

# McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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## Thank You Volunteers!

Executive Director, Melissa Nimon, is enjoying her new job and enjoying meeting so many of you who love McCoy Farm & Gardens. She extends a hearty thank you for the warm welcome and for those who have been so helpful in offering items to furnish her office, among other things.

One of the “other things” is exemplified by Lisa Rutledge and her husband, George Miller, who announced, “We like to haul.” And haul they did, with help from their son-in-law Eric Phipps. In spite of the rainy days recently, they picked up and delivered office equipment donated by David and Mardi Leonard.



George Miller and Eric Phipps hauling office equipment.



Maneuvering the large bookcases in and upstairs was no easy task.

The kind volunteers carried in the two big bookcases, cabinets, etc. and were very good natured about wrestling them up the U-shaped staircase and into the new office. Mickey Robbins helped to carry shelves and drawers.

We love Volunteers!

## W Road Cleanup Reprise

A group of enthusiastic folks started lining up at 8 AM on Sunday, March 21st in the McCoy Farm & Gardens parking lot. They were



Boy Scouts from Troop 176, Seven Dapp, Caden Ryder, and Hari Balaji, with their leader, Rusty Sewell, removed litter by the stone wall at the Emma Bell Miles homeplace at MFG.

headed to the W Road to pick up litter.

As Mayor Lee Davis says, “The W is our driveway. We want to keep it looking nice.” This is the second time MFG has participated as the staging ground for the Walden cooperative adventure into clean roadways.



Jim Ogden, friend of MFG and Historian of Chickamauga – Chattanooga National Military Park, picked up litter along with Mayor Lee Davis on a section of the W Road.

Special thanks to Pruetts’ for coffee and nibbles and to W Road neighbors, Ben, Jessica and daughter Jessica Fischer, who set up a refreshment table for workers.



**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.



*Celia Mattingly, Sallie Ford, and Elizabeth Hamilton confirm the design and install plants in the new Children's Sensory Garden. Also working with them on March 12th, the day the picture was taken, were Kit Hanley and Marty Roberts.*

## New Garden Taking Shape

The Children's Sensory Gardens have so many daffodils. (See the small picture inserted above.) That's the good news. The not really so bad news is that they are in the walkways. They will soon be relocated into the beds once their lovely blooms have had their day.

With spring just around the corner, we have many wonderful plants on order and being donated to begin to fill the cutting garden and the maze of beds and circles of herbs and plants with animal names.

Be on the lookout for red twig dogwood, dahlias, blueberries, nodding onions, cocks comb, pig squeak, sunflowers, hairy native phlox, and blue baptisia to name a few.

## Spreadsheet Experience?

Without volunteers, McCoy Farm & Gardens would not be the great place it is. As you see by a previous story, Volunteers can help in many ways. Now we are seeking someone who can help with creating spreadsheets.

Melissa is beginning to organize information scattered through various records. If you can help create a modern database, please give her a call at 423-598-1658 or e-mail [melissa@mccoywalden.org](mailto:melissa@mccoywalden.org) To volunteer in areas such as Trail, Grounds, Events, Gardens, etc. please contact Karen Stone [karenstone@waldenhouse.com](mailto:karenstone@waldenhouse.com)

**We encourage our visitors to practice healthy COVID measures at all times.**

## Hours, Access & Information

The 1.1 mile long walking and running trail is open during daylight hours, seven days per week. Access the trail by the 1604 Taft Highway entrance and park in the trail parking spaces or the gravel lot. Dog waste pickup bags are at the trailhead and by the Anderson entrance.

**The MFG buildings are temporarily closed.**

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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 38 acre parcel contains the Bachman-McCoy home, pavilion, carriage house, barn, blacksmith workshop, apple house, various other structures, and gardens. Volunteers are very important to the organization in all areas. Your donations are welcome and will be used to improve the structures and gardens.

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