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Waterfront Botanical Gardens

announces new partnership to utilize the gardens at the former estate of Owsley Brown Frazier, The Avish.

New owners of the The Avish, Steve and Merry-Kay Poe, and Waterfront Botanical Gardens have developed a use agreement for the gardens of the estate, Avish Gardens to begin immediately.

The 22-acre estate, built in 1910 and located 7 miles from the future Waterfront Botanical Gardens, boasts 6-8 acres of gardens and greenhouses - 20 kitchen garden beds, multiple flower beds, 2 greenhouses, and winter garden beds. These gardens flourished up until the time of Frazier's death in 2012. Waterfront Botanical Gardens staff and volunteers will clean and maintain the gardens to benefit future educational programs, events and garden displays on the Waterfront Botanical Gardens site.

Work will begin this summer with gardens opening for educational programs in Spring 2019. The facilities will benefit small groups of students and small adult events. Executive Director, Kasey Maier, commented: "We are excited that we will have gardens and greenhouses as soon as next Spring to begin the educational programming that is at the core of our mission. We appreciate the Poes' vision for their gardens, and its importance for our community."

This new arrangement is made possible by the generosity of Steve and Merry-Kay Poe to further the mission of Waterfront Botanical Gardens. To become a volunteer for Waterfront Botanical Gardens, visit waterfrontgardens.org/volunteer.

Botanica, Inc. is a Louisville non-profit organization that is working to create the Waterfront Botanical Gardens on a 23-acre site at Frankfort Avenue and River Road. The mission of Botanica is to develop experiences that promote appreciation and understanding of plants for a more harmonious and sustainable world.

More information about Waterfront Botanical Gardens is available at waterfrontgardens.org.