

# FIELD MANOR NEWSLETTER

19th Century Historic Homestead and Grove on the Indian River



As we take a sigh and welcome summer, we also wished a warm welcome to everyone who has recently come down our driveway to learn about early pioneer life in Florida. With school out and families looking for fun things to do around the Space Coast, a number of them have visited this wonderful old home and grounds. Email [info@fieldmanor.org](mailto:info@fieldmanor.org) to plan your visit or for more information.

In the last month we have hosted a beginners basket weaving class with Nancy Bindig and MakeArt and shortly we will be hosting the Melbourne Water Color Society for a plein air morning (I had to look that one up!).

Be on the look out for our 26 June yard sale here at Field Manor, Pg.3. We are currently renting tables/space. This is a wonderful opportunity to unload your garage or dig through that closet you rarely open, and get rid of some of the junk, um, treasures. Field Manor will also have items available.

With this hive of activity and looking forward to many more events, we would like to welcome Lauren Abbott to the Field Manor Family! Lauren brings with her some wonderful ideas and designs, as well as an extra pair of eyes and hands. Gwen and Lauren are working on and planning some fun events and activities on top of their busy wedding planning schedules.



## We Are Thankful for Our Friends

Earlier this month we received a phone call from Carol Andren, Friend of Field Manor member and president of the South Brevard Historic Society.

They had some items they just knew would be perfect for Field Manor.

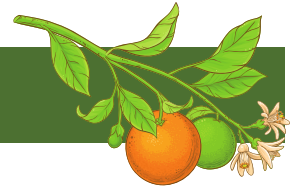
While going through their storage house in Wabasso, she and her husband Carl discovered farming equipment, citrus boxes, and an old cart among other items, and brought them to Merritt Island. As we have been working on and improving a portion of our Packing House to use as a new exhibit, the timing was perfect!

Field Manor would like to thank Carol, Carl, and the SBHS for thinking about us and delivering artifacts that will enhance the story of agriculture and pioneer life here in Brevard County.

We have a lot of work to do with the Packing House exhibit space. Thanks to the SBHS and volunteer Kim McCourt, we're getting closer.

Are you an architect or work with a construction company and interested in historic buildings? We are looking for someone like you to donate your knowledge and expertise with the Packing House.





# YARD SALE

Please come join us for family friendly fun at historic Field Manor!



Vendor Fee \$10 (Includes 6 foot table, limit 2)

Museum tour \$5, free for kids

We'll have lawn games, a food truck with food and beverages for purchase, and we encourage guests to bring chairs and blankets to enjoy their food under our Laurel Oaks or near the water!

Also for sale:

- Honey
- Scrubs
- Jams
- T-shirts
- Necklaces

June 26, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Weather permitting)

750 Field Manor Dr, Merritt Island, FL 32953

[events@fieldmanor.org](mailto:events@fieldmanor.org)





## PACKING HOUSE PROGRESS

There are not many packing houses left here in Brevard County. At the turn of the 20th century, when citrus groves were a'plenty in Brevard County, many communities had a shared packing house or, if you were a bigger producer, you may have had your own.

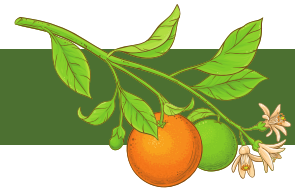
Here at Field Manor, our packing house was in use from 1900-1933, and then used as a shed. Currently it is Darren's office and future home of a new exhibit, featuring agricultural equipment and domestic artifacts.



**Thank you again, Kim !**







**EDUCATION:**

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## FIELD MANOR WISH LIST

A ROOF TO SHADE DRIVER ON TRACTOR

A GOLF CART THAT WORKS

A TRUCK OR OTHER PULLING DEVICE

AN ELECTRIC POLE SAW

PRESSURE WASHER

RAIN BARRELS FOR DOWNSPOUTS

ELECTRICAL WIRING FOR THE PACKING HOUSE TO BRING IT TO CODE

RAILINGS FOR THE PACKING HOUSE

A SIGN BY THE ROAD WITH LETTERS WE CAN CHANGE

WATER TANK

**THANK YOU MR. LEON BLAKE OF TEXARKANA, TX FOR THE  
KIND DONATION OF A NEW CHAIN SAW! DARREN  
IS SO EXCITED.**

*Are you an architect or construction company looking  
for a new and different project? We have a wonderful  
Packing House from 1900 that could use some help.*

DOCENTS

TEACH HISTORY!

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR

DOCENTS TO CONDUCT TOURS OF

THE HOME FOR FIELD TRIPS, DAILY APPOINTMENTS,

SPECIAL EVENTS,

AND FUNDRAISERS.