

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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Students Teach and Learn

The 5th graders of Thrasher not only learned about the Civil War during field trips to McCoy Farm & Gardens, but also educated others. On November 11th, they presented a "Civil War Living Museum" viewed by over 250 parents, grandparents and friends. Each student researched a character, created a costume, and prepared a dialogue about that character.

"Everyone should be pleased that four non-profits—McCoy Farm & Gardens, Walden's Ridge Guild, Bachman Community Center and Thrasher—came together to support this," said Kim Fookes, a strong enthusiast for education.

The kids enjoyed popcorn donated by Ace, and voted to send scores of donuts to firefighters to thank them for their recent service.



An audience looks on as Union Soldiers play their parts.



Farmers, authors, judges, nurses, legislators - all were depicted.



People in all walks of life were affected by the Civil War.



The old farm buildings made a suitable backdrop for the worn and war-weary Confederates.

Volunteers Enjoy Potluck

McCoy volunteers and friends shared a very special potluck dinner on November 5th, with around 90 folks attending. The weather was perfect and the food delicious.

Zach Ovington of *Forever Bluegrass* provided music. Dr. Hill Craddock, UTC biology professor who breeds chestnut trees for blight resistance,

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Potluck at the Horseshoe Garden. Photo by Lisa Flores

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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and his wife, Dr. Paola Zannini, brought chestnuts from trees he grew and roasted them as a special treat for those at the volunteer event.



Left to right, Linda Collins, Clyde Womack and Dr Hill Craddock. Clyde is helping Hill score chestnuts for roasting.



The delicious spread. Photos by Lisa Flores

Bulb Planting Day Nov. 18

Join us on Friday, November 18 from 9-12 to plant fall bulbs for spring beauty. Everyone is welcome. Park in the gravel lot and meet at the Horseshoe Garden near the pavilion. Bring your own spade and gloves. Contact Jody Hunter for details, 645-6268.



Jody Hunter

Christmas Ornament Features McCoy Farm & Gardens

Mrs. Martha McCoy was an active member of the Walden's Ridge Guild, a charitable organization serving the entire mountain community. As early as 1997 when she granted the Town of Walden an option on her estate, Walden's Ridge Guild members have supported its purchase and preservation.

McCoy Farm & Gardens is featured as one of the local scenes on Christmas ornaments the Guild sells to fund charitable donations to such organizations as WRES, Bachman Community Center, Welfare Council, and others.



One of five collectable ornaments highlighting local scenes

Other collectable 2.5" glass ornaments picturing Santa Express Train, Bachman School, Signal Mt. Elementary and Signal Mt. Inn may be purchased from Walden Town Hall or Karen Stone karenstone@waldenhouse.com 886-4568. Valued at \$15 each, all proceeds go to charity.

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 inner 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

The McCoy Farm and Gardens is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. All contributions are charitable and tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law, as determined by your tax advisor.

The 38 acre parcel with the Bachman-McCoy home, pavilion, carriage house, barn, unimproved blacksmith shop, apple house, various other smaller structures, and gardens are 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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