

# McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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## McCallie Students Serve

by Paul Jensen

For the second year in a row, as part of their service on Martin Luther King Day, the McCallie School held a work day at the McCoy Farm & Gardens. The boys cleared trees, limbs and debris on the rear driveway, making a major improvement in appearance to our entrance.



McCallie boys working at the burn pile. Photo by Paul Jensen

Twenty-two students and two sponsors braved 15 degree weather and energetically loaded trailers and moved wood to the burn pile where we had a large fire. They enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies in the blacksmith shop as a rest stop between loads. Thanks to Andy Jones, Earl Hereford, Larry Mick, Bill Leonard and Bob Robbins for their valuable assistance.

## Monarch Watch Certificate

McCoy Farm & Gardens was recently honored with a Certificate of Appreciation "For the creation and maintenance of Monarch Waystation Number 22627" from Director Chip Taylor of [www.monarchwatch.org](http://www.monarchwatch.org). The certificate states, "Monarch Waystations provide milkweeds, nectar plants, and shelter for monarchs throughout their annual cycle of reproduction and migration ... and help to assure the continuation of the monarch migration in North America."

## Be a Part of Memorial Day Planning and Celebration

Preparation for the fifth annual Memorial Day Picnic is underway! Come and be a part of organizing, planning and implementing the event. The picnic will take place from 11-3 on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019.

Dana and Paul Stone have graciously agreed to co-chair the picnic. Experienced volunteers from previous years are already on board as committee chairs. Please sign up to help by texting or calling Dana Stone 423-280-0511 or writing [emaildanastone@gmail.com](mailto:emaildanastone@gmail.com).

## Donations Acknowledged

*Seventh part in a series on contributors to our success*

The pleasant, sunny, east room on the second floor of the McCoy home was originally Sally McCoy Garland's bedroom. Currently it is used as a dressing area for brides and serves other appropriate needs. Art, curtains and matching upholstery fabrics were chosen and creatively installed by the House Committee.

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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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Some items that make the space comfortable and useful are: a wooden four-drawer chest donated by Paul and Susan Jensen; a wicker dressing table and mirror given by Anne and Bill Leonard; and an upholstered bench, vintage wicker



corner chair and rocker from Linda Davenport A curved, 1940's



sofa is a gift from Ward and Sally Crimmins, while the vintage hooked rug is from Elizabeth Akins.

## Spring Bird Walk Scheduled

Kevin Calhoun will lead another bird walk on April 27 at 8:00 AM at McCoy Farm & Gardens. This is the height of spring migration! Mark your calendars and contact Linda Collins at [lcollins105@comcast.net](mailto:lcollins105@comcast.net) to register.

## Picture of Historic Interest

Several readers of these newsletters have requested more historic pictures. Sally McCoy Garland recently provided an especially interesting old photo, and it is reproduced below. The photograph has been carefully preserved and stored in the Archives. If you would like to donate a similar item of historic interest, please contact [karenstone@waldenhouse.com](mailto:karenstone@waldenhouse.com)



*Five Presbyterian ministers pictured presumably in Dr. Jonathan Waverly Bachman's office at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga are, left to right: Nathan W. Bachman (Jonathan's brother), Charles Hyde (Jonathan's son-in-law), Jonathan, Robert Lucky Bachman (Jonathan's brother), and John Lynn Bachman (Jonathan's brother). Jonathan was the father of Senator Nathan Lynn Bachman, was grandfather of Martha Bachman McCoy and was great-grandfather of Sally McCoy Garland.*

## Upcoming Events

- Feb. 4 - UTC student research toward McCoy Farm & Gardens application to National Register of Historic Places
- April 27- Spring Bird Walk 8:00 AM
- Any Friday - Volunteer to work on the grounds. Contact [andyjones@gmail.com](mailto:andyjones@gmail.com)

To schedule your own special event go to [www.mccoywalden.org](http://www.mccoywalden.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 at the orchard end of the gravel lot.

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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 33 acre parcel, with the Bachman-McCoy home, pavilion, carriage house, barn, blacksmith workshop, apple house, various other structures and gardens, is 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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