

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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Cobweb Corner Market

Over 350 items, antique, vintage and new, are for sale in the main house at McCoy Farm & Gardens. Come see the beautiful displays and do your Christmas shopping on November 4th between 3 and 6 p.m. Enter at 1604 Taft Highway and park in the gravel lot.



Some of the many items offered at the Cobweb Corner



BOOgie & Brews

by Anne Leonard

Last week, due to foul weather, I had the sad duty of canceling the first BOOgie & Brews event. The

change in our Halloween carnival plans was a disappointment to all after so many months of planning and preparing.

Thank you Sponsors who supported our inaugural efforts: Adams Automotive, Alexian Village, Animal Hospital of Signal Mtn., Chattanooga Jewelry Company, Coca-Cola Company, Dr. Robert Spalding, Farmers Insurance Steven Eddinger Agency, Garden Club of Signal Mtn., Gipsy Gourmet Catering, Hosanna Community, Pet Placement Center, Pruet's Signal Mtn. Market, Signal Mtn. Lions Club, Signal Mountain Pharmacy, Southern Star, The Pizza Place, Threads and the Wolford Development Company.

I am indebted to my Co-chair Mardi Leonard and the dedicated group of chairmen, committee members and volunteers who were

prepared to show guests a great time. We are grateful to all who wanted to attend this year and hope to see you next fall when we plan to hold this event again...with a rain date!



Trail Bench crafted from a fallen tree by Andy Jones, Grounds.

New Trail & Grounds Program

Trail and **Grounds Committees** for McCoy Farm & Gardens are looking for new members and **Team Leaders**. New Leaders receive training and guidance from the chairmen; then each leader forms a team and takes responsibility for directing the group in caring for the special area they "adopt." Examples are:

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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.

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- Adopt a tree or a section of fence row
- Adopt a specific area (e.g. "Sally's orchard" or Emma Bell Miles site) to renovate and care for
- Adopt a section of the Trail to improve and maintain
- Adopt a section (or all) of the driveways
- Remove debris; haul to burn or mulch areas
- Supervise burning
- Load, haul or spread mulch
- Remove invasive growth on and under trees
- Prune dead limbs; cut/clear dangerous larger trees
- Provide and/or drive a truck for loading and hauling
- Clear around and preserve dogwoods, hollies, azaleas, rhododendron, and other desirable growth
- Identify and fill in holes in lawn areas
- Restore, seed, fertilize, and water grass
- Mow grass. Water plants and trees
- Rake and remove leaves, sweet gum balls, twigs, etc.
- Use line weed eaters to keep things trim
- Pull weeds (e.g. from heirloom daffodil beds)
- Help the Master Gardeners in the gardens
- Sweep walks and paths or use leaf blower
- Qualify as a golf cart operator and drive at events
- Put up/take down signs at events; move tables/chairs
- Maintain parking areas; direct parking at events



Team Leader Elizabeth Hamilton frees rhododendron and azaleas from the choking wild growth near "Sally's Orchard"



Four Teams led by Collier, Mick, Jenison and Lindner work on invasive vines along the Trail near Taft Highway.



Team Leader Clyde Womack is nearly swallowed by poison ivy and invading kudzu as he works beside the Trail. He and his wife, Barbara, have adopted specific trees and section of fence behind the Pavilion. Come and see the results; join his or another Team, or form your own. All are welcome. Work times are set by individual Teams.



The Big old Silver Maple stump is gone from in front of the house, and the lawn is being prepared for rehabilitation and reseeding. Thank you Grounds Volunteers!

Upcoming Events

- Cobweb Corner SALE November 4, 3-6 pm
 - Trail & Grounds ongoing projects
 - Gardening 2nd Saturday; 4th Friday 8-11 am
- To schedule an event 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 in the gravel lot. Dog waste pickup bags are at trail head.

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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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Flower Garden Opportunity

The Master Gardeners who care for the "horseshoe" gardens invite you to join them as they work from 8 a.m. to 11a.m. on the 2nd Saturday & 4th Friday of the month. For more information contact Sallie.Ford@yahoo.com