PCMG Weekly Digest



Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you are all doing well! I cannot believe the year is almost over. It seems like this year has flown by!

We have had a few changes to our email system, and I wanted to make sure everyone was aware. My new email address is dereed@uark.edu. I will still receive emails sent to my old address for the next year, but I encourage everyone to start using the new one moving forward.

Part one of our new Gardening with Master Gardeners series is coming up next week! We will be learning about different gardening methods, soil health, and proper tool cleaning and maintenance. There will also be a hands-on workshop where you can make your own bucket garden to take home. You can even bring your gardening tools to have them sharpened! The registration link is below, so be sure to sign up if you are interested.

On a more personal note, many of you know that my dog Merlin passed away last summer. I still miss him greatly, and I am not quite ready to welcome another dog into my life. However, yesterday I ended up adopting a very

adorable six-month-old grey kitten! He is extremely friendly, loves attention, and is a bit of a gremlin when it comes to food. I have yet to come up with a name for him, so I am still working on that. I will include a few pictures at the end of the digest for anyone who wants to see the newest addition to my home. Who knows, maybe one of you will have the perfect name suggestion!

Our new master gardener training is going great! We are three weeks in, and the newbies are really enthusiastic. If you are one of the representatives for your project, please let me know how you feel about this version of recruiting. We are constantly trying to improve, and I think this year was a success!

Links to register for the holiday party and a new training are below, so be sure to check them out!

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

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!



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PCMG
HOLIDAY EVENT



WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2026
11 AM

PULASKI HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4823 Woodlawn Drive,
Little Rock, AR. 72205

Speaker
Leah
Casady

$25.00 Per Person
Mail check (address to PCMG)
Pulaski Co Extension Office
2901 W. Roosevelt, LR 72204
or Use QR Code for payment

Payment to be received by
21 November 2026

Click Here to register!

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.

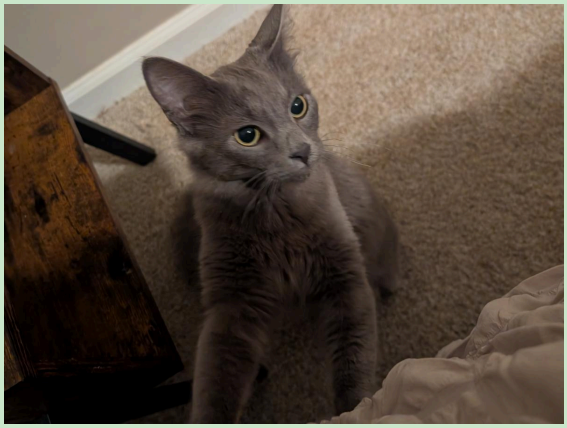




Link to the website: https://www.uaex.uada.edu/environment-nature/water/central-ar-tree-project/
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