

19TH CENTURY HOMESTEAD AND GROVE ON THE INDIAN RIVER

Field Manor E-Newsletter

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Homestead News

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Hello from the Homestead!

We here at Field Manor hope the holidays treated you and your family well. If you were unable to be together in person, hopefully you were able to be 'together' through the many digital platforms out there. I think many of us saw a little too much of some family (Dad! I can see right up your nose!).

As the year ended, our Event Coordinator, Alexis Pernal, resigned. She will be creating her own brand as a coordinator. She began working here in March 2019, bringing many wonderful ideas and skills with her. Through her efforts, she helped put Field Manor on the map as an incredible venue and did a fantastic job with our social media pages. Personally, she taught me about garnering a larger audience, the wonderful world of vendors, and hashtags. We wish her the best of luck in the future as she truly became a member of this wonderful foundation!

That said, we are pausing tours/bookings here at the homestead. In November, the vinyl panels used to keep the wind/rain out of the pavilion were destroyed. That puts us in a bit of a pickle as most of our weddings occur during hurricane season. The panels are custom made and the company restarts

production this month, however they would be unable to get to us until April. We should have more information in the middle of February. The cost is estimated at \$50,000. In the meantime, if you email or call inquiring using Field Manor as your venue your information is being saved on a wait list. If you or someone you know would be interested in "adopting" a portion or all of the pavilion for vinyl repair, please email or call us for more information.

For the past year we have been working with local public archaeology group, Ais Village Trail. Our last dig was January 22, 2021. The state requires a report to be sent in, which is almost completed. And it very same day of our last dig we received the site number from the state recognizing the Ais site here on Field Manor. Thank you, Alan Brech!

I would like to thank the Cocoa Rotary Club for asking me to speak on January 26th. It was a pleasure to share the story of the pioneering Field family, the community of Indianola, and the early history of Brevard County.



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Success! ~ Museums of Brevard's Christmas Tour of Historic Homes 2020



The Museums of Brevard's inaugural tour of historic homes was a success thanks to all of you who joined us throughout Brevard County and indeed as far north as Gainesville and Jacksonville! We sold well over 100 on-line tickets and a few at the individual houses, for an average of 120 people visiting each home. Lawndale, opened for the first time to the public the weekend of Dec. 12, hosted a staggering 260 visitors in a three-day span. Field Manor would like to thank a group of chorus singers who really wanted to perform to the public again, while being safe, and we provided them our front porch. They entertained the MOB folks as well as their fans who brought chairs and popped them up in the yard.

We received some wonderful feedback from the participants and hope to only improve the experience for next year!

In the meantime, if you're looking for something fun to do in our area, be sure to check out the Museums of Brevard on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MuseumofBrevard> or at our website: <http://museumsofbrevard.org/>.



Folks, meet Kerri! She is from Titusville and loves to dress for events and has a lot of fun doing it. Her Victorian-inspired face mask was a hit at every house she visited. Her enthusiasm is contagious and we're happy she and her friends stopped by. Be like Kerri!

Ais Village Trail

Field Manor has been recognized for its historic significance. Now after a year-long partnership, it has also been designated as a prehistoric site. On Friday, January 22, the state of Florida assigned the Field-Gasecki site, 8BR04366. The 8 stands for Florida, BR for Brevard County, and followed by the site number.

Alan Brech has been compiling the data, including the number of artifacts, the distribution of artifacts, the variations in the ceramics, as well as the extent of the site.

We are pleased to have worked with AVT and hope to work with them in the future. Through the digs, we have met some diverse people, ranging from 4 to 83, all brought together through a love of history and science. AVT is looking to work on new projects. You can keep up with them on their Facebook page and we will share their information on our Facebook page.



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We are always pleased to take era-appropriate donations, especially when they enhance ones visit to Field Manor. We would like to thank Cathy Goshorn for this lovely piece! We know it is from the Rockford Frame and Fixture, post 1904. The company was in business From 1889-1917. We think this is either a shaving stand or perhaps a smoking stand. It is currently missing a half-circle shelf located on the back of the top. Do you know what type of table this is? Give it a guess and let us know!

We would also like to thank the Marine Resource Council in Palm Bay for their on-going help by providing their expertise and experience. They have made four visits out to Field Manor to access our eroding shoreline. And we think there is a solution! In the past we have partnered with UCF and their shoreline restoration project. Through the information they have collected and with the encouragement of MRC, we hope to place rip rap before the wave break, encouraging mangrove and river grass growth.

Wondering how you can help? Keep an eye open for Facebook and Instagram posts seeking volunteers for a river clean-up.

Another way you can help our Indian River Lagoon is to install rain barrels. It is estimated that water roof runoff exceeds 100,000 gallons a year. Rain barrels can harness that natural resource and then can be used to water around your house.



