



HISTORIC 19TH CENTURY HOMESTEAD, GROVE, AND VENUE ON THE INDIAN RIVER

Field Manor E-Newsletter

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DATE:
SUNDAY
DECEMBER
15TH

4 P.M. - 6 P.M.

Homestead News

Can you smell the pumpkin spice? Yep, according to most of the United States, it is Fall. However, here in the sunshine state it still feels like summer. We're thankful for these last couple of weeks of warmth and sunshine, as are many of the people visiting the Space Coast, escaping colder climates.

Our visitors to Field Manor are increasing and we love to see their cars come down the half-mile drive to experience what pioneer life was like in early Florida. Many of the visitors are also visiting Field Manor as a possible wedding/reception venue or a place to host a party. We have five more weddings scheduled to end the year, as well as a birthday party and a Christmas party. We also think it is really special that previous brides and grooms are returning on their anniversary for a picnic or maternity shoot.

Field (no pun intended) trips will continue into the Spring. Although our program is geared to fourth graders, as that is when they learn about Florida history, we are able to accommodate kindergarten through fifth graders under the CPALMS criterion. For the older students we have created an Archaeology activity, featuring a Native American component.

While we often talk about field trips, let's not discount adult field trips. Recently, ladies from the Pine Creek community in Melbourne joined us for couple of hours, touring the house and land. We would love to have more community groups out for a visit, including assisted living groups. Please contact us for group rates at: info@fieldmanor.org.

Well, this year's Oyster and Fish Fry was a huge success! We raised over \$3,500 and thank you for your support!

And those donations will come in handy as we recently had seven new windows installed on the bottom floor of the house. We have one original window left, but the others truly had to be replaced. Using a historic photo of the Field home from around 1890, we were able to determine what would best keep the original look.



Field Family Christmas

We hope that at Thanksgiving time you are able to spend some time with your family and friends, laughing, eating, and enjoying one another's company, making it a time to remember and be thankful for.



4th Field Family Christmas

Please join us for the 4th Annual Field Family Christmas. Tickets are \$5.00 and \$10.00 for families. Call us or email us for more information: 321.848.0365 or info@fieldmanor.org.



Looking into the Future

We had seven windows replaced thanks to the crew from Sunset View Construction did a stellar job! As it turned out it also became a learning opportunity for the crew as some of them have not worked on a historic home before. We were really happy they were able to save two panes of glass from an 1882 window. We hope to have someone familiar with stain glass lead channeling (any suggestions?) to create something we can hang to show what blown-glass windows look like.



Oysters, Fish, Music, and Fun Times!

Thanks to our many attendees, volunteers, cooks, musicians, and Playalinda beer, not to mention Board members Russell Glover, Frank Sullivan, and Gene Davis! We went through 500 oysters on the half-shell in a little over an hour! We once again had close to 200 guests, many of them returning for the fourth year. We also saw and met many people who had never been out here before. And our Silent Auction items were top notch, ranging from a two- night stay at Cape Crossing, local artist donations from Carolyn Seiler and Friends in Cocoa Village, and many local restaurant gift baskets. Check out our Facebook page and look for all 200 photos of the event. Feel free to tag yourself and share. Next year will be our 5th Oyster and Fish Fry. Plan now!



Chuck Van Riper



The Foushi Family



Brevard Genealogical Society



All photography by Scott Levin

FIELD MANOR TEE SHIRTS \$15, \$20 IF SHIPPED

New Field Manor Tee Shirts are Here!



Shirts are \$15 for pick up and \$20 if you would like them shipped to you.

October's newsletter featured a bit about the rail system set up for moving citrus from a packing house to the dock, and finally to the awaiting boats.

Stencils were important to the citrus grower/seller as they were used to identify the grower, product, and destination of the fruit.



These tee shirts are 100% cotton and are made locally by Sandpiper Sportswear. Thanks to Jeremy Prouty and his donation toward the cost of the shirts!



We would like to thank everyone who took the time to dispose of their shells in the provided receptacles. They will create oyster mats to be placed in our Indian River and help with the restoration process.

Although we don't meet the criteria for the current method of oyster conservation, we hope to participate in the Adopt-A-Mangrove foster program, as well as the oyster fostering program.

And we're happy to continue our partnership with UCF's living shoreline research, which monitors wave patterns and measures the impact of waves on shorelines.

Wish List and a Call for Volunteers

A tractor with a PTO. (Thanks to the Glover Family for the use of their tractor!)

A bush hog for the tractor

A box blade for the tractor

A Roof to shade the tractor driver

A golf cart that works

A truck or other pulling device

A road certified trailer

An electric pole saw

Wooden water barrels for some 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

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Education

Group leaders

Group helpers

Curriculum development

Curriculum

Archives

Written material

Research

Grove

Cultivation

Historic Gardens

Plant propagation

VOLUNTEERS AT OYSTER/FISH FRY



Aging Matters Brevard

Thanks to the four volunteers from the RSVP program through Aging Matter!



Friends

Thanks to friend, Jan Stewart, who donated their time helping at the door.



Friends of Field Manor

Thanks to FoFM donor, Jamiann and her son Oliver, for the hard work and fun!

A number of wedding guests have commented how dark it is leaving Field Manor after a reception and have suggested installing lights in the grove to help reach their vehicles. We are looking for donations of 4" x 4"s, four feet tall or so, to line portions of our grove. We are going to install solar lights to ensure everyone's safety. If you are able to donate or know of a place to pick them up at a good price, please let us know. Thank you in advance.