Katie Mann and the River Market project for coming out and representing PCMG out there. If you have not checked out the River Market project, you should definitely go for a visit next spring when they start up again. They have some awesome information and fun projects for kids to get involved in. I really appreciate them coming out on their down time to set up their booth for the festival. We had a great time and met a lot of awesome people.

Our second day of new Master Gardener training was this Wednesday and I have to say its going great! Our training committee is busting their behinds to make sure everything goes smoothly. They have been showing up at 7 am to ensure we have hot coffee for out early risers. They then stick around ALL DAY until we wrap up at 4:30. It's a lot of work and I appreciate their time and dedication to the training of our newbies. We have an excellent crew and even though it's a lot of work I really look forward to trainings each week.

I hope you are all doing well and are enjoying my weekly emails (despite the excessive use of exclamation marks). As always if you have any questions, concerns or upcoming events please reach out to me. I hope you all have a lovely weekend with a cozy blanket and a good book.

Happy Reading, Derek Reed

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

Parties!

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION- Our new member reception will be held in Jones Hall immediately following the November 14th, PCMG general meeting at St. James. Lunch will be provided. We have an excellent group of new members this year and you will definitely want to meet them!

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON- Join us for our PCMG Holiday Luncheon, December 5th at the Chenal Country Club. Admission is \$25 and can be mailed to our extension office 2901 W Roosevelt Rd, Little Rock, AR 72204. Payment deadline is November 30th. Due to capacity, we are having to limit admission to 125 for register as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you!

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!



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**.



The Little Rock Garden Club is hosting a community gardening lecture Saturday, February 24th, 2024, with guest speakers Janet Carson and Jason Reeves! They will be offering Gardening Tips and Inspirations. For more information and how to register click the icon above.

Plant Disease Notes



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.

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.

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

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.

<u>About the PCMG Directory website</u> (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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