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Holiday Happenings

Victorian Christmas Join Landmark Park on **December 8** 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 and Sid Brannon will recite poetry. 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. 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.

Decorating Day You are also invited to help us decorate for the holidays on **December 1** at 1 p.m. Bring your gloves and wire cutters and help make decorations for the park and to take home. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register. Admission is free.

New!

Christmas Photo Ops Take advantage of Landmark Park's scenic backdrop for your family holiday photos. Bring your own camera, first come first served. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members and children 2 and under). On **December 1** (1 p.m.-4 p.m.) and **December 7** (10 a.m.-12 p.m.), David Baker will park his horse drawn Christmas wagon in front of the Waddell House. On **December 21**, (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) Pere Noel (Santa!) will be at Landmark Park, all the way from the North Pole in his best 1800s attire. Sponsored by Best Western Dothan.

Field Trip Opportunity: Christmas Past Wondering what the holidays were like 100 years ago? Join our education department for a special Christmas Past field trip! Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com for available dates and to register. Preregistered school and homeschool groups only.

Be A Part of the Upcoming Playground Build



Thanks to generous donations from Dr. Steve and Angelia Stokes, Craig Snellgrove, Hayne Hollis in memory of Esther Dunn Spann and a matching grant from Gametime, Landmark Park is excited to announce the upcoming installation of NEW playground equipment!

We need your help with this project! A Playground Build is scheduled for January 3 and 4, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Lunch will be provided each day. We are looking for 15-20 Captains to lead 5-6 member teams. All volunteers will sign a waiver and must be over the age of 18. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Celeste Conner at celeste@landmarkparkdothan.com or call 334-794-3452. We encourage you to sign up before December 11; however we will accept volunteers up to the build date.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

REPTILE FEEDINGS First Sundays

WOODTURNER MEETINGS First Saturdays

LANDMARK DULCIMER CLUB JAM First Saturdays

PICKIN IN THE PARK Second Saturdays

BLACKSMITH DEMO First and Third Saturdays

MARTIN DRUGSTORE HOURS Wed-Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

DECORATING WORKSHOP Dec. 1

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS Dec. 8

CHRISTMAS PHOTOS Dec. 1, 7

VISIT WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS Dec. 21

PLAYGROUND BUILD Jan. 3 & 4

BIRD WORKSHOPS Jan. 4, 11, 25

LEATHERCRAFT WORKSHOP Jan. 18

SEED SWAP Jan. 25

ANNUAL DINNER Jan. 27

FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP Feb. 1

QUILT WORKSHOP Feb. 7 & 8

CERAMICS WORKSHOP Feb. 15

ASTRONOMY NIGHT Feb. 21

YOUTH WILDLIFE DAY Feb. 29

ONGOING Register online for field trips!

Landmark Park will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register for programs and for more details.

Bird Workshops

Landmark Park will offer three bird workshops this winter. Learn about these fascinating and lovely creatures of flight found in our local forests as well as your own backyard. All workshops begin at 10 a.m., are free with gate admission, and will be presented in the Interpretive Center Auditorium. To register, please go to www.landmarkparkdothan.com. Registration is required.

New!

On **January 4**, Jatin Patel will present a program on birds of prey. Patel will bring his hawk so attendees can get a first hand look at these raptors.

Dr. Gary Manfready will be back to conduct the Bluebird workshop on Saturday, **January 11**. Featuring new and updated information based on findings regarding bluebird populations in recent years. Dr. Manfready is a member of the North American Bluebird Society and has contributed 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.

On **January 25**, Fred Bassett will return to present the popular program on Hummingbirds. Bassett is a licensed bird bander specializing in the banding of hummingbirds. 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.

New! Intro to Leather Craft Workshop

On January 18 at 9 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium, students will be introduced to the basic skills used in leather work. Little to no experience is necessary. The class will complete a project together (key chain or bracelet). Students will learn about types of leather, how to cut patterns, basic tools used in leather craft, how to hand stitch and other simple techniques used in leather craft. The fee is regular gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members) plus a \$5 materials fee. Registration and prepayment of \$5 material fee is required to ensure adequate supplies. Space is limited. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register.

Quilt Retreat

Landmark Park's annual Quilt Retreat, led by Sherry Burkhalter, will be held on **February 7 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. and February 8 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** in the Interpretive Center Auditorium at the park. Our theme this year is Fabric Weaving. Cost for the retreat is \$75 and includes supper Friday, lunch Saturday, drinks and snacks. Bring your sewing machines and supplies. Space is limited and registration is required. Call Sherry at 334-790-9045 to register or visit www.quiltedcreations.net.



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
Stokes Activity
Barn

January 25
1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Sponsored by Wiregrass RC&D

Astronomy Night



Reservations and prepayment are required for this Astronomy Night. Space is limited. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register and pay.

Join Landmark Park for an evening of stargazing on **February 21** 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 through telescopes and binoculars on the gazebo lawn. Staff members will help point out winter constellations and visitors will get the chance to experience a starry hayride and campfire. Nightwalks will take place on the boardwalk. Warm up in the Interpretive Center after stargazing and enjoy snacks, a movie about Planets, and a program in the planetarium. Planetarium programs are not recommended for children under 5. Scouts are welcome, and Astronomy Night meets several requirements for the Astronomy Badge.

Admission is \$5 members, \$6 for scouts and their leaders in uniform and \$8 for nonmembers and free for children 5 and under.

Annual Membership Dinner

Landmark Park is celebrating 43 years in 2020! Join us for our 42nd annual Membership Dinner on **January 27** in the Stokes Activity Barn, Roaring Twenties style. 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 2020. We will recognize the winners of the 2020 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!

New! Intro to Ceramics Workshop

On February 15 at 10 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium, families are invited to create and paint a ceramic heart-shaped project. No experience is necessary and all ages are welcome. Our teacher will guide you through the entire process, ending with a craft you can take home. The fee is regular gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members) plus a \$5 materials fee. Registration and prepayment of \$5 material fee is required to ensure adequate supplies. Space is limited. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register.

New! Youth Wildlife Day

Join us for a day of outdoor family fun! Learn about conservation, wildlife and win prizes. Enjoy a live animal meet and greet, youth BB gun shooting range, fish casting practice, youth archery range, "Skins and Skulls" demo, reptile presentation and inflatable jump house. This event will be held at the Stokes Activity Barn on **February 29** from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Admission is free for park members and ages 15 and under and \$4 for adults. This event is sponsored by National Wild Turkey Federation, Michelin and Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

New! Food Preservation Workshop

Learn all about food preservation--from canning, drying, freezing and more--with Bridgette Brannon, a regional extension agent in food safety and quality. This class will last about an hour and half and will give participants an overview of food preservation. It will also touch on gardening topics such as what to plant, when to plant and when to harvest for best results. This workshop is limited to 25 participants and registration is required. Registration can be made online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com. Thanks to the support of the Wiregrass RC&D, this workshop is free to participants. This will take place at 10 a.m. on **February 1** in the Interpretive Center Auditorium.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Harvest Christian School

Part of the fun of working at Landmark Park is getting to know the volunteers in the community. The 7th through 12th graders involved in SALT (Service And Leadership Teams) at Harvest Christian School have learned to pick corn, stack peanuts, roll pumpkins, and clean up old buildings. They have homeschool co-op classes on Thursday mornings and provide helping hands for the community on Thursday afternoons.

One of their leaders, Valerie Wise, is a weekend staffer at the park. She offered their strong backs and willing attitudes. They've had fun at the park, and we have loved their help. We intend to find lots of new things to teach them.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer family, we would love to have you! From office work to outdoor projects, there is plenty to do here at the park. For more information, please call (334-794-3452) or email Celeste at celeste@landmarkparkdothan.com. We can especially use your help with our Playground Build on January 3 and 4.

Photo by Carrie Gaines Harville

Don't Forget About These Regularly Scheduled Events

There is always something happening at Landmark Park! Mark your calendar for these regularly scheduled events.



The **Landmark Dulcimer Club** has a jam and practice session every **first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m.** You do not have to know how to read music! We prefer you bring your own Mountain Dulcimer but we do have a few practice dulcimers you can borrow if you want to give it a try. Free with your paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members). Show your instrument and get in for free! Club meets in the Interpretive Center.



Landmark Park hosts a public **Reptile Feeding** every **first Sunday of the month at 4 p.m.** Meet our turtles and snakes--including a Gopher Tortoise, Eastern Indigo Snake, Box Turtle and Red Eared Pond Slider--and learn why these animals are important to the environment. Meet in the Interpretive Center Lobby. Free with your paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members).



The **Wiregrass Woodturners** host a club meeting and woodturning demo every **first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.** The public is invited to visit and learn how to make beautiful wooden items turned on a lathe. Free with your paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members). Wiregrass Woodturner members get in free. Club currently meets in the Ag Museum but will move to the Interpretive Center Classroom in January.



Pickin in the Park takes place every **second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.** Join musicians for a bluegrass, country and gospel jam session. Visitors are welcome to listen or participate. Free with your paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members). Show your instrument at the gate to receive free admission. All ages and skill levels are welcome.



Wiregrass Forge member Brent Clark will present a **Blacksmithing Demo** every **first and third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.** Watch as metal is heated and shaped into a variety of items. Free with your paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members).



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

LIVE SHOWS:

Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m.

(not recommended for children under 5)

FULL-DOME MOVIES: GREAT FOR ALL AGES!

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

MOVIE SCHEDULE

December: Two Small Pieces of Glass

January: 3000 Years of Stargazing

February: Dynamic Earth



Special Occasions

Landmark Park is the perfect place for your own special occasion. Weddings, proms, parties, family reunions and more have been held at our Stokes Activity Barn. The grounds and Playground Pavilion are great for class reunions, church activities, fundraisers and more. Call 334-794-3452, email laurav@landmarkparkdothan.com or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com for more info.



Congratulations to Helen Wall, winner of the \$500 drawing at the Car Show!



Remembering Yesteryear

Large group posed with bicycles and motorcycles in front of E.C. Cumble on the west side of the 100 block of South St. Andrews Street.

Artifact Exploration



The "Easy" Washing Machine with attached wooden handle plunger and wringer made by the Dodge & Zuill Company in Syracuse, New York. It has a patent date of March 13, 1900.



Exciting news! We are building a brand new exhibit inside the Alabama Agricultural Museum! This exhibit will transport you to the past while allowing you to follow the path of the agricultural product from beginning to end. Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements!

ALHFAM
The Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums



Regional Conference
to be Held at
Landmark Park

Landmark Park and the Alabama Agricultural Museum will be hosting the Southeast Association of Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums Conference in February 2020. This is a conference where professionals and volunteers in the field from across the country will gather to share ideas and learn more about the ways of the past to help pass them along to future generations. For more information about ALHFAM visit their website at www.alhfam.org. For more information about the upcoming conference, contact Kari Barley at kbarley@landmarkparkdothan.com.

NEW MEMBERS



A special welcome to our new members who joined from August 15 to November 15. To all our previous members who renewed since our last newsletter, a sincere thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Beeson
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Austin Ellison, Alison Bunge, Helen Wall

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CAR SHOW

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QUILT SHOW

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Maintenance Report



Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, volunteers and business partners, the windmill is back home on the Wiregrass Farmstead.

Staff members David Jay, Jay Sayre and Marshall Moss pieced the windmill back together. It was moved by tractor to the farmstead, where it was hoisted by a boom truck provided by Holland Crane. A bucket truck, provided by JJ&J Electrical Repairs, lifted workers into the air to fix the windmill onto its post.

Special thanks to Murray Yance, Ronnie Yance, David Marr, Brad Dykes and Mike Miller for making Landmark Park's farmstead even more picturesque.

Welcome New Staff

Our team has grown a lot this season. New employees bring fresh ideas and excitement to the park. Welcome to these folks!

Hunter Brannon is a 2014 graduate of Rehobeth High School and a current student at Troy University in Dothan, where he is studying to become a science teacher. He enjoys looking after the park's critters. He will have lots of stories to tell future students gained from his time as Instructor at Landmark Park.

Austin Ellison began volunteering last summer. She likes being at the park, and we like having her, so we asked her to join the staff. So far, she has worked in the drugstore and set up an off-site booth to promote the park several times. A junior homeschooler, we hope to have her around for a while.

Taylor Ethridge graduated from Headland High School in 2019 and is planning to attend Highland College in Birmingham in fall 2020. She needed a part-time job for this gap year, and we needed her. She will smile at you from the gatehouse on Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesdays, plus wherever else we need her.

Alisa Hamm, is resident of the Pleasant Plains Community, previously worked at Landmark Park for 10 years as part-time staff and has returned as an occasional weekend Soda Jerk at the Martin Drug Store. She continues to enjoy serving the customers of HNB First Bank in Headland where she is an Assistant Vice President in Loan Operations. Alisa also is a Certified Alabama 4-H Volunteer, the Assistant Treasurer for Columbia Young and Adult Farmer's Agricultural Education Association, and a volunteer with the Columbia Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. She is married to Clayton Hamm, has one son, Gabriel Hamm, who has been a weekend fixture at the park for 4 years. She is blessed to be a member of Union Primitive Baptist Church for 33 years. Go by and let her fix you a treat!.



Alisa Hamm



Hunter Brannon



Austin Ellison



Taylor Ethridge

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