

PCMG Weekly Digest



Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you have all had another wonderful and productive week. I just want to remind everyone that we do not have a monthly meeting this month or next month.

I want to give a huge shout out to Ruth Landers and all she has done for both the master gardeners and our community. Ruth was recently in an article for the Democrat-Gazette so be sure to read it here:

<https://edition.arkansasonline.com/article/283016880756511>

Next weekend August 9th is our final Gardening with Master Gardener's for the year. We will be talking about seed collecting and storage, fall gardening, and more. Scroll down to register.

The last day to register for State Master Gardeners day is this Monday. You should have been receiving emails from Julie Treat on this but I want to make sure everyone gets a chance to register.

https://uada.formstack.com/forms/mg_appreciation_day

We are starting to file all our new applications to the master gardener program and will be starting the interview process in a few weeks. We are looking forward to welcoming our next batch of master gardeners soon!

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](#)

Summer Dreams

An AFGC Small Standard Show

Sponsored by
the Night
Bloomers
Garden Club



Hosted by
North Hills
Baptist Church

FREE
ADMISSION to
the public!

All AFGC Garden
Club members
welcome to
participate!

August 2, 2025

5:00 to 7:00 pm

9618 Hwy 107 Sherwood, AR 72120

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.

EXTENDED Early Registration to July 3, 2025

2025 International Master Gardener Conference On Zoom

This is not an in person conference.

August 25-28, 2025

Hosted by Texas Master Gardener Program

**All registrants will have access to ALL sessions
listed below until January 31, 2026.**

**9 Keynotes. 70 Breakouts. 4 Tours.
3 Movies.**

[**Click Here to
Register**](#)

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!

**Gardening With Master
Gardeners- Part Four**

Gardening for Tomorrow

What to expect:

- Seed Collecting, Saving, & Storing
- Fall Planting
- Future Gardening & Record Keeping

Saturday August 9th, 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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Register**

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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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