



PCMG Weekly Digest

Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you have all had another excellent week. We had our first PEST committee visit this week at Pinnacle Mountain project. It was a great visit and it was great to see all aspects of the project before things really ramp up in the spring. If you haven't been to the pinnacle mountain project you are missing out and should check it out.

Meeting next week! That's right our March meeting is already here. Next week at St. James starting at 11:30 Am. Our guest speaker is Dr. Jon Zawislak or Dr. Z as many of us call him. Dr. Z is probably one of the best speakers out there and if you have not attended one of his presentations in the past it is definitely something you wont want to miss.

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

Visit our Website

Kathy Ratcliffe

It has been brought to my attention that a portion of the article on Kathy was missing from our online master gardener article. As many of you know we lost Kathy last September and to honor her the Demo Garden was able to change their name to the **Kathy Ratcliffe Garden at the Vines**.

A fund has been set up in the name of the garden both through the Pulaski County Extension account and the Arkansas 4-H Foundation. All funds raised in either account will be earmarked for use in the gardens. The

committee hopes to be able to fund several memorial benches placed strategically in the garden.

If you would like to donate to the gardens in Kathy's honor, you have two options. You can send checks payable to Pulaski County Extension, to the Pulaski County Extension office at 2909 West Roosevelt Road, LR, AR 72204, or to the Arkansas 4-H Foundation, 1 4-H Way, LR, AR 72223. Be sure to designate they are for the Kathy Ratcliffe garden. If you want to donate online to the 4-H Foundation here is a link: <https://uada.formstack.com/forms/donate4h> Again, remember to designate the Kathy Ratcliffe garden online. Both options are tax deductible.



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](#)

Volunteers Needed!

UAMS is having an earth day celebration April 19th from 9AM to 2PM. They are wanting volunteers to help with their flower and seed table. And would love for us to bring plants or seeds to sell or give away. If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping out please reach out to me and I will get you on the list. Volunteers can park on Deck 2 and parking will be validated.



Pulaski County Master Gardeners

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 8-11AM
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 8-11AM

PLANT VARIETIES:

- Annuals (Sun & Shade)
- Perennials (Sun & Shade)
- Arkansas Natives
- Vegetables & Herbs
- Houseplants
- Grasses



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7TH & PALM STREETS
LITTLE ROCK, AR

BEHIND STATE HOSPITAL
ON MARKHAM

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PCMG Little rock greenhouse Plant Sale is coming up in one month! be sure to mark you calendars so you can get some wonderful plants at a great price!

April 19th 8-11 AM

April 20th 8-11 AM

LR Greenhouse is located at the corner of 7th and Palm behind the state hospital.

Be sure to come out and support out master gardeners!



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 from canopy losses due to storms or other natural disasters.



The AR Urban Forestry Council is doing a tree giveaway tomorrow 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.