

The Farm Report

A periodic Newsletter of the Bee
Family Centennial Farm Museum
Summer 2012

Summer Highlights

Fifty-five teachers from all over the US and Canada visited the farm on June 21. They were part of a group attending the National Ag in the Classroom Conference hosted by the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture. It was interesting to see how they related the history and what they learned here to situations in their own areas of the country, and picked up ideas to use in their classrooms.

We have also hosted several large children's groups including Eyestone Elementary School's second grade. The children enjoy the hands-on activities and learning about the local history.

Knitscene Magazine used the farm for a photo shoot. They took advantage of the different textures on our buildings, like the bricks and corrugated tin.

We participated in the Wellington 4th of July parade and the Poudre Landmarks Foundation activities at the Avery House.



We hosted the Agrium Seed Survivor trailer at both the Pioneer Living Day and the "Barn Raising." Agrium is teaching the next generation about agriculture through Seed Survivor. Seed Survivor is a 40x50 foot interactive display that features virtual reality soil nutrient games, seed planting stations, insect video scopes, talking walls and more.



Special Events

The Restroom Fundraiser "Barn Raising" went well even though it was a cool day. We had 9 booths and 84 items donated from 26 business and 11 individuals for the live and silent auctions. We would like to thank every one who contributed and helped make the day a success. To date we have raised \$2,714 to begin our restroom fund. We realize that this is just a beginning and much work is needed yet to be able to provide our visitors with drinking fountains, proper hand washing, and restroom facilities.



Proposed Restroom Plan

Barn Raising Supporters

\$50 - \$249

The Chocolate Rose
Wellington Auction Service
Finish Line Awards
Green Ride Colorado
Nature's Own
Poudre Pet and Feed Supply
Ranch-Way Feed Mills
Poudre Valley Co-op
The Cupboard
ReSource
Old Firehouse Books
Copoco's Honey
Buckeye Community Club
No Co Beekeepers Association
Poudre Landmarks Foundation
Fort Collins Symphony
Downtown ACE Hardware

Grant Family Farms
Larimer County Farmers Union
Larimer County Farm Bureau
David Harrison
Tom & Sally Wingfield
LeeAnn Bee
Eva Wallace
Bill & Pam Franzen
Ranelda Kraft

\$250 or more

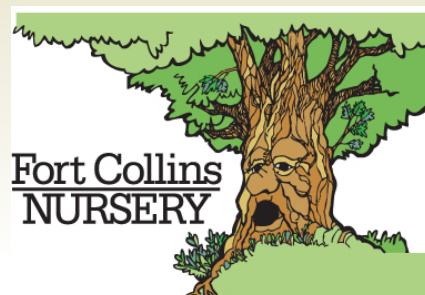
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TACO JOHN'S
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Forney Industries



Fort Collins Nursery



Judy Gladstone
Shirley Lorenz





Aug 26 – Sept 8

We will be featuring an exhibit provided by Colorado Water 2012 called ‘Celebrate Water! Connecting Coloradans to their Water’. Several of the Water Districts have their 100th or 50th Anniversaries this year. The East Larimer County Water District brought domestic water to the farm 50 years ago, in 1962. Prior to this the family hauled drinking water from Fort Collins for 80 years. We will have a special emphases on water during these two weeks.

Pioneer Living Day

Sixty-seven visitors enjoyed the activities and endured the heat and smoke to make this a successful day. We enjoyed the miniature hay stacking equipment and goat herding which were new this year. Thank you to our presenters and volunteers for sharing their knowledge of pioneer living with our visitors and making this event possible.



Sept 15 Vintage Baseball Game



The Berthoud Blues will be out for revenge this year, as the Wellington Buzzards beat them soundly last year. Come join the fun, bring a picnic lunch, learn about early farm history on the farm tour and children’s activities. There will be antique cars, and concessions, bring a lawn chair and enjoy the game. Game time is 1:30, other activities from 10:00 to 4:00.



More Board Changes

With the move to the new facility for the Fort Collins Museum and Discovery Science Center, Local History Archivist Lesley Drayton felt she needed to resign from our board, at least for now. We have appreciated Lesley’s experience and knowledge and will miss her.

Joan Day is joining the board and we look forward to working with her. Joan is a 4th generation native who grew up on her grandfather’s, Victor Akin, farm that was purchased around the turn of the last century. Because of her “roots” and the contributions of her forefathers, she has a deep appreciation of the history of Northern Colorado. Joan believes that it is imperative for future generations to understand and appreciate the sacrifices and struggles of previous generations and is honored to be a part of such a valuable institution as the Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum.

Volunteers

Joan Henderson has been our volunteer coordinator for the last year. She and her husband Fred have helped with many tours and been a very valuable part of the museum for several years. They will be moving back to Texas in October. Thank you Joan and Fred for all that you have done!

If you would enjoy sharing the history of the sugar beet industry and information about the crops grown in the area, or would have fun sharing your knowledge of farm animals, we could use your help with our tours. Just a once a month commitment for May through October would be helpful. Please consider this and let us know.



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