

ALDRIDGE GARDENS

NATURE AND ART IN BALANCE

Aldridge Gardens for your special event

Creating memorable experiences is what Aldridge Gardens is all about. So many options are available throughout the Gardens and we are sure there is one that will create the perfect atmosphere for your event.

Lakeside in the woods, shade garden, lakefront, under the arbor, under the ginkgo, under the Pavilion or just about any place you can envision at Aldridge Gardens we can make it happen for your special occasion.

Now is the time of the year to start planning and getting your Spring and Summer events booked at Aldridge Gardens.

Also don't forget those Corporate retreats and smaller meetings. The Aldridge House is available and can accommodate those as well.

For information visit our website at www.aldridgegardens.com or call 205-682-8019 for additional information.



News from our Chief Executive Officer Tynette Lynch



In the middle of the hustle and bustle of the Holidays, Aldridge Gardens becomes a winter wonderland full of nature's decorations. The quietness of winter sets in over the lake and early morning visitors witness the beauty of it all.

Holiday parties are happening day in and day out at the Gardens and gift giving is on everyone's mind. What better time to think about giving a membership to Aldridge Gardens, or a paver on our Walk of Life or Veterans Memorial Plaza in honor of someone special. These are gifts that continue to give and also support Aldridge Gardens while doing so.

While most people are enjoying the winter months we are in the "Spring Planning" mode for weddings, birthday parties and just about any event you can imagine happening at Aldridge Gardens. Our booking calendar is filling up fast, so be sure and contact Amanda Baker, our Director of Sales and Events to book your space now.

Happy Holidays from the Aldridge Gardens Team.

Spring Plant Sale

Spring flowers, birds chirping and green grass. Ah, Spring....seems like a LONG way away. But the best time to be planning your spring garden plants is BEFORE you need them!

Mark your calendars NOW for the Aldridge Gardens' Annual Plant Sale, April 30, May 1 and May 2nd (until noon). A Spring tradition, the Plant Sale is the highlight of the Spring, held traditionally the last week in April. Hydrangeas are always the focus, especially the famous Snowflake, patented by Gardens' founder Eddie Aldridge. Other selections of hydrangea include varieties of our native Oakleaf, along with that other outstanding native, Annabelle, and "her" varieties. Hydrangea paniculata varieties, a blessing for those yards with little to no shade, are always one of our featured plants. And of course the incredible French Hydrangeas are always in demand, just in time for Mother's Day!!

In addition to our hydrangeas, we always have a great selection of native azaleas,



pass-along plants, herbs, select wildflowers and native trees and shrubs, all selected to be successful in the landscapes of the Birmingham metro area.

AND, Friday we usually have a special guest for our shoppers. Last year, the Grumpy Gardener himself, Steve Bender, joined us to promote the publication of his recent book.

Plan to come early—the best plants go FAST!! Remember, Members get an invitation to the Thursday evening preview sale AND a minimum of 10% off all purchases! So start dreaming about spring flowers, birds chirping, green grass and... the Aldridge Gardens' Spring Plant Sale!

Membership Levels

All membership levels are yearly from date of application and are for individuals OR families:

HARMONY — \$50 Entry level membership

ENHANCED — \$75 includes an Aldridge Gardens' Coffee Mug Gift

ELLEN HUFF — \$100 Enhanced gift plus One Seminar Certificate

ANNABELLE — \$250 Ellen Huff benefits plus Aldridge Gardens' logo item

PROPAGATOR — \$1,000 Professional level sponsorship. Includes all lower level privileges plus engraved paver in Entrance Plaza signifying the sponsorship donation, and "Meet the Artist" time at our Artist Receptions. Ask about our special Bonsai and Photographers' Guild memberships!

Membership

Remember the old American Express ad from the 1980s: "Membership has its privileges"? Well, as cheesy as that ad is in 2019, it is absolutely true of an Aldridge Gardens' membership!

To begin, Aldridge Gardens belongs to the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program: "A current membership card from the American Horticultural Society participating garden entitles you to special admission privileges and discounts at 320 gardens throughout North America!"

This means an Aldridge Gardens' membership gets you free or discounted admission to gardens all over the United States! Gardens like Huntsville Botanical Garden (\$14), Atlanta Botanical Garden (\$21.95), Cheekwood Estate and Gardens (Nashville-\$20), Chicago Botanic Garden (no admission fee, but free parking -\$25), Missouri Botanical Garden (\$14), and

Longue Vue House and Gardens (New Orleans-\$12) to name a few, are all FREE admission! If you visit gardens in your travels, the free admission alone will pay for your Aldridge Gardens' membership!

Besides the Reciprocal Admission Program, Aldridge Gardens' yearly membership includes Members' Hours at the Gardens, (fishing in the Aldridge lake and dog walking Monday-Thursday, 3:00PM to closing, and extended Members' Only Hours during Daylight Saving Time), discounts at our Annual Spring Plant Sale, and discounts in Roots, The Aldridge Garden and Gift Shop. In addition, members get discounted admission to our



Educational classes and seminars, Summer Camps at Aldridge Gardens, and special

events such as Taste of Hoover. Members can also look forward to our monthly guided Bird Walks and Members' Only Garden Education and Information Talks (both normally March through November).

So yes, Membership DOES have its privileges!! Join now by grabbing a membership brochure at the Gardens' Gatehouse or

in the Aldridge House, or apply online at: aldrigegardens.com/support/membership/.

Membership is for a family and starts at \$50.00/year., and makes a GREAT Holiday present!