

SPIKENARD FARM
HONEYBEE SANCTUARY

October 17, 2016

Dear Friends,

Some of you may know that as Spikenard Farm approached its tenth year in 2016, we set an ambitious goal of raising \$767,000 for the construction of a "Bee Barn," our first large building on the 25-acre property in Floyd, VA. The Bee Barn and associated facilities and land will enable us to expand our teaching, research and other work to promote natural beekeeping and restore the health of our pollinators.

As is customary with capital campaigns of nonprofit organizations, we conducted an initial phase in which we approached donors in a position to make sizeable contributions, including individuals, companies and foundations. We are very grateful for their response, having given over \$540,000, which brings us more than 70% of the way to our goal.

In this, the final phase we are asking you collectively to help us to reach our goal. Counting on your generous support, we have already constructed the caretaker's cottage and the exterior of the 3,000 square foot Bee Barn. The additional funds we raise in this phase will enable us to finish the interior of the Bee Barn and to purchase an additional ten acres of bottomland needed for bee forage.

Spikenard Farm largely depends on your generosity as donors for its existence. Since moving to Floyd in 2009, we have succeeded in funding our operations and purchasing our 25-acre home. We have built a timber-frame pavilion for our workshops and events, which allows us to be open to the public from May to October. The bees continue to thrive and we graciously receive many visitors at our sanctuary.

Your donations are greatly appreciated! Please know that every dollar you are able to give will further our mission for the well-being of the honeybee. We shall keep you informed of our progress in this phase, which we would like to conclude by year's end.

Spikenard Farm is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation and all contributions are tax deductible.

You may contribute to the Spikenard Farm Capital Campaign on our website spikenardfarm.org or by mailing a check to the following address:

Spikenard Farm, Inc.
445 Floyd Highway North
Floyd, VA 24091
Attention: Capital Campaign

Thank you for your attention to this letter and appeal and for your support of Spikenard Farm.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Levy
Board President