



## Homestead Happenings October 2025

### **Adopt-A-Ghost and be Haunted by History**

Many nonprofits struggle with fundraising and Field Manor is no different. Often, we find ourselves knocking on the same doors and sending emails and letters to the same addresses.

Realizing that, advisory board member Jess Criss took a different approach to fundraising - adding humor. Starting today, October 1, 2025, we are rolling out our latest fundraising campaign, Adopt-A-Ghost. One of the most frequently asked questions when we give tours is, "Is the house haunted?" Over the years, we have had paranormal investigators confirm that it is.

We offer 13 ghosts you can adopt; all having lived here in the house or on the property. You'll learn about their lives and receive a special message from your ghost.

Click on the ghosts below to learn more. We will have an Adopt-A-Ghost table at our Fall Festival if you would prefer to adopt in person. If you adopt at Fall Fest, your name will be added to a raffle to win handmade wooden Halloween-themed decorations!

# ADOPT-A-GHOST



## HAUNTED BY HISTORY

FIELD MANOR

### Fall Festival at Field Manor

On Sunday, October 26th, we are hosting our first Fall Festival! This day-long event, along the Indian River Lagoon, will be filled with good music, good beer, good food, and benefitting a good cause - preserving one of Brevard's oldest homes. [Day Tripper](#), performing Beatles songs, will fill the air with tunes, [Bugnutty Brewing Co.](#) will be pouring locally brewed craft beer, and we hope you can join us!

Thank you to our sponsors:

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We are still looking for volunteers for this event:

- Silent Auction Table
- Adopt-A-Ghost table
- Museum tickets and merchandise table
- Shuttling
- Raffle Basket
- Parking Attendant
- Entry Table, cash sales
- Entry Table, credit card sales
- Set up
- Break down

Contact Korinn and Tristann at [fieldmanor@gmail.com](mailto:fieldmanor@gmail.com)

Click on the pumpkin to learn more!

Field Manor's

# FALL FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY,  
OCT. 26TH  
2-7PM**

**Beer & Wine  
Food Trucks  
Museum Tours  
Silent Auction  
Vendor Market  
Raffles & More!**

**LIVE MUSIC  
3-6PM  
DAY  
TRIPPER**

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& ESCROW AGENCY, INC.**

**Admission  
Donation  
\$5/Presale  
\$10/Day-of**



[fieldmanor.org/fall-festival](http://fieldmanor.org/fall-festival)

750 Field Manor Drive, Merritt Island, FL 32953

## Speaking about Brevard's Locals, the Ais

One of the perks of working in historic preservation is learning a lot about our local history. We were honored to speak to the South Brevard Historical Society at their monthly meeting at the Melbourne Library in September. We spoke about Brevard's prehistory, the landing of Juan Ponce de Leon, and the Ais, Brevard's native tribe.

Our next talk about the Ais will be at the Merritt Island Library on January 20, 2026, at 3P.

If you are interested in having us speak to your organization about Brevard's natives and pioneers, please email Korinn at [fieldmanor@gmail.com](mailto:fieldmanor@gmail.com).



Learn more about the South Brevard Historical Society [CLICK HERE](#)

## Images of the Past



Shellie Waxman is the granddaughter of Betty Lou Field Hutchison. In 1945, Betty Lou became the first Field to leave Brevard County. In her new life, she became the owner/operator of an 800-acre cattle ranch in Arcadia, FL.

On Shellie's last visit to Field Manor, she brought photos of the Field family from the 1940s-1980s, photos we had never seen before. Within those four decades, the homestead changed considerably. By 1960, the Fields no longer processed sugar cane, they became part of a citrus co-op, they cleared fruit trees to create a front lawn, and they worked in Cocoa, instead of the working the land. We look forward to sharing more of these photos with you.

Above: Louise and Lena Hutchison, daughters of Betty Lou Field Hutchison, atop sugar cane

Middle: Louise Cannata Field with her first grandchild, Louise Hutchison  
Bottom: Sgt. Ed Field and his girlfriend, Gladys McKinney, after his discharge from the Army



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**The next Gatehouse Market sale is Saturday,  
October 18th, from 9A-2P**

Look for the mural!

Want to donate to the Gatehouse Market?  
We'll be collecting donations on the first Saturday of each month from 9A-12P.

Cleaning out a closet or garage? We accept donations for our Gatehouse Market the first Saturday of the month, between 9A- Noon, at 2355 North Tropical Trail.



**Field Manor's**



# Gatehouse Market

**Monthly Sale**

**Third Saturday of the Month**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**



**Now accepting donations.**



[fieldmanor.org/gatehouse-market](http://fieldmanor.org/gatehouse-market)

**2355 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32953**  
**(Building with the Field Manor mural)**

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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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