

PCMG Weekly Digest



Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you have all had another wonderful and productive week. I can't believe how fast this year is going. We are currently in the process of interviewing our 2025 master gardener class. I have completed a few and I am excited for this years group of gardeners. If you have a friend, family member, or neighbor interested in joining there is still time to fill out the application.

Awards are coming up soon! In the past we haven't had that many submissions for master gardener awards so we are going to simplify the process this year. I new nomination application will be available soon so please keep an eye out for that. We are the largest master gardener group in the state we should have more than just one or two award nominations a year.

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

Happy Gardening,
Derek Reed



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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THE Magnolia CHRONICLE

Pulaski County Master Gardener Newsletter



The newest edition of the Magnolia Chronicle is here! Inside, you'll find a message from our president, Pam Abrams, highlights from several projects, learn about insects in your garden, get a closer look at natives and more!

[Magnolia Chronicle](#)

**Come Tour with the Travel Committee to:
Big Dog Plantation
Lonsdale, AR**



Date: October 10, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Big Dog Plantation

467 Highway 88

Lonsdale, AR 72087

Cost: \$27.50 (Non-Refundable)

(Includes Tour and Lunch)

Lunch Menu – Roasted Chicken Salad Sandwich, Specialty Chips, Dessert and Sweet Tea
(No Vegetarian Options)

Make Checks Payable to Kuganes Collins

Mail to: Kuganes Collins

1105 Wildwood Ave.

Sherwood, AR 72120

Ms. Casady can only accommodate 24 members at her plantation so don't wait to secure your spot on this amazing tour!

RSVP – Kuganes @ 501-944-9256 or JoAnne @ 501.231.1566

Please confirm by September 26th with payment.

Please organize your own carpool/transportation.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact The Pulaski County Extension Office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

AIS REGION 22 ANNUAL MEETING

REGISTRATION FORM

Westminster Presbyterian Church
3819 Central Ave
Hot Springs, AR 71913

Full Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Registration Payment Information

_____ Registration Fee \$60.00 per individual = \$ _____

*includes Judges Training

_____ JD's Pontoon Charters \$30.00 per = \$ _____

individual (optional)*

Total \$ _____

Payment Information

Please make all checks payable to AIS Region 22. Mail completed form to:

Katherin Smith

11 Lilley Cove

Greenbrier, AR 72058

✉ smithersby@gmail.com ☎ 501-581-9279

Agenda

Friday, August 22

- 3 - 4 PM Board Meeting
- 4 - 6 PM Registration
- 5 PM Silent Auction Opens
- 6 PM Dinner
- 7 PM Featured Program

Saturday, August 23

- 8:30 - 9 AM Continental Breakfast
- 9 AM - 12 PM Judges Training
- 12 PM Business Meeting
- 1 - 5 PM Break
- 5 - 6 PM Mix and Mingle
- 6 PM Dinner & Awards
- 7 PM Silent Auction Closes
- 7 PM Final Program
- 8 PM Rhizome Auction

Meeting Hotel

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn (151 Temperance Hill Rd, Hot Springs). Attendees may click [here](#) to register online or call 501-525-7000. When calling, mention the American Iris Society group rate, which will be available until July 23, 2025. Individual reservations must be canceled at least three (3) days prior to arrival. Check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. Early check-in requests can be made by calling the front desk.

*JD's Pontoon Charters is an optional scenic two-hour boat tour on beautiful Lake Hamilton during the break on Saturday afternoon. This tour operates on a first-come, first-served basis and requires a minimum of 10 participants to set sail, with a maximum capacity of 20 people. Please note that smoking and glass containers are not permitted on board. Don't miss this relaxing opportunity to explore the lake—be sure to sign up early to secure your spot.

The Arkansas Iris Society invites you to the region 22 annual meeting. This year it will be held in Hot Springs. Registration includes two dinners and programs on irises.

ARKANSAS FLORISTS' ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

**A Special Invitation for Garden Clubs, Ag Teachers & Master Gardeners.
Join us for a day of inspiration, education, and hands-on fun.**

Sunday, August 24th, 2025

**□ Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas
Address: 2 Riverfront Pl, North Little Rock, AR 72114
Phone: (501) 371-9000**

□ 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE INCLUDES: Hands-On Floral Design Class – 8:00 AM
Learn to create a beautiful arrangement alongside AFA Board Members and
industry expert Chris Norwood AIFD.**

Two Main Stage Presentations:

“Weddings with a Personal Touch” with Deborah De La Flor AIFD, PFCI

**“Get Lit and Sparkle” with Kathy Rodocker AIFD, CFD, AAMF and Tara Meshell
CFD, AAMF**

IRON DESIGNER COMPETITION – Floral Design Served “Chopped” Style!

Watch 3 thrilling rounds as designers battle it out live on stage!

End-of-Day Auction

**Bid on floral products and hard goods at amazing prices! All proceeds benefit
the Arkansas Florists Association.**

ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$100!

**Includes the hands-on class, both programs, auction and the Iron Designer
event.**

Want the full weekend experience?

**Join the Arkansas Florists Association for a better rate and gain access to our
entire 2025 Convention: INSPIRE.**

Membership & convention details available at:

www.arkansasfloristsassociation.com

Come bloom with us—flowers, friends, and fun await!





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**

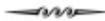
One Saturday a month, April through October, come enjoy Mount Holly Cemetery's seasonal beauty and learn something new about gardening! Bring a lawn chair and sun protection.

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.



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