"Blanche and Dan" will be honored during the 2013 Workshop with a display in The Lodge. A scholarship has also been established in memory of Dan Holliman. The scholarship will be awarded to a Birmingham-Southern student where Dr. Holliman taught.

For more info: http://www.birminghamaudubon.org/birdingfldtrips/audmtnwrk

~ May 9-12, 2013 ~ Mentone, Alabama

“A consortium of educators and students gather each spring….this activity has attracted naturalists who are intrigued by the concept of 'outdoor' education," Dr. Dan Holliman wrote in the April 1984 issue of the Journal of the Alabama Sciences. With the urging of Birmingham Audubon members, Dan Holliman agreed to direct the first Audubon Mountain Workshop in 1978. These members had participated in Blanche Dean’s three-day Nature Workshops around North Alabama exploring a blend of local fauna, flora and geography of each unique area. Blanche Dean, an inspirational science teacher at Woodlawn High School, began the Workshops in the early 1950s and continued to make significant contributions to outdoor education until her death in 1974.
FIELD TRIP TO ONEONTA MARCH 16

On March 16, 2013, Mark and Sharon Leader have invited us to return to their property in Oneonta to hike and see early spring wildflowers. Below are the directions, everyone who wishes can meet me at Lowes in Trussville at 9AM. Bring a picnic lunch, water or your choice of drink. Wear appropriate clothing for hiking and bring a walking stick. Hike should be of moderate difficulty.

Any questions, call Linda Sherk 205-416-1643.

Directions to Mark and Sharon Leader’s place:
2353 Tugalo Road—Oneonta, AL 35121
205-589-2513
From Birmingham two alternatives:
Option 1
Take I-59 North towards Gadsden. Take exit 166, the Ashville/Oneonta exit.
At end of exit ramp turn left onto Hwy 231 North. Go about 15 miles to the intersection of 231 and Hwy 75 north (2nd traffic light in Oneonta).
Turn right onto 75 north. Pass Wal-Mart and the new bridge construction.

Option 2. This is the shortest, quickest route from Birmingham.
Take I-59 N towards Gadsden. Take the Tallapoosa Street exit and merge onto Hwy 79 North.
Stay on 79 through Tarrant (about 9 miles). Turn right onto AL-151/Co.Rd.151 North, which becomes Hwy. 75 North.
Continue north on 75 for about 28 miles, going through Oneonta.
Turn right onto County Road 42.
Go just over 5 miles and turn right onto Tugalo Road on your left. Go about ¼ mile and turn right into our driveway.
Google shows another shortcut: on Hwy 42, rather than going all the way to Tugalo Road, you’ll pass 4 large chicken houses on your left. Take the first left onto a little dirt road called Allred Road. It’s only about a block long; at the end of the road, turn right onto Tugalo. Our house will be on your left. You’ll pass the house before you reach our driveway on the left.

A can’t miss field trip!

EL PASO WILDFLOWER PRESERVE IN HOMECOOD

APRIL 9, 2013 — A great field trip this year will be the El Paso Wildflower Preserve in Homewood, AL. We will meet in the Walmart parking lot on Lakeshore Parkway in the Wildwood shopping area. Meet at 9:30AM in the corner of the parking lot closest to Lakeshore Parkway. Parking is limited, so we need to car pool. This is a moderate hike downhill and then back up hill. Bring water, hiking boots, walking sticks. Half day hike. Group will go out to lunch afterwards.
Meet at Lowes in Trussville on Hwy 11 at 7:30AM on Sat. April 27.

Cloudland Canyon near Trenton, GA
Address: Rising Fawn, GA 30738
Reservations: 800-864-7275
http://www.gastateparks.org/CloudlandCanyon
You can either camp in the Walk-in Campground ($20/nite), or rent a cabin ($135/nite).

Hike on Friday for those coming early: West Rim Trail or Waterfall Trail - We will meet at 1pm at the Interpretive Center inside the Park (see park website for directions)

Saturday: Sitton Gulch Trail - 1 mile plus, out/back starts very easy and increases to moderate. We will meet in the parking lot at the trail turn-around at the base of the mountain in Trenton at 10am.

Directions to Sitton Gulch Trail Parking:
Take I-59 Exit #11 East toward Trenton.
Turn right on South Main St. Go a couple of blocks.
Turn left on Lafayette St. Go a couple of blocks.
Turn left on Canyon Park Drive
Turn left on County Highway 187.
Parking will be on left at curve. Parking $5 per car.
DeSoto State Park’s latest new endeavor ...the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum!

As some of you may know, DSP received a tourism grant in 2011 that has made the dream of a CCC museum come true. Since then DSP staff has been hard at work; renovating the historic building, performing research, and preparing displays & interpretive materials. The museum has come a long way in just a year, and we are now planning a dedication of the museum for Friday, March 22, 2013, at 1:00 pm. The staff of DeSoto State Park cordially invites you to attend the dedication, and be the first to see inside the museum.

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www.AlaPark.com/DeSotoResort/ Look for us on Facebook

The Blanche Dean Chapter of the Alabama Wildflower Society
Encompasses the Greater Birmingham Area.

To contact us with questions about our society...please email us at: membership@alabamawildflower.org

Remember to pay your dues please!

The Alabama Wildflower Society (STATE)

Saturday, March 23rd
Buttabatchee Bluffs, Lamar County
On this trip, we will visit unique Pottsville sandstone formations where the Eastern Hemlock makes its southwestern limit. We will also see a wide variety of typical spring wildflowers and ferns. Hiking difficulty will be moderate. Please bring a picnic lunch.

Saturday, Apr 13th
Old Mountain Fork Road, Madison County
For this trip, we will be walking casually down an old public dirt road that has now since been closed and privatized. The land owner has graciously agreed to allow this. (Thank you Anne Kitchens!) While walking, we will encounter slopes and creek banks along the roadside which harbor a very rich assemblage of wildflowers. Alabama Snow Wreath will be seen on this trip! The hike will not be difficult but will potentially be long as much as 2-3 miles or more. You may wish to wear foot gear that can get wet. After lunch, we will visit the Huntsville Botanical Garden.

Saturday, May 25th
Old Cahawba, Dallas County
Join us in Old Cahawba for wildflowering mixed in with an Alabama History lesson. We will take a walking and riding tour of Old Cahawba with tour guides. While there, we will see the ruins of the old capitol city, as well as, the remaining pass-along plants from that time. Don't forget to bring your picnic lunch. After lunch we will be wildflowering on the Old Cahawba Prairie Forever Wild Tract.

Thursday, July 11th
Birmingham Botanical Gardens
First Annual Alabama Wildflower Society Lecture
Dinner: @ 5:30 (for AWS Members Only; $12.00 per person) Lecture: @ 7:00 P.M. (Open to Public)
Speaker: Dr. John Hall, The University of West Alabama
Meal will be catered by Jim-N-Nicks.

Please send $12.00 to Margie Anderton if you wish to eat. Reservation deadline by June 27th.
(271 CR 68, Killen, AL 35645). Please bring books, plants, or other botanical items for door prizes.