



PCMG Weekly Digest

Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you are all having a wonderful week and are looking forward to a beautiful weekend. This week we had the total eclipse and I hope you were all able to check it out. It was the first total eclipse I had ever seen and I may be being a bit dramatic, but it took my breath away. Truly a moment of wonder and beauty for me. Fun eclipse fact did you know that we are the only planet in our solar system to experience a total eclipse. Our moon is the perfect size and distance away from earth and the sun for us to experience a total eclipse so the fact that we can enjoy one is incredible.

Alright, got slightly distracted, but back on track. This weekend we have the Jacksonville Greenhouse sale going on today and tomorrow from 9 Am to 12 Pm. Cash check and card will be accepted.

We have a lot of new and upcoming events this month so the digest has gotten rather long. Please scroll through as we have several master gardener events you wont want to miss out on!

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

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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.

You can find the directory by either logging into our 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](#)

Central Arkansas Iris Society Annual Iris Show



Saturday, April 27, 2024

Open to the Public 1:00–4:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Kavanaugh at Hillcrest Street - Little Rock

(Adjacent to Mount St. Mary Academy)

Enter our Photo Contest – Call 253-678-1536 to register!

Everyone's invited – No cost to attend

www.CentralArkansasIris.org

For more information contact Susan Rose at daffodilsrose555@gmail.com or
501-416-6390



Spring Luncheon

Bemis Family Tree Farm

13206 Asher Road
Little Rock, Arkansas

Wednesday, May 15th
11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Speakers:

Randy Forst-Pollinators
Anthony Bolden-Arkansas Trees

Lunch will be catered by RX Catering
Chicken Caesar Salad or Chicken Fajita Salad
Vegetarian: Strawberry Salad

Cost:

\$15.00 per person

Online Registration or
Make checks payable to

Pulaski County Extension

Send to the Extension Office

2901 W. Roosevelt

Little Rock, AR 72204

Please designate salad choice on
check

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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 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!

ONLINE PAYMENTS --- We are aiming to have online payments by the end of next week!



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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Registration:

**Contact Pulaski County Cooperative
Extension Office**

Phone: 501 340-6650

Email: 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!



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



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!



Spring PLANT SALES

APR 1 UNTIL MAY 31

ACCESS GARDENS
MON-SAT
9:00 - 2:00

1500 N. MISSISSIPPI ST.
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NOW OFFERING:
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The Best Gardeners' Secret

Annuals

Dwarf Sunflowers
Lantana
Supertunias
Verbena
Plus many other sun and shade options

Perennials

Dianthus
Heuchera
Russian Sage
Salvia
Tall garden Phlox
Plus many more

Vegetables & Herbs

Basil
Peppers
Rosemary
Tomatoes
Plus additional options

Grab & Go Pre-Assembled Baskets & Patio Pots

Limited quantities available for all plants. Shop early for best selection.



**You and your friends are invited to our
Garden Group Native Plant pre-sale!**

**Friday, April 26th
9:00am - 12:00pm
Izzy's Farm and Apiary
8300 Hood Road
Roland, AR 72135**

If you have reserved a plant package you can also pick that up at the same time. Payment for plant packages will be on the day of pick up.



Are you wanting to plant native plants to bring more wildlife to your yard and help nature? Learn what you need to know and buy the plants at CALS 2nd Bringing Nature to Your Yard event.

Learn how to bring native bees, butterflies, & birds to your yard--how to select native species--how to start a pollinator garden--how to buy plants--and what plants not to buy--from experts who will be on hand to answer your questions! Learn about environmental groups and programs from exhibitors! Buy native plants from eight local sellers! And bring your kids, because library staff will offer a variety of children's activities!

- Leslie Cooper (Arkansas Monarch & Pollinator Coordinator, Quail Forever) Planting for Bees and Butterflies 10:15AM & 10:45AM**
- Kevin Krajcir (Conservation Biologist/Grants Coordinator, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission) Creating a Bird-Friendly Yard 11:15AM & 11:45AM**

- **Theo Witsell (Co-Founder & Chief Conservation Officer, Southeastern Grasslands Institute) Choosing Plants 10:15AM & 11:45AM**
- **Anne & David Holcomb (Arkansas Master Naturalists & Native Gardeners) Tips for Pollinator Gardens 11:15AM & 12:15PM**
- **Lynn Foster (Arkansas Master Naturalist & Vice President, AAS) Buying Native Plants 10:45AM & 12:15PM**

[Click Here for More Information](#)

The 2024 Mount Holly Garden Series starts on Saturday, April 20

The Mount Holly Garden Series, presented by Little Rock's Downtown Dames, is back for its 16th year. You can earn education hours while you learn something new about gardening and enjoy the beauty of Mount Holly Cemetery. Here are the details:

. Presentations start at 9 a.m. and last about an hour. Please bring a lawn chair and sun protection. The Downtown Dames provide refreshments and door prizes. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Donations directly benefit Mount Holly.

. Please enter the cemetery through the pedestrian gate on 13th Street. Free on-street parking is available on 13th, Arch and Gaines Streets. We meet at the Bell House, in the center of the cemetery.

. Dates, topics and speakers are as follows:

Apr 20 Grafting in the Garden: Roses, Fruit Trees, Veggies and More / James Shelton, Arkansas Forestry Division, Baucum Nursery.

May 18 Butterflies and Bees / Leslie Fowler Cooper, Quail Forever.

Jun 15 Carnivore Plants, Including Venus Flytraps and Pitcher Plants / Mark Gibson, Owner, Green Thumb Water Gardens

Jul 20 Gardening for the Birds / Lauren Marshall, Witt Stephens Nature Center

Aug 17 Unique Arkansas Native Plants: Where and How They Grow / Lynn Foster, Arkansas Master Naturalist

Sep 21 Rainbow of Colors: Irises of All Hues / Susan Rose, PCMG

Oct 19 Let's Do Fall! / Ted Lewis, Owner, Floral Express

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.