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FIELD MANOR NEWSLETTER

19TH CENTURY HISTORIC HOMESTEAD AND GROVE ON THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON

By Korinn Braden, Executive Director

Photo by Tony Balzanto

Isn't this just the best time of the year? I don't think many of us would trade our flip-flops for snow boots. We hope you will be surrounded by family and friends this holiday season. And don't forget to make that phone call up north, reminding folks you're living in paradise!

There is a flurry of activity around Brevard County this time of year and a couple of them are happening right here at Field Manor. For the second year we are participating in the Museums of Brevard's Second Annual Holiday Tour, featuring eight historic homes in Brevard. Tours began the first weekend of December and will continue each weekend, ending December 19th. The event sold out quickly. But please read on to find out how you can see Field Manor decked out for Christmas. A huge thank you to the Carswell Family for donating and creating this year's journey into the past.

Our kitchen gardens are still producing at a surprising rate. We have Seminole pumpkins, two varieties of tomatoes, many types of peppers, Tuscan kale, pigeon peas, and broccoli growing. And surprise! Our old guava tree has put some fruit out, as have the four planted earlier this year. Hoping for a boomer crop! If you're interested in coming by and grabbing some produce, let us know. We have a great recipe for Seminole pumpkin soup!

Beginning in the New Year, work will start with earnest on the Packing House. The funds raised at our Oyster and Fish Fry are being used directly for this exhibition. With recent donations from Harvey's Grove, our collection is only improving. We look forward to cleaning, organizing, and setting up the exhibit. If you would like to help with any aspect of this project, please contact us.

From the staff and the Field Manor Board of Directors, a very Merry Christmas to you and yours. Bright blessings in 2022!

HOLIDAY MARKET

ARTISAN MARKET AT FIELD MANOR

When: December 18th, 2021

12:00PM-4:00PM

Where: 750 Field Manor Drive,

Merritt Island, FL 32953

Unique gifts by local artisans, buy local and handmade items for your holiday celebrations!

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Field Trips at Field Manor

It was delightful to have a couple of homeschool groups come out to Field Manor to learn about early pioneer life and agriculture in Florida. The kids, their parents, and even one grandparent left with some new skill sets and their own crop. For more information about our field trips, email: education@fieldmanor.org

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Holiday Tours at Field Manor

Although tickets for the Museums of Brevard's Holiday Tour of Historic Homes sold out, you can still come to see Field Manor decorated for Christmas. We have tours available on Thursday, December 16th, at 10A, Noon, and 2P. Although the weekends are reserved for MOB ticket holders, please call to see if we have availability on those days. We will do our best to get you in so you can enjoy this beautiful home. Call: 321.848.0365 for more information and reservations.

Zonta of Melbourne's 2021 Brevard Landmark Christmas Ornament is Field Manor!

Get yours today at Field Manor or Meehan's Office Supply in downtown Melbourne. The price is $25.

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FIELD MANOR WISH LIST

A GOLF CART THAT WORKS
A TRUCK OR OTHER PULLING DEVICE
AN ELECTRIC POLE SAW
PRESSURE WASHER
RAIN BARRELS FOR DOWNSPOUTS
ELECTRICAL WIRING FOR THE PACKING HOUSE TO BRING IT TO CODE
RAILINGS FOR THE PACKING HOUSE
BETTER SIGNAGE FOR BETTER VISIBILITY
A SIGN BY THE ROAD WITH LETTERS WE CAN CHANGE

EDUCATION:
GROUP LEADERS
GROUP HELPERS
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
CURRICULUM GUIDELINES
CURRICULUM RESOURCES
RESEARCH

ARCHIVES:
WRITTEN MATERIAL
COLLECTIONS
RESEARCH
WW II LETTERS

GROVE:
CULTIVATION
HISTORIC GARDENS
PLANT PROPAGATION
RESEARCH
WEATHER ISSUES
WATER ISSUES
GROUND TESTING

HOUSE:
CLEANING
FLOWER GARDENS

PACKING HOUSE:
CLEANING
ORGANIZING
EXHIBITIONS

Our Star Supporters:

The Carswell Family for making Field Manor festive and bright

Sue and Shepp for the water tank

A pioneer family member for the laser jet printer

Beth T. for leading holiday home tours

Dorothy C. for fixing and rescreening our doors

Jani S. for the Homestead Made products

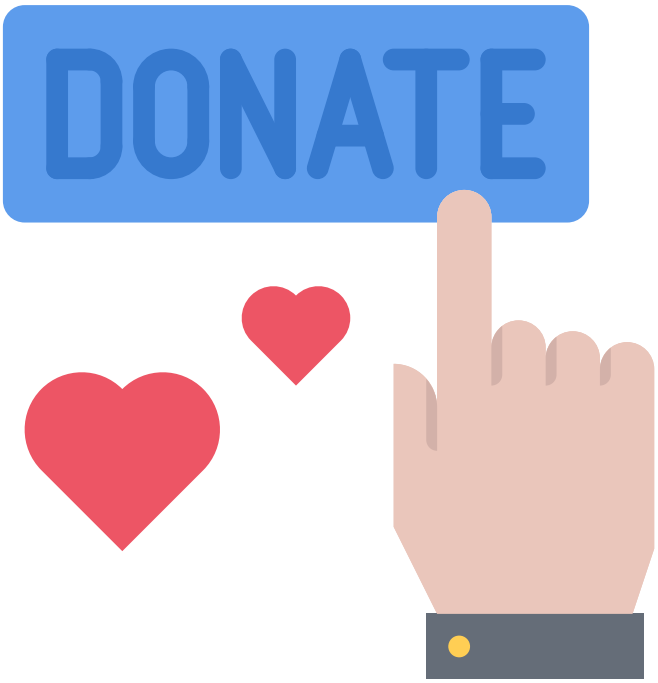
Susan B. for leading home tours during field trips and holiday tours

Tanya S. for the dehydrator and leading holiday home tours

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS AND DOCENTS FOR
FIELD TRIPS, DAILY APPOINTMENTS,
SPECIAL EVENTS,
AND FUNDRAISERS. OUR NEXT EVENT:

CHRISTMAS VENDOR MARKET ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

EMAIL: FIELDMANOR@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 321.848.0365



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PLEASE CLICK:
HTTPS://FIELDMANOR.ORG/SUPPORT/BECOME-A-MEMBER/

OR IF YOU LIKE WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION,

PLEASE CLICK:
HTTPS://WWW.PAYPAL.COM/DONATE/?CMD=_S-XCLICK&HOSTED_BUTTON_ID=FQSP2WQ8KJP24&SOURCE=URL

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FIELD MANOR AND OUR MISISON OF EDUCATING BREVARD COUNTY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ABOUT THE AGRICULTURAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF FIELD MANOR, THROUGH OUR PRESERVATION AND OPERATION, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, AND MUSEUM COLLECTIONS.

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