

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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See History Come Alive Here November 2nd, 10:00-12:00

Fifth grade students at Thrasher Elementary School study a unit on the Civil War every fall. Recently they took a field trip to McCoy Farm & Gardens to learn how our mountain was affected by the war and what took place at and near the Bachman-McCoy property in that period. They also learned about the history of the property to the current date.

Visit a Living History Museum

On Friday, November 2nd, the students will perform for the public a free *Living History Museum* based on their studies of the war. They will divide into small groups, and each group will perform as characters from the Antebellum Era to convey what they have learned about their characters. Patrons can walk from group to group to travel back in time.

The *Living History Museum* will take place 10:00 -12 noon. Come whenever you wish in that time frame. It should take about an hour to visit all the stations. Parking is available at St. Augustine Catholic Church across Anderson Pike from the front entrance.

Baylor Class Reunion

The Baylor Class of 1958 attracted 11 stalwarts to the McCoy Farm & Gardens on Friday evening October 12. The Tin Cup Rattlers provided old-time music on the front porch. Prutt's served a BBQ supper in the dining room.



Those attending the reunion with their spouses and guests included Bryan Patten, Cartter Patten, Mickey Robbins, Charlie Burdeshaw, Bob Crosby, Dick Curtis, Comer Hobbs, Bill Lilly, Andy Beasley, and Alex Henderson.

All-weather Pavilion Use

The Pavilion is a very popular location for holding all kinds of events. One of its greatest assets is the large open screened area that provides shade and cool breezes in the warm months. However, sometimes the weather is rainy and windy. Recognizing the situation,

we have installed radiator-style heaters and roll-down vinyl window protection. So don't hesitate to consider the Pavilion at McCoy Farm & Gardens as the perfect place for your event in the cooler months.

Kind Gifts Acknowledged

Fourth part in a series on contributors to our success

The living room of the McCoy home is furnished entirely with gifts from people who wanted to help make the space inviting and functional. The American Empire sofa, walnut round side table, and antique sewing machine were all gifts of Mary (Sugar) Wheeler from Pope and Mary Holliday's estate. The beautiful glass front china cabinet came from Edward and Carolyn



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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.



Roberts. The game table was given by Marion Huffaker and the brass fireplace screen by Linda Davenport. Two wood and upholstered arm chairs were donated by Bill and Jean Trohanis. The restored antique hall tree is a gift from Terry Miles. Sincere thanks to all of you.

This series will continue in future editions.

Archival Preservation Begins

A few small private collections of old papers, photographs, and mementos are being gathered together to form the basis for official McCoy Farm & Gardens Archives. Walden's Ridge Guild is providing archival materials and storage containers. Karen Stone is collecting artifacts. karenstone@waldenhouse.com

Society has long needed a way to fix memory for future reference. Though archivists are perceived mostly as custodians of the past, your Board of Directors is undertaking not only to safeguard old records, but also to preserve important contemporary information that future users may need.



Cool fall weather means it is brush cleanup and burning season. Volunteer Larry Mick beckons you to come and join in the fun, while Winston Robbins, Andy Jones and Mickey Robbins second his invitation. To volunteer, contact Andy Jones andyjonesobgyn@gmail.com Photo by Bob Robbins.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 2, Living History 10:00 - 12:00
- Nov 3, Private Event 9:00 - 2:00
- **TIME NOW** to make holiday reservations

To schedule your own special event go to www.mccoywalden.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 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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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 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.

Please send your check to:

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