The vision of Kay and Eddie Aldridge was realized in 1997 when the City of Hoover purchased their 30 acre estate and started the process of creating a public garden. The “home-place” of the Snowflake Hydrangea, a plant patented by Eddie in the 1970’s, this beautiful facility opened in 2002. Visitors enjoy our displays of native azaleas, camellias and of course, hydrangeas, and our growing collection of sculpture, including the Ken Jackson Collection of Frank Fleming bronzes, one of the most extensive collections of Fleming’s works anywhere.

The 30 acre facility features a ½ mile walking trail around our beautiful 5 acre lake, winding though well developed gardens, under the Veterans' Memorial Arbor and through our Alabama Urban Forest. Along the way, there are native azaleas, sculptures and a boathouse with a floating dock where one can see the turtles, ducks and fish that call Aldridge Gardens home. Benches are strategically placed to ensure a pleasurable experience. A drink machine is located outside of ROOTS, the Aldridge Garden and Gift Shop on the back side of the Aldridge House. Don’t forget to see the NaphCare Bonsai Collection, located adjacent to ROOTS on the lake side of the house.

During your visit, please remember Aldridge Gardens is a botanical garden, not a park. Our Gardens is planted with fragile plants and flowers, so please remember: no pets, bicycles, nor balls. Picnic tables are available, on a first come, first served basis, but please, no fires or stoves. Dog Walking and Fishing are privileges of membership in the Gardens, and during designated Member Times only.

Photography of our beautiful grounds is encouraged, along with candid photos of friends or family. Posed portrait photography does require a permit and a reservation. Please see one of our Aldridge Gardens staff members for details.

A facility of the City of Hoover, Aldridge Gardens is funded through memberships, donations, fundraisers, grants and venue rentals (personal and corporate functions, along with festivals and events).

Thank you for visiting Aldridge Gardens!