

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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Recent Happenings Here

The summer calendar has been packed with lots of fun activities. Birthday parties, a family reunion, a class reunion, and a corporate meeting are just a few. Pictures below are a concert on the grounds and a church picnic.



On a pleasant Friday night, July 19, a crowd gathered on the front lawn to savor the music of Pierce Pettis.



On Sunday July 21, folks at the Little Brown Church picnic enjoyed fine weather, good fellowship and bounteous food.

BOOgie and Brews Coming October 26th

An exciting fall family event is coming to McCoy Farm & Gardens on Saturday, October 26th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lots of fun is planned for everyone with hayrides, game booths, fortune tellers, house of horrors, a doggie costume pageant, "antique" cake walk (you keep the antique plate) and more. Grilled Brats and Burgers will complement the Brews. Mark your calendars and watch for details.

Family of Super Volunteers

Most everyone who has attended one of the McCoy Farm & Gardens Memorial Day picnics has had the pleasure of interacting with a member of Don and Jane Drumm's family. If you have stepped into the Pavilion, you have met a friendly person who offers you ice cream, takes your ticket for the cake walk, plays the music, or presents you with a prize.

This year, Jane and Don set up the popular cake walk circle with numbers and pictures of characters from the Signal Mt. Playhouse production of *Annie*. Daughter Jennifer Hamilton sold tickets. Grandsons Daniel and Andrew

Hamilton and their cousin, Malachi Drumm, called out the numbers and were in charge of the cake walk music. Granddaughter Katie Hamilton and friend, Caroline Britt, handled concessions.

Jane and Don say that volunteering at the picnic is a good way for the family to be involved, and working together is fun. The young people have learned to take their responsibilities seriously and be conscientious.

For two years, the Drumms have secured the donated sweets and prizes, with Jane visiting area grocery stores and bakeries, picking up their donations, and following up with thank-you notes. A little-known secret is that the family has been donating the concessions as part of their giving spirit. Thank you, Drumms!

Dog Days Considerations

You tell us that walking with your dogs at McCoy Farm & Gardens is one of your favorite

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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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activities. We are glad to hear it and happy to have you here.

Please be especially attentive to your pets. Make certain they are on leash and please be vigilant about picking up any waste.

Some have been frightened by seeing loose dogs come bounding their way. Who knows if a strange dog is running up for a pat on the head or is charging in to protect his people?

Dogs do not know how hard the Gardeners have worked on the gardens. They do not understand that running through the flowers and digging in the soft mulch is not the thing to do. We want to be a welcoming, friendly place for everyone to walk. Please take care with your dog, follow posted rules, and help keep dogs welcome on our beautiful grounds.

Farmers Market Happenings Thursdays 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

- August 1: **Market closed for 127-yard sale** which makes access too difficult.
- August 8: **Back to School Bash:** Activities and treats for the children. A favorite vendor, Red Clay Farm, will be returning with vegetables and grains.
- August 15: **Music by Carl Towns.** A mix of original and traditional bluegrass and country
- August 22: **Garden Tours.** Join Kit Hanley to see what is happening in the beautiful flower gardens on the property. We will be on the lookout for monarch activity.
- August 29: **Cooking Demonstration** featuring market products. For information www.signalmountainfarmersmarket.com



Elaine Monteiro and Susan Snow help clear the remains of the very old tree that once stood in the garden near the pavilion. Mickey Robbins and Larry Mick cut up the stump after it fell and destroyed many of the garden's plants and flowers.

Can You Help, Please?

Are you proficient at Excel? We need an experienced and knowledgeable person to update our materials. To volunteer, contact karenstone@waldenhouse.com

Upcoming Events

- Farmers' Market Thursdays 3:30-6:30 pm
- BOOgie & Brews October 26, 11 am-4 pm
- Many private events; check web calendar

To schedule your own special event go to www.mccoypwalden.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 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 in the gravel lot. Dog waste pickup bags are at trail head.

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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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