

McCoy Farm & Gardens

NEWSLETTER

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Traditional Easter Fun



On Easter Sunday at McCoy Farm & Gardens, Alex and Laura Malone hid Easter eggs that had been prepared and hand dyed the old-fashioned way by their children. Hunting the elusive eggs were Henry, 7, and 10 year old twins Avis, left, and Naomi, right.

Farmers Market Opening

Big news at McCoy Farm & Gardens is that the Signal Mountain Farmers Market will begin operating here beginning May 9th with extended hours 3:30-6:30 every Thursday. Enter by the Taft Highway entrance. Watch for information about their Grand Reopening Celebration coming in June.

They have new vendors and are planning lots of fun activities for the coming season.

The last market will be the popular Christmas market December 19 with details announced at a later time. For weekly updates, join the market mailing list at: www.signalmountain-farmersmarket.com or like them Facebook.

Memorial Day Picnic May 27

Mark your calendars for the fifth annual Memorial Day Picnic on Monday, May 27, from **11:00 to 3:00**. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and pizza will be available for sale **11:30-1:30**, or until the food runs out. Snacks are for sale in the Pavilion all day, or bring your own picnic.

Posting of the colors will be promptly at **11:10**, followed by the salute to the flag, invocation, and welcome by Walden Alderman, Lee Davis. The release of a raptor by Alix Parks of Happinest Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release, Inc. is a favorite tradition.

Entertainment on the front porch stage will continue all day beginning at **11:20** with "Salute to Veterans" by 3rd Grade Students of Thrasher School, directed by Betty Julian.

New this year is an opportunity to replace your old or faded American Flag with a high quality new flag and help support McCoy

Farm & Gardens at the same time. Flags and Signal Mountain Centennial items, as well as historical books, maps and Mountain Mementos from Walden's Ridge Guild will be for sale. Also for the first time will be flowers from the *Joli Jardin Farm* flower truck, *Blumenwagen*.

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: Sweets for Picnic Cake Walk :
: If you will donate a special treat :
: for the Cake Walk at the picnic :
: please contact Jane Drum 886-6111 :
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Tour the Bachman McCoy home. Watch real blacksmiths at work. Children can play old-fashioned games in a supervised area, and everyone can try the Cake Walk in the Pavilion. WRES will provide security and first-aid as they show off their equipment.

Park at St. Augustine Catholic Church or take a shuttle from Pruett's. Admittance to the McCoy Farm & Gardens grounds is free. To ask a question, click emaildanastone@gmail.com

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.

Gardeners Enjoy Spring

Following a very wet winter season, spring has finally arrived, and the Master Gardeners have returned to the Horseshoe Gardens to play in the dirt. Leaders Sallie Ford, Kit Hanley and Marty Roberts announce the work schedule as 9:00 AM-11:00 AM on the 2nd Saturday and the 4th Friday of every month.



They invite you to come during those times and join them in beautifying McCoy Farm & Gardens. You do not need to be designated as a "Master Gardener." All you need to participate are willing hands and gardening gloves. For information Sallie.Ford@yahoo.com

Progress on Infrastructure

Infrastructure may not be an exciting subject to some, but to Charles Adams, Maintenance and Projects Chairman, the subject is something to brag about.

"We continue to make progress with infrastructure improvements. A campaign to upgrade the electrical systems has recently been completed. The Main House, Pavilion, Apple House, Carriage House and Blacksmith Shop now have new electrical systems," he says.

The work has eliminated unsafe, outdated wiring, added additional power outlets, and provided outdoor lighting. All new electrical work is now code compliant. The new electrical systems will also permit future conversion of overhead service to an underground feed and eliminate unsightly power poles and lines.

A new site water supply system has been installed replacing the existing 70 year old, failed system. We appreciate the work of WRUD in relocating the water meter to make it all possible. Additionally, recent WRUD pipe line construction in the area has provided a fire hydrant at the main house, on the left at the end of the front drive. Progress indeed!

Display Cabinet is New Gift

The children of the late Dr. Harry and Kitty Oehmig Stone have generously donated their mother's beautiful glass front cabinet that has been a family heirloom dedicated to the memory of their grandmother, Mary McVea Newell. The cabinet will provide a secure place for exhibiting some treasures of McCoy Farm & Gardens. Be sure to take time to look at the display when you attend the Memorial Day picnic on May 27th.



Memorial plaque on antique glass display cabinet gift.

Upcoming Events

- May 27 – Memorial Day picnic on grounds 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Food for purchase.

To schedule your own special event go to 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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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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