## ALDRIDGE G A R D E N S

## NATURE AND ART IN BALANCE





## Long-Lasting Gifts

THIS Holiday season, with Covid still an issue, why not think "outside the box" and give a truly unique gift, some that can literally last "forever"?

One such everlasting gift is an engraved paver at Aldridge Gardens! Aldridge Gardens has two distinct areas where engraved pavers may be purchased: our Gardens' Entrance Plaza and the Pentagon Plaza at the Veterans Memorial Arbor, where our heros in the military, past and present, can be honored.

Our pavers are unique: Engraving is sandblasted by skilled craftsman. This ensures the engraving will be readable for decades—no fading, no chipping and most of all no loss of legibility due to wear. This process takes a bit longer as there are only a few craftsmen skilled at sandblasting concrete, but the result is well worth it. If you need something to give as an actual "gift", we can provide a photo mock up of the paver in-place until the actual paver is delivered. Many have commented that the photo mock-up looks so true to life that they have searched the plazas for the actual paver!

Ordering can be done on-line at Aldridgegardens.com. If you haven't seen our pavers, come take a look!

We also have perpetual naming opportunities for benches, planters, light poles, even picnic tables! A plaque will be attached on the particular item for all who visit the Gardens to see!







**Roots, the Aldridge Garden and Gift Shop** has a wonderful collection of impressive gifts and artwork—something for even the most discriminating elf! From pen and ink artworks to triptych, one-of-a-kind photography, to unique party goods to books and garden tools, Roots is a one stop shop for unique gift items. Roots is staffed by Aldridge Gardens' volunteers, and is usually open from 10-3, Monday through Friday, but call before you come!

We saved the best gift idea for last: A gift of MEMBERSHIP in Aldridge Gardens is THE gift that shows you support one of the finest botanical gardens in the country. Plus, an Aldridge Gardens' membership is a key that opens the door to over 300 hundred botanical gardens and arboreta across the USA and Canada through the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP). Your Aldridge Gardens' membership eliminates or tremendously reduces entrance fees at these gardens, so if you know someone who travels and likes to visit gardens, this is the PERFECT gift! Membership also entitles you to discounts in Roots, the annual Plant Sale, summer camp fees and educational sessions and more! Details are on the Aldridge



Gardens website or stop by the Gardens and speak with our membership Coordinator Tuesday-Thursday!

On behalf of your staff at Aldridge Gardens, we wish for you and yours a safe, happy and bountiful holiday season!

## News from our Chief Executive Officer Tynette Lynch

There is nothing better than a brisk walk around beautiful Aldridge Gardens during December and January. The lake has the early morning fog hovering over it and you can feel the nip in the air.

Our teams are all busy working on plans for the

plans for the Holiday parties that are booked, and projects that still need to be completed before the end of the year. Our Christmas trees and lights are up throughout the



Gardens and we are all set to welcome guests and to celebrate the holiday season.

We are extremely happy that Aldridge Gardens was able to offer a beautiful outdoor space that saw record numbers of visitors during a strange, difficult time in our lives. Family picnics and gatherings were happening all over the Gardens allowing everyone space to social distance and enjoy nature at its best, even into the winter months.

We have been busy laying out our calendar of Spring and Summer events that will be happening before we know it as we prepare to say good riddance to 2020 and welcome 2021.

Hopefully the new friends we have made and our loyal supporters will continue to follow us on social media and check out our website aldridgegardens.com for the dates and details of our upcoming events. For all of you, we are thankful

From the Aldridge Gardens team and our Board of Directors we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.