

# THE FARMER REPORT

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A Periodic Newsletter of the Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum

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## 2007 Brings Many Improvements to the Bee Farm Museum

2007 has been an exciting year at the Bee Farm. We completed many important projects and set new goals, which we hope to meet in 2008.

- For our site plan with Larimer County we made improvements to the parking lot, landscaping, culverts, and signs.

- Barbara Darden, of Scheuber +Darden Architects, submitted a grant application to the Colorado Historical Society's State Historical Fund for an historic structures assessment.

- Richard Beardmore, of A•E Design Associates, submitted to Larimer County a "change of use" application for the main entrance building.

- In September, we sent letters to a dozen local businesses requesting donations of building supplies for public restrooms. We are beginning to receive promises of materials, but our need is still substantial. The corrals are nearly ready for animals, and many of the displays are ready for public tours. **However, without restrooms and proper hand-washing facilities, we cannot open our doors full time to the public. We greatly need donations for this project and will use contributions as matching funds for grants we are currently seeking.**

- On October 27, volunteers came to the farm for *Make a Difference Day*. The group came from Peak Community Church and Christ

Fellowship Church. We were amazed at how much they accomplished while completing livestock corrals and other projects. Thanks!

- Adam Thomas completed a promotional brochure for the farm museum. It is



*Make a Difference Day* brought many volunteers to the Bee Farm, where they helped construct corrals.

beautiful and ready to distribute to visitor centers in the area. Also, with the artistic skills of Phil Hoefer and Adam, we put together a great interpretative guide that will be used to lead visitors around the farm.

- Adam Thomas also directed a 15-minute historical documentary *All Good Gifts: The Story of the Bee Family Farm*, produced in a sweeping widescreen format, with high-definition digital picture and sound. Intended to serve as an interpretive introduction to the farm museum, the video premiered at a July 7 open house. Now you can purchase the DVD for \$20, including shipping and handling. To order this beautiful video, please contact Liz Harrison at the museum, (970) 482-9168.

- We wrote a grant to purchase sound equipment for displays in the buildings and for a security system. We should have confirmation by December.

- We sent invitations to several service organizations in the Fort Collins area inviting their groups to visit the farm and get to know us. The Lions and Kiwanis clubs responded, and we attended their meetings to share information and to again invite them to visit.



**Bee Farm Online**  
[www.beefamilyfarm.org](http://www.beefamilyfarm.org)

### Spring 2008 Open Houses

*We cordially invite you and your family to experience the Bee Farm during any of the times below.*

DATE	TIME
March 15 . . . . .	1 to 4 p.m.
March 29 . . . . .	.5 to 8 p.m.
April 12 . . . . .	1 to 4 p.m.
April 26 . . . . .	.5 to 8 p.m.
May 10 . . . . .	1 to 4 p.m.
May 24 . . . . .	.5 to 8 p.m.

### Community and Press Events

- The museum participated in Wellington's Fourth of July parade and celebration.

- *North Forty News* carried a great article about the farm museum in its July issue.

- In August the Fort Collins *Coloradoan* featured the farm in another article. It was very nicely done.

- On October 6, the museum participated in the Colorado State University and Poudre School District Homecoming Parade. It was a very successful day.

- We received a certificate of thanks from the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture for their "Agriculture in the Classroom" project.

- We continue to open our doors to small groups. If you have a group interested in visiting the farm, please call (970) 482-9168. Or if you wish to be a part of the farm experience by helping with simple demonstrations, please contact Liz Harrison at 482-9168.







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**Please Support the Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum**

Your support and contributions from the Bee family have enabled us to accomplish much at the Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum, but maintaining and restoring this facility is depleting family resources. We invite you to partner with us as we strive to open the farm to the public. We always appreciate your interest in and support for this project. Your tax-deductible contribution will enable us to make farm history come alive for the people of northern Colorado.