

PCMG Weekly Digest



Dear Master Gardener,

Spring weather is rolling in this week, and people are eager to start gardening! If the number of calls and emails I've received is any indication, enthusiasm is at an all-time high.

This week, we had our first PEST visit of the year! For those unfamiliar, PEST stands for Project Evaluation Support Team. It's a committee made up of board members and myself, where we visit various projects to ensure they have the support they need from us and their sponsors. These visits are one of my favorite activities each month!

Our latest stops included the Pathfinder greenhouse and Jacksonville City Hall. The greenhouse team is hard at work preparing for their April plant sale, while the Jacksonville City Hall project is eagerly awaiting the return of the

native perennials they planted last year. Both projects have dedicated, hardworking members but are always open to new recruits—so if you're interested in getting involved, now's a great time!

We also held our in-depth Arkansas Diamond class this week. Dr. Bowden delivered an engaging 90-minute presentation on the Diamond program and some exciting upcoming changes. If you missed it, don't worry—Dr. Bowden will be at our meeting this Tuesday to give a crash course on the new Diamonds. Join us at St. James at 11:30 AM—you won't want to miss it!

The newest edition of the magnolia is here! Be sure to scroll down for the link to read it. If you run into anyone on the magnolia chronical be sure to thank them for all the hard work they have put into it!

The travel committee has a new trip planned be sure to scroll down to see their latest adventure! If you are interested in attending the Louisiana Nursery Festival I have been told there are still a few spots left be sure to reach out to them for more information.

New Master Gardeners your name tags were going to be available at the meeting Tuesday but since it was canceled you can go pick them up at the county office or you can wait until the March meeting.

Its time to pay dues! As always dues are \$20 now, if you pay after April 30th then it will be \$30 dollars. A link to pay your dues online will be at the end of the digest. You can also pay with cash or check at the meeting next week.

The directory is about to be sent to get printed for the year. The board is providing a free directory to all lifetime members and members who have paid their dues.

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

Up Coming Plant Sales!

Little Rock Greenhouse Corner of 7th and Palm
April 11th and 12th 8-11

Pathfinder Greenhouse
April 18th and 19th 8-12



Time to pay dues
ON-TIME DUES AMOUNT:

\$20 (Jan. 1st - April 30th)

PAST-APRIL DUES AMOUNT:

\$30 (After April 1st)

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Meteorological Spring is here, longer days are near, and warmer days are ahead! To offer inspiration, the March/April Magnolia Chronicle looks into the awesome transformation Master Gardeners have made at the St. Joseph's Pollinator Garden. Ever wondered how all those lovely floats are put together for the Tournament of Roses Parade? Pulaski Master Gardeners have the scoop! And, what side are you on? Dandelions be damned or delighted?

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Master Gardeners, Are you looking for a springtime adventure to explore and build community?

Look no further!



JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF LARRY COLEMAN'S BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE GARDEN.

**WHERE: LARRY COLEMAN'S GARDEN
3312 AMY ST, BATESVILLE, AR
72501.**

**LUNCH: @12:15PM
NATALIE'S 3050 HARRISON ST,
BATESVILLE, AR 72501**

**WHEN: APRIL 16, 2025
TIME: 10:30AM
RAIN DATE: APRIL 22, 2025**

**RSVP by March 28, 2025 and
If you have any questions call
Jo Anne Jennings 501-231-1566 or
Kay Fellone 501-766-0858**

**Cost: Free
but Donations
Welcomed!**

**Batesville's Blooming Gardens:
Rooted Garden: 835 Weed Wade Rd, Batesville
Batesville Evans Nursery: 12098 AR-38, Ward
(12/13 miles from Cabot)**

**Batesville's Main Street: Your Adventure Awaits!
Shop: Marshall's Dry Goods, Home Holidays & More,
Earth Station Nursery
Explore Antiques: Etta's Attic, Old Towne Mall
Discover Art: Gallery 246, Batesville Area Arts Council
Fun, unique finds, and local charm!**

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Gardening With Master
Gardeners- Part Three

Time to Garden

What to expect:

- What is happening in your garden
- Diseases and insects IPM
- Plant care and health
- Progressing to Summer

Saturday May 10th, 9:30 - 12:00
Arkansas State Extension Auditorium
2301 S University, LR, AR 72204

\$5 dollars a person
Call 501.340.6650 or
scan to register online



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Little Rock
Audubon Center



Little Rock Audubon Center's Spring Native Plant Sale will be held through online ordering and curbside pickup. Plants will be available from multiple vendors: Pine Ridge Gardens, Grand Designs, Native Sun Nursery, Grand Prairie Nursery, Buckthorn's Native Nursery, Pinnacle Plants & Things, Love Creek Nursery and Audubon.

What you need to know:

- Online ordering will be open Tuesday, April 8 at 8am through Tuesday, April 15 at 8pm.

- Curbside pickup will be 4/25 and 4/26 at the Little Rock Audubon Center (4500 Springer Blvd., Little Rock, AR 72206).
 - The online ordering link will be released in this FB event, on their website, and via email to their email list on the morning of April 8.
 - The website is only available for browsing after April 8.
 - A species list will be posted and emailed ahead of online ordering.
- Questions? Reach out to uta.meyer@audubon.org.

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