

# McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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## Replacing Trees in the Allée

As you may have observed, there is a grand allée of sweetgum trees along the front drive leading to the Bachman–McCoy home. The existing trees are over 100 years old and unfortunately three were missing. New sweetgums were added in May to replace them.

Sweetgum is one of the valuable forest trees in the southeastern United States, and with its star-shaped leaves, is a popular ornamental tree that displays beautiful fall colors. A very special thank you to Sam Adams, who has gone over and beyond expectations in securing and helping establish the new trees.



Sam Adams and David Atkinson plant replacement American sweetgums [*Liquidambar styraciflua*] in the allée.



## Events are Back at MFG

Outdoor parties are taking place at MFG again. Susan Snow, Events Chairman, helps Rob Johnson and Michalle Moore hang lights for a reception while Andy Snow looks on.

**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.

## New Anderson Entry Sign



Buddy Ratley shows the new sign for the Anderson Pike entrance. It coordinates with the one made for Taft Highway.

## Benches for Your Enjoyment

Our Intrepid MFG Grounds Co-chairman, Andy Jones, is at it again. When Diane Reed suggested that benches along the trails would be useful and offered to pay for some, Andy



Andy Jones is working on a hand-crafted bench for the carriage house restroom.



Andy Jones sands a seat with back that he made by splitting a single fallen tree. He installed the bench last winter in the pinetum area.

took up the challenge and decided to craft "another bench or two" from wood he has salvaged from fallen trees. He has already split logs for at least eight to place beside the trail, and he is in the process of finishing them.

Traditional park benches will be purchased for locations near the house and on the lawns. Thank you, Diane, for the gift and inspiration.



Forrest Prescott enjoys the plantings in the spiral garden while his mom, Mariah, and the other gardeners work.



This Jack-In-The-Pulpit [*Arisaema triphyllum*] is one of many wildflowers discovered at McCoy Farm & Gardens this spring.

**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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