

ALDRIDGE GARDENS

NATURE AND ART IN BALANCE

News from our Chief Executive Officer Tynette Lynch

Nature looks different every day at Aldridge Gardens, some flowers are just starting to bloom while others have peaked, which seems to be the new “normal” of our lives these days. But the sun always rises and sets and we continue to plant and enjoy the beauty that we have at Aldridge Gardens.

June summer camps were a huge success as the kids enjoyed their daily outdoor routines with some distancing in place. And our beautiful weddings and celebrations resumed with a few “healthy” adjustments as well.

With fall just around the corner plans are underway for our annual “Taste of Hoover”, scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 5 to 8 pm on the grounds of Aldridge Gardens. We have plenty of space to spread out and enjoy tastings from our local restaurants and caterers while adhering to social distancing for health concerns. Space to roam and enjoy the serenity of our beautiful Gardens is a gift we continue to be Blessed with. And we have seen record numbers of visitors to our Gardens this year which makes us smile every day as we open our gates.

Our outdoor Pavilion has become quite the popular spot at which to book events and our weekends for Fall and into 2021 are filling up quickly. Also, reservations for photography sessions are very popular and fill up very fast so if you are planning on booking an event or a photography session you can contact Amanda Baker, our Director of Sales and Events at abaker@aldridgegardens.com or visit our website www.aldridgegardens.com to schedule an appointment.

We could not do what we do without the support of all of our visitors, members, corporate sponsors and the City of Hoover, and for that we say Thank You.



Taste of Hoover

Mark your calendars now for Hoover’s social event of the Fall, Taste of Hoover at Aldridge Gardens! Last year over 30 of Hoover’s top restaurants and caterers, along with local breweries and distilleries, shared their talents with a huge, sell-out crowd. No one left hungry!

This year’s date is Thursday evening, October 8th. It is our FIRST event since returning from the COVID-19 stay-at-home, so we are expecting a BIG crowd! October 8th will be here before you know it —mark your calendars now. Tickets go on sale later this summer. Visit aldridgegardens.com for updates.

Restaurants who wish to participate should contact Jennifer Gowers at (205) 918-7670 or jennifer@goproeventsolutions.com.





New Master Plan Additions

Even though we took some “time away” in March and April, the grounds staff worked tirelessly around huge crowds, keeping the Gardens beautiful! And, they found the time to install Phase 1 of our new Community Orchard! Originally conceived as a community garden, we changed to a

community orchard to allow larger COMMUNITY access-not everyone is a gardener!

The orchard will be open soon to the public to harvest blueberries, thornless blackberries, raspberries, figs and oriental persimmons without charge.

Please just respect the plantings and

harvest only what is needed-- leave some for others to enjoy!

The orchard is located in the front lawn, close to the parking lot, and is accessed by the Lorna Road loop sidewalk that goes around the lawn. There are steps leading to the path across from the Gardens’ main drive!

2020 Summer Camps

Aldridge Gardens’ 2020 Summer Camps were a TREMENDOUS success—a BIG thank you to the campers and their! Although the Gardens limited the camper population to 40 per session due to the pandemic, campers enjoyed Science, Art and the ever-popular American Girl Doll camps under the Pavilion in a socially distanced, safe environment.

Also a hearty thank you to our corporate sponsors, to our own Debbie McDonald (Aldridge Gardens’ Education Coordinator), to our camp teachers, and to the Hoover Belles—this year’s camps were the best ever!

