

# **Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum**

## **2010 Annual Report**

The Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization established in 2005 to preserve the architecture and artifacts of the Bee Farm while educating the public on farming life and methods past and present. The farming history of Northern Colorado will be shared with others in a traditional, engaging and authentic way.

### **2010 Board Members**

President: Adam Thomas, Secretary: Cindy Harris, Treasurer: Liz Harrison, Eva Wallace, Philip Bee.

In August Adam and Philip resigned and Lesley Drayton and David Harrison took their place.

This fall three committees were set up.

The Financial Committee is David Harrison, Cindy Harris, Liz Harrison, Jack Fenwick, and LeeAnn Bee. Their main project this winter was to work on a new web site. A friend of David's will help. We have a Face Book page managed by LeeAnn Bee. She is also reworking our power point presentation.

The Educational Committee is Eva Wallace, Lesley Drayton, Liz Harrison, Jered Orsi, Bette Blinde and Bob Bee.

The Special Event Committee is Eva Wallace, Lesley Drayton, Liz Harrison, David Harrison, and LeeAnn Bee.

The Historic Structures Assessment was completed. We now have a comprehensive plan for the preservation of the buildings.

### **Visitors**

We had a total of 717 visitors this year. There were 130 Friday and Saturday visitors, 6 children's groups totaling 204, 7 adult groups totaling 154, and 226 for special events.

We set a definite entrance fee this year of \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children ages 3 to 12.

### **Groups**

Groups this year included: the Loveland Car Club, volunteers from the Welcome Center, a home school group, and Eyestone Elementary School's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

### **Events hosted**

The Colorado Foundation for Agriculture held their dinner here for the teachers and their host families during their Ag in the Classroom week. The dinner was served by the Colorado Dairy Women.

## **Events participated in**

We took the wooden cow and stuffed chickens to the Victorian Sunday in the Park and they were a great hit with the children.

We received a second place trophy at the Wellington 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. LeeAnn and two nephews demonstrated some of our hands-on activities for the float.

## **Special Events**

Six Special Events were held this year:

May 15 Antique truck and tractor day – Loren Maxey brought two tractors and a truck.

June 19 Draft Horse Day- Audrey Stockton brought her team and wagon.

July 17 Antique Photography Day – LeeAnn Bee presented information.

Aug 21 Pioneer Food Day – Volunteers did demonstrations of bread making, butter churning, etc, and information was passed out from the Extension Service on canning and preserving food.

Sept 18 Vintage Baseball Game – The Berthoud Blues played the Wellington Buzzards. Berthoud won. The cub scouts sold concessions.

Oct 16 Historic Clothing and Craft Day – Our volunteers demonstrated knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and our historic clothing was exhibited.

## **Volunteers**

Over 1600 hours were given by 14 volunteers besides our two volunteer groups and special event participants. We would like to thank everyone that helped for making the museum available to others.

## **Education**

Tour information has been put on cards for our tour guides to use.

Several hands-on exhibits for children have been added. They include a wooden cow with a 'milkable' udder, fake chickens with real eggs for children to gather, and an interactive exhibit called 'A Farmer Works all Year'. A "4 Time Periods of the Farm" diorama has also been completed and is on display. We also have a washday, corn grinding, and plow pulling stations which the children have enjoyed.

A pig was added to the animals in the barnyard this year, completing the animals that were traditionally raised on the farm. Two new lambs replaced last year's lambs.

## **Collection**

The Avery House has transferred a colander and fanning mill drawer to our collection. A ceramic bowl and two Farmall tractors were donated.

## **Maintenance**

Roof of the 1942 house was replaced by Bee's Inc.

Volunteers scraped and painted the 1894 house, chicken house and big doors of the brick shed. The bottom two rows of siding were replaced on the 1894 house. The north pen of the corrals was finished.

## Gift Shop

Pioneer Association has their cookbook in the gift shop and LeeAnn made postcards and calendars. There are also a few handmade items.

## List of Donors

Township \$1000 and up	
Bill and Sylvia Dean	Rich and Liz Harrison
Section \$500-\$1000	
Quarter Section \$250-\$500	
A E Design Associates	Bette Blinde
North Forty \$100-\$250	
Barbara Wilson	J j Farrell
Gilsdorf Garage	LeeAnn Bee
Loren Maxey	Dean and Eva Wallace
Gordon Hazzard	Carol Gregston
Acre \$50-\$100	
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John Steininger and Jennifer Lowry	John and Lynne Molini
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Scheuber + Darden Architects	Allen Winick
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Roger and Sharon Chilson	John and Jan Pelnar
Gayle and Sally Watkinson	Gail Meisner
Richard Brack	Eldon and Trulie Ackerman
Fred and Joan Henderson	Walt and Liv Lyons
David and Lily Weber	George and Nancy Wallace
Norm and Donna Brown	David and Julie Bee
Michael Welsh	Donna Hoffecker
Bill and Ruth Dean	Jim and Ruth Demartini
Jack and Ann Fenwick	Tom and Eileen Boardman
Rick and Diana Freeman	MacGregor Ranch
Dianne Simcoe	Barb Wilson
Val Manning	Charles and Dorothy Laidlaw
Kate Stieben	Francoise Smith
Cindy Harris	David and Carol Budge
Shawn and Sherry Walker	

## **Friends**

We set up a friends group this year in hope of increasing donations.

### Individual

Gail Meisner

Richard Brack

### Senior Family

Fred and Joan Henderson

David and Lily Weber

Jim and Ruth DeMartini

Dianne Simcoe

### Family

John and Jan Perner

Gayle and Sally Watkinson

Michael Welsh

David and Julie Bee

George and Nancy Wallace

John and Sarah Eckberg

Donna Hoffecker

Jack and Ann Fenwick

### Business

Scheuber + Darden Architects

MacGregor Ranch