



## **PCMG Weekly Digest**



Aquaponics continuing education class

Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you have all had a fantastic week! I apologize for missing last week. I had come down with a late summer cold and left my computer in the office. We are wrapping up the end of the project year here at the office so its busy as ever. Next week we have several events with master gardeners so its going to be busy for everyone.

Be sure to read through the entire newsletter as we have some exciting new volunteer opportunities and lineup of fun events coming your way. You won't want to miss them!

St. James Fall Workday! As you know we try to give back to St. James for being such a wonderful host to us by helping them plant and clean up their beds. The next day is October 8th at 9 AM. Remember time worked for St. James count towards sanctioned project hours. Sign ups will be available at the next two meetings.

If you are attending the Kathy Ratcliffe Garden at the Vines luncheon the demo garden will be selling 'true local" honey (8oz net

wt. jars) for \$5 each. These will be cash only and all proceeds go to benefit the Apiary at the Garden. When we say truly local it was created by the garden bees, harvested at the garden by project members in July and bottled in garden house! Can't get more local than that!

Additionally if you are attending the Kathy Ratcliffe Garden at the vines luncheon and plan on participating in the silent auction we will now be accepting cards in addition to cash or check. We are looking forward to seeing y'all next week!

All award nominations are due by October 15th. I highly encourage you to nominate people and projects for these awards with the chance to be recognized at the State conference. Do you have an outstanding project? Is your newbie the best there is? Then nominate them here: https://www.uaex.uada.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners/awards.aspx (Note, it says due on January 15th. This is when our county has to submit at the state level. County level is October 15th.)

One of our Master Gardeners has some palm trees in need of a new home. She cant get them into the greenhouse for the winter and needs someone to take care of them. One is a Queen palm, flat on the ground it is 18' with a 3' root ball. Not that tall when up right but it does require some headroom. The other is a Phoenix Roebelenii that is about 12'. It hurts to see them go but will be worse if they die. She has had both for 28 years. If you are interested in either please contact here at argardengoddess@att.net.

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 seen the latest edition of Magnolia Chronicle? The September/October issue is now live and waiting for you!

#### In this issue:

- President's Message
- Pulaski County Master Gardeners, Are You Ready for a New Crop of Volunteers?
- Book Review: "Tough Plants for Southern Gardeners" by Felder Rushing
- The Buzz on Bees
- Travel Blog: Chihuly Garden and Glass
- The PCMG Programs Committee Wants to Hear From You!

**Magnolia Chronicle** 



# FUN FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

Bring your pets for Blessing of the Animals and shop for plants, local honey, and more!

**SATURDAY** OCT. 5 10 a.m. to noon

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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

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** 

## Wild Herbal Field Trip & Medicinal Plant Symposium

The Wild Herbal Field Trip is led by teachers who know the edible and medicinal uses of wild plants. Participants will be bussed to the Leatherwood Wilderness & Ozark-St. Francis National Forest (picnic lunch is included). The selected trails and the hiking pace is designed for people who can walk on woodland paths and who wish to increase their knowledge of herbalism and plant identification. Autumn in the Ozarks is glorious!

This year's Medicinal Plant Symposium features Jane Hawley Stevens, Susan Belsinger, Bo Brown, Kathleen Connole, Sasha Daucus, Marisa Frazier, Breath Alicen Valentine, and Tina Marie Wilcox. These teachers will demonstrate how to make simple remedies at home; garden with natural rhythms and protect life forms with whom we share the planet; and how to keep herbal wisdom alive.

Click Here to Register



## The third Saturday of the month April through October

### 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 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

