

THE FARM REPORT

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A Periodic Newsletter of the Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum

Summer 2007

Spring Has Sprung and Summer Has Come to the Bee Farm

Spring brought a flurry of activity to the Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum.

- We continue to work on the main entrance building. Several displays have been installed, and music and sound effects are being added to four displays throughout the farm.

- On April 20, volunteers from A-Train Marketing, Creative Career Connections, and Hewlett-Packard helped plant trees and shrubbery. As well, they laid "buff breeze" gravel paths to all the buildings.

- With the replacement of culverts, the Bee Family Farm is fulfilling its site plan agreement with Larimer County. Because we continue to work with the county on a "change of use" for five buildings, we've had to delay the opening date. We will keep you informed of our progress and the new opening date.

- We've secured professional services to complete an Historic Structures Assessment of the museum site. We are working with Barbara Darden, of Scheuber-Darden Architects, LLC, and Richard Beardmore, of A+E Design Associates, PC, to complete this important planning and funding document.

- Adam Thomas has nearly finished a DVD documentary about the farm and its history. He has also completed our most re-

cent marketing brochure. Similarly, Phil Hoefer is creating an isometric map of the museum complex to guide visitors at the site.

- We would like to thank Park Creek Nursery for its donation of seven flowering crab trees; Sam's Club for five picnic tables; and FastSigns for signs on the main entrance building and at the entrance to the farm. Donations are always welcome and appreciated. Currently, the construction of restrooms facilities is our biggest need at the farm. The project will cost approximately \$70,000 and any donations toward this project will be greatly appreciated.

- The Fort Collins Historical Society visited the farm on May 12. They enjoyed the visit and had a picnic lunch.

- Work has been completed on the bathroom and back porch of the 1942 house. The migrant worker's house has been cleaned and furnished in preparation for museum display.

- We have prepared a donor plaque that will hang in the main entrance building. We thank all of you who have contributed to the museum in time, talent, and money, making this dream a reality.

- We continue to open our doors for small groups. If you have a group that is interested in visiting the farm, please call (970) 482-9168 to schedule an appointment.



Volunteers planted trees and made other improvements at the Bee Family Farm on April 20.



The installation of culverts moved the Bee Family Farm closer to its official opening.



The migrant worker's house, at center, has been cleaned and furnished as a museum exhibit.

In the News

The Bee Family Farm recently received mention in the local media. On February 27, the Fort Collins *Coloradoan* featured the farm in an article about Larimer County's rural economy. The *Loveland Reporter-Herald* featured the farm museum in a wonderful article that appeared May 13.

Coming Soon

- An open house for donors and board members will be held on July 7.

- We will again sponsor a booth at Wellington's annual Fourth of July festivities. The farm will also enter one of its antique vehicles in the parade.

- Grant writing continues and hopefully will bring much needed financial support.

- If you wish to be a part of the farm experience by helping with simple demonstrations, please contact Liz Harrison at (970) 482-9168.





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You can also always visit us online at
www.beefamilyfarm.org