



PCMG Weekly Digest

Dear Master Gardener,

It is already May? Isn't it incredible how quickly the year is passing by? It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming the arrival of spring, and now here we are, fully immersed in the splendor of May. With April's busy schedule still fresh in our minds, it's no surprise that May is shaping up to be just as bustling. I trust that each of you has had a fulfilling week, filled with moments of joy and tranquility amidst the busyness of life. As we begin this new month let's take a moment to appreciate the growth and vibrancy surrounding us, both in our gardens and in our lives. May this newsletter serve as a reminder to pause, breathe, and relish in the beauty of this season, together.

Our spring luncheon is happening in two weeks at Beemis tree farm so be sure to sign up for it online with the link below

Dues are now considered late!

If you have not paid your dues yet they are now **\$30**. You can pay online using the link farther in the digest..

Join the Pinnacle Gardens project work day!
Help is needed weeding and cutting back plants
Thursday, May 9th, 8:30 a.m.

Questions?? Contact Carol Wright at:

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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 Ree



Magnolia Chronicle has a new look and a new location on the armqs.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

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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

Both our March and April monthly meeting recordings have been added to our website. If you were unable to attend and want to watch them please click the links below to check them out!

March

April

Community Residents in Arkansas



Online Focus Group

We Want to Hear From You from the Comfort of Your Own Home...

Join Us Virtually
for a Focus
Group
Discussion on
Nutrition and
Physical Activity
Knowledge and
Resources.

Email our research team
at dfend@uada.edu
or call (479) 575-3902
to be screened for eligibility.

**Limited Seating
Available!**

Focus Group Participants will Receive a \$50 Gift Card

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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. Or pay online by clicking the link below!

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!

Register and Pay Online!



The third Saturday of the month
April through October
enjoy the
2024 Mount Holly Garden Series
presented by Little Rock's Downtown Dames

- ☞ Bring a lawn chair and sun protection and enjoy Mount Holly's seasonal beauty while you learn something new about gardening.
- ☞ Presentations start at 9 a.m. and last about an hour.
- ☞ **Please enter the cemetery through the pedestrian gate on 13th Street between Broadway and Gaines Street. On-street parking is available on 13th, Arch, and Gaines Streets.**
- ☞ Master Gardeners may count attendance toward their educational hours requirement.
- ☞ We meet at the Bell House, in the center of the cemetery. The Downtown Dames provide refreshments and door prizes.
- ☞ A donation of \$5 is suggested.
Donations directly benefit Mount Holly Cemetery.

Schedule:

- 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 Cent
- 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, Pulaski County Master Gardener
- Oct 19 **Let's Do Fall!** Ted Lewis, Owner, Floral Express
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The Arkansas Unit of The Herb Society of America
2nd Annual Seminar
All Things Herbal 2024

May 4th

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!
PAST-APRIL DUES AMOUNT:
\$30 (After April 30th)
ONLINE PAYMENTS!!!!

[Click Here to Pay Dues Online!!!!](#)

Spring PLANT SALES

APR 1 UNTIL MAY 31

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

1500 N. MISSISSIPPI ST.
ACCESSGROUPINC.ORG

CHECK OUT OUR FRESH, NEW INVENTORY OF PLANTS AND SUPPORT OUR MISSION WITH EVERY PURCHASE

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The Best Gardener's Tool

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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.

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.