

# McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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## Fine Summer Interns

We are very pleased to report that Madeline Wyatt and Ella Saunders are serving as summer interns at McCoy Farm & Gardens, and they are making a real difference. They help in the office, in the house and on the grounds, and both are working hard on several projects.

Madeline has refined the master contact list, and she has started our Instagram account (@mccoypfarmgardens). These two services especially fill a long-term need. She spends her "spare" time on clearing invasive plants. We really appreciate her accomplishments.



Ella Saunders washing the windows in the living room



Madeline Wyatt clearing bit-terweet in an American holly



WaterWay's Kids 4 Clean Water campers listen as Harmony Paulus explains their project, and Brooke Fleeman demonstrates. The camp is an initiative of Mary Beth Sutton to help children learn about wetlands, conservation, and water management.

Ella Saunders has helped with several tasks in the house and has invested a good bit of time on exotic plant removal.

Madeline and Ella are new Signal Mountain High School graduates, and both will be freshmen at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville this fall. Madeline will be studying Engineering, and Ella is majoring in Sustainability. This is MFG's first venture into working with interns, and we hope to sponsor more such talented young people in the future.

## Clean Water Camp

McCoy Farm & Gardens enjoyed hosting WaterWay's Kids 4 Clean Water Camp for junior scientists the week of June 7. They conducted experiments, planted ferns, hiked and had fun.

**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.





Andy Jones creating benches in his "woodworking shop."

## Volunteers Rock

Thank you, thank you, Volunteers! What would we do without you? Clare Hetzler is shown at right with new curtains she made for the upstairs windows. This set provides privacy for the bathroom, and the other set enhances Melissa's office.



Mother-daughter duo Anne Hayes Pearce and Mary Evelyn Pearce, pictured at left, have been weeding and pruning.



Andy Jones tamping earth to seat a new bench on the trail. Andy continues the trail bench project with help from Matt

Bernard, Terry Knox, Mickey Robbins, Winston Robbins, and Bob Robbins. There are over a dozen pine benches under construction, and installation is currently underway.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Melissa Nimon at 423-598-1658. Feel free to suggest your own areas of interest. All are welcome to give a helping hand.

## Equipment Shed Preparation

The raw earth you see near the Blacksmith-Workshop forms a base for a much needed equipment storage shed. Designed to complement the farm buildings, the shed will protect our golf carts and lawn care implements.



David Clark, builder, and Tom Mills, site preparation.

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

## 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.

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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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