

ALDRIDGE GARDENS

NATURE AND ART IN BALANCE



There is so much to see and do at Aldridge Gardens during the months of June and July! There are summer camps for children and tours and interesting classes for adults. There are weddings, picnics and parties going on, and lots of people out to enjoy Hoover's most beautiful retreat, only moments from shopping malls and busy offices. There are many birds and beautiful blooms, a walking trail around our scenic lake, and a floating dock to take it all in. Leave the stress at home, and come visit!



In the Gallery: Artist Jayne Morgan

*Meet the Artist Reception: Tuesday,
June 12, 6-7 p.m.*

*Aldridge Gardens Propagators private
reception with artist: 5-6 p.m.*

Don't forget to come inside the house while visiting Aldridge Gardens! The works of artist Jayne Morgan will be on display and available for purchase in the gallery during June and July. Jayne Morgan is known for her honey bear paintings, inspired by childhood memories of the honey bear that was always on the dinner table.

Also, see our display of sculptures by the late Frank Fleming, on permanent display inside the gallery. Hoover resident Ken Jackson donated this very special collection.

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We at Aldridge Gardens extend our sincere thanks to our Sustaining Sponsors, whose generous sponsorships enable us to maintain and sustain the grounds, and to provide activities and events.

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Let our professional event coordinator help you plan your special social or business affair at Aldridge Gardens! We have a variety of indoor and outdoor venues, and we can provide you with all the information and inspiration you need to host the perfect party, wedding, conference or meeting. Contact Amanda Baker, Director of Sales and Catering (205) 682-8019 ext. 103 or abaker@aldridgegardens.com.



Bonsai specialist John Walker recently presented a bonsai class at Aldridge Gardens. Mr. Walker maintains the bonsai specimens on the back patio by the house. Mr. Jim McLane of Hoover graciously donated this incredible, must-see collection to Aldridge Gardens.

Join Aldridge Gardens to learn about Bonsai!

Bonsai is the traditional Japanese art form that creates tiny shrubs and trees that resemble their full size counterparts in shape and style. It is a fascinating hobby that can become addictive! Now Aldridge Gardens is offering a new level of membership to the Gardens, the Bonsai Society of Aldridge Gardens membership. This membership level has new, exciting benefits for people who want to learn more about bonsai.

Membership at the Bonsai level includes quarterly bonsai education seminars and quarterly hands-on bonsai workshops, as well as additional “pop-up” bonsai classes. You also receive all the Harmony level (our basic family membership) benefits, including 10% discounts at our plant sales and at Roots gift shop. You receive discounts on many events and summer camps, and you may enjoy expanded “members only” hours with dog walking and lake fishing days. In addition, all members receive reciprocal admission to over 300 participant gardens across the country. Go to aldridgegardens.com for more information and to join.

Monthly Bird Walks for Members

Saturday, June 16, 8-10 a.m.

Saturday, July 21, 8-10 a.m.

105 different species of birds have been identified during bird walks at Aldridge Gardens. Members are invited to attend our monthly bird walks with Dr. Richard and Patricia Ryel. Be sure to bring your binoculars! Our bird walks are free, but please register at aldridgegardens.com, as attendance is limited.



Barrels of Fun... & Whiskey!

Thursday, July 26, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Pavilion

\$20 members/ \$25 nonmembers

For adults only (21 and up)

Enjoy an evening with bartender and author Clair McLafferty, and learn about whiskey as she discusses the history and mixology of this traditional alcoholic beverage. Her book, *Classic and Craft Cocktail Recipe Book*, will be available for purchase and signing. Tickets include two adult whiskey beverages and light refreshments. Register at aldridgegardens.com.

Enchanted Ethiopian Eating

Thursday, August 2, 6-8 p.m.

\$30 members/ \$35 nonmembers

Limited to 20 participants

Join Gini Mohamad from Red Sea Ethiopian & Mediterranean Restaurant for a real taste treat! Learn how to make Injera (Ethiopian flatbread), as well as an appetizer, an entrée, a side dish and a dessert. Even tea! Register at aldridgegardens.com.

