



PCMG Weekly Digest

Dear Master Gardener,

Another week has passed, filled with productivity and joy. The Azalea pruning class this morning at the extension was not only educational but also a lot of fun. The positive energy of the group and the progress made left a lasting impact. Teaching a hands-on class like this one was a new experience for me, but the feedback received was invaluable. It is important to embrace new teaching methods so I hope to have similar classes in the future. Here's to more enriching experiences!

Its Tick season! When gardening, it's important to be aware of ticks, as they can carry diseases like Lyme disease. Wear protective clothing, such as long sleeves and pants, and consider using insect repellent. After spending time in the garden, thoroughly check your body for ticks, especially in hidden areas like behind the knees and under the arms. While leaf litter and underbrush is a haven for pollinators it is also a great place for ticks for be aware of your surroundings.

The May/June Magnolia chronical is now live (Link below). 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.

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



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
- 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.

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.

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at dfend@uada.edu
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to be screened for eligibility.

**Limited Seating
Available!**

Focus Group Participants will Receive a \$50 Gift Card

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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

- ☞ 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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NATURAL STATE LAVENDER



Join us Saturday June 8th for a tour of Natural State Lavender in Scott Ar.

Saturday, June 8th - 9 a.m.

**13707 Lower Steel Rd
Scott, AR**

Contact Jo Anne Jennings 501-231-1566



Tour Izzy's Native Pollinator Garden

Friday, June 14 – 10:00 a.m.

8300 Hood Road, Roland

Contact Jo Anne Jennings

501-231-1566

Limited parking. Carpool if possible.



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

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Plus many other sun and shade options

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Plus additional options

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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.