

PCMG Weekly Digest



Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you have all had a wonderful 4th of July last week. We have a few new events coming up as well as a chance to order new name badges so be sure to read the entire article.

If you are interested in attending the Annuals to Perennials Zoom workshop next Thursday I have booked the auditorium at the state office for us to view it. Auditorium will open up at 5:30 pm. This workshop is typically for new master gardeners and their mentors, however, if you are interested in attending then you are more than welcome to join. The guest speaker is Brie Arthur covering the topic of Ultimate Plant Combinations.

The American Iris Society held its national convention this year in Portland, Oregon. Two of our Central Arkansas Iris Society members attended - Terry Smith and Katherin Smith. They are presenting a program on the beautiful Japanese Irises they photographed at the convention. The program will be presented on Sunday, July 14th at 2 pm at the Unitarian Church at 1818 Reservoir Road. We will have snacks afterward. This will count as 1 hour of education.

Thank you for joining constant contact. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy Gardening,
Derek Reed



Have you checked out the online edition of Magnolia Chronicle? The July/August issue is out and can be accessed from the main menu bar on armgs.org website! Please note that you must be logged in to access Magnolia Chronicle.

In this issue:

- President's Message
- A Lifetime of Gardening: Dick Blankenbeker's Journey with PCMG

- **Parks and Rec's Newest Initiative to Banish Invasive Plants**
- **Make Your Garden a Hummingbird Haven**
- **Travel Blog: Callaway Resort and Gardens**

[Magnolia Chronicle](#)



[PCMG Day Pictures!](#)

[Channel 7 News Interview with Arline](#)

[Channel 7 News coverage of PCMG Day](#)

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](#)

Master Gardener

Your Name

If you have lost your badge, need a replacement, or would just like a second badge for a back-up now is your chance.

Please click the link below and fill out the form. Be sure to put your name down as you want it to appear on your new badge.

If you are a life timer be sure to click yes for the life time badge otherwise you will receive the standard green badge. If you are not a life timer please check no.

You can pay on the form or you can mail cash or check to our office. Be sure to make checks out to Pulaski County Extension otherwise your check will not be accepted.

You must fill out the form if you want a badge even if you are planning on paying with cash or check.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to reach out to me.

This chance closes July 31st! Orders will be placed the first week of August.

[New Badge Form](#)

June monthly meeting recording has been added to our website. If you were unable to attend and want to watch please click the link below to check them out!

[June Recording](#)



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LUNCHEON AT THE 4-H VINES CENTER

In Ferndale

Monday, October 7th at 11:00

A Tribute to Kathy Ratcliffe

Guests will tour the Kathy Ratcliffe Garden
and enjoy a presentation by Randy Forst.

Live Auction with Randy Forst
Proceeds will benefit the Kathy Ratcliffe
Garden at the Vines

Lunch will be served in Caba Hall
Grilled Chicken Breast - Green Beans
Baked Potato Casserole - Salad
Dessert and drink
Or Vegetarian Plate

Cost will be \$25 per person
Reservation Deadline is September 15

Online Registration or checks
payable to PC Extension Office
with chicken or vegetarian on check
Mail checks to PC Extension Office
2901 W. Roosevelt
Little Rock, AR 72204

Wear pearls in honor of Kathy



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PARTICIPATE OR NEED MATERIALS IN ANOTHER FORMAT, PLEASE
CONTACT PULASKI COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. DIAL 711 FOR ARKANSAS RELAY.



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

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