

# ALDRIDGE GARDENS

NATURE AND ART IN BALANCE



*October at Aldridge Gardens is filled with exciting opportunities for you and your family! If you are not already a member, join now to take full advantage of member benefits, including discounts at our gift shop and all our activities, plus much more! Remember that memberships to Aldridge Gardens make great gifts. For more information and to purchase memberships, go to [aldridgegardens.com](http://aldridgegardens.com).*



## Taste of Hoover

*Thursday, October 6, 5 – 8 p.m. (Rain date October 12)*

*Tickets \$30 members/\$40 non-members*

Enjoy an autumn evening with us strolling through the Gardens and sampling scrumptious dishes from the menus of some of Hoover's best restaurants, caterers, and more. Taste international wines and local beers while listening to live entertainment. Only a limited number of tickets are available, and this popular event is likely to sell out. Taste of Hoover is sponsored by the Hoover Sun.

Get your tickets now at [aldridgegardens.com](http://aldridgegardens.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Veterans Memorial Arbor Dedication:

**Monday, November 7**

Holiday Greenery Sale: **Saturday, December 3**

## Sensory Handmade Soaps Workshop!

*Tuesday, October 18, 6 – 8:30 p.m.*

*\$30 Members/\$40 Non-Members (includes materials fee and 4 soaps)*

*Workshop limited to 18. Pre-register online at [aldridgegardens.com](http://aldridgegardens.com).*

Learn how to create your own handmade soaps. (These make great gifts!) Soap Crafters Julie Morrow and Amanda Ray will demonstrate "old fashioned" soap making using the cold process method. First learn to make a basic exfoliating kitchen soap using ingredients from your pantry. Then learn more advanced techniques including multi-colored soap batter and swirls. Students will receive a bar from each batch

of cold process soap that was made during class via mail in 4-5 weeks after it has fully cured. Participants will also create two bars of melt and pour soap to take home and enjoy immediately. Detailed hand-outs containing recipes, tips & techniques, plus info on sourcing supplies will be included so that you may continue making handcrafted soaps at home. Please wear cleaning/work clothes.



## Whispers From the Past: A Native American Experience

*Sunday, October 2, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.*

*(Rain date October 9)*

*Admission \$10 for visitors 18 and older/\$5 for children 2 to 17.*

*Children younger than 2 are free.*

Spend a day with Whispers From the Past and rediscover the culture and contributions of Native Alabamians. Engage in pottery and gourd crafts, Cherokee leaf pounding, corn grinding, and bead weaving on



looms. Play authentic Native American games and observe Native American dances. This community-based project partners Aldridge Gardens with scholars in anthropology, archaeology, history and horticulture, as well as representatives of the local Native American community. Food will be available for purchase as well as handmade items, artifacts, and much more. Children's admission includes take-home crafts, while supplies last.

## Guided Bird Walk

*Saturday, October 15, 8 - 10 a.m.*

Enjoy fresh air and a little exercise as Dr. Richard and Patricia Ryel lend their expertise and insights on a guided tour to view the many species of birds in the Gardens. This monthly members-only event is free, but we ask that you RSVP at [aldridgegardens.com](http://aldridgegardens.com).

**Hold your holiday party at Aldridge Gardens!** If you are planning a Christmas party, a family reunion, a wedding or a corporate meeting or retreat, our professional event planners can help make your day perfect. With its unique atmosphere and a variety of indoor and outdoor venues, Aldridge Gardens offers an exceptional setting for your special event. For information, contact Amanda Baker, Director of Sales & Catering (205) 682-8019 ext. 103 or [abaker@aldridgegardens.com](mailto:abaker@aldridgegardens.com).