

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS *(updated 3//8/26)*

Argenta (est. 2008)

– Corner of 4th and Main St., N Little Rock

We've partnered with the Argenta streetscape project to beautify the four corners of this intersection in North Little Rock.

Workdays: We work the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 8:00 a.m. We garden from April through the first week of December.

BHRI (Baptist Health Rehab Institute) (est. 1992)

– 9501 Baptist Health Dr., Little Rock

We support patients at the Baptist Health Rehabilitation Institute with monthly sessions, working closely with therapists. Each session includes a short presentation followed by a hands-on, plant-based project, allowing patients to return to their rooms with their own complete container creations. We also maintain the raised beds and planters in BHRI's Patio Garden, where patient sessions sometimes take place.

Workdays: Saturday patient sessions are 10:00-11:00 a.m. Patio hours vary.

Cammack U of A garden (est. 1998)

- Located at 2404 North University, Little Rock.

We have recently began planting a flower garden at the entrance to the University of Arkansas Administration Campus. It will feature both native and non-native Arkansas plants.

Workdays: Second Tuesday and fourth Thursday mornings.

Courthouse Rose Gardens (est. 2016)

– 401 W. Markham, Little Rock

The Alexander-Butler Rose Garden consists of two large semicircular gardens containing roses and other flowering plants on the grounds surrounding the historic 1889 Pulaski County Courthouse.

Workdays: 2nd and 4th Tuesday, year-round in the mornings.

Curran Hall (est. 2002)

– 615 E Capitol Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202

This 1842 Greek Revival house has been restored as the Little Rock Visitor Information Center. The landscape reflects this period in history while using a mix of Arkansas natives and pollinator plants. There are seasonal plantings to enhance its current public use as an event rental space.

Workdays: February-November; Mondays and Saturdays 9am noon.

Governor's Vegetable Garden (est. 2015)

– 1800 Center St., Little Rock

The chefs at the Governor's Mansion use fresh, seasonal vegetables from the garden planned, planted and maintained by PCMG.

Workdays: Mondays in the morning as needed.

Greenhouse Little Rock (est. 1991)

– 7th and Palm St., Little Rock

The Greenhouse team at the Arkansas State Hospital cultivates hundreds of plants, including annuals, perennials, herbs, and vegetables from seeds. They propagate and transplant plants for their annual public sale in mid-April.

Workdays: September - May, Friday mornings, Sunday afternoons, and as needed

Hays Senior Center (est. 2004)

– 401 W Pershing Blvd., N Little Rock

The Hays Center is designed to assist mature adults in remaining physically fit and active. In addition, PCMGs add the component of beauty and restfulness by planting and maintaining the Center's flower beds. Natives, perennials and pollinator friendly plants are interspersed with other colorful annuals. Our new bed is dedicated to only natives and pollinator friendly plants.

Workdays are the second and fourth Wednesdays from March to the end of October. We meet in the mornings, starting times depending on the time of year.

Historic Arkansas Museum (est. 2003)

– 200 E 3rd St., Little Rock

The Pulaski County Master Gardeners maintain six raised beds to produce heirloom vegetables reflective of those grown in the time of Thomas Jefferson.

We also plant and maintain several flower beds containing Arkansas native plants: gourds, period flowers and shrubs. We build supportive structures using twine, branches, and bamboo.

Workdays: Every Monday around 0800 depending on the weather.

Juvenile Detention Center (Pulaski County) (JDC) (est. 2019)

– 3001 W Roosevelt Rd, Little Rock

JDC consists of twelve large garden beds that are planted for year round fruit, vegetables, herb, and flower gardening. The harvests are then prepared by the Pulaski Co Extension Family & Consumer Sciences agent and shared with the JDC Students for evaluation on taste, texture and whether they would eat it again. Whenever possible, the students are out in the gardens learning all aspects of gardening from seed to harvest.

Workdays: We meet year-round and work every Tuesday and sometimes other days when necessary, in the mornings.

Kathy Ratcliffe Demo Garden (est. 2018)

– 1 Four-H Way, Ferndale on the campus of the C.A. Vines 4-H Center.

This teaching garden offers classes for adults and children on small fruits, vegetables, annuals, perennials, Arkansas native plants, and bee keeping.

Workdays: Wednesdays and Saturdays year around – weather permitting (except November – January) - 7:30 a.m. during the summer. 9:00 a.m. during other months.

Maumelle Community Center (est. 2006)

– 1100 Edgewood Dr., Maumelle

From the large planters flanking the entry doors to the Jess Odom Community Center (aka Maumelle Community Center) to the seven garden beds on the upper level to the Certified Monarch Waystation meadow on the lower level, we offer great diversity to residents and visitors to the center to help them understand the many beautiful approaches to gardening. Our project began in 2006 with an objective to beautify four areas of public access to the newly remodeled center. Twenty years later we have grown to nine beds. In addition to our original purpose of creating a beautiful entry, we now welcome visitors with a roadside Sign Bed of booming Maumelle Iris in the spring and roses and lantana in summer. A median strip dividing the main entrance road has shrubs, large boulders, grasses and a blanket of native primroses. The

Southern Magnolia tree in the Circle Bed crowns a colorful and everchanging display of shrubs, perennials, bulbs, annuals and groundcovers. Our xeriscape garden demonstrates beauty in plants with low water needs. The whimsy of our fairy garden delights both young and old with seasonal decorations. Bees and Butterflies and other insects (as well as residents) enjoy our Meadow. The project expands its community reach by partnering with local schools, the Maumelle Garden Club, and other city departments. In 2013 Parks and Rec won Pulaski County Friend of Master Gardeners for their outstanding help and support which continues today. In 2022 our project won the Pulaski County Project of the Year.

Workdays: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from February through December. Members often work at other times to meet required hours or simply when they see a need.

MG Helping Hands (est. 1988)

– 2901 W Roosevelt Rd., Little Rock

MG Helping Hands project (formerly the Hort Hotline) is located at the Pulaski County Extension Office with dedicated office space. In addition to answering gardening calls, project members aid in making plant labels, typing the “Tip of the Week” for the Weekly Digest, purchasing/creating monthly general meeting door prizes, assisting with mail outs and keeping the reference material updated. Workdays are flexible and this project is especially suited for PCMGS who have physical or medical issues.

Workdays: Flexible

Mount Holly Cemetery (est. 1994)

– 1200 S Broadway, Little Rock

This downtown cemetery opened in 1843 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It’s a beautiful place to garden thanks to its mature trees, gentle slopes, and variety of monument styles. The MGs have three tasks: tend to the climbing roses on the perimeter fence, plant the Victorian Fountain Garden twice a year with seasonal annuals, and plant small seasonal flowerbeds at selected gravesites that are seen by many visitors.

Workdays: Every other Thursday from mid-February through October. Project members are not expected to be at every workday. Hours: 9 to 11 a.m. when the weather is reasonable, 8 to 10 a.m. in the heat of the summer.

Native Seed Project (est. 2026)

- 2901 W Roosevelt Rd., Little Rock

The Native Seed Project collects and preserves Arkansas native seeds (herbaceous perennials and annuals, grasses, shrubs, and trees), to provide a native seed bank in our community to support native plant diversity. Members sort, stratify, and store seeds to maintain viability, then distribute available seeds at community events and through the PCMG extension office. Education to improve germination and planting success is also provided. The project serves as a native plant resource for PCMG and raises awareness of protecting native wildlife and urban habitat needs.

Workdays: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month year-round.

This is a project that allows some flexibility of work hours after training and supports members with physical restrictions.

Old Mill Park (est. 1991)

– 3800 Lakeshore Dr., NLR

The Old Mill Park, constructed in 1933, is a designated site of the National Register of Historical Places and part of North Little Rock (NLR) Parks & Recreation Department since 1976. Master Gardeners work with the NLR Parks Department to maintain the approximately 3-acre park with general responsibility for the planted beds. NLR Parks mows, trims and performs the heavy maintenance work of the park. The park is a certified Monarch Waystation hosting native and non-native plants supporting biodiversity and attracting a wide variety of pollinators.

Workdays: the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, Feb/March – early December. We also schedule optional Saturday workdays for the gardeners as needed.

Old State House (est. 1991)

– 300 W. Markham, Little Rock

Our first Master Gardener Project features formal shrubbery and seasonal plantings around the historic iron fountain and 1836 museum.

Workdays: Thursdays @ 9:00 AM year-round with a flexible schedule. Saturdays if needed.

Park Hill Water Works (est. 1999)

– 3427 N Magnolia St., N Little Rock

Located on a quiet neighborhood street, this site features an Art Deco building that houses the North Little Rock Neighborhood Assoc. Team members plant and maintain a variety of annual and perennial beds to enhance the curbside appeal of this location.

Workdays: Every Monday till May then every other Monday depending on the weather at 9 a.m.

Pathfinder Greenhouse (est. 2007)

– 2520 W Main St., Jacksonville

This small greenhouse is located on the Pathfinder, Inc. campus. Team members grow a variety of native and nonnative annuals and perennials for projects and for sale to the public.

Workdays are January to April, Thursdays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m

Pinnacle Mountain (est. 1990) – Pinnacle Mountain State Park

– Former Visitor Center,

11901 Pinnacle Valley Rd., Little Rock

The native plant gardens at Pinnacle showcase the beauty of Arkansas native plants across the seasons. Team members grow, plant, and maintain the seven planting areas and develop strategies that can be used by gardeners to integrate native plants into their landscapes.

Workdays: 2nd & 4th Thursdays with starting times vary from 9:30 to 7:30 a.m. depending on heat.

Pulaski County Extension Office

– 2901 W. Roosevelt Rd, Little Rock

Being affiliated with the Extension Office offers a unique opportunity for experimentation and demonstration. We incorporate a wide variety of trees, shrubs, natives, perennials and annuals in our numerous beds. Included in our landscapes are woodlands, a newly renovated pollinator bed, a large perennial bed and foundation plantings. Our goals for next year include reclamation of a dry shaded hillside, “trials” of some newer varieties of plants, and to coordinate with the extension office to offer demonstrations or workshops to enhance our knowledge of all things you might encounter in a residential garden.

Workdays: 2nd Wednesday and Saturday, the 4th Thursday & Saturday and additional weekday and Saturday workdays added during spring and fall.

River Market Clinic (est. 1997)

- E Markham St., Little Rock

Stop by the River Market Gardening Clinic and visit with our friendly Master Gardeners at the Farmers Market! Whether you're an experienced gardener or just getting started, we're here to help with timely gardening tips, answers to your lawn and landscape questions, and practical advice for growing success. Also, while you're here, pick up **free plants and seeds** (while supplies last), ask your gardening questions, and bring the kids to enjoy our **children's planting station** for a fun, hands-on gardening activity. Workdays: Saturdays, May 22 through August 1st, 7:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Starting and end times may vary.

Scholars Garden (est. 2006)

– 1200 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock

Seasonal plantings in a modern landscape design accent the Clinton Presidential Center. Annuals and perennials are selected to maintain color and interest year-round.

Workdays: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays & 1st and 3rd Thursdays from March to November from 8:30am - 10:30 am; Start time will be 8:00 in hotter weather.

Serenity Garden, Home for Healing (est. 2015)

– 4300 W. Markham St., Little Rock

The Serenity Garden, located on the west side of the building provides a restorative space for patients undergoing treatment at UAMS and AR Children's Hospital and for their families. There is restricted access due to healthcare setting.

Workdays: 2nd and 4th Wednesday 9 or 9:30 a.m., depending on weather conditions.

Sherwood Senior Center (est. 2018)

– 2301 Thornhill Dr., Sherwood, Arkansas

We've been designing, planting, and maintaining the entrance beds across the front of the building and drive on the Jack Evans Sr. Citizens Center grounds.

Workdays: 1st and 3rd Friday of each month starting March thru November; 9:00 a.m. in cooler weather and 8:00 amid hot weather

State Extension Office (est. 2019)

– 2301 S University Ave., Little Rock

Project members plant and maintain the landscape at the front of the building, with the goal of offering an interesting and inviting welcome to visitors and employees using as many native plants as practical. We also help and advise on the Educational

Landscape Trail through the natural wooded area behind the building, alongside Coleman Creek, including identifying, enhancing, and labeling native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.
Workdays: 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the morning

State Hospital (est. 1992)

– 305 S Palm St., Little Rock

A butterfly garden, stone walks and benches welcome visitors to the Administration Building.

Workdays: 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. from March through July plus September – November

War Memorial Park (est. 1994)

– Fair Park & Markham St., Little Rock

The entrance to War Memorial Park is enhanced by seasonal color, planted and maintained by PCMGs in cooperation with Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department.

Workdays 2nd and 4th Fridays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. depending on weather.

Wildwood (est. 2008)

– 20919 Denny Rd., Little Rock

This specialty garden, one of several at Wildwood Park, is about an acre in size and promotes tranquility in this Ouachita woodland setting. The greater garden contains a variety of native and nonnative plants, trees, and ferns along the boardwalk.

Workdays: Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the year

Witt Stephens Nature Center (est. 2010)

– 602 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock

Our mission is planting and maintaining an Arkansas native and butterfly garden, and to showcase how native Arkansas plants look in a domestic setting. The garden area is a part of the Arkansas River Trail. It is used by educators at the Nature Center as part of programs that teach about birds and insects.

Workdays: 2nd and 4th Tuesday from mid-February through mid November from 9 to 12 p.m. Starting times are adjusted during the summer to 8:00am, depending on the temperature. Ample parking is provided.

Little Rock Zoo Entry Plaza (est. 2026)

-1 Zoo Drive, Little Rock

We are a new project with four planting areas with a mix of native and nonnative plants to maintain along with 6 to 8 containers for annual color.

You must walk through the gardens before entering the zoo. Relax on a bench and enjoy!

Workdays are the 2nd and 4th Saturday at 8am, April to November.