



# Field Manor E-Newsletter

## August 2020

19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY HOMESTEAD AND GROVE ON THE INDIAN RIVER

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!

## Homestead News

by Korinn Braden

Hello from the Homestead!

Summer is ending soon and we are looking forward to the Fall. The past five months have been difficult for all of us, and it is nice to have something to look forward to. Our wedding season begins in October this year and is strong through the spring. Many a bride and groom have learned to be flexible during this time of COVID-19. And we are happy when we are able to make their day a little smoother.

We are adhering to local and CDC regulations, for both the venue and museum side of Field Manor. The safety of our guests and staff is always foremost in our minds. We are truly blessed to have such a beautiful lawn and open-air pavilion on the Indian River.

There is hand sanitizer in place throughout the house, as well as outside. We now require 'timed tickets' to tour the museum. By calling/emailing/messaging Field Manor of your arrival time, it will help avoid mixing unknown parties. This is not to discourage dropping by for a tour, but you may have to wait a few minutes while the previous tour

finishes and we have time to wipe down common surfaces for everyone's safety. Speaking of safety, to tour the home you are required to wear a mask.

As a reminder, our riverside front lawn is always available for a picnic lunch or a break to read a book.

We are moving ahead with preparations for our 5th Annual Oyster and Fish Fry in October! Please keep an eye on your email as well as our social media pages for a formal announcement. We are pleased to have the Ring of Fire band performing and this year we are partnering with Nautical Bob's Traveling Oyster Bar. If you have a donation for the Silent Auction, please let us know.



### Exhibition Day at Field Manor

Our first ever exhibition Day will take place Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, between 11 AM-1PM

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### S.P.I.R.I.T. Returns to Field Manor

For two nights in September!

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## Exhibition Day

On Saturday, August 29th, Field Manor will be hosting our first Exhibition Day. While many of you have toured the home, most of you have not seen some of the larger, agricultural items. We will be featuring these items under our pavilion to the public, such as part of a citrus sorter and cane grinder. This open-aired, free to the public event will take place between 11 AM and 1 PM. If you are interested in touring the home, timed tickets for 11:30 and 12:30 will be available for purchase, \$10 for adults and \$5 for those 16 and under. Each tour is limited to 10 people and masks must be worn inside. We will have our homestead-made items for sale, such as guava jelly, salt scrubs, and honey from Clifton Best Bees. Field Manor tee shirts will also be available.



DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS  
APPRECIATED!

*For years families relied not only on themselves but also their neighbors to supplement their coffers, from jams and sugar, to lumber and textiles*

## Intimate Wedding Options



Jessica Leigh  
Photography

Summertime is traditionally a quiet time here at Field Manor, but we are pleased with a number of wedding ceremonies that have taken place on our riverfront. Recently, brides and grooms have approached us about holding only the ceremony here, while making intimate plans for the reception.

Alexis, our Event Coordinator, has created a lovely package for just such an occasion. The package, for \$350, allows use of the front lawn, chairs

for up to 50, and decorations, for two hours.

If you would like to use the Bridal Suite and Groomsmen Room, an additional fee is required. Contact Alexis Pernal for more options at 321.848.0365 or [a.pernal@fieldmanor.org](mailto:a.pernal@fieldmanor.org).

## Fashion Plates

While working in a historic home, occupied from 1880-2013, items are constantly being revealed. We recently ran across these little gems. Although reproductions from 1941, these fashion plate illustrations are still lovely. The originals were drawn by French sisters Heloise Leloir and Anais Toudouze in the mid-1800s. Elizabeth Louise (Betty Lou) Field would have been 15 in 1941 and she may have been enamored with them as we are today.



### 2020.06.008

Artist: Adele-Anais Colin Toudouze, 1822-1899  
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 TB Coffuiier, boulevard St. Martin  
 Wien: JJ Gress'  
 'Copyright 1941 by LB (?) Fischer Co. NYC'

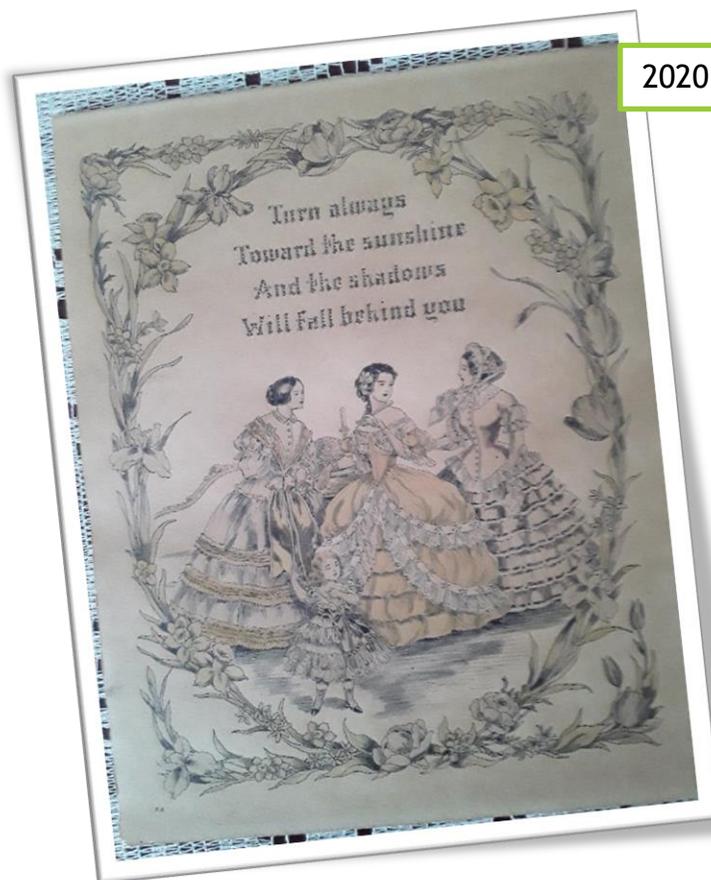


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Artist: Heloise Colin Leloir, 1819-1873. Sister to  
 Adele-Anais Colin Toudouze  
 Research revealed 'La Mode Illustree, 1868'  
 From a 1941 publication



What the print to the left looked like when it was printed in 1868, the year the Field family arrived on Merritt Island.



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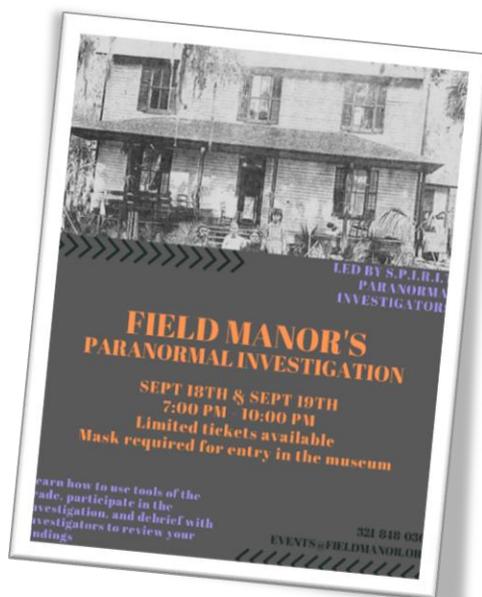


### REMEMBER THESE?

In the 1970s, many of us enjoyed playing with these more modern fashion plates. I was surprised they are still available on-line.

The paranormal group S.P.I.R.I.T. will be returning to Field Manor for two nights in September, the 18th and 19th. This will be the third time visiting Field Manor and teasing out her secrets. Arrival time is 6:45 PM, starting at 7PM. The crew will introduce you to themselves and their equipment and what the night has in store. Each night is limited to 10 participants, with a total of 15 people in the house each night. After the initial meeting you will break into two groups of 7 for a night of adventure. All equipment will be sanitized, without cross-contamination. Face masks are required for this event. If you and your 'bubble' are looking for a unique experience, this may be it!

Donations of \$35 will reserve your spot.



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CALL: 321.848.0365

## Thankful for Donations

We would like to thank the Ruth Funk Museum of Textiles, the Veteran's Memorial Center, and Carole Pope for recent donations. The now permanently closed Ruth Funk museum donated two forms, a male mannequin, and display boxes.

The mannequin now displays the Army uniform of Ed Field, with additions from the Veteran's Memorial Center, in the form of boots, hat, shirt and tie.

We would like to thank Carole Pope for the Golden #1 cane grinder and kettle. The Field family had a cane mill on the property until 1961 and we have hopes to make it operational in the future.

And lastly, we would love to thank some pioneer families of Merritt Island and Mrs. Annie Whorley for the incredible, extremely generous donation of not only a Kobuta tractor, but also of a trailer, box grader, bucket, and spreader.

We have relied on a wonderful New Holland Ford tractor loaned to us by Mrs. Marla Glover for years and will be sad to see it go. Thank you, Mrs. Glover, we truly appreciate it, and we have some guava jelly for you!



# Field Manor Wish List

## A tractor with a PTO

A bush hog

A box blade for the tractor

A roof to shade driver

- A golf cart that works
- A truck or other pulling device
- A road-certified trailer
- An electric pole saw
- Water barrels for downspouts
- Electrical wiring for the packing house to bring it to code
- Railings for the packing house
- New stringers and planks for the dock
- A sign by the road with letters we can change
- Installation of the hand water pump
- Rip-Rap for shoreline



## Education:

- Group leaders
- Group helpers
- Curriculum development
- Curriculum guidelines
- Curriculum resources
- Research

## Archives:

- Written material
- Collections
- Research

## Grove:

- Cultivation
- Historic Gardens
- Plant propagation
- Research
- Weather issues
- Water issues
- Ground testing

## River:

- Oyster bag and mat clean-up
- Trash pick-up

## Grant Writer/ Writing

## Arborist

## Stained-glass Artist

## Volunteers for

- Oyster and Fish Fry 2020
- Exhibition Day



What a wonderful feeling to cross items off our wish list and this could not happen without **YOU!**