

# ALDRIDGE GARDENS

NATURE AND ART IN BALANCE



*It's May and the perfect time to treat yourself or a loved one to membership in Aldridge Gardens! Members enjoy many benefits, including reciprocal benefits at nearly 300 public gardens across the country. Members also receive discounts at Roots, the Aldridge Garden and Gift Shop, on summer camps, community*



*workshops and seminars, and at our plant sale, including the Members-Only Preview Sale. Members are also invited to our guided bird walks and other members-only events. Like to fish? Except during weddings and other special events, members may fish our lake Monday through Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. during daylight saving time (spring, summer, and early fall) and 3 to 4:30 p.m. during standard time (late fall and winter). Members also are invited to walk their leashed dogs Monday through Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. during daylight saving time and 3 to 4:30 p.m. during standard time.*

*Go to [aldridgegardens.com](http://aldridgegardens.com) for more information about membership and the Gardens.*

## Members-Only Bird Walk

*Saturday, May 20, 8-10 a.m.*

Join Richard and Patricia Ryel for this guided tour for our members to see the many birds in the Gardens. A recent bird walk identified 28 different species. This is a great way to experience nature, to meet new friends, and to enjoy the beauty of the Gardens. Be sure to bring a pair of binoculars! To register for the bird walk, go to [aldridgegardens.com](http://aldridgegardens.com).



## Summer Camps Are a Fun Way to Learn!

Our summer camps are almost full, so register now! Taught by board-certified teachers, all camp sessions contain direct educational components. Our ½ day, week-long camps will run Monday through Friday from June 5 through June 30, 9 a.m. to noon. Camp themes include Observing Your Observing, Construction in Nature, Engineering FUNdamentals, Cool Art, Paper Circuitry, and our ever-popular American Girl Doll camps. For more information and to register, go to [aldridgegardens.com](http://aldridgegardens.com).

## In the Gallery

There are great things to see in the gallery this month! Murray Johnston's extraordinary art quilts continue to be on view and available for purchase through May. Also, be sure to see our special Frank Fleming sculpture collection. The Eddie and Kay Aldridge Art and Historical Collections Museum is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except when there is a private event inside the house.



## Hydrangea Propagation Workshop

*Saturday, May 20 (Rain Date June 3) 9-11am*

Learn how to propagate hydrangeas! Lead by David Doggett and Willie Edmiston in the Dirr Hydrangea Garden, this class will give you instructions and valuable hands-on experience. Please bring a clear 2-liter soda bottle, along with pruners and scissors for trimming leaves. You will leave with three hydrangea cuttings, ready to grow and to eventually be transplanted into your own garden.

For more information and to register, go to [aldridgegardens.com](http://aldridgegardens.com).

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## Start Planning Your Special Day Now!

Aldridge Gardens offers a variety of beautiful venues for corporate meetings, retreats, special parties, and weddings. Let our professional event planners help make your day perfect.

For information, contact Amanda Baker, Director of Sales & Catering at 205-682-8019 ext. 103 or [abaker@aldridgegardens.com](mailto:abaker@aldridgegardens.com).



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*We need your help! To volunteer at Aldridge Gardens, contact Phyllis Giles at 205-682-8019 or [volunteer@aldridgegardens.com](mailto:volunteer@aldridgegardens.com).*