

PCMG Weekly Digest



Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you have all had another wonderful and productive week. I don't know about you but I can't believe it is already October. This year has flown. We are working on an extra volunteer page on our website. If your project is in need of extra help let me or Andrew Kessel know and we will add it there. As we come up on the end of the year and you are in need of extra hours this will be where you can check.

We have had quite a few volunteer activities this past week and I want to thank everyone who volunteered to do a little extra. I really appreciate the time and effort you have put in.

Susan Rose has let me know that the Centra Arkansas Iris Society is having world renowned Japanese Iris grower and hybridizer, Chad Harris is coming to speak for them next Saturday October 11th. It is free of charge. Keep an eye out for a flyer next week with more information for location and time.

The new master gardener class has been selected and we are excited to meet them when training starts at the end of October. If its been a while since you have attended the training and want to sit in on a lecture or two please feel free to join us at the State Office. I will be posting the schedule at the bottom of this weeks digest. You are free to sit in on any lecture you would like. Please note if you plan on joining for the full day or sit in on a lecture around lunch you will need to bring your own meal.

We have a new Magnolia Chronicle out this month with some wonderful information. Be sure to check it out below. Working on this through the chaos of summer is impressive. The crew that works on the chronicle does such hard work and I love reading the new issues. Be sure to give thank them for their hard work when you see them at the meeting next week.

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

Happy Gardening,
Derek Reed



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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, Seed Stories, Tree issues, Pollinators and more!

[Magnolia Chronicle](#)



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. A new nomination application is available now.

[Form Here](#)

Master Gardener Zoom Training Schedule 2025

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

October 22

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Welcome...What is Extension & MG Program – Randy Forst

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – MG 101 – Randy Forst

10:30 a.m. – Break

10:45 – 11: 45 a.m. – Basic Lawn Care – Dr. Wendell Hutchens

11:45- 12:45 p.m. – Lunch

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. – Botany – Kim Rowe

1:45-2:00 p.m. - Break

2:00 – 2:45 p.m. – Warm Season Vegetables – Michelle Mobley

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. – Break

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Cool Season Vegetables – Michelle Mobley

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Your Local County Program or Horticulture Elective Topic of Your Choice

October 29

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. – Home Vegetable Gardening Basics – Colin Massey

9:30- 10:30 a.m. – Tomatoes – John Gavin

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Break

10:45- 11:45 a.m. –Trees of Arkansas – Krista Quinn

11:45 – 12:45 p.m. - Lunch

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. – Soils – Ryan Neal

1:45-2:00 p.m. - Break

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. – World of Pollinators – Dr. Jon Zawislak

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Your Local County Program or Horticulture Elective Topic of Your Choice

November 5

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. – Home Fruits – Dr. Amanda McWhirt

10:00-10:15 a.m. - Break

10:15- 11:15 a.m. - Pruning Fruits in Arkansas – Tyler Caston

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. – Insects – Dr. Aaron Cato

12:15-1:00 p.m. - Lunch
1:00- 2:15 p.m. – Pesticide Safety – Ples Spradley
2:15 -2:30 p.m. - Break
2:30- 3:30 p.m. – Weeds – Randy Forst
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Your Local County Program or Horticulture Elective Topic of Your Choice

November 12

8:30-10:15 a.m. – Annuals and Perennials – Randy Forst
10:15-10:30 a.m. – Break
10:30-11:30 a.m. – Shrubs – Randy Forst
11:30-12:30 p.m. – Lunch
12:30 – 1:15 p.m. – Groundcovers and Vines – Julie Treat
1:15-2:15 p.m. – Unusual Fruits – Randy Forst
2:15-2:30 p.m. - Break
2:30-3:30 p.m. – Pruning – Krista Quinn
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Your Local County Program or Horticulture Elective Topic of Your Choice

November 19

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. – Composting – Sherri Sanders
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. - Landscape Design – Randy Forst
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. - Break
10:45-11:45 a.m. – Introduction to Diseases – Dr. Taylor Klass
11:45-12:45 p.m. - Lunch
12:45 –1:45 p.m. –Pesky Animal Control – Randy Forst
1:45-2:00 p.m. - Break
2:00- 3:15 p.m. – Propagation – Dr. Anthony Bowden
3:15 – 3:30 p.m. - Online Record Keeping/Advanced MG Program – Julie Treat
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Your Local County Program or Horticulture Elective Topic of Your Choice

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