

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 2nd 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 4th 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
Gilsdorf Garage
Loren Maxey
Gordon Hazzard

J j Farrell
LeeAnn Bee
Dean and Eva Wallace
Carol Gregston

Acre \$50-\$100
Richard and Joan Bowen
Don and Dorothy LeFever
John Steininger and Jennifer Lowry
Schrader Oil
Home Depot – north
Scheuber + Darden Architects
Bill and Carol West
Jared and Rebecca Orsi

Eric and Janice Wilkinson
John and Sarah Eckberg
John and Lynne Molini
Mark Fiege and Janet Ore
Valerie Kluver
Allen Winick
Ralph and Mary Bender

Half Acre \$0-\$50
Roger and Sharon Chilson
Gayle and Sally Watkinson
Richard Brack
Fred and Joan Henderson
David and Lily Weber
Norm and Donna Brown
Michael Welsh
Bill and Ruth Dean
Jack and Ann Fenwick
Rick and Diana Freeman
Dianne Simcoe
Val Manning
Kate Stieben
Cindy Harris
Shawn and Sherry Walker

John and Jan Pelnar
Gail Meisner
Eldon and Trulie Ackerman
Walt and Liv Lyons
George and Nancy Wallace
David and Julie Bee
Donna Hoffecker
Jim and Ruth Demartini
Tom and Eileen Boardman
MacGregor Ranch
Barb Wilson
Charles and Dorothy Laidlaw
Francoise Smith
David and Carol Budge

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

BEE FAMILY CENTENNIAL FARM
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES & FUND BALANCE-CASH BASIS
GENERAL OPERATING FUND
Year ended December 31, 2010

Income:

Individual & business contributions	\$ 6,279
Donated goods & services	220
Miscellaneous	347
Grants from foundations & government	1,000
Admissions & gift shop	1,775
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9,621

Expenses:

Capital improvements	150
Advertising & promotion	1,031
Architectural fees	1,799
Educational programs	125
Exhibits	150
Legal & accounting fees	667
Memberships & subscriptions	320
Other expenses	491
Special events	495
Supplies	145
Telephone & utilities	782
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Revenue over expenses	3,466
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Beginning general operating fund balance	4,817
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Ending general operating fund balance	<u><u>\$ 8,283</u></u>
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SEE ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT.