

# McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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## Hold Your Event at MFG

Now is a good time to secure a date for your event through the remainder of 2021 and into 2022. The calendar is open and waiting for you. Not only will you enjoy showing off Walden's jewel, you will be helping sustain the facilities with your rental. Dates are still open between now and Christmas. Call Cynthia Pennington to make your reservation. 423-619-8959 or email [cynthia@mccoypwalden.org](mailto:cynthia@mccoypwalden.org)

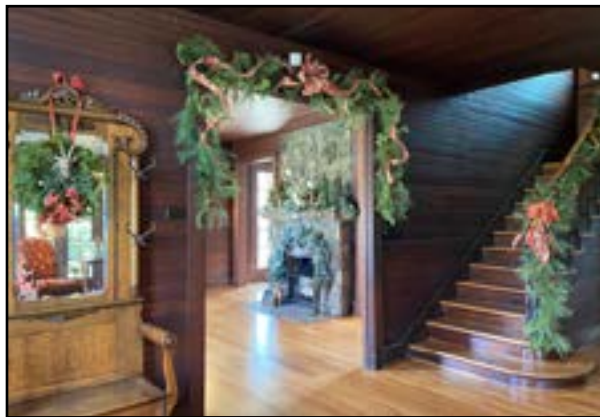


Gene Adams, Linda Davenport, Clare Hetzler and Anne Leonard demonstrate their artistic talents as they decorate the McCoy home interior for Christmas. Other members of the House Committee are Susan Jensen and Mary Beth McClure.



*Mantels in the McCoy Home decorated for Christmas*

The decorated mantels will serve as a backdrop for Family Holiday Photos offered by the Walden's Ridge Civic League annual fundraiser. The two organizations enjoy working together for the benefit of the community.



There are dates still open in the holiday calendar, and you are welcome to have your party in the beautifully decorated McCoy home. To schedule a time now, or for the coming year, contact Cynthia Pennington 423-619-8959.

## Fall Splendor Welcomes All



Taft Highway entrance gate open to welcome visitors. Remember the "look" of this area a few years ago? Thank you for contributing time, effort, and funds to make McCoy Farm & Gardens into what it has become. We look forward to your further support as we continue to implement the Master Plan.

**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.

## Putting Two Gardens to Bed

by Larry Mick

November was a "big" month for me at two special McCoy Gardens – the plots at the serpentine wall and near the screened porch. Over the past few weeks I have been cleaning out the summer plants as they have died. First the zinnias, where I pick off the dried flowers and drop them on the soil for next year's seeds.



I finished weeding the first crop of winter weeds, the varieties that germinate in the cool fall weather, and, if left alone, would grow all winter and cover the garden. A big problem of leaving them is that the winter weeds develop a huge web of roots which pull out a lot of the top soil when they are removed in the spring. These must be cleared all through the winter.

Several of the perennial flowers are looking good. Most needed to be cut back for the winter. The bee balm and cone flowers are ready for their growth spurt in the spring. The larkspur seeds dropped from last spring's flowers are germinating and will develop roots, making the plants shoot up and bloom in May.

Before long we will start to see the shoots of all the daffodils. The garden never rests. And woe to the gardener who thinks he can take the winter off to rest.

Also, today was the day that the winter pansies went in the garden next to the screened porch. They will provide color until next May when the hot weather will eventually do them in. So with a little care, these two gardens have been winterized and put to bed.

## Children's Garden Invites Play



*Elaine Monteiro is shown with her hand-painted hopscotch pavers installed in the Children's Garden west of the main house. The garden is intended to enhance the senses of touch, smell and sight. It is especially designed for play by including little "hiding places" along with fun objects and structures.*



*At the suggestion of our guests, new signs along the trail offer an opportunity to donate to MFG using a QR code.*

**Share your memories about the McCoy family and place through the Oral History project. Call 423-598-1658 to participate.**

## 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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