



## **PCMG Weekly Digest**

**Dear Master Gardener,**

**I feel like my weekly digest are getting longer by the week, but I think that is a good thing. We are having more events going on each month and we are all busy busy busy.**

**I've postponed it long enough this weekend it is finally time to mow my lawn. Winter is finally behind us and my lawn and weeds are fully aware. Fortunately my beds are ready for planting and I am eager to get some yard work done this weekend before the rain comes next week.**

**The solar eclipse is coming Monday and with them is a whole lot of traffic. I don't know if you have been looking at license plates while you are driving through town, but I have been seeing a good number of out of state plates already. If you plan to go out and about over the next few days please be safe.**

**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**

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Magnolia Chronicle has a new look and a new location on the [armgs.org](http://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

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## DIRECTORY TIME!!!!

We are planning on making a printed directory again this year after not doing it for the past year.

So in order to insure that everyone's information is correct please go to the directory on our ARMGS and check your information. If you wish

to make changes to your listing please contact Cindy Strauss at [cjstrauss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cjstrauss@sbcglobal.net).

You can find the directory by either logging into our [armgs.org](http://armgs.org) website and clicking on the directory tab on the bar above or you can check the PDF by clicking the link below.

Thank You!

## PCMG 2024 Directory



The Event Committee is at it again! That's right join PCMG at Beemis Tree Farm on May 15th for our spring educational event. We will have two educational speakers: Dr. Antony Bowden will be talking on

Arkansas Trees and some guy named Randy Forst will be talking about Pollinators.

The event is 15 dollars a person.

Three lunch options are available for the day:

Chicken Fajita Salad  
Chicken Caesar Salad  
Vegan Salad

Please contact Sharon Priest at 501-837-8200 or [priestsharon931@gmail.com](mailto:priestsharon931@gmail.com) to register.

You can pay by cash or check (checks must be made out to Pulaski county extension) at the county office or at our April general meeting.

When sending in a payment please indicate what the payment is for and what you would like for lunch that day.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



**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**



**DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE  
RESEARCH & EXTENSION**

*University of Arkansas System*

**Registration:**

**Contact Pulaski County Cooperative  
Extension Office**

**Phone: 501 340-6650**

**Email: [pulaski-littlerock@uada.edu](mailto:pulaski-littlerock@uada.edu)**

**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/tJlocmorTstGdPLqx953BqMe46T60QC2WUq#/registration>**

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## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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

The banner features three logos: the Arkansas Monarch Conservation Partnership logo (a diamond shape with a monarch butterfly and sunflowers), the GreenBridges logo (a circular logo with a butterfly and a flower), and the Arkansas Unit of The Herb Society of America logo (a circular logo with a rose and botanical text). Below the logos, it lists '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](#)

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Time to pay dues!

**ON-TIME DUES AMOUNT:**

\$20 (Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>)

**PAST-APRIL DUES AMOUNT:**

\$30 (After April 30<sup>th</sup>)

**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](mailto:dreed@uada.edu) to let me know if your are interested in attending!

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### **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



PRICES  
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!**

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## 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.