



# **PCMG Weekly Digest**



Dear Master Gardener,

Another busy week has come and gone! Be sure to stop by the Jacksonville plant sale today and show your support. They have some beautiful plants and you wont want to miss out on them. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the St James workday this week. You did an awesome job and I know they appreciate the hard work you put into it. Additional thanks to the volunteers who helped with UAMS Earth Day as well. They love having you out there and look forward to having you each year.

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!** 

Pathfinder Greenhouse April 18th and 19th 8-12



Time to pay dues **ON-TIME DUES AMOUNT:**\$20 (Jan. 1<sup>St</sup> - April 30th)

PAST-APRIL DUES AMOUNT: \$30 (After April 1st)

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The STUFF Committee is pleased to share two new offerings in our PCMG Gear Store! As Master Gardeners, we spend a good deal of time in the elements and deserve to have our skin protected from over exposure to the sun. Our Spring 2025 lineup includes the **LATEST items** from Trivia Marketing!

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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? Click below to read the issue!

**Magnolia Chronicle** 

### CENTRAL ARKANSAS IRIS SOCIETY

A Region 22 Affiliate of the AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

2025 Iris Show presents ...

## "Van Gogh's Love of Iris"

#### Artistic Division Rules

1. To reserve space contact:

Susan Rose - daffodilsrose555@gmail.com

- 2. Exhibitors may enter more than one design within the Artistic Division.
- Entries may be placed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and from 7:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m., Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Exhibits must remain in place until 4:00 p.m. April 27<sup>th</sup> and then must be promptly removed.
- 4. Exhibitors need not be Central Arkansas Iris Society Members.
- Each exhibitor will have a table surface approximately 24" wide and 30" deep (1/4 of a table). No height limitations.
- 6. Iris flowers are required in all designs and must be dominant.
- No artificial plant material or coloring of fresh plant material will be allowed. Dried plant material may be colored.
- Judging will be done by qualified judges with experience in design judging and appointed by the Artistic Chair. Judges' decisions are final. Crystal will be placed by the Artistic Chair.

### **AWARDS**

First Place Blue Ribbon
Second Place Red Ribbon
Third Place White Ribbon
Fourth Place Pink Ribbon

<u>Best Design</u> - American Iris Society Purple Rosette, Certificate and Crystal for the highest scoring entry in the Design Section

<u>Sweepstakes</u> - American Iris Society Purple Rosette. Certificate and Crystal for the highest number of Blue Ribbons in the Design Section.

Runner-Up for Best Design - Crystal for the second highest scoring entry in the Design Section.

#### The 2025 Mount Holly Garden Series

April through October
presented by
Little Rock's Downtown Dames

- Apr 19 Bluebirds, Bugs and Backyard Bliss Jennifer Menna
- May 17 Expert Knowledge: Planning and Executing Organic Community and/or Private Gardens James Shelton, Arkansas Forestry Division, Manager, Baucum Nursery
- Jun 21 Carnivorous Plants: Nature's Bug Solution Mark Gibson, Owner Green Thumb Water Gardens
- Jul 19 Taking Care of Birds Summer through Winter John Sommer, Manager Wild Birds Unlimited
- Aug 16 What Not to Do with Native Plants (Cultivars and Pesticides) Lynn Foster, Arkansas Master Naturalist
- Sep 20 Hostas: Different Sizes and Shapes Susan Rose, Master Gardener

Oct 18 TBA



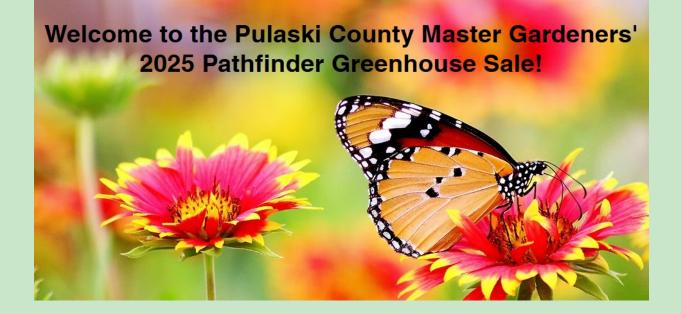
One Saturday a month, April through October, come enjoy Mount Holly Cemetery's seasonal beauty and learn something new about gardening! Bring a lawn chair and sun protection.

Presentations start at 9 a.m. and last about an hour. We meet at the Bell House at the center of the cemetery. Refreshments and door prizes are provided by the Downtown Dames.

Please enter the cemetery through the pedestrian gate on 13th Street. On-street parking is available on 13th, Arch, and Gaines Streets.

Master Gardeners may count attendance toward their educational hours requirement.

A donation of \$10 is suggested. Your donations directly benefit Mount Holly.



Click here to view available plants





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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