Gardens of History

Preserving a family and business legacy in Knoxville
A Special Place … History

• **1786 - David W. Howell**
  - Howell Nurseries legacy begun
  - Unique trees & plants
  - 2 miles stone walls/structures

• **2001 - KBGA Established**
  - Preserve Howell Nurseries legacy
  - Create a place of beauty for public enjoyment (47 acres)
  - Quality of life
  - Redevelopment efforts within Knoxville region
HOW DID WE GET HERE...

• 1740s Virginia Traders Travel South to Engage in Trade
• 1750s Area Settled by British
• 1777 Establishment of Washington District
• 1783 North Carolina Disregard Indian Title to Lands
• 1784 State of Franklin Established & Jefferson Ordinance
• 1791 Treaty of the Holston
• 1784 D. W Howell Settled South of Holston River
• 1794 D.W. Howell Purchased what is now the KBGA
• 1903 Howell Nursery Listed in Knoxville City Directory
• 1914 Howell Nursery’s first Advertisement Appear
• 2001 Knoxville Botanical Garden Founded
KBGA’s Mission

- Growing Gardens,
- Honoring History,
- Cultivating Community
Growing Gardens

- Butterfly Garden Redesign by U.T. Master Gardeners
- Pollinator Field Project with State of Tennessee
- Row Garden Rose Project
- Peony Garden Installation
- Loop Trail Project
- Secret Garden Project
- Gravel Bed Tree Project
- Green Drinks Garden
- Seep Garden / U.T.
Growing Gardens

Master Gardener’s Shade Garden 2016
Growing Gardens

Paulk Peony Garden 2017
Growing Gardens

The Secret Garden 2017
Growing Gardens

The Martha Ashe Garden
Honoring Our History

Joe B. Howell House - 1929
Honoring Our History

Dogwood Center 2013
Honoring Our History

Dogwood Center 2015
Honoring History

Mule Barn Renovation 2017
Honoring History

Viburnum
Cottage 2018
Cultivating Community
Volunteer Day at the Gardens
Making History

• Open daily, dawn to dusk
• Free to public
• Community events and activities
• Capital improvements of interest
• Visitation and guests
KBGA’s Value Proposition …

- Attracts visitors to/from downtown Knoxville
- Tourism & economic (re)development
- Unique and versatile venue business events / meetings
- Incredible momentum and public support
- Wide variety of involvement opportunities
- Community Impact & Quality of life
A Magical Escape from the Everyday