

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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Hodgson Douglas Chosen to Develop Master Plan

After almost three years of renovation and rebuilding McCoy Farm & Gardens structures and rescuing many of the trees from vines, we realized we needed professional help to plan for the future. Thanks to a generous donation from a local foundation, we have hired Hodgson and Douglas, LLC of Nashville to create a Master Plan.

Hodgson Douglas' projects include the Tennessee State Capitol Bicentennial Mall, Vanderbilt University, Centennial Park and Nashville's Riverfront Park, and closer to home the University of the South, the Chattanooga Hotel, Covenant College, and Chattanooga's Riverpark.

The McCoy Farm & Gardens Master Plan will consider how to manage projected growth, maintain existing facilities, maximize current sites and facilities, organize pedestrian and vehicular circulation, and create strategies for short and long-term land management and long-term planting. At the end of the process, we will have a prioritized "Action Plan" for implementation of our goals.



Board members and staff from Hodgson Douglas are, left to right, front row: Karen Stone, Gene Adams, Chris Barkley of HD, Mickey Robbins; second row, Linda Collins, Susan Snow, Anne Leonard, Joe Davis, Richie Jones of HD, Charles Adams, and Larson Mick. Not pictured are board members Andy Jones and Bob Franklin. Photo by Bob Robbins.

Traditional Croquet Game

The Bachman and McCoy families loved to have friends visit, and they often played lawn games together. If you look at the area just to the west of the formal plantings of boxwood, you will see that a flat, even croquet court still exists. The area is a rectangle approximating an official full-size size court of 100 by 50 feet.

This picture of the game, however, was taken at a picnic for the families of Chattanooga Colonial Dames. The picnic was at the pavilion

on Sunday, September 16, and the croquet game was set up near the horseshoe garden.



Players are, left to right, Ash Perry, Tommy Thatcher, Joe Martin, and Doug Perry. Photo by Susan Snow.

Gifts Greatly Appreciated

Third part in a series on contributors to our success

Among the many much appreciated items donated to McCoy Farm & Gardens are the furnishings in the dining room. The mahogany burl wood secretary is a gift of Earl and Harriette Hereford. It serves as a showcase for
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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.



Photo Joe Davis

beautiful and useful china pieces. The table and six chairs came from the estate of Pope and Mary Holliday, through courtesy of daughter Mary "Sugar" Wheeler and their other children. Bill and Anne Leonard gave six more chairs to complement the set. The House Committee restored and upholstered all the chairs in attractive matching fabric.

This series will continue in future editions.

Photo Charlie Stone



Special Events Held Here

Several special events were held at McCoy Farm & Gardens in September:

Community Service Organization

The Walden's Ridge Guild held a potluck luncheon in the main house on September 20.

Milestone Celebrations

The Snow family hosted both a baby shower and a birthday party in one day. The events were capped off with a square dance in the Pavilion on Saturday, September 22nd.

Family Reunion at Pavilion

Members of the Scholze/Williams family congregated at the McCoy pavilion on Satur-

day, September 29, for their first reunion ever. Individual families there included Robbins, Gastons, Williams, Dwyers, Longs, McKenzies, Stagmairers, Wisemans, Tecklenbergs, Dillinghams, and Larsons.

All relatives present were descendants of German immigrants Robert and Gertrude King Scholze, who came to Chattanooga after the Civil War to start Scholze Tannery and the Southern Saddlery. Pruetts catered the event.



Doug Newton Memorial Wildlife Walk

A very special Wildlife Walk on September 22, 2018, honored the late Doug Newton, a treasured friend of McCoy Farm & Gardens. Kevin Calhoon led the group of 21 folks who identified 33 bird species.



At the bird walk, ornithologist Luke Thompson released one of three broad wing hawks saved by Alix Parks of Happinest Wildlife Rehabilitation and Rescue.

Planning an Event?

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

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Request to Dog Companions

As your dogs come walking with you, please keep them under your control at all times and pick up after them.

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) 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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