

THE FARM REPORT

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A Periodic Newsletter of the Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum

Spring 2009

Bee Farm Receives 2009 Preservation and Restoration Award

On April 7, 2009, during a ceremony at the Webster House in Fort Collins, the Fort Collins Historical Society presented the Bee Family Centennial Farm with its 2009 Preservation and Restoration Award. The certificate was "in recognition of...exemplary achievement in the restoration and preservation of the Bee Family Centennial Farm.

This award further recognizes the Bee Family Centennial Farm as one of the most important historic agricultural sites in the state. The farm was also named a Colorado Centennial Farm for its over 100 years of same-family ownership and is listed as an historic district in the National Register of Historic Places. So come and visit this remarkable place this summer!

Thank You for Your Support: We Are Open!

A special "thank you" to all of you who responded to our last fundraising letter. The number of responses was great. In these difficult times, we sincerely appreciate the support you have given us and will continue to inform you of events and changes at the museum. We are looking forward to the 2009 season and will open our doors on May 1. Our schedule for the year will continue to be Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We hope to see you during the 2009 season.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer opportunities are still available at the museum. We need your time and talents to continue operating the farm museum through the

season. Please call (970) 482-9168 or email info@beefamilyfarm.com if you are interested in volunteering; we want to hear from you. We need...

- volunteers for Fridays and Saturdays to monitor visitors;
- people to supervise or demonstrate hands-on activities; and
- receptionists/greeters for the front desk and gift shop.



2009 special events at the Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum will include Draft Horse Day (June 20) and a vintage baseball game (September 19).



Museum Business

We continue to improve your educational experience and entertainment at the farm museum. If you have not visited us recently, stop by and see the improvements. Museum administrators and volunteers have cataloged over 2,800 artifacts and still have more to go. We continue to build and improve hands-on exhibits, prepare more artifacts for display, and plan monthly special events. We will have special exhibits that will change each month in relationship to each event.

2009 Special Events

Trolley rides around the farm will operate on all special event days, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

May 16 Nash Car Display

See a collection of Nash automobiles from the High Plains Region Nash Car Club and learn about how Americans and the Bee Family traveled in the early 1900s.

June 20 Draft Horse Day

Learn about those huge draft horses on the farm and meet a farrier (horseshoer) and blacksmith.

July 18 Civil War Reenactment

In addition to an encampment of Civil War reenactors, the farm will present readings from actual Bee Family Civil War letters. Also learn about Colorado's involvement in the War Between the States.

Aug. 15 Food Preservation Expo

Learn about preserving food past and present. The Larimer County Extension Service will provide valuable information and the farm will display a collection of old-time food preservation methods.

Sept. 19 Vintage Baseball Game

The Berthoud Blues will play a team from Wellington—using 1864 rules and uniforms. The game will start at 1:30 p.m. Admission for this event will be \$1 per adult and 50 cents for children under 10.

Oct. 17 Scarecrow & Pumpkin Festival

Bring your own homemade scarecrow, come dressed as one, or bring your best carved pumpkin; we'll have prizes for all three categories. Judging will begin at 2:30 p.m.





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum

Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays,
May through October

Groups are always welcome. If your group has more than ten people, please contact the farm museum to schedule an appointment.

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

If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please call us at (970) 482-9168 or email us at info@beefamilyfarm.com.