

# McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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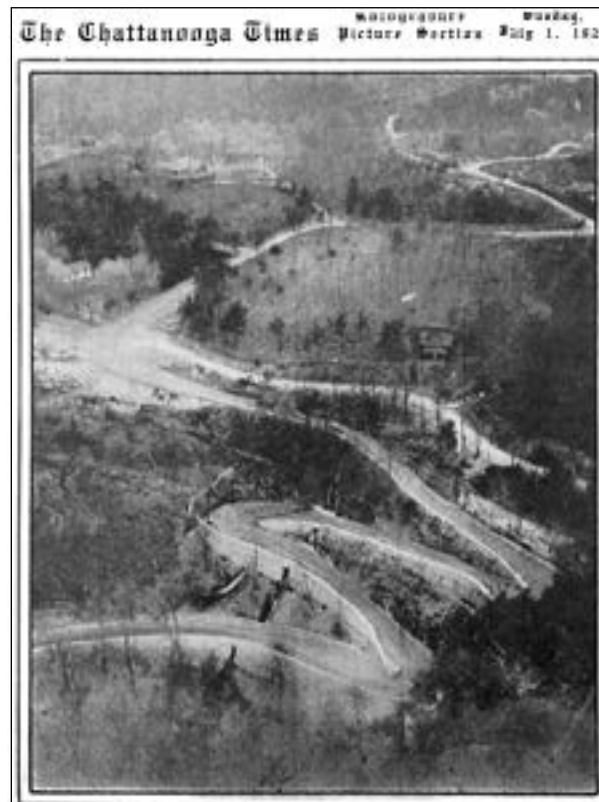
## Looking Forward & Back

The beginning of a new year seems a good time to look ahead and plan productive steps. One of the important things we are looking forward to is a Master Plan developed with the assistance of the Hodgson Douglas consulting firm. Your Board of Directors has been working closely with them, and we appreciate your ideas expressed in prior surveys and the comments which you continue to provide. We anticipate having more details to share with you as the process continues.



Working on the Master Plan are, left to right: Linda Collins, Richie Jones and Chris Barkley of Hodgson Douglas, Susan Snow, Karen Stone, Anne Leonard, Larson Mick, Mickey Robins, Gene Adams, Charles Adams and Joe Davis. Photo by Andy Jones, also a working member of the group.

For a look back, study the accompanying photo, part of a significant gift from Betsy Nichols. She gave us a framed "Rotogravure Picture Section" of the July 1, 1928, *Chattanooga Times*. Can you see the Bachman/McCoy property in this aerial photo of the W Road?



## Seasonal Festivities

Among the fun events at the McCoy Farm & Gardens during the Christmas season were a surprise birthday party for Wanda Lacy, a Signal Mt. Garden Club tea, a special Saturday night gathering, and a dinner hosted by a group of men who meet informally for breakfast every Thursday. Their annual Christmas event with their wives has grown too large for a private home, and the new venue was ideal.



At the beautifully decorated serving table are, left to right, Anne Ritteberry, Bonnie Maddux, Linda Davenport, Sue Galante, and Elaine Hargadon. Photo by Susan Jensen.

**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.

## Donations Acknowledged

Sixth part in a series on contributors to our success

A walnut 2-door armoire, Broyhill marble top chest, burl wood two-door chest for the 2nd floor sitting room, a two-chair love seat with ottoman in the 2nd floor hall and a cane chair in the work room are gifts of Edward & Carolyn Roberts.



An antique wash stand, wooden book rack, carved wooden wall shelf and two sconce wall light shades for the sitting room are from Linda Davenport.



Two Sherrill upholstered love seats featured in the virtual tour of the sitting room are gifts from Bill and Jean Trohannis. See them @ <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=dpcmhKUdsnd&brand=0>

This series will continue in future editions.

## Annual Fund Status

Our annual fund continues to support improvements to the house and other structures, maintenance of the grounds, and programs. Thanks to all of you who have given so generously. It is not too late to contribute, and we appreciate your help.

## Interesting Book Archived

When Anne Ford Melton Kimsey donated the 1923 Sweet Briar yearbook, *Briar Patch*, for the McCoy Farm & Garden archives, it was received as a treasure, wrapped in acid free tissue, placed carefully in the proper container, and stored in a climate controlled area. Interesting tidbits gleaned from the suede-covered volume are Martha Bachman credited as having the "Best Sense of Humor" in the freshman class and Martha named as Vice President of the class. Featured is a photo of the freshmen. Thank you, Anne, for the gift.

If you would like to donate an item, please contact [karenstone@waldenhouse.com](mailto:karenstone@waldenhouse.com)



## Upcoming Events

- January 21, select youth work group
- Fridays - Volunteer to work on the grounds. Contact [andyjones@gmail.com](mailto:andyjones@gmail.com)

To see the latest posts or to schedule a special event go to [www.mccoypwalden.org](http://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 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.

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