

# THE FARMER REPORT

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## Welcome

The Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum proudly presents its inaugural newsletter. We have accomplished so many things in the last year that we wanted to share them with you.

We have developed a Board of Directors who has been meeting monthly. Let us introduce them to you:

- Phil Bee, Realtor for Coldwell Banker; President of the Board of Directors;
- Eva Wallace, Retired Poudre School District Curriculum Senior Secretary; Secretary of the Board of Directors;
- Liz Harrison, Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum Curator; Treasurer of the Board of Directors.
- Bette Blinde, Director of the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture; and
- Adam Thomas, Architectural Historian for Historitecture, LLC.



Work on the 1942 house continues. The front steps and railings have been completed and the bathroom is still in the works.

The interior of the milk barn has been painted and displays have been installed sharing family letters and photographs.

Cataloging the museum collection has

been a major part of this year's work. Thus far, we've cataloged over 1,900 items.

The Museum sent fundraiser letters to a mailing list of about 500 people. The response was encouraging.



Members of the Cheyenne Classic Car Club enjoy the Bee Farm's new parking lot.

The parking lot and pathway to the main entrance building have been completed. We would like to thank Rocky Ridge Nursery for its donation of four honey locust trees. We are still in need of six buffalo juniper bushes and seven flowering crab trees. Please contact us if you are able to provide any of these items.

The Bee Farm participated in several community events, including the Wellington Fourth of July Parade; The Colorado State University/Poudre School District Community Homecoming Parade; and the Poudre Landmarks Foundation Historic Homes Tour (this year the tour featured local farms). With visitors from the Historic Homes Tour and the individual groups who have come to the farm, we have opened our doors to over 400 people this fall.

Work has started on restoring one of the beet wagons. A volunteer is giving his time and expertise to restore this historic wagon. He is now in the process of inventorying the wagon parts.

On Make a Difference Day we had eleven people come to the farm. They worked on corrals and a chicken yard fence.

These volunteers were sent by the local United Way program.

We are now open for small groups, by appointment only. If you have a group who would be interested in visiting the farm, please call (970) 482-9168.

As you can see, we've been busy.

## The Bee Farm Online



We're now on the World-Wide Web. Visit us at

[www.beefamilyfarm.org](http://www.beefamilyfarm.org)

## Coming Soon

- We are continuing to catalog the museum collection.
- By April we will have signs in place.
- Grant writing will continue and hopefully will bring needed financial support.



A volunteer is currently restoring this historic beet wagon.

• We will continue to add to our list of volunteers and interested people.

• Physical improvement efforts will focus on the main entrance building.

• The Museum will continue to get the public restrooms funded, built, and ready.

- We will create a picnic area.
- **And we will prepare for opening day-May 2007!**







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We would like to thank all of you who responded to our initial fundraising letter. Your financial support has helped in many ways, which we have shared in this, our first newsletter.

Please contact us to schedule a visit of the farm—see where we are going and what we offer our community.

Your continued support is important to us, both as a volunteer and in a tax-deductible contribution.

We have enclosed an envelope for your convenience and invite you to help us bring farming history to life.