



## Homestead Happenings 01/2025

### A Hive of Activity

Field Manor has partnered with Snyder's Hives and Honey and currently have close to 500 hives on about a half acre of land. The hives are being fed nectar and pollen to get them through the winter. About 450 of the hives will be transported to California in February to help pollenate almond trees. We look forward to their return!



In the meantime, you can purchase Snyder's Honey at Field Manor or visit their website.

[Snyder's Hives and Honey](#)

### Cabaret for a Cause

Field Manor shares another wonderful partnership with Bugnutty Brewery, in Cocoa Village. If you have attended our events over the last three years, you will be familiar with their bubbly brews.

They are hosting our second Cabaret for a Cause: Broadway Love Songs. Enjoy an afternoon serenaded by your favorite local singers, while sipping a tasty brew and enjoy some pub grub.

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HOSTED BY BUGNUTTY BREWING COMPANY  
225 KING STREET, UNIT B, COCOA VILLAGE



Broadway Love Songs  
sung by your favorite  
local singers!

# Cabaret for a Cause

**TICKETS**  
Pre-purchase \$25  
Day of event \$30

Feb 15, 2025 ♥ 3pm

A Valentine's event benefitting the Field Manor Foundation!

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## Sugar Cane Grinder

One of the Field family's first crops was sugar cane, which they started growing in 1873. In 1888, it was recorded that JR Field would yield 10 quarts of cane juice from only three canes. The last year the Fields process-ed sugar cane was 1961.



The top photo is the only photograph we have of the sugar cane grinder. It was located south-east of the packing house. A volunteer and Field descendant, Robert Buck, remembers being at a cane grinding in 1943!

The photo on the bottom is of Louise and Lena Hutchinson, the great-granddaughters of JR and Eliza Field, c.1947.

Thank you, Shellie Waxman, for the photo of your aunt and your mom!





In December, volunteers Bill C. and Tyler M. helped create our vision of what Field Manor looked like 100 years ago by building a stand for our cane grinder from 1933. The grinder was turned by a horse, mule, or cow, caught in barrels, then poured into a 50 or 80 gallon kettle, which sat atop a fire stoked by wood and used canes. The process was messy and dangerous, but the product is oh, so sweet!

As Field Manor grows its vision, we hope to have more installations like this around the site.



## Dine to Donate

Have you heard of the Museums of Brevard? It is a nonprofit of 20 Brevard museums, supporting each other through sharing grant tips, best museum practices, collection and preservation tips, and outreach. Consider supporting them by enjoying dinner at the Village Inn in Titusville on Feb. 4, between 4p-9P. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to MOB and will support our outreach programs.



## You're Invited!

Have you noticed the house at the entrance of Field Manor Drive? The house was built in 1960. Its purpose? No idea, however Field relatives did live in it in 1961-1963. Most recently, the house has been used for much needed storage.

We have struggled with proper signage for Field Manor and we believe we have the solution. Paint a mural! Local muralist, Kole Trent, will be painting the south side of the house with images that represent this wonderful space. If we are on track, this should happen at the end of the month. We would like to share this with you and we will be sending you an invite to see it as it is being completed.

***Click below to learn more about Kole***



## Save the Date!

Hot Pink is coming back for their second year to 'raise the roof' at Field Manor. Our Founders' Day is Saturday, April 19th, from Noon-4P, featuring beer from Bugnutt Brewery, museum tours, a silent auction, and most importantly, a good time on the riverfront. Bring chairs/blankets and set up on the shore.

Money from this event will be used for our new roof.

*Click the image to learn more*



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**Thank you for your support!**

Field Manor Foundation continues our historic preservation efforts and we look forward to sharing some great news in 2025!



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