

Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum

2020 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.

2020 Board Members

The Officers for this year were, President: David Harrison, Vice President: Adam Thomas, Secretary/Treasurer: Liz Harrison. Ginger Montgomery was also on the board.

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. Due to the COVID 19 virus our attendance was way down this year. We did not open until June 19 and the groups that were scheduled earlier all had to cancel. We did have a total of 419 visitors. There were 68 Friday and Saturday visitors, 62 visitors from 3 children's groups, and 64 from 5 adult groups, which includes 3 CSU History classes. There were 78 at Pioneer Living Day and 147 at a special vendor day event.

Groups

The Larimer County Farm Bureau group held their annual meeting here in Sept and had a box lunch.

Events participated in

We did not participate in any events this year because of the virus.

Special Events

The 'Spring on the Farm' event was canceled.

We did hold Pioneer Living Day on September 26. We took the best of past events and redid them. We put up the tepee, did pack your wagon, and some Pioneer games. We also had the miniature hay stacking, and draft horse models. Larry Hilberg who brought the horses passed away but his niece and her family brought them. Ice cream bars were sold. We also had trolley rides around the farm. David made a brochure and a sack lunch was served to the presenters and volunteers. The event went well except for the smoke in the afternoon from the large forest fire.

David and April held a vendor day on Oct 10. There were about 30 vendors and it was well attended. The museum was open except for the green shed and 42 house. 147 people went through the museum out of around 300 that attended.

Volunteers

Over 1,400 volunteer hours were given by 7 people to operate the farm museum. Liz and Rich did tours for our Friday and Saturday visitors and Lee Ann, and Bob helped with groups. Other volunteers helped with Special Events.

Education

We made models of a root cellar and an ice house which were displayed this year.

The Larimer County Farm Bureau put up an exhibit in the back of the brick shed. It gives some of their history and shows how they are involved in the community.

Animals

We had 2 calves this spring, Kirby and Lucy. We got two lambs, a pig, six baby chicks, and 3 turkeys. The turkeys were single breasted bronze and roosted on the top rail of the fence at night . Because it was very dry we did have to buy some hay this year. One steer was sold in April.

Collection

A three legged metal milk stool and a hand planter were donated this year.

Maintenance

Some painting was done and the usual yard work.

Gift Shop

We had the children's items, promotional items, and crafts.

A large donation was given by the Larimer County Farm Bureau and 10 other people gave donations over \$250. These donations are especially appreciated since admissions was low due to the virus.

Donors for 2020-2021

Township \$1000 and up

Larimer County Farm Bureau
Rich and Liz Harrison
Bob and LeeAnn Bee
Bill and Sylvia Dean

Section \$500-\$999

Adam Thomas and Cheri Yost
Nick and Danielle Bee
Dave and Judy Bowlby

Quarter Section \$250-\$499

John Kummrow
David and April Harrison
Park Creek Nursery
Carol Gregston

North Forty \$100-\$249

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Loren Maxey
Cathy Weir
Dr Chad and Sarah McMahan
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Diane and Eric Umbreit
Sam and Sandy Whittier
Dean and Eva Wallace
Kathy Weir

Acre \$50-\$99

Ralph Houdeshell
David and Carol Budge
Ralph and Mary Bender
Marvin and Cindy Becker
Amanda Dye
Michael Welsh
Ginger Montgomery

Half Acre \$0-\$49

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Roger and Sharon Chilson
Rick and Diana Freeman
Carole Hossan
Katy Jackson
George and Nancy Wallace
Doug Ernest
Joan Day, Wayne Sundberg

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Doug Ernest
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Dennis and Jean Lamm
Ralph and Mary Bender
Roger and Sharon Chilson
Ronnie and Judith Dayhoff
Joan Day, Wayne Sundberg
Tom and Eileen Boardman

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Dan and Tara Overton

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Eric and Diane Umbreit