

# **Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum**

## **2018 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.

### **2018 Board Members**

The Officers for this year remained the same with, President: David Harrison, Vice President: Ginger Montgomery, Secretary/Treasurer: Liz Harrison. Erin Barkey was on the board and Adam Thomas agreed to be on the board in October.

### **Visitors**

The farm museum is open from May through October on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 to 4:00, and for groups of 10 or more by appointment. This year we had 1,113 total visitors. There were 207 Friday and Saturday visitors, 497 visitors from 15 children's groups, and 186 from 6 adult groups. Special Events were attended by 223. We did not do a Groupon deal this year, but attendance remained steady with out it.

### **Groups**

Liberty Commons school brought their three second grades to the farm for the first time this year. There were four other new children's groups which enjoyed the farm, and eight returning ones. A tour and lunch was held for the Colorado Master Farm Homemakers Guild and a dinner for the CFA teachers group. The ISI group at CSU brought a group of international students for a tour and dinner in October, and two classes from the CSU History Dept visited.

### **Events participated in**

This spring a CSU History class used two of our artifacts in a display at the Global Village Museum. Rich and Liz had a booth at the Avery House 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration again this year. Northern Colorado Heritage Connection group had a meeting here in July.

### **Special Events**

The 'Spring on the Farm' event was held on May 5th. The baby animals were the main attraction and we had the kids plant seeds and talked about the garden. Cookies and tea were served to our visitors.

The theme for Pioneer Living Day on September 22 was Pioneer food. There were the usual pioneer skills presented. We had a prospector's camp and cooking over an open fire. In the summer newsletter we included five kitchen items for people to name that would be entered in a drawing. Visitors could participate during the day and two books from the gift shop were used as the prize. Ice cream and lemonade were purchased for a small price. We also had trolley rides around the farm. We had four volunteers from the CSU History Club that helped with the children's activities. David made a brochure again and a sack lunch was served to the presenters and volunteers.

### **Volunteers**

Over 1,800 volunteer hours were again given by 10 people to operate the farm museum. Liz and Rich did tours for our Friday and Saturday visitors and Lee Ann, Jack, Jane, and Erin helped with groups. Liz made pioneer dresses for the other tour ladies to use.

## **Education**

The irrigation exhibit needed some repairs so Rich remade it. Half of the machinery signs and the horse high exhibits were also redone. We did not have a garden this year, just the perennial plants.

## **Animals**

We had three new calves this spring, Elsa was born the day before a snow and -10 degree weather in February. Daisy, the Jersey cow had her calf but then stopped eating. Two vets looked at her but couldn't figure out the problem, so we had to put her down. We milked Hot Chocolate the Jersey Angus cross for a while. We bought 6 baby chicks, but lost one. We got 3 turkeys, but a fox got one when they were about 8 weeks old. Three lambs were bought when they were about 6 to 8 weeks old. We fed them on the bottle but lost one. We also got a little pig, which turned out to be very friendly and was a big hit with the kids this year. The bull was sold in August and the sheep and pig this fall.

## **Collection**

A hand planter and cultivator were donated this year.

## **Maintenance**

The 1942 house and 1894 house were painted this year. Touch up painting was done on the doors of the brick machine shed. We had a bad hail on July 29<sup>th</sup> which damaged trees and plants. The roof of the 1957 house was replaced.

## **Gift Shop**

The Pioneer Association had their books in the shop again, along with the children's items, promotional items, and crafts. Liz got some new stuffed animals.

## **Donors for 2018-2019**

### **Township \$1000 and up**

Bill and Sylvia Dean

Rich and Liz Harrison

Bob and LeeAnn Bee

### **Section \$500-\$1000**

### **Quarter Section \$250-\$500**

Adam Thomas and Cheri Yost

Judy Bowlby

**North Forty \$100-\$249**

Richard and Joan Bowen  
Michael Welsh  
Bob and Janet Winter  
Jennifer Lowry  
Loren Maxey  
William Molini  
Gordon Hazard  
Larimer County Farm Bureau  
Jared and Rebecca Orsi  
Dr John Kummrow

**Acre \$50-\$99**

George and Nancy Wallace  
Eric and Janice Wilkinson  
Ralph Houdeshell  
David and Carol Budge  
Tom and Eileen Boardman  
Ralph and Mary Bender  
Cathy Weir  
Amy Rasplicka

**Half Acre \$0-\$49**

Norm and Donna Brown  
Dennis and Jean Lamm  
Harry Ahlbrandt  
David and Lily Weber  
Joan Day, Wayne Sundberg  
John and Marion Stencil  
Rick and Diana Freeman

## **'Friends' of the Bee Farm 2019**

### **Individual**

Joyce Bennett

### **Senior Family**

Ralph Houdeshell

Joan Day, Wayne Sundberg

Tom and Eileen Boardman

Paula Morehouse

### **Family**

Roger and Sharon Chilson

Jackie Worthington

Ralph and Mary Bender

Eric and Janice Wilkinson

### **Business**