

ALDRIDGE GARDENS

NATURE AND ART IN BALANCE

Upcoming Events

Summer is winding down here at Aldridge Gardens, and what a summer it has been. Our hydrangea collection bloomed heavier and more beautiful than it has in many years. We had very successful summer camps, an amazing *Hydrangeas Under the Stars* event and even with the frequent morning rain, increased visitor counts.



Taste of Hoover

Now our full attention turns to the last two events of the year at the Gardens, starting with THE event of the year, *Taste of Hoover!* Last year's *Taste* was a wonderful event, with the over 35 participating restaurants, caterers and beverage suppliers bringing out samples of their tastiest items for the sell-out crowd to enjoy. The weather was incredible, the live music was perfect and the crowd just amazing. If you left hungry, well....

This year's *Taste* will be Oct. 7, 5-8 p.m., in the circle and under the stars at Aldridge Gardens. Check our website for details and ticket info starting next month, and plan to get yours early. This event is a sell out every year!





Gifts of Art

Our last event of the year is quickly growing to be one of our most popular. *Gifts of Art* in December returns after a COVID break in 2020. This year promises things you have enjoyed the past five years plus some new items from new artists. *Gifts of Art* is not a craft fair, but a one-stop Christmas shopping event with unique, one-of-a-kind art items from 13 local artists. Items are reasonably priced, averaging around \$50-75, and our artists are chosen

for their truly unique items—items not found at regular retail stores. From textiles to glass to pottery to jewelry to metal works, there is literally something for everyone on your Christmas gift list. *Gifts of Art* starts at 9 a.m. on Dec. 2 and closes at 6 p.m., giving you a wide range of times to drop in and shop, AND meet the artists. This event has grown more popular every year, and we are so excited about its return in 2021. Mark your calendars today!

From our CEO

Welcome fall to beautiful Aldridge Gardens. Seasons are special at the Gardens, and with the changing from summer to fall, we start anticipating the beautiful foliage colors we will witness soon. The ginkgo tree will become the most photographed spot in the Gardens as we start preparing to welcome guests to our annual Taste of Hoover. The Taste of Hoover is Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021. Tickets are available on our website at aldridgegardens.com.



We had a very busy summer filled with weddings, baby showers, celebrations of life and of course our annual fundraiser Hydrangeas Under the Stars. We made the decision this year to hold a smaller, more intimate event. We hosted around 150 guests and supporters at a fantastic dinner provided by Savoie catering. A reception and silent auction were held in the Aldridge home with dinner and our live auction under the Pavilion in the Gardens. We would like to thank the City of Hoover, our Board of Directors and all our supporters for everything you do to help us grow and maintain beautiful Aldridge Gardens.

When you walk through the Gardens this fall, you will witness a lot of new projects taking place throughout the grounds. An expansion to the bonsai display area is in the works, along with the replacement of our patio tent as well as a few other small projects. We hope you enjoy the continued growth of the City of Hoover's beautiful Aldridge Gardens.

Holidays are fast approaching, and what better venue to hold your holiday corporate luncheon, Christmas party or family Christmas party then at Aldridge Gardens. To book an event contact Amanda Baker, our Director of Sales and Events, at amanda.baker@hooveralabama.gov or 205-739-6554.