



Homestead News

Photo by Tony Balzanto

The month of August was a busy one here on the Homestead. Multiply meetings and projects at times overlapped, and after the dust settled, both the home and gardens look fantastic!

We would like to thank ShortanicBotanicals for their donation of time, expertise, and plants to freshen up our back porch area. Amber and her helper, Izzy, spent two mornings out here reshaping the space, making it look lush and very Florida-like. Please check them out on Facebook or visit <https://www.shortanicsbotanicals.com/>

We would also like to thank Gwen and Lauren, our event/fundraising staff, for organizing the common areas for more efficiency. As wedding season ramps up, it will be helpful. Darren and Nemon, our hard-working grove staff, are still braving this crazy September weather. The removal of dead citrus trees and irrigation lines has been a bit painful to watch. Combined these gentlemen have worked in the Indian River citrus business for a combined 100 years. The changes they have witnessed over the two decades would have been hard to imagine when they were coming up. We have plans for the newly opened spaces and look forward to sharing them with you.

In August we learned we did not make it through the first pass of the Brevard Cultural Support grant. Disappointed? Yes. Discouraged? Never. If anything, we can learn from the experience and improve for the next grant cycle. Taking the high road, it appears, but I did cry. That said, we received a call a couple of weeks ago letting us know our application was missing some research numbers, which had come in. On September 15th, I am proud to say Field Manor will now find out if we made it through the second pass!

We still have tickets left for our 7th Annual Oyster and Fish Fry, happening Saturday, October 29th at 3P. We will be partnering with the Nomad's Ice Cream, Cheeky Street Mobile Bar, and Luxury Smiles 360 Photos. There will be oysters from the Indian River Lagoon, from Treasure Coast Shellfish, as well as shellfish creations from the Bearded Chef. Fried seafood prepared by Russell Glover and crew (he has been doing it since the beginning!), wine provided by Victory Casino Cruises and beer from Bugnuttty Brewery. Whew! BroadBand will be providing the music, while you enjoy the good food, silent auction, and tours of the historic home and packing house for a donation.

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This year our 7th Annual Oyster & Fish Fry has even more to offer! Now with two different types of admission tickets you have the choice of our Fried fish, oysters & clams option or our Seafood bar option, with raw oysters, oysters Rockefeller, and roasted clams in a beer broth!

We will have wine and a variety of beer provided by our partner Bugnutt Brewing Company! Drink tickets can be purchased online and at the door.

Thanks to your generous support all funds collected for the Oyster and Fish Fry will go directly towards the ongoing preservation and protection of Field Manor.

Our 7th Annual Oyster and Fish Fry will be October 29th, 2022 from 3 pm to 7 pm, we hope to see you there! Money raised from this event will be used for our on-going preservation and protection of the Field Manor house. Thank you!



<https://OysterAndFishFry-7thAnnual2022.eventbrite.com>

We would like to thank our Sponsors:

The Simpkins Family Foundation* Anonymous* Anonymous
Susan Blakeslee* Nisbet Realty* Rogers-Witte Family* Tea Rose's Flowers
Cape Crossing Marinas* Dolphins Waterfront Bar and Grill* Rockledge Garden* WeathCare, LLC

*Rain date is October 30th, from 3PM to 7PM

-Please note all tickets will be presale, with will call pickup upon arrival

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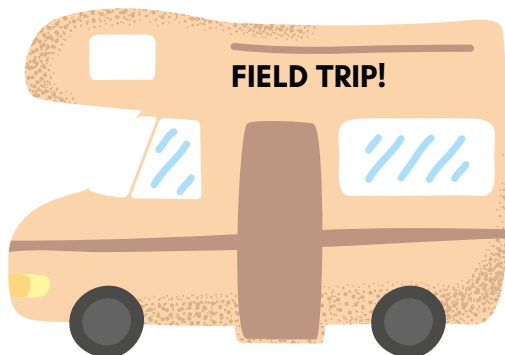
On September 6th, Field Manor hosted the Museums of Brevard Directors meeting. It is such a pleasure to meet again in person. The Museums of Brevard is an alliance of interested museums and historic sites in Brevard County, Florida. Together, MOB advertises and promotes each other, as well as share best practices and lessons learned in museum management, fundraising, grant writing, and collections management. Attending the meeting were Martha from Pine Island Preservation Society (Secretary), Jayme from the American Police Hall of Fame Museum, Becky from Cape Canaveral Lighthouse (former President), Korinn from Field Manor (Vice President), Annita from Green Gables, Barbara from the CC Lighthouse and Brevard Museum, John from the Florida Surf Museum, Dean from Veteran Memorial Center, and Bob from the Warbird Museum. Not pictured is Mark from the American Space Museum and MOB President.

Join us Sunday, November 20th at the Warbird Museum between 1P-4P for our next MOB Meet and Greet to learn more about Brevard's museums and historic sites.

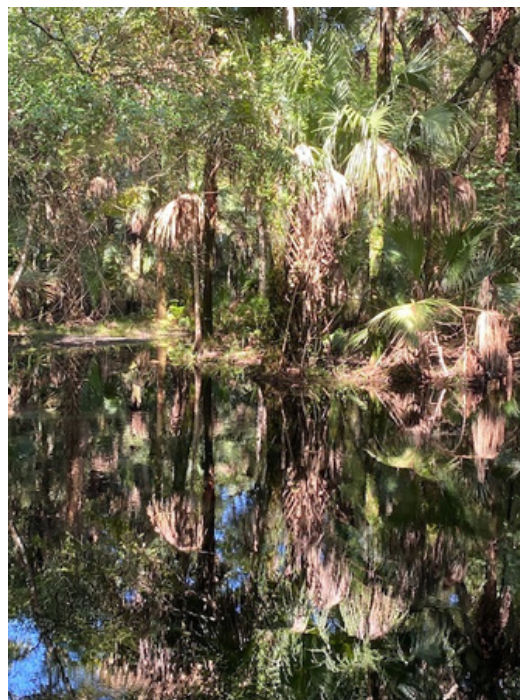




HOMESTEAD HAPPENINGS



The Field Manor Crew: Logan, Sue, Korinn, Darren, Lauren, and Gwen



In August we took a 'field' trip out to Forever Florida, in St. Cloud. Ms. Margaret Broussard gave us an insightful tour of not only the property, but pointed out the native flora and fauna. We don't know how she had a dozen hogs cross our path in dynamic fashion right on cue, but they must be trained as well as the plentiful deer! Thank you Ms. Broussard and Field Manor President, Sue Nisbet Lawrence!



Guava Jelly for \$6.
Stop on by the
Homestead and get
yours!

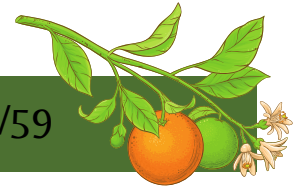




RIP Sour Rootstock

The photo above was taken in about 1985, facing the Indian River Lagoon. I like this photo as it shows the additions made to the house over 100 years. The two storey structure is the original from 1880, the middle, flat roof section is 1882, the pitched roof is 1928, the porch and kitchen are from the 1920s-1940s, and the pool is 1983ish. It is something else to see the house's growth, to include the associated groves. At this time Field Manor was still producing viable citrus. As a matter of fact, I recently spoke to an attorney that was partially paid by Alma 'Clyde' Field in 2001 with bags of grapefruits. She remembers that taste to this day!

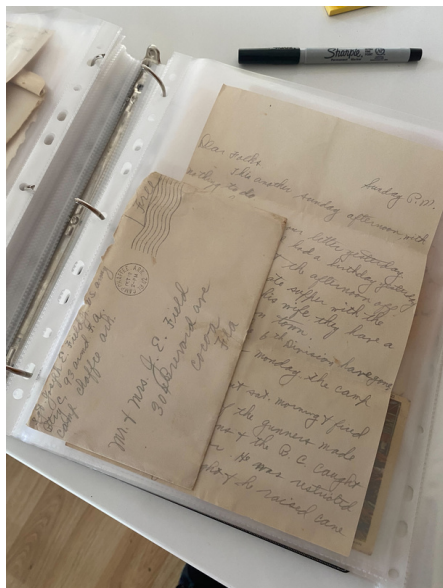
Indian River Citrus was once renowned for its superior flavor, however production has all but halted in Brevard County. Due to disease, Field Manor has lost most of its trees. Today we took out my favorite tree, a Temple tree with a sour rootstock. I loved how it looked, how the blossoms smelled, and how it helped demonstrate the entire history of citrus in Brevard, from the Spanish, to the Dummitts, and to the Indian River Citrus culture.



Letters Home



JR Miot, Betty Lou Field, Ed Field (home on leave), Louise and Joe Field c.1943



In 2018, former Field Manor director, Caroline Agid, began transcribing Ed Field, Jr.'s letters home from his time in the U.S. Army and in 2022 we finished that portion of the project.

With the help of many volunteers beginning in 2020 and a Field family member, we will publish the book in 2023 for research purposes, as well as some on hand to sell. The collection will be sent to the Army Museum in Carlisle, PA, the Florida Historical Society, Brevard Historical Commission and Cocoa research library, and the Brevard Veteran Memorial Center.

His letters span March 1942 to September 1945. Ed's battalion came into the European Theater from Africa, and into Italy, France, Germany, and Switzerland. As a result of his African and Italian postings he was not required to continue the fight in the Pacific. He came home and managed Travis Hardware from 1946-1983.





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Joseph Edward 'Ed' Field, Jr.
1944 Europe



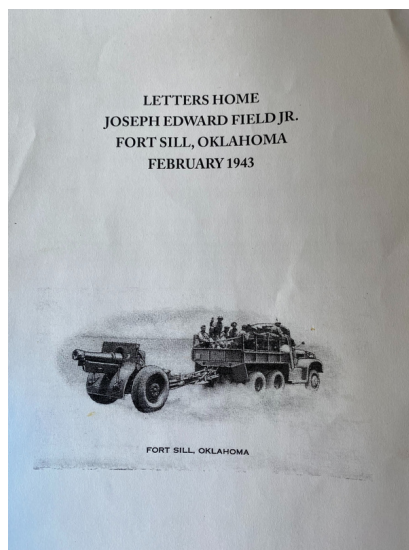
93rd Battalion in Italy, 1944



If you are interested in donating to this publication process, please click the image on the right, which will take you to our PayPal Letters Home donation page. Your donation will be used toward the purchase of archival sound housing for the letters and their contents and for publication. Costs are below:

- \$63 pays for 1,000 clear sleeves
- \$95 pays 1.5" (6) and 3" (4) three ring notebooks
- A Free Graphic Artist is priceless
- \$xxx pays for Printing

We are currently doing the typeset work and are in need of a graphic artists if yourself or someone you know may be interested.



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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
- BOOK SHELF
- STABLE SHELVING FOR INVENTORY
- ADIRONDACK CHAIRS
- SPONSORSHIP OF GRAVEL
- SPONSORSHIP OF SOD
- SPONSORSHIP OF THE INSTALLATION OF PAVERS

Our Star Supporters:

- Our supportive early sponsors for our 7th Oyster and Fish Fry
- Kim McC. for his donation of an antique mower which may come in handy with our Toro in the shop!
- *Friend of Field Manor* and Field family member, Robert B. for his typesetting skills
- Michelle C. who has a keen eye for our needs and her resources
- Tanya S. for volunteering at Field Manor even as she is in Nova Scotia
- Our awesome neighbors who help with everything from broken machines, to loaning us a truck, to helping with yard debris
- Thanks to Maggie F. for hosting tea parties at Field Manor. Please call for more details for the tea parties

We are currently looking for volunteers for our Oyster and Fish Fry as well as 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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HISTORY OF FIELD MANOR, THROUGH ITS PRESERVATION AND OPERATION,
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, AND MUSEUM COLLECTIONS.
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