

McCoy Farm & Gardens

NEWSLETTER

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GOOD NEWS

\$10,000 Challenge Gift



We are excited to share some good news. An anonymous donor has given McCoy Farm & Gardens \$10,000 and also has pledged to match new gifts up to another \$10,000. In other words, if we can raise \$10,000, the donor will give another \$10,000 toward restoration of this invaluable resource for our community.

Dedicated volunteers have designed and constructed a walking trail around the perimeter of the property, restored Martha McCoy's favorite Horseshoe Garden, renovated the screened Pavilion, modernized the kitchen, remodeled upstairs rooms in the house, and cleared acreage along Anderson Pike to handle excess parking during major events. With these improvements, McCoy Farm & Gardens now serves as a community park as well as a venue for weddings and receptions, family celebrations, bird and nature walks, garden-

ing classes, Boy and Girl Scout projects, school classes on history and nature, church picnics and retreats, fund-raisers for nonprofits and schools, and club and group meetings.

As we look to the future, we plan to build restrooms in the Carriage House, renovate the blacksmith shop, stabilize the barn, and continue to restore the property's beautiful grounds. We are grateful for the unique opportunity the \$10,000 match provides. Please consider a tax-deductible gift in one of the following categories:

U S Senator	\$2000
TN Supreme Court Justice	\$1000
Wagon Driver	\$500
Master Gardener	\$250
Spirit of the Mountains	\$100
W Road Traveler	\$50
Moonshiner	\$25

Given the opportunity of the match, your gift is especially meaningful. I speak for the Board and all the volunteers when I say that we believe McCoy Farm & Gardens is a great community resource, and with your support, we will work to keep making it better.

Sincerely, Mickey Robbins, President
Mickey@patteninc.com

Tree Lighting

December fourth 4-6 PM there will be plenty of hot chocolate to warm the body and community fellowship to warm the spirit. At dusk a beautiful holly tree will be light-



ed, followed by a Christmas carol sing-along. McCoy Farm & Gardens is an official Toys for Tots drop location, so please consider bringing a new toy to donate for children in need.

The house is beautifully decorated for Christmas and ready for holiday rentals. More at www.mccoypwalden.org/hosting-an-event-at-mccoyp/

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.

Bride's Room Make-over

Following your survey suggestions that McCoy Farm & Gardens be used as a wedding venue, your Board of Directors, committee members, and volunteers have been hard at work to make the grounds and buildings beautiful and pleasing to couples looking for a place to celebrate their marriages.

We hope you will enjoy seeing some "before" and "after" photos of upstairs rooms now ready as the Bride's Dressing Area. Your donations make such good progress possible. Please give to meet the \$10,000 match challenge.



Signal Mt. Cheerleaders

Gracing the cover of the calendar for sale by Signal Mt. Middle/High School is this picture of the cheerleaders taken on the front porch of the McCoy house. Thanks to the school for honoring the location and to Kim Livingood of Livingood Photography for sharing the photo.



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

The McCoy Farm and Gardens is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. All contributions are charitable and tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law, as determined by your tax advisor.

The 38 acre parcel with the Bachman-McCoy home, pavilion, carriage house, barn, unimproved blacksmith shop, apple house, various other smaller structures, and gardens are 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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