

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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Horses at the McCoy Farm PART TWO

Horses were always loved by the Bachman–McCoy–Garland family. Following is a continuation of the story about the important part



Martha Bachman with her horse, Jumping Joe



Hilda Mills Horton at about age 12 on her horse, Bob. She and her brother liked to ride to Mrs. McCoy's place and practice their skills in the horse ring that was located where the gravel parking lot is today.

horses played in the history of McCoy Farm & Gardens.

We were delighted to receive the photograph at left from Mrs. McCoy's grandson, Tom Garland. He commented, "The photo is of Danny (Martha McCoy) and Jumping Joe. Notice the size of that horse's head; it's crazy big relative to today's mounts!"

Hilda Mills Horton, who grew up on East Brow Road, and her brother, Will, would ride their horses to Miss Martha's to visit and prac-

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Fashion Flowers Show

Members of The Garden Club of Signal Mt. will present a National Garden Club Standard Flower Show April 27 from 2-5 PM at McCoy Farm & Gardens. The show is free of charge.

Authentic clothing representing iconic styles from the 1920's through the 1970's will be displayed, and it provided inspiration for exhibitors' floral designs. "Fashion and Flowers" is the pervasive theme for the show. Botanical arts of several types will be on display. Featured in the house will be 36 floral designs based on fashion, and in the pavilion will be over 300 horticultural exhibits.

Event Complements Show

The McCoy Farm & Gardens Board is hosting a special "Wine and More" benefit Friday, April 27 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm on the front lawn. *Fashion Flowers* will be featured for your enjoyment. Look for your invitation soon!

The Mission of McCoy Farm & Gardens is to restore, enhance and preserve the historic McCoy homeplace so that it may serve the community as an arboretum, natural area, and venue for public and private events.

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tice in her ring. "We rode along Wilson Road with no worries of traffic," she said. "A ring was a novelty at that time since much of our riding was done on the numerous trails that we could access from home. Many pleasant memories were made on our horses with the Pauls, Chesters, Harveys, and Mrs. McCoy. Clarence Mills, our dad, and his sister, Ann, knew Miss Martha well. They used to ride together occasionally in the summers. That is how we got to know this wonderful lady – Martha McCoy."

To be CONTINUED. Look for Part 3 in the May newsletter

New Station

Andy Jones is pictured by the new dog waste station generously funded by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Boone. Thank you very much for this much appreciated gift!



Report From Ornithologist

by Luke Thompson

If you have seen blue stakes on the McCoy Farms property recently, you may have wondered what they are for. The stakes are points from which volunteers are counting birds for a National Audubon Society survey. The survey will provide data for a national climate change study on birds. Volunteers are studying the changes in selected species' range and population. The survey will shed light on how



global warming affects the ranges of multiple bird species. It will show which areas will need conservation funds. By 2080, it is predicted that 314 species will lose over 50% of their range due to warming. www.audubon.org/conservation/climate-watch-program

Volunteers are studying Mountain Bluebirds, Eastern Bluebirds, Western Bluebirds, White-breasted Nuthatches, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Pygmy Nuthatches, and Brown-headed Nuthatches. This survey is done twice a year, between January 15 and February 15 and between May 15 and June 15. This year in the Chattanooga area, volunteers are only counting White-breasted Nuthatches, but they may begin counting Eastern Bluebirds and Brown-headed Nuthatches in years to come. There are ten grids in Chattanooga, and McCoy Farm & Gardens is in one of them.

Youth Serve

Thank you, Youth of St. Augustine, for raking sweetgum balls. You are awesome!



Upcoming Events

- Spring Nature Walk April 21, 8-10 am
- Fashion Flowers April 27, 2-5 pm
- Wine & More benefit April 27, 6-8:30
- Memorial Day Celebration May 28
- Volunteer work days – continuous

To schedule your own event at McCoy Farm & Gardens, visit

www.mccoywalden.org

Hours, Access & Information

The 1.1 mile long walking and running trail is open during daylight hours, seven days per week. Access the trail at the 1604 Taft Highway entrance and park in the first gravel lot located outside the inner gate.

The McCoy grounds are open to the public Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please enter through the Taft Highway entrance and park in the main gravel lot. A handicapped accessible portable toilet is located at the orchard end of the gravel lot.

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Support McCoy Farm & Gardens

McCoy Farm & Gardens is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. All contributions are charitable and tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

The 33 acre parcel, with the Bachman-McCoy home, pavilion, carriage house, barn, blacksmith workshop, apple house, various other structures and gardens, is leased from the Town of Walden. Volunteers are very important to the organization in all areas. Your donations are welcome and will be used to improve the structures and gardens.

Please send your check to:

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