

ALDRIDGE GARDENS

NATURE AND ART IN BALANCE



As we walk through the Gardens each day, we think of the beauty that surrounds us and the person who had the vision to create it. We at Aldridge Gardens were saddened by the death of Eddie Aldridge on November 27, 2018. Eddie was an active part of Aldridge Gardens until his death, and we will miss him. But we smile when we think about the garden he is creating in Heaven and the peace he has found.

Eddie loved to sit on a bench each weekend, greeting visitors to the Gardens. The bench is empty now, but visitors often share their stories of meeting him. There are so many great stories to hear!

We thank you, Eddie, for the beautiful gift of Aldridge Gardens, which we all will continue to enjoy.

Let our professional event coordinator help you plan your social or business affair at Aldridge Gardens! We have a variety of indoor and outdoor venues, and we can provide you with all the information and inspiration you need to host the perfect party, wedding, business meeting, or corporate retreat. Contact Amanda Baker, Director of Sales and Catering at (205) 682-8019 ext. 103 or abaker@aldridgegardens.com

In the Gallery: W. Calvin Ross

*Opening Reception: Monday, February 11,
6 - 7 p.m.*

*Aldridge Gardens Propagators private
reception: 5 - 6 p.m.*

W. Calvin Ross developed a fascination of the natural world while spending childhood summers on his grandparents' farm, and this love of nature forms the backdrop for his artwork. His whimsical paintings and drawings of various flora and fauna will be on display inside the gallery and available for purchase in February and March.

While visiting the gallery, also be sure to see our special collection of Frank Fleming bronze sculptures, donated by Hoover resident Ken Jackson.

Bird Walks Return in March

Saturday, March 16, 8 - 10 a.m.

Over 100 species of birds have been identified during bird walks at Aldridge Gardens. Members are invited to attend our monthly bird walks with Dr. Richard and Patricia Ryel. Be sure to bring your binoculars! Our bird walks are free, but please register at aldridgegardens.com, as attendance is limited.

Hydrangeas Under the Stars

*Saturday, June 8
(rain date June 9)*

Save the date for Hydrangeas Under the Stars! Our annual fundraiser is one of Hoover's best social events of the year. Contact Aldridge Gardens now to reserve a table or to sign up as a sponsor. 205-682-8019



Time to Sign Up for Summer Camps!

*Registration: Begins February 15 for members; March 1 for non-members
\$120 per week for members; \$140 non-members
Maximum 20 students per class; Sign up soon!*

There will be four different camps offered Monday through Friday each week in June for children 5K – 5th grade. Alabama board certified teachers lead all classes. American Girl Doll Camp and Cool Art in the Gardens will be offered each week. Other camps include STEAM lab, Engineering and Construction, a Paper Circuitry Camp, as well as a Myth Busters camp. Fun begins daily at 9a.m. and runs until noon with a snack. Go to aldridgegardens.com for more information and to sign up.

Walk and Talk with Mike Rushing: How to Prune Japanese Maples

*Sunday, March 3, 2 – 4 p.m.
\$15 members/ \$20 non-members
Limited to 20 participants*

Mike Rushing is a Master Gardener instructor and a Japanese maple enthusiast. Join us as he walks around the grounds of



Aldridge Gardens, sharing his knowledge about Japanese maples and demonstrating how to prune them. Go to aldridgegardens.com for more information and to register.

Ethiopian Cooking with Gini Mohammad

*Tuesday, February 19, 6 – 8 p.m.
\$30 members/ \$35 non-members
Limited to 20 participants*

Gini Mohammad from Red Sea Ethiopian and Mediterranean Restaurant is coming back for a second time! Join us inside the house as we review how to make Injera bread and then go beyond to learn how to make additional Ethiopian taste treats. Receive written recipes to take home! Visit aldridgegardens.com to register.



Fresh Eyes New Visions: Intro to Ikebana

*Tuesday, March 12, 6 – 8 p.m. in the house
\$20 members/ \$25 non-members
Class limited to 15 participants*

Join floral designer Beth White for this fun, informative class about the Japanese art of flower arrangement. You will take home the Ikebana you design! Go to aldridgegardens.com for more information and to register.

Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday, March 2, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Plan to be a part of the City of Hoover's annual Arbor Day celebration at Aldridge Gardens. Take the opportunity to stroll through the Gardens and appreciate the beauty of trees. The program includes a formal ceremony and recognition of Arbor Day essay contest winners from Hoover City Schools. Hoover residents will receive free trees! Go to aldridgegardens.com for more information.