

Photo by Tony Balzanto

Homestead News

As a *Friend of Field Manor*, this newsletter is designed to keep you up to date on the happenings at the Homestead. It is one small way we can thank you for your membership, as well as your yearly renewals. Many of you not only renew each year, but you also take the time to look at our Wish List and donate items we are seeking. A huge thank you for that! Our list has thankfully been reduced over the past year. As we move on with other projects, however, the list will grow and we hope we can count on you again.

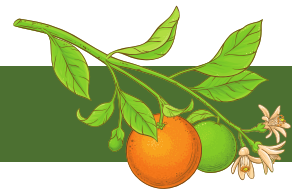
We are currently refreshing the home and grounds and will begin working on our sunroom once the back porch renovations are complete. The sunroom, over the years, has entertained many Brevard residents. We hope to re-open the space for that very purpose! Stay tuned!

Another project we will be working on is installing some Florida native plants as well as edible plants, to not only pretty the place up, but to also use during field trips and tours. We would like to thank a Brevard pioneer family and *Friend of Field Manor* member for donating the plants!

Speaking of plants, we were ambitious in the planting of corn, squashes, tomatoes, sunflowers, peppers, peas, and beans earlier this Spring. But, as we all know, it has been dry for close to two months. Unfortunately, most of the crops did not survive. What happened to 'April showers bring May flowers?' We were surprised when driving down the half mile road to the house when a few sunflowers were peeking up through the grass. It's the small victories!

Our Packing House exhibit continues to grow as we begin creating the kitchen portion. Volunteers Dani, Mike and Tina have been working on the research and proper placement of this portion of the Field Manor Homestead's story. The original kitchen was a 'summer kitchen' and located on the north-east portion of the house. Its chimney can still be seen in one of the attics. When Louise Cannata Field got a wood burning stove in the 1910s, the hearth went out of use for daily cooking. We are proud to still have that stove, which will be on display. Stay tuned!

Also stay tuned for updates on our 7th Annual Oyster and Fish Fry, which will take place Saturday, October 29, 2022. Our Fundraising Committee and our Fundraising Coordinators are planning one heck of a celebration!



Our 7th Annual Oyster and Fish Fry is on our calendar for October 29, 2022. Planning has begun, which includes many of our partners, including Bugnutty Brewery and Treasure Coast Shellfish. Gwen and Lauren, our Fundraising and Event staff, are adding to this popular event by expanding options and bringing new partners to the table. Without these wonderful partners, events such as this would be difficult to coordinate. With this team, the sky is the limit! Be on the look out for more information.



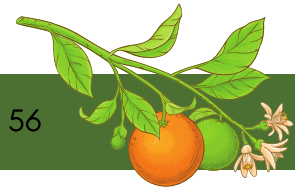
The
7TH ANNUAL
OYSTER & FISH FRY

at Field Manor

OCTOBER 29TH, 2022



Oyster roast in the early 1900s here in Indianola



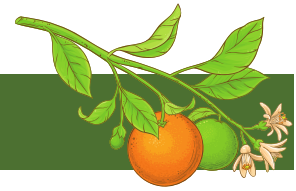
Sgt. J.E. Field, Jr. US Army 1942-1945



Photo by Steven Hicks

Recently we found J.E. (Ed) Field, Jr.'s letters home from his first three months in boot camp at Camp Blanding and Camp Chaffee and have scanned and transcribed them. As of now, we have all of his letters transcribed (1942-1945) and are in the process of creating an index of names, locations, subjects, and items. We feel this will help better tell the story of a young man from a village on an island, going to Europe for a world war. Part of this project will also be recreating the different letter heads and inserting them, so readers can truly get the feel of reading the original letter.

The project began 1.5 years ago and we have had some wonderful volunteers working on this. Each one has brought their insight and enthusiasm and we appreciate that. One individual and *Friend of Field Manor* has offered to do the typeset and binding of the final project, including photos of Ed in the Army, folks mentioned in the letters, as well as the colorful postcards that he sent. Our goal is to print the collection, sharing copies with the Brevard Historical Commission as well as the Veterans Memorial Center.



Happenings Around the Homestead



Found in the Packing House (but of course!) by volunteer Dani W., is part of a box heading to the Fields Grocery Store in downtown Cocoa. J.E. Field owned the store from 1925-1945.

Tanya S., volunteer and Field Manor Ambassador, is working on an archaeological dig in Turkey for the next two months and brought her Field Manor tee shirt with her.



This sunflower, against the odds, is thriving! Thanks to volunteer Jani S. for having faith.



Jeremy P., president of Hands On History, found this 3cm floral Victorian button using a metal detector. He also took the time to clean and conserve it. Thanks!



FIELD MANOR WISH LIST



EDUCATION:

GROUP LEADERS
GROUP HELPERS

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
CURRICULUM GUIDELINES
CURRICULUM RESOURCES

RESEARCH

ARCHIVES:

WRITTEN MATERIAL
COLLECTIONS
RESEARCH
WW II LETTERS

GROVE:

CULTIVATION
HISTORIC GARDENS
PLANT PROPAGATION
RESEARCH
WEATHER ISSUES
WATER ISSUES
GROUND TESTING

HOUSE:

CLEANING
FLOWER GARDENS

PACKING HOUSE:

CLEANING
ORGANIZING
EXHIBITIONS

COLLECTIONS

CATALOGUING ARTIFACTS
UPDATING PASTPERFECT
PHOTOGRAPHING ARTIFACTS

- A TRUCK OR OTHER PULLING DEVICE
- MORE ROCKING CHAIRS FOR THE PORCHES
- OFFICE CHAIRS
- RAIN BARRELS FOR DOWNSPOUTS
- RAILINGS FOR THE PACKING HOUSE
- BETTER SIGNAGE FOR BETTER VISIBILITY
- A SIGN BY THE ROAD WITH LETTERS WE CAN CHANGE
- BENCHES FOR THE RIVERFRONT
- STABLE SHELVING FOR ARTIFACT STORAGE
- BOOK SHELF
- STABLE SHELVING FOR INVENTORY

Our Star Supporters:

- *Friend of Field Manor* and *Field* descendant, Robert B., for the donation of a laptop, a leaf blower, and a pressure washer
- *Friend of Field Manor* and Board Member, Susan B., for conducting tours during our Vendor Market
- Dani A. for her continued research on pioneer farming and kitchen equipment and work in the Packing House
- Mike T. for conducting tours of the Packing House during our Vendor Market
- Michelle C. for keeping an eye out for items on our Wish List
- Tina T. for her continued work with the Field family genealogy with the names and important dates of the Field family
- A *Friend of Field Manor* and a Brevard pioneer family for the donation of plants and flowers to accent around the house
- Laird Q., *Friend of Field Manor*, for his work transcribing WWII letters

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS AND DOCENTS FOR
FIELD TRIPS, DAILY APPOINTMENTS,
SPECIAL EVENTS,
AND FUNDRAISERS. OUR NEXT EVENT:
OYSTER AND FISH FRY (OCT. 29)

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FIELD MANOR AND OUR MISSION OF EDUCATING BREVARD COUNTY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ABOUT THE AGRICULTURAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF FIELD MANOR, THROUGH OUR PRESERVATION AND OPERATION, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, AND MUSEUM COLLECTIONS.

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