



Join Landmark Park on **December 12** 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 refreshments, arts and crafts, music, wagon rides and handmade decorations. A circuit riding preacher will deliver a holiday message in the Headland Presbyterian Church.

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. Sponsored by WalMart.



Christmas Photos

On **December 5** and **December 11** (10 a.m.-12 p.m.), David Baker will park his horse drawn Christmas wagon in front of the Waddell House. Families are invited to use the scenic backdrop for 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).

Decorating Workshop



Spread some holiday cheer at Landmark Park at the Holiday Decorating Workshop on December 5 at 1 p.m. Create wreaths, garlands and swags out of natural materials and decorate Landmark Park for Victorian Christmas (taking place on December 12) and make some decorations to take home! Refreshments will be provided. Guests are encouraged to bring gloves and wire pliers. Registration is required. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to reserve your space. This event is supported by the Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association.

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Astronomy Night



Join Landmark Park for an evening of stargazing on February 11 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 out of this world snacks, space crafts, and a presentation on Astronomy Science in our Auditorium! This year, the planetarium will not be open due to safety regulations and low space capacity. 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.

Seed Swap and Garden Expo



On Saturday, January 29 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Landmark Park and the Wiregrass Master Gardener Association will present the annual Seed Swap and Garden Expo at the Stokes Activity Barn at Landmark Park.

Activites will include trading seeds with fellow gardeners, plus info and demos on beekeeping, backyard chickens, getting started with your home gardens, rain barrels, food preservation, composting and more. Bring your seeds to trade if you would like to participate in the Seed Swap.

This event is free with your paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members and children 2 and under). Hosted by Landmark Park, Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association, Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Wiregrass RC&D.

Annual Membership Dinner

We are shaking up our Annual Membership Meeting and we'd love you to join us!

We will start in the Stokes Activity Barn at noon on Sunday, January 23 for a meal and a meeting. New board members and officers will be elected, the Heritage Award and Volunteer Service Award will be presented. Park staff and board members will present highlights from 2021 and plans for 2022.

Once the meeting is over, we encourage you to spend your afternoon at the park! Visit the Farmstead, boardwalk and other attractions to see what your membership money supports. The long-awaited Alabama Agricultural Museum will be open with a new exhibit for you to explore before it opens to the public on January 24.

The price for the meal is \$15 per person. Invitations will be mailed at the first of the year so make sure to look for yours. We look forward to a Sunday Dinner with you!

Save the Date for 2022 Events

Make sure to put these annual events on your calendar for the new year! Additional workshops and activities will be added throughout the year, so make sure to check our website and social media feeds for details.

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

January 23: Annual Membership Meeting January 29: Seed Swap February 11: Astronomu Night March 19: Spring Farm Day Marcy 25, 26: Quilt Retreat May 21: Touch A Truck and Landmark Park Car Show June 25: Honey Extraction July 9: Watermelon Tasting August 6: Education Festival September 10: Bluegrass Festival September 24: Peanut Boil October 1: Halloween Fun and Zombie Run October 14, 15, 16: Quilt Show October 15: Fall Farm Day October 27: Low Country Boil December 4, 2022: Decorating Workshop

FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITES

December 11, 2022: Victorian Christmas

(Preregistered groups only.

Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com and click on field trips for pricing and registration info.)

February 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25: Living History

March 8, 23, 24, 25: Aerospace Exploration

April 22: Earth Day Celebration

May 10, 11, 12, 13: Life of a Honeybee

Volunteer Spotlight: Ed Lewis



Ed Lewis doesn't remember exactly when he began demonstrating the crosscut saw at Spring Farm Day and Fall Farm Day, but he has watched a generation grow up opposite him, pushing and pulling the wooden handles, back and forth, across the grain of the log. Stationed in front of the Watson Cabin, he shows boys and girls (and moms and dads) how the crosscut saw impacted pioneers. Participants often keep the sliced-off portion. Many have told him of their collection of "tree cookies," saved from year to year.

"After my family and my job, my volunteer work has brought me more enjoyment than anything in my life."

In 2019, Ed was one of two people recognized nationally by Project Learning Tree with a Leadership in Education award for 35 years of teaching environmental education to Alabama teachers and students and dedication to sustainability and community involvement. One of Ed's favorite events is his tree identification tour that he leads at the park every April. He walks briskly, pointing out Wiregrass-native plants and describing their historical, edible, or medicinal significance. With a story.

Always with a story.

Ask him about Old Ironsides or pickled rattlesnake root or the toothache tree. A Phenix City boy, with a forestry management degree from Auburn University, Ed has spent over 40 years having "more than the legally allowable amount of fun in my career doing things I never thought I'd do."

He has worked on forestry projects all over the US and in Venezuela, Costa Rica, and Bahamas. Currently, Ed purchases timber for West Rock Chip Mill near Abbeville. Come to Landmark Park this spring while the yellow poplar, wild azaleas, and sparkle berries bloom. Ed will tell you all about them.

To volunteer at Landmark Park, call the park office at (334) 794-3452 or email celeste@landmarkparkdothan.com

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PLANETARIUM

Full dome movies will take place on Fridays at 3:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Sundays at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; and Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

DECEMBER Two Small Pieces of Glass **JANUARY** Earth, Moon, and Sun **FEBRUARY** 3000 years of stargazing

Planetarium shows are \$3 per person and free for park members. Please bear in mind, the theatre is dark and sometimes small children will be afraid. Seating is limited and is based on first come, first served. Due to the small room, masks are required the entire time you are in the planetarium.

The Planetarium is also available for field trips. Please register online.



In Memory of Carrie Gaines Harville

A pink dogwood tree was recently planted by Cathy and Frank "Bigg"Gaines in memory of daughter and sister Carrie Gaines Harville (April 22, 1975-January 19, 2021). The tree is located in the Native Plant Garden behind the Gazebo at the park.

The Gaines family has been a big supporter of the park for many years. We are so sorry for your loss and appreciate you planting a tree in Carrie's memory.

Don't Forget About These Regularly Scheduled Events

The following events take place monthly and are 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. Wiregrass Woodturner members get in free. Meets in the Interpretive Center Classroom. Starting in 2022, these meetings will move to the SECOND SATURDAY.

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. Show your instrument and get in for free! Meets in the Interpretive Center Auditorium.

Landmark Park hosts a Reptile Feeding every **first Sunday** at 4 p.m. Meet our snakes and turtles and learn why these animals are so important to the environment. Interpretive Center Lobby.

Every **second Saturday** join the Evening Star Quilt Guild with your textile-based crafts for an informal sewing circle at the Landmark Park Sit and Sew from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free for Quilt Guild members. Space is limited, first come first served. Meets in Interpretive Center Auditorium.

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. Show your instrument at the gate to receive free admission. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Meet the Beekeepers is hosted by the Wiregrass Beekeepers. Observe the beekeepers at work and learn about honeybees. The meeting will begin in the Auditorium at 10 a.m. every **third Saturday** and then will move to the Observation Hives near the Ag Museum at noon (weather permitting). Veil is required for your safety. While bees are generally not aggressive, please do not attend this session if you are allergic! (No meeting in September).

The Landmark Park Antique Tractor Club will meet on the **third Saturday** of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Library. This club has been established as a way for tractor enthusiasts to come together to share pictures of tractors, share interesting articles, trade/sell and enjoy the fellowship. The club participates in several tractor shows and tractor pulls during the year. To become a member, visit the meeting or email David Jay, david@landmarkparkdothan.com. Mention this meeting at the gate to receive free park admission.

Every fifth Saturday, gate admission will be waived. These don't come around often, so take advange of a chance to bring a friend for free!

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Drawing Winner!



Congratulations to Dr. Kenneth Brown, winner of our \$500 drawing! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the drawing.

Artifact Exploration



The Spinning Wheel was very commonly found in homes in years past. After picking, cleaning, and carding the cotton, it would have been spun into thread on a spinning wheel before being placed on a loom to make cloth. Most homes didn't have space for a loom but could fit a spinning wheel, hence the name "homespun" cotton. You can see our spinning wheel in the new exhbit in the Alabama Agricultural Museum. The museum will open to the public on January 24. Members can experience the museum FIRST at the Annual Membership Meeting on January 23.

Veterans Gardening Program



The Veterans Gardening Project will conclude the fall season on December 14 at 9 a.m. at the designated community garden at the back of the park.

This project will build and strengthen the local food system while providing veterans and their families the opportunity to come together for a hands-on gardening project. The program will host a series of workshops that will cover the basics of gardening as well as other topics for those who are more experienced. Let us know you are coming to the workshops by registering at www.aces.edu/go/vetsgardendothan or by calling the Houston County Extension Office at (334) 794-4108.

The garden will be open during Landmark Park's normal business hours to any veteran who wishes to come out and work in the garden when there is not a workshop. There is free entry for those working in the garden and tools are available for use. If you have not participated in a workshop with us before and would like to come out to the garden, please contact Kerry Steedley at kes0150@aces.edu for more information before going. This project was made possible through a partnership between Landmark Park, Wiregrass RC&D, Alabama Extension and our hardworking volunteers.

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members who joined from August 15-November 15. To all our previous members who renewed, a sincere thank you.

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FALL FARM DAY

Sponsored by Houston County Economic Development Association, The National Peanut Festival

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HALLOWEEN FEST AND ZOMBIE RUN

Abby Harris, Patsy Davis, Alison Bunge Shumaker, Bruno Ciccarelli, Bodee Ciccarelli, Keely Weber, Colton Register, Michael Strickland, Sam Strickland, Jack Weber, ALLEAPS

IN KIND DONATIONS

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MONTHLY PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

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Sponsored by Wiregarss RC&D

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Thank you to the Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association for not only volunteering throughout the year, but also for your annual monetary support!



Special thanks to everyone who made donations in memory of Bill Lee. With Carole Lee's help, Landmark Park was able to install irrigation in the kitchen garden as well as plant flowers around the front entrance. The park looks better than ever and we appreciate your support.



Let's Get Married!

Thanks to our supporters for voting for Landmark Park as the best place to get married in the Dothan Eagle's Best of the Wiregrass poll! Landmark Park came in second in this poll. The park has several beautiful venues available for rent for your special occasions, including an historic church, 8,000 square foot activity barn, gazebo, covered picnic pavilion and Auditorium. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan. com or call 334-794-3452 for details on rentals.

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