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## Decorating Workshop



Share the spirit of the Christmas season at Landmark Park at the Holiday Decorating Workshop on **December 3 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.** in the Interpretive Center Auditorium. Create wreaths, garlands and swags out of natural materials and decorate Landmark Park for Victorian Christmas and make some decorations to take home. Refreshments will be provided. Guests are welcome to bring their own natural materials (okra pods, seeds, berries, pine cones, etc.) but no ribbons, glitter or glue. Don't forget your gloves, wire snips and pliers. Call 334-794-3452 to reserve your space. This event is free to everyone and is co-sponsored by the Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association.

## Field Trip Opportunity: Christmas Past

Thinking of Christmas the way your grandparents described it to you? At our Christmas Past seasonal session, students can experience some of the same activities and emotions of this very special season with cider tasting and storytelling by the fireplace. The children will also be invited to play parlor games and construct old-fashioned ornaments they may take home with them.

Due to the hands on nature of this program, groups are limited to approximately 30 students per session. Dates for Christmas Past are Tuesday-Friday in December. \$10 per student.

**This program is for preregistered school groups only.** Visit [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com) to register.



When Landmark Park opened the doors of the Waddell House to the general public 40 years ago, guests were greeted with Christmas festivities at the first Victorian Christmas celebration. Join Landmark Park on **December 10 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.** for this year's Victorian Christmas. Sip hot apple cider or hot chocolate while listening to Christmas carols and visiting with Santa. Enjoy old fashioned desserts, arts and crafts, music, wagon rides and handmade decorations. A circuit riding preacher will deliver a holiday message in the Headland Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are invited to bake old fashioned desserts from old family recipes for Victorian Christmas. If you would like to bake something, please contact Landmark Park at 334-794-3452 by December 8. Victorian Christmas is sponsored by The Joy 94.3 FM, Bojangles and Full Moon Bar-B-Que. Victorian Christmas is an official AL200 Event, celebrating Alabama's Bicentennial.

Admission to our Victorian Christmas is free, as a thank you to the community for your support during the year. Attendees are invited to bring nonperishable food items for donation to the Wiregrass United Way Area Food Bank. Since 1996, 64,575 pounds or 50,449 meals have been donated to the Victorian Christmas food drive.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**HOLIDAY DECORATING WORKSHOP** December 3  
**VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS** December 10  
**BLUEBIRD WORKSHOP** January 20  
**MEMBERSHIP DINNER** January 22  
**PROJECT LEARNING TREE** January 26  
**HUMMINGBIRD WORKSHOP** January 27  
**SEED SWAP** January 27  
**QUILT RETREAT** February 9, 10  
**ASTRONOMY NIGHT** February 16  
**FOLK WORKSHOP WEEKEND** February 24, 25  
**ROCK AND MINERAL EXHIBIT** Ongoing  
**PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT** Ongoing  
**REPTILE FEEDINGS** Third Sundays  
**WOODTURNER MEETINGS** First Saturdays  
**LANDMARK DULCIMER CLUB JAM** First Saturdays

Landmark Park will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

## Folk Workshop Weekend



Landmark Park is excited to announce the return of our Folk Workshop Weekend on **February 24 and 25**. This workshop weekend introduces participants to a variety of folk crafts and skills, as well as outdoor hobbies and activities. There will be two sessions offered on Saturday, 9 a.m.- noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m., and one session on Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Session topics range in variety, and will include hands-on instruction in topics such as chair caning, hearth cooking, pottery, gourd painting and more! The schedule of sessions will be posted on the website in late December with online registration for members opening in January. Registration will close on February 19 at noon. Participants will be able to sign up for individual sessions with an option for lunch. Session prices will vary depending on the supplies needed and will range from \$20-\$35 per person.

## Bird Workshops

Landmark Park will offer two educational bird workshops this winter. Learn about these fascinating and lovely creatures of flight found in our local forest as well as in your own backyard. All workshops begin at 10 a.m., are free with paid gate admission and will be presented in the Interpretive Center auditorium at the park. Please call 334-794-3452 to register.



### BLUEBIRDS

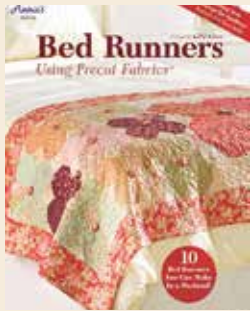
Dr. Gary Manfredy will be back to conduct the Bluebird Workshop on **January 20** featuring new and updated information based on the recent findings regarding bluebird populations in recent years. Dr. Manfredy is a member of the North American Bluebird Society and has contributed two articles for publication in their quarterly journal. He currently maintains four bluebird trails in Houston and Dale County including the one at Landmark Park and has a total of 75 boxes. His main focus is on population numbers and successful fledgling numbers in diverse environmental habitats.



### HUMMINGBIRDS

On **January 27**, Fred Bassett will present the popular program on Hummingbirds. Bassett is a licensed bird bander specializing in the banding of hummingbirds and is the president of Hummingbird Research. This is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the study and preservation of hummingbirds and neo-tropical migrants. Fred Bassett is known throughout the southeast for his work with the "jewels of the air." He will share his extensive knowledge of this little bird along with facts about nesting habits, food and caring for the feeders, as well as its migration pattern.

## Quilt Retreat



Landmark Park's annual Quilt Retreat, led by Sherry Burkhalter, will be held on **February 9 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. and February 10 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** Our theme this year is Bed Runners Galore using Kathy Brown's book "Bed Runners Using Pre-cuts." Cost for the retreat is \$65 and includes supper Friday, lunch Saturday, drinks and snacks. Bring your sewing machines and supplies. Visit Sherry's shop, Quilted Creations in Headland, to prepurchase the book and fabrics. Participants should go home with a completed top if not quilted. Call Sherry at 334-790-9045 to register.

## Seed Swap

Bring your heirloom seed collection and swap with fellow gardeners. Hosted by Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association and Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members)



Landmark Park  
Ag Building  
January 27  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



## Fort Rucker

This month, Landmark Park is proud to recognize the soldiers from Fort Rucker as our volunteer of the quarter.

Several times each year, men and women from Fort Rucker volunteer at Landmark Park, taking on a variety of outdoor projects. They have helped prepare for our Living History educational program, set up for our Low Country Boil, cleaning up the property after Hurricane Irma and many, many other projects around the park.

Over the past year, the men and women from Fort Rucker have contributed 400 hours of volunteer work to Landmark Park.

According to Jason Mann, Community Relations Chief, it is important to teach soldiers to be a part of the communities where they are stationed and volunteering at Landmark Park gives them that opportunity.

Landmark Park depends on volunteers to bring quality programming to the Wiregrass area. If you are interested in volunteering, please give us a call at 334-794-3452 or visit our website at [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com) and fill out the volunteer application.

Thank you to the men and women of Fort Rucker for your service, both to our country and to our community. We appreciate you!

## 41st Annual Membership Dinner



Landmark Park is celebrating 41 years in 2018! Join us for our 41st annual Membership Dinner on **January 22** in the Stokes Activity Barn. Over 1400 families are members of Landmark Park and each one has a say in the governance of the organization. We will enjoy a meal prepared by the Blue Plate Restaurant and after the meal you will have a chance to learn about what lies ahead for the park in 2018. We will recognize the winners of the 2018 Heritage Award and Volunteer Service Award. Also during the evening, Landmark Park will hold an election of new board members and we will announce the officers who will lead our organization in the upcoming year.

Cost is \$15 per person and we hope you will attend! Invitations will be mailed at the first of the year. See you there!

# Astronomy Night



Join Landmark Park for an evening of stargazing on **February 16 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.** Astronomy Night is an exciting and informative program that gives visitors a view of several stars and planets as well as the Orion Nebula through telescopes and binoculars on the Gazebo lawn. Staff members will help point out winter constellations and visitors will even get the chance to experience a “starry” hayride and campfire. Nightwalks will take place on the boardwalk and space-themed items will be for sale in the Gift Shop. Planetarium programs will be presented on a first-come-first-serve basis where you will get a chance to learn more about the night sky. Planetarium programs are not recommended for children under 5.

Space is limited for this event. Reservations are required. Call the Park office to register. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are always welcome! This program meets several requirements for the Astronomy Badge.

Admission is \$4 members, \$5 for scouts and their leaders in uniform and \$7 for nonmembers and free for children 5 and under.

**Attention Classroom and Homeschool Teachers:** Landmark Park will host a teacher training workshop for Project Learning Tree on Friday, January 26 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium. \$40 per person, includes curriculum materials. Lunch can be added for an additional \$10. Visit [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com) for more details. Call 334-794-3452 to register.

## In the Planetarium

Planetarium programs are \$3 per person and free for members. Visit our website for a full description of each program.

### SEASONAL STARS AND STORIES:

Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m.  
(not recommended for children under 5)

### FULL-DOME MOVIES: GREAT FOR ALL AGES!

Fridays, Sundays and Mondays at 3:30 p.m.  
Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

### MOVIE SCHEDULE

**DECEMBER** Astronomy: 3,000 years of Stargazing

**JANUARY** Earth, Moon and Sun

**FEBRUARY** To Space and Back

*(Please note, on the second weekend of each month the Planetarium will show full dome movies only. No Seasonal Stars and Stories.)*

## Rock and Mineral Exhibit



Landmark Park is excited to announce the opening of a rocking new exhibit in the Interpretive Center Lobby. The Wiregrass Rockhounds from the Dothan Gem and Mineral Club have filled the display cases with interesting rocks, gems, minerals and fossils from all over the world. This exhibit is one you don't want to miss. This exhibit will be open to the public during regular park hours and is free with paid gate admission.

# ~ Remembering Yesteryear ~



Special thanks to all our members, volunteers, and donors who made our 40th anniversary special! Landmark Park began when a group of concerned citizens came together to preserve the agricultural heritage of the Wiregrass region. Today, Landmark Park serves as Alabama's Official Museum of Agriculture. In this photo, taken in 1979, the park was mostly just fields with no running water or electricity. A new roof was being placed on the Waddell House and a fence would be going up soon.

We thank you for your membership and look forward to serving you in the future!

## Welcome David!



Landmark Park is excited to welcome David Jay to the staff. David works with Maintenance Supervisor Doug Wolfe on grounds and maintenance. Together, they feed and manage the farm animals, make repairs and complete many other tasks around the property. David and Doug also help with educational programs including Living History and Harvest Heydays. David retired from the Dothan Police Department as a captain after 27 years. He is married with two daughters, a grandson and another on the way. David enjoys interacting with the visitors at the park. He is also a dulcimer player.

Welcome, David, to Landmark Park! We are glad you're here!

## Hurricane Irma Evacuees Visit Landmark Park



When Hurricane Irma came to town in September, Landmark Park was able to offer shelter to those in need. Around 20 people from Florida camped out in the Stokes Activity Barn for two or three nights while they waited out the storm. The park was able to offer 24 hour security, shelter, food and drink, a generator in case the power went out, television and games and activities for the kids. Thanks to the generosity of several loyal supporters, donations were made to allow Landmark Park to offer these services at no charge to the families who stayed with us. They even had a chance to give Executive Director William Holman cooking lessons!

Landmark Park was honored to help offer shelter from the storm and we hope our friends from Florida will one day come back to visit us under happier circumstances.

## NEW MEMBERS



*A special welcome to our new members who joined from August 1 to November 1. To all our previous members who renewed since our last newsletter, a sincere thank you.*

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Bailey, Ms. Lora Bailey, Mr. George A. Baxter, Mr. Robert Bell, Ms. Annette Bogart, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brackin, Mr. and Mrs. James Brighton, Mr. Colin Burns, Ms. Jerica Cates and Ms. Carol Cameron, Mr. Steven Claassen, Mr. John Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Culpepper, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Curcio, Ms. Rebekah Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dietlin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dinges, Ms. Sheila Doxtator, Ms. Lorri Elder and Ms. Anna Carin Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Evett, Ms. Elizabeth Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fox, Mr. Kristopher Fuchs, Mr. and Mrs. William Gandy, Mr. and Mrs. Mance Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Grosser, Ms. Varene Gummerall, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Helder, Mr. Jeremy Hester, Mr. Stephen T. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holloman, Ms. Mary Hollowell, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Howell, Ms. Amy Hume, Cpt. Thomas Huey, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Keel, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kern, Ms. Martha Knighton and Ms. Lillie Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Lassiter Jr., Ms. Martha Lisenby, Mr. Randy Lokay and Ms. Lacey Raley, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Luttrell, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Marcy,

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gift membership.

## Thank You

### ARTIFACT DONATIONS

Marquis and Jeannine Wingard and Family, Mr. Dion Messer, Mr. Charles Richter, Ms. Carol Dracos

### CANE GRINDING DAY

Volunteers: Mr. Tom Boyle, Ms. Lucy Edwards, Mr. Maurice Tinkler, Mr. Steve Jacobson, Ms. Phyllis Poole, Mr. Jerold Payne, Ms. Devonne Ellis, Mr. Larry Murdock, Ms. Liz Olliff, Ms. Lena Tran, Ms. Lynn Koning, Mr. David Davis, Ms. Annette Davis, Mr. Paul Cox

### CAR SHOW

Sponsors: The Joy 94.3 FM, WDHN, Durden Outdoor, Barberitos, Billy's Paint and Body, Jim Whaley Tires, Troy Bank and Trust, Goldfingers, Davis Oil Co. Inc., Blankenship Contracting Inc.

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Volunteers: Mr. Wayne and Mrs. Linda Bates, Mrs. Melanie Hobbie, Mr. Ed Malone, Mr. Ed Marblestone, Mrs. Melanie Register, Wiregrass Construction, Ms. Morgan Golden, Mrs. Liz Olliff

### ECLIPSE PARTY

Sponsor: Eye Center South  
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### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

Ms. Morgan Golden, Mr. Maurice Tinkler

### FALL FARM DAY

Sponsor: Alabama Cooperative Extension System, National Peanut Festival, WTVY  
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### HARVEST HEYDAYS

Volunteers: Mr. Roy Cooley, Ms. Anna Johnson, Mrs. Ellen Webber, Ms. Paige Knight, Mr. Maurice Tinkler, Mr. Steve Jacobson, Ms. Phyllis Poole, Mr. Jerold Payne, Ms. Devonne Ellis, Ms. Lucy Edwards, Mr. Tom Boyle

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### LANDMARK PARK QUILT SHOW

Sponsors and Donors: Atlanta Bread Company, Basketcase, Elaine Brackin, Cactus Flower, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Dr. Chennareedy, Chicken Salad Chick, Cracker Barrel, Derrel's Sewing Center, Dothan Progress, Dothan Sewing Center, Enterprising Quilt Guild, Evening Star Quilt Guild, Food Depot, GiGi's Cupcakes, Larry's Barbecue, Logan's Roadhouse, Longhorn, McAlister's Deli, Midsouth Paving, Milky Moo's, Missi Moore's Young Living Essential Oils, Tammy and Johnny Nobles, Oh Sew Pretty, Outback Steakhouse, Piggly Wiggly, Quilted Creations, Quilting By the Meadows, Red Elephant, Shoney's, The Quilting Booths, Walmart, Weedman, WTVY, Zack's Family Restaurant  
Volunteers: Paula Munkachy, Cecilia Reid and many, many others!

### LIVING HISTORY

Volunteers: Mr. Tom Boyle, Ms. Louise Mills, Mr. Maurice Tinkler, Ms. Lynda Salisbury, Mr. Virgil Wilkinson, Ms. Liz Olliff, Mr. Roy Cooley, Mr. Jerold Payne, Mr. Steve Jacobson

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## Drawing Winner



Congratulations to Jacque Hawkins, winner of the \$500 Drawing held on October 7 at the annual Car Show. Hawkins is a member of the Wiregrass Master Gardeners and a longtime member of Landmark Park.

## Annual Fund Drive

Donations above and beyond your membership support are a very important part of Landmark Park. These donations allow us to reach our operating budget. Please consider giving a tax-deductible gift to the Park during our Annual Fund Drive. You will receive an invitation to give in early December. Thank you for your participation!

## NATURALIST NOTES

### Mistletoe

By Dana Peters

The holiday season is here yet again and one doesn't have to look very far to find the usual Christmas decorations of trees, wreaths and of course, mistletoe. Few other holiday decorations hold quite as much romantic appeal as mistletoe. Traditionally hung from the ceiling, it is the spot where two kiss and exchange goodwill as a sign of friendship during the Christmas season.

While some sources believe "kissing under the mistletoe" to be an English tradition, it actually dates back to Norse mythology. Frigga, the goddess of love and beauty was so overprotective of her son, Balder, she requested that all things that originated from the elements of fire, water, air and earth never harm him. Loki, an evil spirit found an exception to that rule in the form of mistletoe. He carved an arrow from the branch of mistletoe and killed Balder. Frigga was so sad, her tears became the plant's white berries and Balder was brought back to life. Frigga was overjoyed and decided mistletoe would no longer be an offensive plant, but instead one of love and promise and whoever traveled beneath it would get a kiss.

However, the English tradition of hanging mistletoe at Christmas probably came from several sources. Druid priests in ancient Britain were impressed with mistletoe's ability to grow without planting roots in the ground and considered it sacred. Eventually whenever enemies met under mistletoe in the forest, they had to lay down their weapons and observe a truce until morning. From this came our Christmas slogan of "peace and joy unto all the earth"

Botanically speaking, mistletoe is actually a partially parasitic plant. As a parasite, mistletoe will actually penetrate the trunk of a tree and absorb nutrients. However, mistletoe is also capable of growing on its own like other plants producing its food by photosynthesis. The common name of mistletoe is derived from the belief that mistletoe was propagated from bird droppings. In fact, "mistle" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word for "dung" and the word "toe" comes from the word for "twig". So, actually the word mistletoe could be translated to mean "dung on a twig". Try thinking of that the next time you meet your loved one under the mistletoe.

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