

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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A Misty Mood Perspective

Sometimes it takes the eye of an artist to help us see things from a different perspective. Dan Reynolds, an immediate neighbor of McCoy Farm & Gardens and a well-known professional photographer, provides such a view in his 2021 Calendar. He writes, "I head to my favorite close-by place, a diamond in the rough, Mrs. McCoy's Farm and Gardens, near and dear to my heart. She donated it for the Town of

Walden to enjoy and refresh from the days of the world—a gift to the neighbors, the people of Signal Mt. and beyond... The scene in the fog is amazing and I start shooting as the misty rain is getting heavier along the way, trying to wipe off the expensive lens, using my coat to protect it, but it's hard to stop when it looks so good through the lens....I arrive home drenched and with some neat dreamy shots with a mountain look I didn't expect. It wasn't planned, but I was out there in the qui-

et, peaceful mist and fog, with a view through a wet lens, no better place to be ... in the rain."

To purchase a calendar with more misty scenes and the barn featured as the December photo, ask at Pruett's or go to <https://www.danreynoldsphoto.com/Chatt-Calendar-2021/1>

Special Christmas Video

We could not wait to share our latest video with you, so we sent it as a special Christmas gift. In return we received many nice compliments:

"What a lovely, inviting video." "I just watched the McCoy Christmas video – beautiful! My congratulations to all involved. I love the white fence!" "Please add me to the list! My husband and I love all the improvements to McCoy, although we loved it before the improvements, too. It's such a wonderful place." "I just watched the McCoy Merry Christmas video. I was/am very impressed with this and how far McCoy has come."



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.

Master Plan Projections

On pages 18-20, the Master Plan shows eighteen photos of "Existing Features" and describes their present and projected uses. Several items covered have already been improved thanks to your generous support.

However on page 19, the photo reproduced below shows the old farm sheds that had to be removed for safety reasons. A paragraph explains their historic and practical importance and need to replace them now.



The picture below shows, not an actual plan, but it represents the style of our "dream" shed replacements, which will have three bays with Martha's reconstructed smokehouse in place of the open shed shown in the picture. We thought you would like to see what we plan to accomplish soon, and we hope you might mark your next donations toward fulfilling this important goal in the Master Plan.



Stations for Best Friends

McCoy Farm & Gardens is a wonderful place for everyone to enjoy, and Man's Best Friend is among them. There are now three convenient stations where you can pick up and dispose of waste bags: at the trail head, at the main front entrance and at the Taft Highway inner gate. Please be conscientious about picking up after your dog and do not allow any waste to remain, even in the woods or to the sides of the trail.



Daly Turnbull and Richard Fields with friend, Chewey

New Garden Takes Shape

Come see developments at the stone bordered layout for the legacy garden to the west of the house. More pictures next month!



Rocks mark the outline of design elements in the new garden.

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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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 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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