

ALDRIDGE GARDENS

NATURE AND ART IN BALANCE



June and July are always busy months at Aldridge Gardens. You may hear the sounds of happy summer campers or see groups of bird watchers. You may smile at a bridal party taking photos. Our signature snowflake hydrangeas bloom in June, but Aldridge Gardens is more than a place to see lovely plants; it is also a great place to de-stress and to enjoy some gentle exercise. Take time out of your busy schedule to join friends or family for a picnic or a walk around the lake. Soak in the beauty around you. Join our Nordic walking group! Remember to check out the fantastic bonsai collection adjacent to the patio behind the house, donated by Hoover resident Jim McLane.

In the Gallery: Artist Miriam McClung

*Opening Reception: Tuesday, June 11,
6 – 7 p.m.*

*Propagators private reception with
artist: 5 – 6 p.m.*

The works of Miriam McClung, a Birmingham native who has been painting in the Southeast for over sixty years, will be displayed and available for sale in the gallery during June and July. Her art reflects the beauty of God that she sees in the ordinary things of life. While you are inside the gallery, also see our special collection of Frank Fleming bronze sculptures, donated by Hoover resident Ken Jackson.

Is a special social or business affair in your future? Our professional event coordinator can help you plan your perfect day at one of the most beautiful locations in the Birmingham area. We have a variety of indoor and outdoor venues, and we will provide you with all the information and inspiration you need to host the perfect party, wedding, conference or meeting. For information, contact Amanda Baker, Director of Sales and Catering (205) 682-8019 ext. 103 or abaker@aldridgegardens.com.

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Top Five Reasons to Become a Member of Aldridge Gardens

1. You receive discounts at Roots, our Garden and Gift shop, as well as at our seminars and classes, plant sales, and summer camps.
2. You get reciprocal benefits, including free admission, at nearly 300 botanical gardens across the country.
3. You may fish our lake or walk your leashed dog Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m. during daylight savings time, and from 3 to 4:30 p.m. during standard time. Fishing and dog walking will be restricted during weddings or special events.
4. You are invited to members-only events, including bird walks and “pop-up” classes. What is a pop-up class? These classes are offered to our members free of charge. You will see them advertised on our web site, aldridgegardens.com, usually a couple of weeks before they occur. Previous pop-up classes have included bonsai, pruning, soils, and other topics.
5. You get the satisfaction of knowing your support helps to keep the Gardens growing.

Visit aldridgegardens.com to learn more about our membership levels and to join. Memberships also make great gifts!



Nordic Walking Workshop

Sunday, June 23, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Want to enjoy the Gardens and get healthy at the same time? Led by Dr. Leroy Hurt from the University of Alabama, this workshop will show you a great way to include upper body exercise and add balance assistance while walking. When done correctly, Nordic walking can burn up to 40 percent more calories than regular walking, reduce knee and joint stress, boost oxygen consumption, and help realign the body. This class is free, but registration is required. Space is limited. Visit aldridgegardens.com for more information and to register.



Upcoming Bird Walks for Members Only

Saturday, June 15, 8 - 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 20, 8 - 10 a.m.

Join Dr. Richard and Patricia Ryel for a special birding experience as you stroll through the Gardens. Birders have identified as many as 33 different species of birds during a single bird walk. Don't forget your binoculars! These bird walks are free, but be sure to register, as attendance is limited.

Mad Scientist Party

Thursday, July 25, 10 a.m.--noon

\$25 members/ \$30 nonmembers

Admission includes adult plus

young guest age 4-8

Only 12 tickets available

Concoct fizzy drinks, get scientific, play outside, and go a little weird! Enjoy a picnic lunch with hotdogs. Register at aldridgegardens.com.

Mad Hatter Fairy Garden Tea Party

Tuesday, July 23, 10 a.m. -- noon

\$35 members/ \$40

nonmembers

Admission includes adult plus young guest age 4-12

Only 12 tickets available

Back by popular demand! Plant and decorate a small fairy garden. Eat finger sandwiches with tea and cookies. Don't forget your hat! Register at aldridgegardens.com.