

PCMG Weekly Digest

Dear Master Gardener,

Plant Sale! Well the house plant sale at least was today and if you missed it you will have a second chance Sunday from 1-3! They need to clear those shelves to make room for the April sale so go out and support our fellow master gardeners.

Busy week again here. With it being so warm we are powering in straight to spring. I was reading an article this morning that stated Arkansas plants are 20 days ahead of schedule and I believe it with how warm its been.

This Saturday from 9-4 the North Little Rock Library system is hosting a Gardening Field day. Our Master Gardeners from St. Josephs and the Old Mill will be out there representing us. There will also be seeds and plants to swap and a bunch of guest speakers. If you are free on Saturday and have the time be sure to stop by.

Expect the weekly digest to evolve and change over the next few months as I play with the various settings to find a style that works best for us.

Thank you for joining constant contact. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy Gardening,
Derek Reed



Magnolia Chronicle has a new look and a new location on the armgs.org website! New issues and archive issues can now be accessed from the main menu bar.

In this issue of Magnolia Chronicle:

- President's Message
- A Guide to Spring Garden Tours in the South
- Urbana Farmstead: A Journey from Heritage Roots to Urban Farming in Arkansas
- Gardening is Good Therapy for All
- Kathy Ratcliffe: A Garden Legacy
- A Day in the Garden at Historic Arkansas Museum

Magnolia Chronicle



Time to pay dues!
ON-TIME DUES AMOUNT:
 \$20 (Jan. 1st - April 30th)
PAST-APRIL DUES AMOUNT:
 \$30 (After April 30th)
ONLINE PAYMENTS!!!!

Click Here to Pay Dues Online!!!!



High Tunnel Workshop

A whole day focused on high tunnel production!

March 21st
 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Southwest Research and Extension Center
 362 Highway 174 North, Hope AR. 71801

\$15 per person

Lunch will be provided

Preregistration is required
 Registration closes on March 16th

Register Here



PCMG Little rock greenhouse is doing a house plant sale next week! If you are wanting to pick up some new house plants for your home or office now is your chance to get a quality plant at a fair price all while supporting our program. Cash, Check, and Card are all accepted!

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

HOUSE PLANT SALE



Available plants include Aloe, Dwarf Umbrella Tree, Dumbcane, Chinese Evergreen, Spider Plant, Begonias, Purple Heart, Peperomia, Peace Lily, Silver Vase Plant, Night-Blooming Ceres, Parlor Maple, Pothos, and Swedish Ivy.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH 9-11AM
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH 1-3PM

PCMG GREENHOUSE • 7TH & PALM STREETS
[BEHIND STATE HOSPITAL ON MARKHAM] • LITTLE ROCK

Arkansas ReLeaf Free Tree Giveaway

Friday, March 15
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(or until all trees are distributed)

Burns Park Hospitality House
402 W. Military Drive
North Little Rock
(Rain or shine!)

Central Arkansas's urban forest sustained significant losses in last March's tornado. This March, help restore our local tree canopy by visiting the Arkansas ReLeaf Tree Giveaway and selecting:

1 potted tree and up to 5 bare root seedling trees (per person while supplies last)

Arkansas ReLeaf is a project jointly funded by the Arkansas Urban Forestry Council and the Urban & Community Forestry program of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division utilizing funding from the USDA Forest Service to provide trees to residents in communities suffering tree canopy losses due to storms or other natural disasters.



The AR Urban Forestry Council is doing a tree giveaway next Friday, March 15, in NLR to help replace trees that were lost in last year's tornado.

[More information](#)

2024 Backyard Garden Workshop Series - Save the Dates

Presented by the Pulaski Conservation District in Partnership with UA Little Rock



April 13, 9:00 am to Noon: Getting the Most Out of Your Garden Space

Learn how to maximize the yield from your backyard garden with three different presentations covering tips for container gardens, the benefits of companion plantings, and how to facilitate adequate pollination.

Location: Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library, Little Rock



May 18, 9am to 10:30 am: Managing Backyard Chickens

Learn the basics of managing chickens in an urban environment including incubating eggs, hatching and raising chicks, feeding and watering, collecting eggs, selling eggs, trading chickens, butchering birds, daily care, and legal requirements. The class will be on-site at an urban chicken yard.

Location: 810 Water Street, North Little Rock, 72117



June 22: 9 am to Noon: Integrated Pest Management

Learn the best techniques for identifying and controlling pests before they get control of your garden.

Location: UA Little Rock Student Center followed by a tour of the Campus Garden

Registration Information Will Soon be Uploaded to the UA Little Rock Office of Extended Education website

For additional information contact the Pulaski Conservation District at (501) 758-2544 ext 3.



Pruning Demonstration Workshop

Wednesday, March 6 | 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Fruit Research Station, 1749 State Hwy 818, Clarksville

This hands-on workshop is for fruit and pecan growers who want to sharpen their pruning skills for better plant growth and yields. The professionals at the Fruit Research Station will prepare you to prune blueberries, blackberries, muscadines, peaches and pecans.

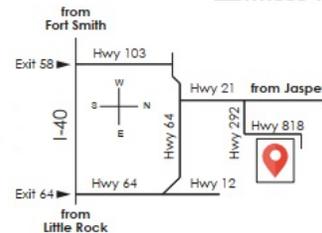
For more info contact at mcrawford@uada.edu or (479)754-2406.

\$20

Payment and pre-registration required
aaes.uada.edu/fruit-pruning-2024
Deadline to register is Friday, Mar 1



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A Fruit Pruning workshop will be held Wednesday, March 6th from 12:30 - 4:30 at the Clarksville fruit research station. Learn how to prune Blackberries, Blueberries, Muscadines, Peaches, and More. \$20 dollar to register.

Click Here to Register