

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS

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.

Arkansas Children's Hospital (est. 2021) - 10th St. & Children's Way, Little Rock

This is a highly visible garden with two areas: the entrance (including a side children's garden) and auxiliary gardens along the park area.

Workdays: 2nd and 4th Saturday beginning at 8 a.m., from April to November.

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.

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.

County Extension Helping Hands (est. 1988) – 2901 W Roosevelt Rd., Little Rock

The County Extension 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

County Extension Office – 2901 W. Roosevelt Rd, Little Rock

We have multiple beds including flower gardens, a woodland garden and pollinator beds with perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees providing new Master Gardeners an opportunity to learn and practice gardening techniques. The newly restored foundation and perennial demonstration beds showcase ideas for residential gardening for members of the community.

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

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. We can accommodate some Saturday workdays.

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 on the grounds of the State Hospital produces hundreds of flats of flowers and herbs for seasonal planting in project gardens and for sale to the public.

Workdays: Fridays 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. To provide another component to a healthy lifestyle, PCMGs bring beauty and restfulness to the compound by planting and maintaining several of the front beds. Natives and pollinator friendly plants are interspersed with other colorful annuals in the beds. Our new bed is dedicated to only natives that are pollinator friendly.

Workdays are the second and fourth Wednesday from March until November. During the cool months we begin work at 8 or 8:30 a.m. and at 7:30 in hotter weather. (there is flexibility)

Historic Arkansas Museum (est. 2003) – 200 E 3rd St., Little Rock

This project reflects the museum's educational mission. The plants and vegetables growing in the gardens are similar to those planted by settlers in the mid-nineteenth century. Heritage seeds are carefully researched, planted and cultivated using the method of that period.

Workdays: Mondays from 8 -10 a.m. with some adjustment for season.

Home for Healing Serenity Garden (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.

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 will offer classes for adults and children on small fruits, vegetables, annuals, perennials, Arkansas native plants, and bee keeping.

Workdays: Mondays and Saturdays year around, 7:30 a.m. during the Summer. 9:00 a.m. during other months.

Maumelle Community Center – 1100 Edgewood Dr., Maumelle

The team known as Garden Friends Forever (GFFs) maintain eight garden beds spread out across the grounds of the Maumelle Community Center. Garden beds welcome the public beginning at the front entrance to the back entry of the Community Center. Selections of plants and flowers add interest and seasonal color to beautify the grounds. Beds include a big splash of color in the welcoming circle bed, whimsy with a unique fairy garden that changes during the seasons to celebrate holidays, and a butterfly meadow attracting butterflies, pollinators and unique native plants and much, much more. The project expands its community reach by partnering with the two local high schools and local businesses.

Workdays: 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8 a.m. from February through December, on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 8:00 a.m. Members can work at other times together to meet their required hours.

Mount Holly Cemetery (est. 1994) – 1200 S Broadway, Little Rock

Climbing roses are the signature plant at the cemetery. In addition to caring for the roses, team members plant and maintain the Victorian Fountain Garden and various gravesite flowerbeds to enhance the visual appeal of this historic location.

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. during the heat of the summer.

Old Mill Park (est. 1991) – 3800 Lakeshore Dr., N Little Rock

Master Gardeners work with NLR Parks & Recreation Department as well as Friends of the Old Mill (FOM), a non-profit organization, to maintain the three acres of the grounds of the Old Mill. Master Gardeners have general responsibility for the planted beds in the park. NLR Parks mows, trims, and maintains the grounds and does the “heavy lifting”.

Workdays: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8 or 9 a.m. depending on weather.

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 May, Wednesday and Saturday Mornings 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and as needed.

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

River Market Clinic (est. 1997) - E Markham St., Little Rock

Master Gardeners staff a clinic at the Farmers Market, provide timely gardening tips and answer landscape/garden and take questions from the public.

Workdays: May through August on the 2nd and 4th Saturday, 7 to 11 a.m. or 8 a.m. to Noon.

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.

**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

St. Joseph's Pollinator Gardens (est. 2023) – 6800 Camp Robinson Road, N Little Rock

The pollinator garden consists of 5 landscaped zones with common walkways at the St. Josephs Center in North Little Rock. It is located by the main building and is in a central location to all the activities at the center and on the farm. It is a monarch way station providing a haven for pollinators and is an educational site for the public to see native wildlife and plantings year-round.

Workdays: 2nd and 4th Thursdays and one Saturday a month at 8:00 or 9:00 am depending on the weather.

State Extension Office – 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: Every Tuesday and Saturday

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 depending on the temperature. Ample parking is provided.