

PCMG Weekly Digest

Dear Master Gardener,

Easter weekend is here? Are you doing anything special this weekend? I plan on going camping to get out and enjoy the wonderful weather we are having!

We have nearly made it to April. For those of us who have been sitting on our hands waiting to plant we have finally made it. Next week I'm going to start planting some of my beds and really enjoy spring.

Please check out all of the announcements below as we have several events coming up that I think you will enjoy!

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.

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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

How to Convert Your Yard into a Native Place

**\$15
Per Person**

With Guest Speakers:

John Pennington & Janet Lanza

A Video Presentation of Doug Tallamy's
"Homegrown National Park"

April 18th, 2024

1:00 - 4:00 PM

UA Extension Service State Office

2301 S University Little Rock, AR 72204

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**DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE
RESEARCH & EXTENSION**

University of Arkansas System

Registration:

**Contact Pulaski County Cooperative
Extension Office**

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Cash or Check

Please make checks payable to

Pulaski County Extension



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John Pennington: Talking about Identifying invasive and problem plants and how to remove them

Janet Lanza: Replace This, with That

Doug Tallamy: A video presentation of Homegrown National Park

Call the extension office at 501 340-6650 to register!

This is the same day as the Grow Your Own Groceries Blueberry edition which starts at noon and ends at 1. If you want to get a copy of that recording be sure to sign up:

<https://uada.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlocmorTstGdPLgx953BgMe46T60QC2WUg#/registration>



Build a Butterfly Garden With Rattle's Garden

Who: Pulaski County Master Gardeners

What: Shop certified organic native plants chosen
to build a butterfly garden

When: Wednesday, April 17th from 12:00-2:00

Where: Rattle's Garden

1780 Hwy 64 East, Vilonia

From the stoplight in El Paso, head 2 miles west on Hwy 64 and watch for pine trees across the front of the farm, turn left at the big black mailbox with butterflies

From Conway, head east on Hwy 64. The farm is about 18 miles east of Conway and 3 miles east of where the divided highway ends. Watch for the RV lot on your left, then a welding shop on the right and our neighbor's shop with a blue metal roof, then our driveway with a black mailbox with butterflies on it.

Native plants will include swamp milkweed, green milkweed, butterfly weed, whorled milkweed, pipevine, bee balm, wild bergamot, buttonbush, liatris, sweet joe pye weed, goldenrod, hoary vervain, columbine, violets, and more

Non-native plants will include dill, fennel, parsley, and zinnias

Follow on Facebook for more plant information

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Join us at Rattle's Garden Wednesday, April 17th from 12:00 to 2:00!

Now's your chance to show for native plants to build your own butterfly garden

To Register, Please contact Jo Anne Jennings at 501 231-1566

The Arkansas Unit of The Herb Society of America
2nd Annual Seminar
May 4th **All Things Herbal 2024** **Register Today!**



Three Speakers • Demonstrations • Plant Sale • Tastings

Please join the Arkansas Herb Society for their second annual All Things Herbal!

Join us for our 2nd Annual Seminar: All Things Herbal 2024 for an incredible opportunity to learn more about herbs! Expand your herbal and gardening knowledge with our three speakers and table-top demonstrations.

You'll learn about native herbs from our own Jane Doty. Learn about monarch biology, native bees, and the native plants that support them with Leslie Cooper from the Arkansas Monarch Conservation Partnership.

Debbie Boutelier, Chair of the Herb Society of America's GreenBridges program, will talk about how to easily incorporate pollinator-friendly plants into your landscape and qualify to be a part of the GreenBridges program.

There will be short breaks throughout, as well as an hour break for guests to have lunch on their own. During breaks, guests can enjoy tastings of herbal refreshments, demonstrations of fun ways to use herbs, and of course, shop at our plant sale!

[Click Here to Register](#)



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!!!!](#)



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.

Please contact me at dreed@uada.edu to let me know if your are interested in attending!

PLANT SALE!!!!

Jacksonville Greenhouse is having two plant sales!

The first is April 12th & 13th

The second is April 19th & 20th

Their plant sale was beautiful last year and I am sure they are going to impress again this year. I look forward to picking up some new hanging baskets again this year.

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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STARTING AT

\$3

PCMG GREENHOUSE
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!

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.