

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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Arboretum Status Earned



McCoy Farm & Gardens is pleased to announce the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council (TUFC) has designated the 38-acre property as a state-certified arboretum.

In the deeds transferring the property to the town of Walden, the McCoy-Garland family asked that it be used, in part, as an arboretum. When **Linda Collins** joined the board of directors, her first thought was, *I know a little about what a real arboretum is.* On the UTC campus, she had worked tirelessly to create her namesake, the Linda T. Collins Arboretum.



Collins Craddock Nettle Zannini

She says, “We didn’t want to just call MFG an arboretum, but instead we decided to go through the rigorous process of applying to the TUFC.” Local experts, **Hill Craddock**, **Paola Zannini** and **Jon Nettle**, helped to identify over 60 tree species and edit the tree list.

Linda worked with **Andy Jones** to label a total of 80 trees with both their scientific and common names. A requirement is that the labels are easy to locate and read. Many of the labeled trees are along the perimeter trail for walkers to study and enjoy.

A requirement of certification is that a map showing the locations of the trees be made available for self-guided tours. **Nyssa Hunt**, UTC GIS Research Associate, made a digital map you can access by using this QR code, which is also located on our website www.mccoywalden.org. Along with the certification came a listing on the TUFC website www.tufc.com, a subscription to the newsletter, and a TUFC sign for display. Re-certification is required every three years to ensure the arboretum maintains certification standards.



Scan Me! Take the arboretum map with you by going to the online Web Map.

Live Theatre on Front Porch

Southern Exposure, a two-act theatrical and musical production inspired by life in Chattanooga during the 1950s and 60s will be presented on the MFG front porch stage October 2, 3, 9, 10 at 7:30 pm. The play, a series of dynamic monologues set to music of the two decades, was written by **Peggy Douglas**.

Social distancing and Covid-prevention protocols will be observed at the all outdoor venue. All tickets will be sold online through Southern Exposure’s event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/652959605644973/>

Latest Garden Video – Ferns

Volunteer **Elizabeth Hamilton** takes us to observe along the trail, across the Cumberland Crossing bridge, through the woods and on to the gardens in her feature spotlighting ferns. <https://youtu.be/X-KT3qTLZdY>

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.



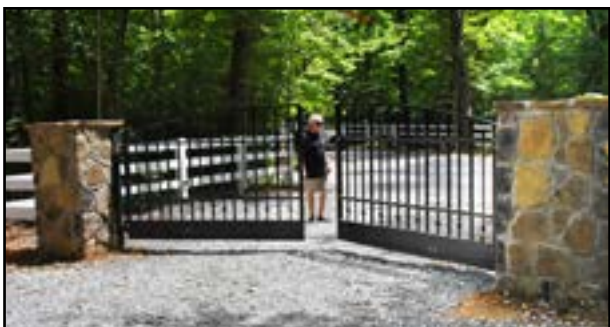
Many have stopped to admire the craftsmanship and to thank Jayke Hawkins, left, and his father, Randall, right, for their skill in shaping the stone as they restore the wall.



Jayke Hawkins replaces stones in the wall that bounds the Emma Bell Miles homeplace at the corner of Anderson and Taft. A grant from the Tucker foundation financed the work.



Chuck Lambert sets up the controls for the new Taft Highway security gate. The gate is operated electronically, so it can be opened and closed for the regular visiting hours of dawn till dusk, and no one will be locked in accidentally.



The new internal gate from Taft Highway was crafted in the same style as the front gate on Anderson Pike. Both were made by Breezin Ironworks. Checking the gate and timer for proper operation and safety is owner Chuck Lambert.

Thank You Boy Scout Troops

Scouts from **Troop 116**: Russell Bonds, London Brevard, Ethan Garner, Daniel Miranda, and Andrew Sparks, with Scoutmaster, Chris Garner, and Assistant Scoutmaster, Darien Brevard, worked diligently Saturday, August 15 to improve the parking areas. Great help!



Ben Zeiser and J.D. Stark of Boy Scout Troop 60 built two picnic tables for McCoy Farm & Gardens as an Eagle project. Here they are unloading one. Thank you, Ben and J.D.!

We encourage our visitors to practice healthy COVID measures at all times.

Hours, Access & Information

The 1.1 mile long walking and running trail is open during daylight hours, seven days per week. Access the trail by the 1604 Taft Highway entrance and park in the trail parking spaces or the gravel lot. Dog waste pickup bags are at the trailhead.

The MFG buildings are temporarily closed.

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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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