

Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum

2012 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.

2012 Board Members

President: Liz Harrison, Secretary: Lesley Drayton, Treasurer: David Harrison, Gail Meisner, Eva Wallace

Eva Wallace and Lesley Drayton also resigned and later in the year they were replaced by Joan Day and Ginger Montgomery.

Visitors

The farm museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 9am to 4 pm. This year there were 296 Friday and Saturday visitors. We hosted 8 children's groups for a total of 242, and 5 adult groups with a total of 131. There were 252 visitors that attended 3 special events, making a total of 916 visitors for 2012.

Groups

Two of the larger children's groups this year were the second graders from Eyestone Elementary at Wellington, and Silver Creek Base Camp from Thornton. Some of the adult groups were ladies from the Colorado Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Conference, teachers from the National Ag in the Classroom Conference, seniors from the Broomfield Senior Center, and volunteers from the Fort Collins Welcome Center.

Knitscene Magazine also used the farm for a photo shoot for their winter issue.

Events participated in

Bob and LeeAnn Bee represented the farm in the Wellington 4th of July Parade. Liz and Rich Harrison had a booth at the Poudre Landmarks Foundation 4th of July event at the Avery House.

Special Events

We did a fundraising event on May 12 to begin raising money to put in public restrooms. A live and silent auction was held with donations from local business and supporters. Nine business and groups had booths, and food was sold to raise additional funds. Everyone enjoyed the day in spite of the cool weather.

The Pioneer Living Day was held on June 23. Some of our presenters were not able to come but new attractions were miniature hay stacking equipment by Ray Dirks, and goat herding by Val Manning. David Harrison had a photo booth. The Agrium Seed Survivor trailer was present for the Barn Raising and Pioneer Living Day.

Wellington won the baseball game 22 to 14 this year. The Northern Colorado Model A Club brought antique cars and gave a few visitors rides. We did our own concessions this year and the Virginia Dale Stage Station had a booth.

Volunteers

Nearly 1900 volunteer hours from 15 volunteers made the museum possible again this year. A group of 7 CSU students with Slice did touch up painting, and 25 people from the Rocky Ridge 4-H Club helped do clean up in the spring.

Fred and Joan Henderson, who have been faithful volunteers for several years, moved back to Texas this fall.

Matt Holdridge volunteered this summer with the animals and garden.

Education

Signage was made with pictures and information to go with the antique farm equipment. We added a miniature cow corral where children can feed cows and a bean identification board. Five big posters, that were donated by Farm Bureau Dist 1, were hung with the crop information. Colorado Foundation for Agriculture donated 3, 8ft X 12ft, posters and self standing frames to put them on. We still need to get them up.

Information was added to the web site on how we meet some of the state educational standards. We had a special Water 2012 display for two weeks in September.

Animals

Our livestock are enjoyed by many visitors. We had two beef calves this year, but had to sell the old brown cow. She quit eating when the weather got hot. A wild turkey was donated to the farm and we bought 3 Nargansa turkeys. A mother sheep and two lambs were purchased, but the mother was sold after a month. These along with the yearling Jersey calf, cocoa, and chickens made up the farm animals for this year.

Collection

Arleigh Bee's Model T Ford, now owned by Beth Bee, returned to the farm this year. It is a fun addition. An overshot hay stacker was donated. It is in need of some major repair, but will also be a great addition.

Maintenance

Touch up painting was done on some of the buildings.

Gift Shop

The gift shop is slowly growing. We added promotional items of magnets, key chains, and bumper stickers. A Farm Anatomy book, and children's items were also added.

List of Donors 2012

Township \$1000 and up

Bill and Sylvia Dean

Rich and Liz Harrison

Section \$500-\$1000

Quarter Section \$250-\$500

North Forty \$100-\$250

Gordan Hazzard	Adam Thomas and Cheri Yost
A E Design Associates	Bette Blinde
Farm Bureau Dist 1	Jared Orsie
John Boxberger	Tom and Eileen Boardman
John Steininger and Jennifer Lowry	

Acre \$50-\$100

Ralph and Mary Bender	John and Lynne Molini
Carol Gregston	Richard and Joan Bowen
Poudre Valley CO-OP	Eric and Janice Wilkinson
Joyce Bennet	Gilsdorf Garage
Robert Sievers	

Half Acre \$0-\$50

Finish Line Awards	Wellington Auction Services
Tom and Sally Wingfield	John Stencil III
Jamie Mackey	Ronnie Gamboa
Belinda Voit	Joan Day
Barb Wilson	Mary Kay Dent
Doug Ernest	Jack and Jan Pelnar
Richard and Debbie Brock	Norm and Donna Brown
Roger and Sharon Chilson	Laurie D'Audney
John and Susan Stednick	Nancy Day
Norm and Donna Brown	David and Carol Budge
Dennis and Jean Lamm	Paula Morehouse

'Friends' of the Bee Farm 2012

Individual

Barbara Wilson	Gail Meisner
Paula Morehouse	Crystal Bollman
Joan Day	

Senior Family

David and Lily Weber	Fred and Joan Henderson
John and Elsie Boxburger	John and Sue Stephens
Ralph and Mary Bender	Jack and Jan Pelnar
Norm and Donna Brown	Roger and Sharon Chilson

Family

Doug Ernest	Tom and Sally Wingfield
John Stencil III	Ronnie Gamboa
Jamie Mackey	Belinda Voit

Business

Finish Line Awards

Wellington Auction Service

Barn Raising Supporters (Restroom Fund)

\$50 to \$500

The Chocolate Rose
Wellington Auction Service
Forney Industries
Nature's Own
Fort Collins Nursery
Poudre Valley Co-op
ReSource
Copoco's Honey
No Co Beekeepers Association
Fort Collins Symphony
Grant Family Farms
Larimer County Farm Bureau

Wellington Taco John's
Finish Line Awards
Green Ride Colorado
Poudre Pet and Feed Supply
Ranch-Way Feeds
The Cupboard
Old Firehouse Books
Buckeye Community Club
Poudre Landmarks Foundation
Down Town ACE Hardware
Larimer County Farmers Union
No Co Feeders Supply

Donated Items

Lights

Framework Timber - labor

Judy Gladstone
Tom & Sally Wingfield
Shirley Lorenz
Eva Wallace
Ranelda Kraft

David Harrison
Rich and Liz Harrison
LeeAnn Bee
Bill & Pam Franzen

\$0 to \$50

Mountain Vista Greens
Mountain Vet
Breeze Thru Carwash
BeauJos Colo Style Pizza
Gelazzi
Walrus Ice Cream
The Right Card
Trisha Swift

Wellington Pizza Palace
Perennial Gardener
Kilwins Chocolates
Avos Coffee Bar
Copoco's Honey
Canino's Italian Restaurant
Boxelder Trails 4-H Club
Paula Morehouse

