

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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See a Living History Museum

Friday, November 3rd, the Thrasher 5th graders will be performing in a Living History Museum at McCoy Farm & Gardens. The educational program is open to the public from 10:00-12:00 with parking available at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

These students have been studying the Civil War and made a field trip to the McCoy property a month ago as part of their studies. On Friday, they will form about 25 different character groups. All will be dressed in period clothing created and assembled by the young actors themselves.

As visitors walk among the groups, they will learn facts about the time period being reenacted. Also included will be some history of the McCoy family and home and information about present day functions there.

Since the performance is a walk through play, there is no specific start time. Contact Thrasher School for more details. In case of rain, the program will be canceled.

This is the 2nd annual Living History Museum and is a McCoy Farm & Gardens sponsored educational event. Please come and enjoy it.

Fun Halloween Festival

The Signal Mountain Middle/High Boosters report their fund raising events held recently at McCoy Farm & Gardens were a big success. There were long lines anticipating spooky treats and terror in the Haunted Barn on Friday & Saturday nights, October 27 - 28.



Crowds enjoying the huge inflatables and bounce house. All Festival photos by Andy Jones.



Appreciating the fire pit

The Halloween Festival on Saturday featured smashing pumpkin baseball, human foosball, huge inflatables, music, the *Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown* outdoor movie, games, food trucks/



Watching Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown on the big screen.



A couple of middle schoolers run past the McCoy house.

concessions and much more. Many athletes also participated in the Zombie 5K Trail/1 mile "Not So Scary" Fun Run.

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.

Upcoming Events

- A Sweet-Sixteen Birthday Party.
- A Birthday Celebration for a lady who will be 102 years old.
- Various private and corporate events.

To schedule your own event
at McCoy Farm & Gardens, visit

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Progress Report

Thanks to your generous help, we continue to make progress in repairing and refurbishing the McCoy home. A second upstairs room has been stripped of faded, peeling wallpaper. Walls and woodwork have been repainted. The floors are refinished, and light fixtures are being installed. Come and see!



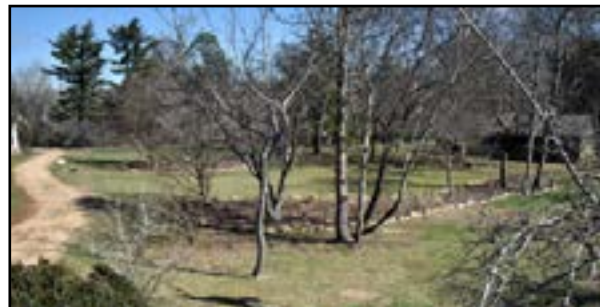
Before, the upstairs room had damaged and faded wallpaper. The ceiling and floor were timeworn. The lighting and electrical service needed attention. Photo by Anne Leonard.



Painting in progress upstairs. Photo by Anne Leonard.

A Quiet, Peaceful View

This peaceful view of the gardens is from the balcony of the Carriage House. Many Master Gardeners have devoted hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours to caring for the gardens at McCoy Farm & Gardens. More plants are on the way. The Master Gardeners have a plan. Your support is vital to implementation of their plan. Watch for exciting photos soon.



Some of the garden areas as seen from the Carriage House balcony in February 2017. Photo by Charlie Stone.

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

McCoy Farm & 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.

The 38 acre parcel with the Bachman-McCoy home, pavilion, carriage house, barn, blacksmith workshop, 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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