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FIELD MANOR

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Homestead News

Photo by Tony Balzanto

On behalf of Field Manor, we would like to wish you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving! For many, this will be our first time together in a few years. May you take this time to remember what you are thankful for, and to make memories that will carry you through the year.

We hope you weren't too affected by the storms we had in September and November. Who the heck saw that last one coming? Here on the homestead we were left with high river water, loads of debris, and broken window panes and doors in the packing house. Thanks to some wonderful volunteers for taking time from their schedule to help us pick up debris, as well as replace window panes!

We would also like to thank those sponsors, partners, and those who attended our 7th Annual Oyster and Fish Fry! Treasure Coast Shellfish provided the IRL oysters and clams, Bugnutty Brewery tapped their Starfruit Wheat beer, Broadband played the perfect tunes for the afternoon, and those who attended had a great time, despite a little rain. The rainbows were worth the rain! We raised \$15,000, which will be used for our on-going preservation efforts with the house and museum. This ol' gal is 142 years old, and it is important to preserve and maintain the structure. Because of our supporters, we can make this happen. Thank you!

Field Manor has been participating in several outreach events, including Educator's Night at the Brevard Zoo, the Harvest Fest at Green Gables, Museums of Brevard Meet and Greet at Valiant Air/Warbird Museum, and will finish the year by participating in Cracker Christmas at Fort Christmas. We have been asked to highlight the citrus industry of the Indian River Lagoon and will be paired up with Pine Island Preservation Society, representing Sams House. In the early 20th century, the Field and the Sams family were related through marriage. The attendee total last year was 45,000 people over the weekend, from Brevard, Orange, Volusia, and Seminole counties. We are thrilled with the standing invitation and look forward to show-casing all Field Manor Homestead has to offer.



Thank you, Russell and Lisa Glover and Crew, for taking care of the fry station for the sixth year! You make 200 bellies full and happy, as well as taking care of this historic homestead!



AND THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS & SPONSORS!



TEA
ROSE'S
FLOWERS





When respect for the past and a hobby come together



Ray Norman, a big supporter of Field Manor and volunteer, helps take care of the Indianola Pioneer Cemetery, with a particular interest in veterans. He recently ran across the mystery of a missing soldier, Edward Cason Cook. With the help of Jeremy Prouty, also a Field Manor volunteer, they were able to find Edward Cason Cook's cement vault and marked his graveside with the VA originated cement marker/headstone. The original marker was buried under about two feet of mulch. According to Ray, "The key to finding Edward was the use of an expert detectorist who has a professional metal detector," which Jeremy is. Edward's half brother, Edgar, was buried next to him. Edgar's site was marked -also buried-with a metal plate which gave the location. Probing with rods allowed us to find Edward only a few feet away. Today we were able to relocate Edward's 200 lb VA marker with some assistance. The marker is now at ground level for lawn maintenance and very visible. Edgar's metal plate will be attached to a two foot square stone and placed on his site.



Travel Back in Time to the Celebrations of
yesterday at the Museums of Brevard's
3rd Annual

Holiday Tour of Historic Homes

See beautiful architecture and gorgeous holiday decorations!
This unique event is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season and
makes a great gift idea for the person who has everything!

Visit all 8 amazing
Historic Homes in
Brevard County for
the low event price
of \$70.

Each museum
will be
beautifully
decorated and
sharing holiday
cheer!



December
2, 3, 4,
9, 10, 11,
16, 17, 18
10AM - 2PM

Limit of 150 sold.
All proceeds will
serve as donations
to participating
museums
for historical
preservation
projects.

*Ticket Sales
Extended Until
December 5th!*

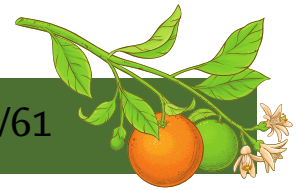
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Upcoming Events:

A Victorian Pioneer Christmas

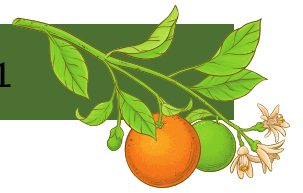


*Tours available December 1st, 8th, & 15th.
Also, December 27th and 28th, at 10:00A,
12:00P and 2:00P.*

If you're unable to join us for the Museums of Brevard's Holiday Tour of Historic Homes, please join us on Thursdays in December to tour Field Manor's Pioneer Christmas. The cost is \$15 per person. Please call for reservations.

We also have our Zonta of Melbourne ornament for sale here at the Homestead for \$25, plus tax.





Upcoming Events:



We are hosting teas again at Field Manor!

We are able to accommodate six guests inside and 25 outside under the pavilion or on the waterfront.

Featuring up to five different teas and a lovely mixture of sweets and savories, this event will be a highlight of the month for you and your friends. We require two-weeks notice. The times are 2P-4P and the cost is \$35 person. Please call 321.848.0365 or email fieldmanor@gmail.com for more information and to make your reservation.

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In our wonderful community,
you never know WHO you know until
you ask. Below are some things
we can use help with:

CARPENTER
DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS
EDUCATION
ELECTRICIAN
GARDENING
GENERAL CONTRACTOR
GRAPHIC DESIGNER
GROVE
HISTORIC ARCHITECT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
HOUSE KEEPING
MEMBERSHIP
MUSEUM
PARTNERSHIPS
PUBLICITY
RESEARCH
SPECIAL EVENTS
STAINED GLASS ARTIST
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

FIELD MANOR WISH LIST

Soon we will have our Amazon WishList posted for ease of donating. Keep an eye out.

- A TRUCK OR OTHER PULLING DEVICE
- RAIN BARRELS FOR DOWNSPOUTS
- RAILINGS FOR THE PACKING HOUSE
- BETTER SIGNAGE FOR BETTER VISIBILITY
- **TWO NEW TOILETS AND SEATS**
- A BENCH FOR THE RIVERFRONT (THANKS LR!)
- STABLE SHELVING FOR ARTIFACT STORAGE
- **STAIN GLASS WORKER**
- STABLE SHELVING FOR INVENTORY
- ADIRONDACK CHAIRS
- SPONSORSHIP OF GRAVEL
- **SPONSORSHIP OF SOD**
- **CARPENTER AND ELECTRICIAN**

Our Star Supporters:

- Our supportive early sponsors for our Oyster and Fish Fry
- Leslie R. for our first donation toward our Letters Home publication by purchasing protective, clear sleeves for Ed Field's original letters
- Jeremy P. and Ray N. for their love of history and setting the record straight through their work at the Indianola Pioneer Cemetery
- Laurie McT. and Susan B., Field Manor board members for attending the Museum of Brevard's Meet and Greet
- Billie Kidd for creating a custom made trailer for us
- Dani and Joey for coming out after the storms and helping us clean up yard debris
- Kim for replacing panes of glass in the Packing House, as well as fixing the doors to the Packing House
- Robert and Tanya for their dogged efforts on the Letters Home Project
- Michelle for decorating for Christmas-time
- Scott Levin for being our photographer for the Oyster and Fish Fry, fourth year running!

We are currently looking for volunteers and docents to conduct tours of the historic home throughout the year. Training is required for the docent position and historic clothing is optional.

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With our Letters Home Project, our goal is to share the world view and experiences of Ed Field, Jr. and his time in the US Army during WW II. We recently finished 1942 and are in the final editing phase. Please click Sgt. Ed Field's image to donate toward this project.



Consider becoming a Friend of Field Manor and become part of the Homestead!

[Sign Up](#)



[Packing House Preservation](#)

Our Packing House has taken a bit of hit with the last two storms. Consider a donation toward its preservation by clicking the photo above.

Click the photo below to donate to our on-going projects, including new signage.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FIELD MANOR AND OUR MISSION TO CONSERVE THE HISTORIC FIELD MANOR HOMESTEAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA NATIVE INHABITANTS AND EARLY SETTLERS' CULTURE AND CUSTOMS.

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