

PCMG Weekly Digest



Dear Master Gardener,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful week and is enjoying the cooler fall weather! It's hard to believe how quickly October is moving along. As always, thank you all for the time and effort you put into our program and our community. I hope everyone has a great weekend, and be sure to check out this week's updates and announcements below!

We need volunteers to work a booth at an upcoming health fair. If you are in need of hours, scroll down below for more information.

Master Gardener Award applications are now open. More information below!

On Wednesday, the PCMG New MG Training Committee sponsored a Master Gardener mentor training conducted by Helen Petit, Mentor Training Coordinator. The session focused on practical ways MG mentors can welcome, orient, coach, and retain new Master Gardeners during gardening activities and community events.

In the future, Mentor Training will be required for projects requesting First Year Master Gardeners (FYMGs). The requirement is expected to take effect in 2028. Mentors who have already completed the training will need to attend a refresher every three years.

The St. James Methodist Church workday is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026 @ 9:00 AM to say, "Thank You" for letting us have our monthly meeting at the church. Anyone interested or have any questions can text, call, or email Brenda Bobbitt @ cell phone number 501-416-4946 and email is bobbitt@swbell.net.

We also have a new shirt available in our shop! If your project works near a road or in another area where visibility is important, we have added a new high-visibility Master Gardener shirt. The shirts are bright yellow and have "Master Gardeners" printed in bold letters across the back. A picture of the shirt and a link to the shop are below.

Fall 2026 Master Gardener Class

Training will begin on October 21st at 8:00 a.m.

If anyone is interested in sitting in on a class to refresh their knowledge on a particular topic, please let me know. I share the training schedule with you.

As always, be sure to scroll down and check out everything happening over the next few weeks. We have several exciting events, educational opportunities, volunteer activities, and trips coming up that you won't want to miss. I hope to see many of you at one or more of them!

Happy Gardening,
Derek Reed

It's the start of a new year! If you are in need of extra hours check out upcoming volunteer opportunities.

[Additional Hours](#)



Master Gardener Awards – Nominations Now Open!

It's time to recognize some of our outstanding Master Gardeners! We are now accepting nominations for our annual Master Gardener awards, including Master Gardener of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Mentor of the Year!

Each award has a nomination form with two short questions and an opportunity to submit photos. This is a great chance to recognize someone who has gone above and beyond, whether through their dedication to our projects, willingness to help others, or contributions to our Master Gardener program.

Please take a few minutes to consider nominating someone who deserves recognition! The nomination forms are attached below.

All nominations must be submitted to the County Extension Office by November 10, 2026. Voting will take place online following our November monthly meeting.

You can submit your completed forms directly to me at dreed@uada.edu

Thank you for helping us celebrate the wonderful people who make our program so special!

Award Forms Here!



Dues (late) \$30

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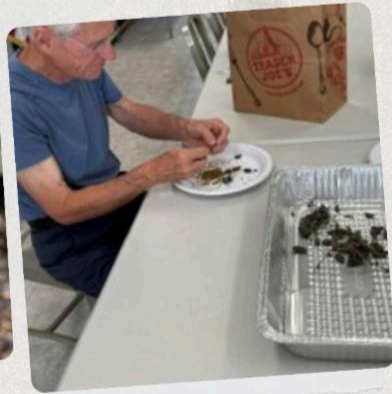
Click the link below to check out our Pulaski County Master Gardener shirts and swag.



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THE Magnolia CHRONICLE

Pulaski County Master Gardener Newsletter



The latest edition of the Magnolia Chronicle is here!

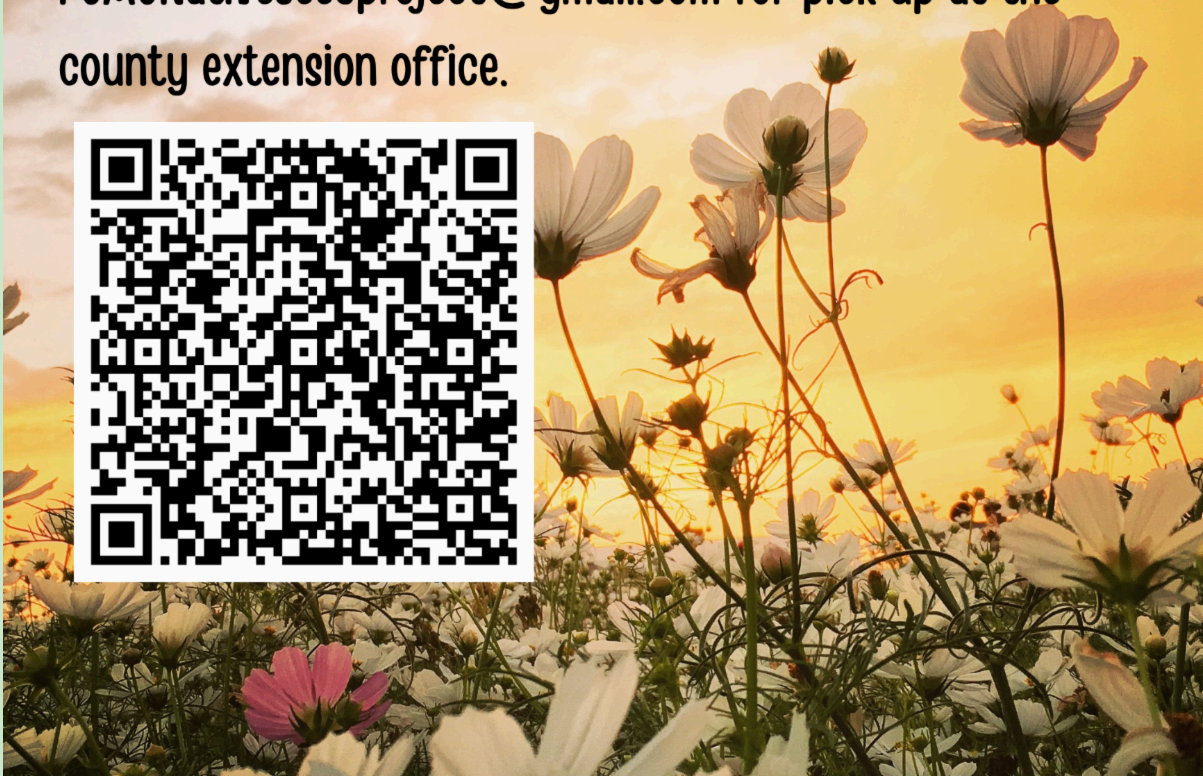
Inside, you'll find a message from our president, Michele Wasson, From the Greenhouse, Self-Watering Planters, Project Spotlight, and so much more!

Magnolia Chronicle

FREE NATIVE SEED GIVE AWAY

Arkansas Native Seeds will be available at the October and November PCMG monthly meetings to start planting in the fall (most native seeds require cold moist stratification/ overwintering to germinate in the spring).

If you cannot make the meeting, review the QR code seed list below. Orders will be filled after the October meeting in the order they are received by contacting PCMGNativeSeedProject@gmail.com for pick up at the county extension office.





The poster features a purple and gold color scheme. At the top center is the Williams Temple Church of God in Christ logo, which includes a dove and the letters 'WT'. To the right is a large red heart with a white ECG line and a stethoscope. Below the heart is a yellow banner with the text 'HEALTHY PEOPLE STRONGER COMMUNITIES'. The main title 'WILLIAMS TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST HEALTH Fair' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, the event details are listed: 'SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026' with a calendar icon, '10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM' with a clock icon, and the address '1723 COMMERCE STREET LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72206' with a location pin icon. A photograph of the fair setup is shown, including a 'FREE FOOD' table, 'GAMES' (Connect Four and ring toss), a 'BOUNCY HOUSE FOR THE CHILDREN', and a Little Rock Fire Department truck. A section titled 'COMMUNITY PARTNERS' lists several organizations: Abundant Healthcare LLC, Metropolitan EMS, ArchWell Health, Division of Agriculture Research & Extension, Master Gardener, State Farm, City of Little Rock, Mr. Calvin's Bouncers Party Rentals, Arkansas Minority Health Commission, and Arkansas Department of Health. At the bottom, a quote reads: 'We are an inner city church with an inner man's message, a church in the heart of the city with the city at heart.'

WILLIAMS TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

HEALTH Fair

HEALTHY PEOPLE STRONGER COMMUNITIES

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24, 2026

10:00 AM
TO 1:00 PM

1723 COMMERCE STREET
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72206

FREE FOOD

GAMES

BOUNCY HOUSE FOR THE CHILDREN

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

ABUNDANT HEALTHCARE LLC
YOUR HEALTH. OUR PRIORITY. WHERE CARING FEELS LIKE HOME.

Metropolitan EMS
metroems.org

ArchWell HEALTH

U of A
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE
RESEARCH & EXTENSION
University of Arkansas System

MASTER GARDENER

State Farm

CITY OF LITTLE ROCK
ARKANSAS

MR. CALVIN'S BOUNCERS
MCB
501-944-7621
PARTY RENTALS

ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

*"We are an inner city church with an inner man's message,
a church in the heart of the city with the city at heart."*

We need some volunteers to work a booth at the Williams Temple Church Health Fair.

It will be 10-1, table and chairs will be provided. I can provide a canopy if you want shade.

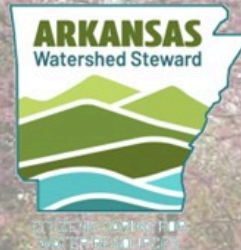
I will also provide a master gardener tablecloth and some handouts for the event. If you need extra hours, this is a great way to get some.

Please email me if you are interested.

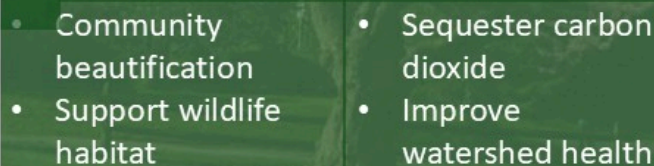


The members of the Arkansas Orchid Society asks if you would announce our annual orchid auction, to your members. Thanks!

The Arkansas Orchid Society would like to announce their annual orchid auction, 1:30pm, on the 18th of October, in the gymnasium of the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 310 W. 17th Street, Little Rock. All orchid/plant lovers are invited to attend and make a bid for a beautiful orchid plant. For additional information/details, please see our FaceBook page or our website at: <https://www.arorchidsociety.com/>



Online Tree Request Form



For more information contact treeplantingproject@uada.edu

Natural Resources Conservation Service



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Link to the website: <https://www.uaex.uada.edu/environment-nature/water/central-ar-tree-project/>
Link to the order form: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=T5VNF15Yw0CuHAGtpfJnI-PEyVrbqWZNiOpOCZV-gptUNVkJ5M1NKSUhON01PUjILRTM2WDM1WIJSMS4u>



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