



## PCMG Weekly Digest

Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you all had a wonderful week. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our spring luncheon this past Wednesday, your presence truly made it special. Your passion for gardening is truly inspiring, and I can't wait to see the amazing things we will achieve together in the coming days. Keep up the fantastic work!

The May/June Magnolia chronical is now live. Its another great issue so be sure to click the link below to read our newest issue.

I need to issue an apology to our fantastic crew at the magnolia chronicle. Last week in my newsletter I forgot to update the content section of the magnolia chronicle.

Our May meeting is coming up soon on May 21st at St. James. This month our guest speaker will be Mark Gibson from Green Thumb Nursery who will be speaking on Ponds and Koi. As a kid I always wanted to have a pond with koi fish in my back yard so I am eager to learn from him

If you are interested in learning how to prune azaleas, I will be hosting a small class at the Pulaski County office next Friday 05/24 at 8:30 am on how to prune. You will get hands on experience. Please call the office to register. Spots are limited, details 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. 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**
- **Allergy-Free Gardening**
- **Tool Tales: Gardening Gadgets That Grow on You**
- **Chirps, Flutters, and Blooms: Spring Bird Migration in Arkansas**
- **Blooms, Buds, and Bargains Across Arkansas: What's Happening this Month**

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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](#)

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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](#)

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*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](mailto: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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DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE  
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University of Arkansas System



# Azalea Pruning

ARE YOUR AZALEAS IN NEED OF A  
LITTLE TLC? LEARN HOW TO PRUNE  
LIKE A PRO WITH OUR HANDS-ON  
AZALEA PRUNING CLASS!

CALL OUR OFFICE TO REGISTER:  
501 340-6650



**24** MAY  
8:30 AM

PULASKI COUNTY EXTENSION  
2901 W. ROOSEVEL RD  
LITTLE ROCK, 72204

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE IS  
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/EQUAL ACCESS/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION  
INSTITUTION. IF YOU REQUIRE A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO  
PARTICIPATE OR NEED MATERIALS IN ANOTHER FORMAT, PLEASE  
CONTACT PULASKI COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE. DIAL 711 FOR ARKANSAS RELAY.



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

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- ☞ 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



Time to pay dues!  
**PAST-APRIL DUES AMOUNT:**  
\$30 (After April 30<sup>th</sup>)  
**ONLINE PAYMENTS!!!!**

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

**Spring PLANT SALES**

APR 1 UNTIL MAY 31

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

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[ACCESSGROUPINC.ORG](http://ACCESSGROUPINC.ORG)

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Dwarf Sunflowers  
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*Plus many other sun and shade options*

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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.