

Annual Report 2025

Get ready for *Broomfield 2026!*



Broomfield
Historical
Society



President's Message

The past year was quite a change for the Broomfield Historical Society as we made a conscious effort to have a more public face through additional programming, appearances at community events, and the introduction of new colorful marketing materials. We also boldly stepped out front when we convened other Broomfield organizations to create the *Broomfield 2026!* planning group for commemorating the historic anniversaries of 2026. This effort will continue as our main focus in the coming year. Keep checking our web calendar for the many exciting programs and activities being planned.

I would like to thank all our board members, whose vision and efforts made this possible. By braving the weather, facing crowds, and juggling extra meetings and new projects, they brought renewed community attention to the Broomfield Historical Society. I also want to thank Sandra Roberts, our digital administrator, web master and publishing whiz who gives our organization a professional polish; Rachael Courtney of Pretty Nice Creations whose beautiful design work enhances our image; David Allison, Broomfield Depot Museum Administrator, our partner in bringing Broomfield history to the community; and Rose Gorrel, Art & History Manager, who provides practical advice and appreciated support.

And, of course, deep thanks and appreciation to our donors, program attendees, and the interested followers of our publications. You provide the needed support and inspiration for us to continue this work. And now on to 2026!



Roberta Depp
President, Broomfield Historical Society

Our Board

2025 Officers

President, Roberta Depp

Vice President, Andrea Margheim Minnich

Treasurer, Sam Taylor

Secretary, Bria Frame

Members at Large:

Colleen Sawyer

Sallie Diamond

Dave Feineman

Neeha Patel

Tom Klenow

Proposed 2026 Officer Slate

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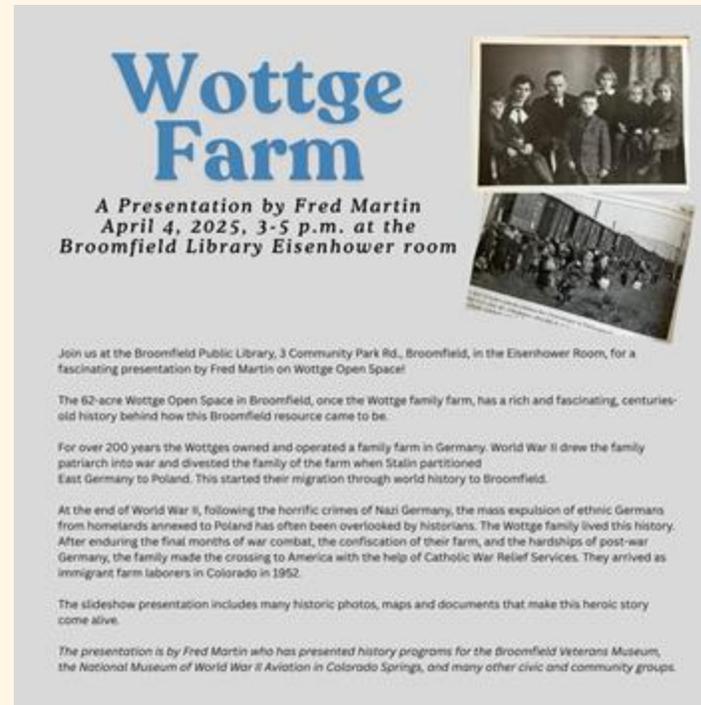
2025 Activities

Programs

- **January**
MLK Commemoration at Depot (snowed out!)
- **March**
Women's History Month program: Eleanor Roosevelt — Colleen Sawyer
- **April**
Wottge Open Space history — Fred Martin
- **November**
“Why is the library named after Mamie Doud Eisenhower?” — Colleen Sawyer

Publications

- The Broomcorn Express — two issues
- New monthly blog (and emails to subscribers) with short Broomfield history features



Wottge Farm

*A Presentation by Fred Martin
April 4, 2025, 3-5 p.m. at the
Broomfield Library Eisenhower room*

Join us at the Broomfield Public Library, 3 Community Park Rd., Broomfield, in the Eisenhower Room, for a fascinating presentation by Fred Martin on Wottge Open Space!

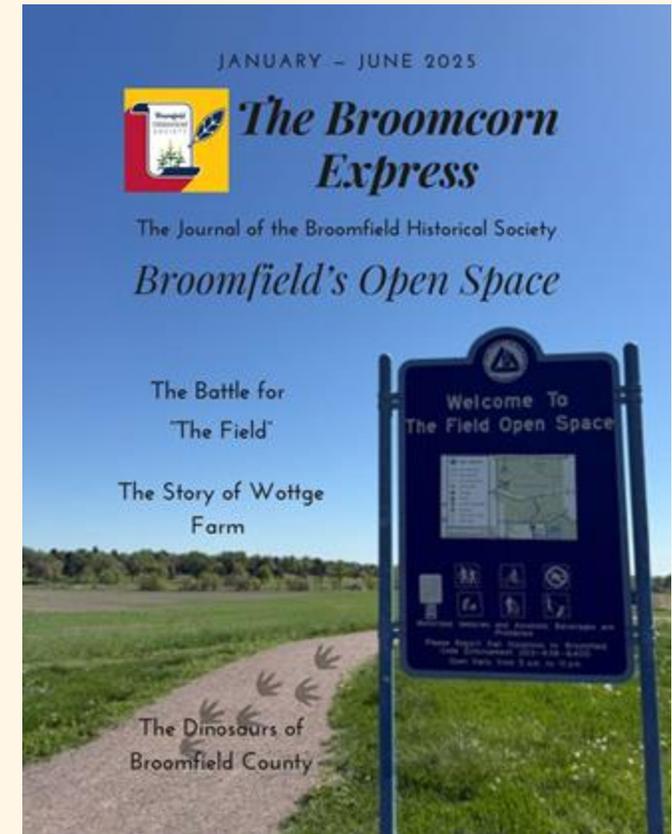
The 62-acre Wottge Open Space in Broomfield, once the Wottge family farm, has a rich and fascinating, centuries-old history behind how this Broomfield resource came to be.

For over 200 years the Wottges owned and operated a family farm in Germany. World War II drew the family patriarch into war and divested the family of the farm when Stalin partitioned East Germany to Poland. This started their migration through world history to Broomfield.

At the end of World War II, following the horrific crimes of Nazi Germany, the mass expulsion of ethnic Germans from homelands annexed to Poland has often been overlooked by historians. The Wottge family lived this history. After enduring the final months of war combat, the confiscation of their farm, and the hardships of post-war Germany, the family made the crossing to America with the help of Catholic War Relief Services. They arrived as immigrant farm laborers in Colorado in 1952.

The slideshow presentation includes many historic photos, maps and documents that make this heroic story come alive.

The presentation is by Fred Martin who has presented history programs for the Broomfield Veterans Museum, the National Museum of World War II Aviation in Colorado Springs, and many other civic and community groups.



JANUARY – JUNE 2025

The Broomcorn Express

The Journal of the Broomfield Historical Society
Broomfield's Open Space

The Battle for
"The Field"

The Story of Wottge
Farm

Welcome To
The Field Open Space

The Dinosaurs of
Broomfield County

2025 Activities

Assistance for Museum

- Greenwood grant for archival supplies
- Preschool playdate volunteers
- School visit volunteers

Promotion/Publicity

- Table at summer concerts (June and July)
- Table at Metzger Open house (June)
- Booth at Broomfield Days (September)
- Revised brochure
- Postcards and stickers



2025 Activities

2026 Historic Anniversary Commemoration

- Convened 15 local non-profits and related City departments to work on 2026 commemorations (April)
- Moderated 5 *Broomfield 2026!* Meetings (April, June, July, October, November)
- Collaborated with DAR and Depot Museum to create and install banners commemorating 2026 anniversaries (September)
- 2026 proclamation presented at city council (October)
- Posted *Broomfield 2026!* calendar on BHS website
- Created *Broomfield 2026!* logo & printed stickers

Fundraising

- Spring donation appeal
- Offered books & postcards at public events for a donation
- Registered for Colorado Gives



Membership

- Added two new members to the board!

Plans for 2026 – Our Historic Anniversary Year

Commemorating

- 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence
- 150th Anniversary of Colorado statehood
- 65th Anniversary of the establishment of the City of Broomfield
- 50th Anniversary of the Broomfield Historical Society
- 25th Anniversary of the founding of the City and County of Broomfield

Community Focus

- Organizational support for the Broomfield 2026! Committee
- Meeting arrangements & agenda
- Publicity and marketing
- Grant submittals
- Planning & participating in commemorative programs & activities
- History talks & program series
- Community fairs
- Historic sites tour
- Trivia events
- Oral histories

Organizational Focus

- Actively seek out and welcome new board members
- Review & revise organizational documents as needed
- Publish four issues of *The Broomcorn Express*
- Continue blog posts and emails to subscribers
- Continue support of Depot Museum programs

Financial Report 2025

REVENUE	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2025 YTD	2026 DRAFT
2001 Interest	\$ 1.70	\$ -	\$ 3.17	\$ 4.00
2002 Individual Donations [dues]	\$ 2,085.70	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,062.56	\$ 2,000.00
2003 Donations, Other	\$ 2,285.36	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,456.48	\$ 2,300.00
2004 Lockbox Donations	\$ 407.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 346.00	\$ 350.00
2005 Event Contributions			\$ 1,663.00	\$ 2,000.00
2007 King Soopers	\$ 26.87	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.37	\$ 21.00
2008 Shep Book Donations			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
2010 Grant Revenue – Restricted(Green)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 1,500.00
2014 Fundraising		\$ 250.00		
Fund Transfer		\$ 1,700.00	\$ -	\$ 5,400.00
2012 Foundation Grant		\$ 500.00		
2013 Other Grants		\$ 1,500.00		
2015 Other Assets				
Total Revenue	\$ 9,806.63	\$ 11,165.00	\$ 12,025.58	\$ 13,625.00

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EXPENDITURES	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2025 YTD	2026 Draft
3001 Bank Fees		\$ 30.00	\$ (3.50)	\$ 30.00
3002 Tax Filing				
3003 State Registration Fees	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
3004 Web Cloud/Tech Services	\$ 3,093.04	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,305.34	\$ 3,000.00
3005 Insurance – D&O Liability	\$ 617.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 628.00	\$ 650.00
3006 Postage, Mailing Service	\$ 230.60	\$ 200.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 200.00
Gift, Flowers		\$ 50.00		
3007 Printing & Copying	\$ 479.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 785.01	\$ 800.00
3008 Office Supplies/Equipment	\$ 85.95	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
3009 Equipment and supplies		\$ 50.00	\$ -	
3010 Archival/Exhibit Supplies	\$ 452.29	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,267.64	\$ 1,500.00
3011 Special Events/Fundraisers		\$ -		\$ 5,000.00
3015 Programs	\$ 377.53	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 124.83	\$ 1,000.00
3012 Shep Books	\$ 90.72	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
3017 Student Transportation		\$ -		
3013 Broomfield Chamber of Commerc	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
3014 Promotion/Marketing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 99.58	\$ 100.00
3018 Hospitality		\$ -	\$ 201.15	\$ 500.00
3020 Miscellaneous		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
3016 Fundraising	\$ 123.99	\$ 200.00	\$ 49.82	\$ 300.00
Total Expenses	\$ 6,320.12	\$ 11,150.00	\$ 4,587.87	\$ 13,675.00

Ways to Get Involved

It's going to be an exciting year – you won't want to miss it!

- Join the board or a committee
- Help plan & implement programs
- Organize an event
- Write for the journal or blog
- Do oral history interviews
- Help with marketing
- Recruit donors
- Help with fundraising
- Attend Broomfield Historical Society events
- Provide financial support

