

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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Master Gardeners Visit

On July 14, over 25 master gardeners from Rutherford County came to McCoy Farm & Gardens at the suggestion of Suzanne Ford, president of Hamilton County Master Gardeners. They learned about the history of MFG and the planning and installation of the Horseshoe Pollinator Gardens and the new Children's Sensory Gardens.

Several volunteer MFG garden crew members, Sallie Ford, Marty Roberts, Kit Hanley, and Elizabeth Hamilton, conducted a tour of the gardens. The visitors enjoyed the pollinator and cutting gardens, identified native and specimen plants, and delighted in the fairy gardens, painted rock village and herb spiral.

They were intrigued by the goat and hummingbird watching over the barnyard bed, and by the sunflower playhouse. Each master gardener was given a native St John's Wort for their home gardens.

Children, their families, and master gardeners alike love these special gardens. We hope you enjoy them too, and you don't have to be a master gardener to volunteer to help at McCoy Farm & Gardens.



*ABOVE: The Rutherford County Master Gardeners particularly enjoyed the new Children's Sensory Garden.
BELOW: MFG volunteer Marty Roberts, second from left, points out special features of the horseshoe gardens.*

Bird Watching Opportunity

Kevin Calhoun, Assistant Curator of Forests at Tennessee Aquarium, will lead a bird walk at McCoy Farm & Gardens, Sunday, September 26 at 8:00 AM. Please meet in the parking lot. There is no charge. All are welcome.

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.



Assembling Plant Labels

Madeline Wyatt, Sophia Gibby, Elizabeth Hamilton and Sallie Ford assembled plant labels for the Children's Garden. The labels were the crowning touch to the garden in preparation for the tour by the master gardeners.



Gift of McCoy Memorabilia

In March 1974, Barrett Webster married Sebert Brewer in the McCoy's living room. Snow flurries changed their plans for an orchard wedding. Barrett's mother, Dr. Frances Richardson Webster, had met Martha McCoy when they both served at Moccasin Bend Hospital, and they became close friends.

As Barrett was cleaning out her mother's things, she uncovered two little books of great interest. One is a record of apple sales compiled by Neavon Hatfield and Martha McCoy. The other contains sayings and poems important to Martha. Barrett plans to make the book contents available for MFG Archives. We are very pleased and very grateful!

October BOOgie & Brews

Save this Date! McCoy Farm & Gardens is hosting a family friendly, dog friendly, "Howl"oween fund-raiser Saturday, October 23 – with a rain date of October 30 – from 11AM to 4 PM.

Try your skills at game booths; shop in the Cobweb Corner Market; climb on a hay wagon for a ride around the property, and visit the fortune teller's tent.

A highlight of the event will be a **Canine Costume Contest**. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and march in the grand finale **BOOgie Parade** for fun and treats. Come hungry for brats, pizza, funnel cakes, cotton candy and fresh baked goods. Beer and soft drinks will also be for sale.

**Brats and brews and lots to do
Kids and dogs can dress up too**

p.s. Items needed for Cobweb Corner. Call Melissa 423-598-1658



House Committee Chair Anne Leonard, background, demonstrates for Sophia Gibby, Ella Saunders and Mary Evelyn Pearce the proper technique for painting the apple house.

FOUND - sunglasses - Call Melissa 423-598-1658 to identify

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.

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

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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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