

## PCMG Weekly Digest



Dear Master Gardener,

This past week has brought some intense heat, but there's relief on the horizon! We're looking forward to cooler days, with temperatures dipping into the eighties during the first half of next week.

On a brighter note, I recently had the pleasure of meeting with the Little Rock Civitans, a fantastic group dedicated to improving the community. Over a lovely lunch, I had the opportunity to introduce them to the work of master gardeners and share some insights into what we do. It was a wonderful experience connecting with like-minded individuals who share the same passion for making a positive impact.

Someone pointed out to me yesterday that the October 7th luncheon at the vines has not had the online registration button available the past few digest! I apologize for that, I am not sure how it disappeared on me. It has returned so if you are wanting to register for the luncheon online click the link below. I will be sending this out as separate announcement early next week as

well.

Master gardeners if you know of a master gardener going through a tough time due to a loss of a family member or they themselves has passed, please contact the Sunshine Committee. Arline Jackson heads that committee and makes sure that the master gardeners are there to support our members and their families during their times of need.

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](http://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



# Growing with Aquaponics

Join us for a morning of Aquaponics and Koi!

Guest Speaker: Mark Gibson  
Topics: Water Quality  
Fertilizing  
& Water plants

Check In: 8:40 AM  
Start: 9:00 AM  
Cost: FREE

When: Thursday Sept 26th, 2024    Part of class will be held outdoors!  
Where: Green Thumb Garden Center    Please bring comfortable shoes,  
28025 Nichols Loop Rd.    a cane or other walking aid if needed,  
Little Rock, AR    a sun hat, and water!

Call Pulaski Extension to register 501-340-6650  
Space is limited



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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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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.

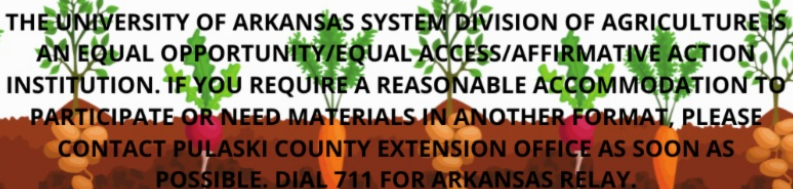
Live Auction with Randy Forst  
Proceeds will benefit the Kathy Ratcliffe  
Garden at the Vines

Lunch will be served in Cabe 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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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 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, 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!!!!**

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