

## What's Happening with Alabama Wildflower Society?

Happy Birthday, Alabama Wildflower Society! ---Celebrating 50 Years---

On Saturday, March 20, 2021, the Alabama Wildflower Society turns 50 years old. AWS had hoped to celebrate this important milestone with a birthday party at the site where it all began, but coronavirus restrictions make that impossible.

So, let's do the next best thing: honor our founders George Wood and Blanche Dean by "getting into the woods," as George frequently urged, and hunt spring wildflowers and listen to the birds.

**The Blanche Dean Chapter of the Alabama Wildflower Society** will have a field trip to Shoal Creek Park in Montevallo, Alabama on Saturday, March 27, 2021. The address is 2781 Highway 119, Montevallo, AL 35115. Meet in the parking lot at 10 a.m. **Bring a sack lunch, water, bug spray.**

If time allows, we may also check out nearby Ebenezer Swamp where Golden Club (*Orontium aquaticum*) should be blooming. In November of 2013, Ms. Elizabeth "Betty" Mahler donated her family's 167-acre estate to the city of Montevallo to be developed into Shoal Creek Park. Questions? Call Linda Sherk 205-515-1643

**Alabama Wildflower Society has announced the following events. For more information check out their Facebook page.**

April 22 Natural Bridge and Bankhead National Forest day trip

April 30 & May 1 Wildflower Saturday at Desoto State Park. AWS president Barbara Hollingsworth will be there both days. (AWS will not have a group dinner or meeting due to the corona virus restrictions.) If you wish to stay overnight, make your arrangements early, as this is a popular event. <https://www.alapark.com/DSP-Wildflower-Saturday>

May 6 Native plant walk in Blount County

May 20 Tour of the Cahaba Lilies

May 27 Wildflower hike at Cheaha State Park