

FIELD MANOR HISTORIC 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY HOME AND GROVE ON THE INDIAN RIVER

# Field Manor E-Newsletter

## June 2019

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## Homestead News

by Jane Templeton

It's June, and it means summer time. School tours are over until the fall (we had over 26 tours this school year), but planning for them and marketing them with the Brevard County educational community is going on. This summer we are hoping our Education Committee is able to develop an historical lesson prototype we can bring into the classroom. As our volunteer numbers grow, we hope that some of them will want to staff that activity.

May meant we had several days of School tours as the classes were completing their 4<sup>th</sup> grade Florida History component. The groups come by bus and they bring chaperons to help. Some of the groups actually stayed on property to picnic after their morning tours. Part of the tour introduces the students to the 1862 Lincoln Homestead Act. This time we had a chaperone who had grown up listening to her grandparents talk of homesteading in Wisconsin under that same act.

One of our volunteers noticed that the stringers and planks for our dock were lost in the last series of hurricanes. They have volunteered their time and tools to rebuild the dock using the existing pilings. When we told Sue Nisbet, one of our Board Members,

she immediately agreed to donate \$ 500 towards the \$ 5000 lumber estimate. She challenged the rest of us to match her generosity. So far we have over half the money in donations. It's our first real capital campaign.

While most of my time this month was dedicated to working for and then with the IRS Auditors regarding our 2016 return, the net result was a great deal of misunderstanding compounded by the untimely death of our accountant. Meanwhile, Korinn and Lexi have put in a very busy month planning our marketing strategies for events as well as some key summer activities. Please consider coming to Brunching with a Purpose Saturday June 29 at 11. It is being catered by our newest partner, Two Chicks in a Pot. It's a chance to hear our summer plans, have some great food, listen to some good music and have an easy start to the summer.

For July we are planning some fun activities under the pavilion, including a succulent plant project you can take home, as well as an archaeological discussion about the native Ais of Brevard County. We'll keep you up to date!



### Historic Marker Dedication

Dedication is Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

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### Brunching With A Purpose

Brunch' at Field Manor, Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

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## THE FIELD FAMILY

The Field Family arrived from Macon, Georgia in 1868. In almost two decades they amassed close to 400 acres, creating Indianola. Some of the land was used for a school, church, post office and community center.



Please join us on **Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.** for the official dedication and unveiling of the **J.R. Field Florida State Historic Marker**. ***This will coincide with the monthly Brevard Historical Commission meeting and we appreciate all of their support. We would also like to thank the Brevard Tourist Development Commission for making this a reality.*** The Field Manor Foundation, with its Museum and working Grove, highlight the legacy of early Florida pioneer life that continues into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Jane Templeton, President of Field Manor, will say a few words, and the unveiling will conclude with beverages and light appetizers at the Field Manor Homestead.

## Faces of Time

Our newest exhibit showcases the pocket watches of Field Manor. Please stop by!



This gold-plated watch was made by the Illinois Watch Company, circa 1882. Its case is referred to as a Hunter case and was made by the Crescent Watch Case Company (1882-1904). We believe, by the engraved initials, that the watch belonged to J.R. Miot, husband of Irene Field. The identity of the child in the photograph is unknown. (2019.05.001)

EVENT TREATS CREATED BY:



Thanks to our wonderful caterer!

Two Chicks and a Pot cater to the Space Coast, the Treasure Coast, and Volusia County.



Be sure to check out the Sunflowers!

The acres of sunflowers are popping up, left and right. Check them out on your drive in!

#### BRUNCH ISN'T JUST FOR SUNDAYS

Our wonderful menu will include:

Shrimp and Grits

Chicken and Waffles with Field Manor Honey

Baked Brie Bites with Field Manor Guava Jelly

Seasonal Fruit Skewers

Caprese Skewers

Coffee, Sweet Tea and Water

Not to mention our MIMOSA BAR!

It will feature fruity additions, including Field Manor Blackberries.

Contact us at:

[events@fieldmanor.org](mailto:events@fieldmanor.org)  
or call us at 321.848.0365  
for more information and  
tickets. **\*\*\$35 for all  
Friends of Field Manor  
Members, even 'day  
of.'\*\***



BRUNCH IS BREAKFAST WITHOUT AN  
ALARM CLOCK

## Wish List for Field Manor:

A tractor with a PTO.

A bush hog for the tractor

A box blade for the tractor

A Roof to shade the tractor driver

A golf cart that works

A truck or other pulling device

A road certified trailer

An electric pole saw

Wooden water barrels for some downspouts

Electrical wiring for the packing house to bring it to code

Railings for the packing house

New stringers and planks for the dock

A sign by the road with letters we can change

Installation of the hand water pump

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEER!

#### Education

Group leaders

Group helpers

Curriculum development

Curriculum guidelines

Curriculum resources

Research

#### Archives

Written material

Collections

Research

#### Grove

Cultivation

Historic Gardens

Plant propagation

Research

Water Issues



Florida ranks as the fifth lowest state for Volunteers, at 23.5%. Won't you consider increasing that percentage by volunteering some of your time? We are in need of volunteers for the 2019/2020 school year to assist with field trips. Please contact us at: 321.848.0365 or e-mail at: [education@fieldmanor.org](mailto:education@fieldmanor.org).

Thank you!