

HISTORIC 19TH CENTURY HOME AND GROVE ON THE INDIAN RIVER

Field Manor E- Newsletter

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Homestead News

by Jane Templeton, President

We have our State Historic Marker in the ground. Scott Carswell, Carswell Construction, donated his time and effort to install the sign. We covered it and watched as folks would stop and try to figure out what was going on. Then, Tuesday night we invited the Brevard County Historical Commission to come help us dedicate the sign, enjoy some refreshment with our board members and guests and then meet in the dining room for their monthly meeting. Our drive to create more awareness through signage is off and running. Next step is to see what the County can do to help us.

This was the first event Lexi got to manage from beginning to end and we are all very proud of the job she did for Field Manor. Two Chicks and a Pot partnered with us and provided all the nibbles for the guests. Korinn discovered there were tasks not in her job description that needed to be done, and she just did them. Darren handled the logistics. In the end, the team put on a great event.

We could call our sign dedication a trial run, because this weekend is our fund raiser for our education programs. Saturday we will be Brunching with a Purpose under the pavilion. Two Chicks and a Pot are donating

the food, we have music and mimosas to offer while dining and enjoying the riverfront as a leisurely start to your summer holidays. All the funds we raise will go towards expanding our educational curriculum offerings in line with the projects that the educational committee has developed this past month.

We have met with our CPA and are starting the process of the reclassification of our business as a Public Charity. The process will take some time but should be fairly straight forward. The reason we need to do it at all, is so that we can take advantage of some of the grant funding that is restricted to publicly funded organizations. When Clyde established Field Manor Foundation, she was the principal donor which automatically classified the 501-c-3 as a private not-for-profit entity. Her gift was one time, and today we need to rely on other sources for our operating funds.

June brought management changes for us. I think it is fair to say that with the board's help we have created something which Clyde can be proud of. It's time to put structure to those strategies and create policies and procedures to carry them out. At our Board meeting, I notified the members that I will no

longer serve as COO. I did agree to remain as President of the Board, a volunteer. I will focus on planning and procedures working with the Board. Korinn Braden our director has embraced the challenges of overseeing the day to day operations. She is ably assisted by Darren Welch who is handling the outside operations. They are more than able to carry us forward.

While I am thanking people, Marla Glover has graciously lent us the use of her tractor and bush hog. You can find Darren mowing with it a few hours almost every day. The tractor loan has had a very significant impact on our financial performance this past quarter. In addition, Frank Sullivan has helped us revamp our fertilization and pesticide program with a positive impact on our bottom line. My thanks to them and to all of you for providing your support.



Thank you, Jane, for all you have done to help create and sustain Field Manor Foundation. You're now our #1 volunteer!

Sewing Mends Minds

Edgewood High School graduate (2019), Sidney Buckhalt, first came up the idea for her senior project while visiting Field Manor with her grandmother in August 2018. Her grandmother became the perfect advisor for this project as she has 40 years of dress-



making experience. The name of Sidney's project is entitled, 'Sewing Mends Minds.'

Sidney had recently discovered a new interest in fashion and textile arts. She also had a renewed interest in the social and agricultural history of late 19th century Florida. The world was fully into the Industrial Age, and was growing and prospering.

Sidney and her grandmother brainstormed as far as design after checking out some dresses of that era. Her grandmother's expertise was employed at every point in the process; each step was critiqued,

teaching traditional techniques along the way, emphasizing fit and form. An example of this are the hook and eye closures used on the front of the jacket.

Sidney's visits as a child to her grandmother's exposed her to art and drawing, and her love of art comes from those visits. She is thankful to have shared these experiences with her grandmother, who not only taught her a life skill, but is also her mentor.



If you or a student you know is interested in working on a project through their school and Field Manor, please contact us at: education@fieldmanor.org



What's in Your Closet?

We have quite a few artifacts here at Field Manor, to say the least. Some of our collection, however, is literally in the closets. Only a few articles of clothing belonging to the Field family remain, but we do have quite a bit of donated, era-appropriate clothing. We would love to get them displayed so everyone can enjoy them. They tell a story of people, the modes of dress and textiles. Should mannequins or sewing mannequins be taking up room in your home, please consider donating them to Field Manor. We will even come get them!

Fayette Brown, descendant of the below-mentioned Mr. Brown, has been a long-time supporter of Field Manor. His many donations include this wonderful beaver hat, worn often by his name-sake and relative, as well as mens clothing, and binoculars. The donated items are era appropriate and a wonderful fit here. He has also donated his time and volunteers here at Field Manor. Thank you very much for sharing this story and your time, Mr. Brown!

Fayette Brown was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, December 17, 1823. He was the son of Ephraim and Mary Huntington Brown. His father and family were among the first settlers in eastern Ohio in what was known as the Western Reserve. After an education appropriate to that time he became a clerk for his brother Ephraim Alexander in a mercantile operation in Pittsburgh, becoming a partner in 1845. In 1847 he married Cornelia Curtis and continued to live in Pittsburgh until 1851 when he moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he lived until his death.

In Cleveland he became a banker, first as a partner in Mygatt & Brown and then as an individual until the start of the Civil War in 1861. After closing the business he became a paymaster in the Union Army, serving in that capacity for a year until he resigned his commission as a Major. He returned to Cleveland and became the general agent and manager of the Jackson Iron Company, a position he maintained until 1887. Among his many accomplishments in the iron and steel industry was the founding, in 1867, of Fayette, Michigan, located on the south shore of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Fayette became a center for the smelting of iron ore into pig iron, avoiding the shipment of the raw material to iron works on the lower Great Lakes. The town of Fayette finally closed in 1891 having exhausted its supply of hardwoods

used to make charcoal used in the smelting process.

Mr. Brown has one of the prominent representatives of the iron industry and was foremost in making Cleveland a great iron center. He became president of the Union Screw Company, and Brown Hoisting Machinery Company, the Nation Chemical Company, and the G.C. Kuhianan Car Company, and was made the chairman of the Stewart Iron Company, Ltd, and was a member, with his sons Harvey and Alexander, of the firm H.H. Brown & Company, one of the large iron-ore mining and shipping companies in the country.

Mr. Brown died in January 1910.

TRAVEL CASE



The travel case for the is beautiful beaver pelt hat includes two horse or boar brushes and a felt cloth for cleaning.



THE TAMBLYN HAT COMPANY WAS IN BUSINESS FROM THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY UNTIL ABOUT 1907



Field Manor will be hosting children from the Scott Center on the FIT campus for a day. Camp EPIC's (Engaged, Prepared, and In Control) theme this year is Life on Mars. As always, **if you would like to volunteer on that day, e-mail education@fieldmanor.org or call 321.848.0365.**

We have a number of collaborative activities to offer during Camp EPIC's visit to Field Manor Homestead on July 12, 2019. We will create different stations with activities for the children. The focus of Camp EPIC this year is Life on Mars, and we will be working with the children to teach them about pioneer life on Indianola/Merritt Island. Each station will highlight team-work and critical thinking. The stations will include a homestead activity, which will include laying out the floor plan of a homestead, as well as an activity

showcasing kitchen gardens and grove life. Through artifacts in the Field Manor Homestead and its buildings, the children will have the opportunity to look at the tools used to build the house and work the fields. Our hope is to have an archaeology activity in place before their visit. It's important for them to learn how life was almost two hundred years ago before they move to space!

The Seaside Succulent brings a fun, creative morning to Field Manor

"Perfect for your summer table, we'll be filling pretty white-washed wooden boxes with an array of pastel succulents. Learn about succulent care and propagation while you create an arrangement that will last for months to come!"

"If you have little time to fuss over plants, then succulents might be for you! They are easy to grow, require little care or water, use small spaces, and come in an amazing variety of colors, sizes, and shapes! That's why I enjoy sharing these fun plants with everyone!"

The above quotes are from Leslie, talented owner of The Seaside Succulent. After her visit out to Field Manor, she suggested we

pair up and co-host this fun event. Participants will meet under the pavilion and learn how to design a lovely centerpiece for yourself or a friend.

The class will be held on **Saturday, July 27th** begins at **10 A.M. and ends at 11 A.M.** We will meet under the pavilion, with the activity take place on our farm tables, with a wonderful view of the Indian River.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: [The Seaside Succulent on Facebook.](#)



One of The Seaside Succulent's other projects.



On Tuesday, June 25th, we unveiled the Florida Historic marker for the J.R. Field Homestead. Attendees included members of the Board and members of the Brevard Historical Commission, who also held their monthly meeting. Also in attendance was Thad Altman, from Florida's House of Representatives.

And thanks to our Events Coordinator, Lexi Pernal, for an outstanding job!

A Busy Week of Recognition and Celebration!



We are truly lucky to have partnered with some wonderful, local vendors. Food for each event was provided by our partners at Two Chicks and a Pot and the food was fabulous! Centerpieces for each event were donated by The Seaside Succulent and Fern and Curl Designs. And Kimberli at Mimosas and Moonshine graciously set us up with dishes, glasses and a lounge area for the brunch. The

Hornes Photography duo snapped the shots and captured some good times. A HUGE THANKS to them ALL!

On Saturday, June 29th, we held our first in a series, Brunching With a Purpose, at Field Manor. Although the weather kicked up early, it quickly turned out to be a lovely day. Thank you to Board members Laurie MacTavish, Sue Nesbit Lawrence, and Jane Templeton for attending. Musician Eric Beckwith, aka Mr. Sky-light, kept us pleasantly entertained with some really good music. Many people experienced Field Manor for the first time and look forward to coming back. All proceeds benefit our expanding Education Program.



Thanks to the Brevard County Historical Commission and Michael Boonstra for this letter of recognition.

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Dear Jane and Field Manor Foundation Board:

On behalf of the Brevard County Historical Commission I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your staff and volunteers for your efforts in making last night's marker unveiling at Field Manor such a success. To see the marker in place and surrounded by so many interested people was a great sight. We know the amount of research required to place a site on the National Register and to apply for the state marker so we congratulate you on attaining that goal.

Special thanks for the tour of the Manor house and for allowing us to have our meeting in the beautiful dining room. We are also very grateful to Two Chicks And A Pot for providing the refreshments for the event.

You and the Board have done a wonderful job of keeping Clyde's vision alive and we wish you much continued success.

Best Wishes,

Michael J. Boonstra
Archivist

Field Manor Wish List!

A tractor with a PTO.

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 guidelines

Curriculum resources

Research

Archives

Written material

Collections

Research

Grove

Cultivation

Historic Gardens

Plant propagation

Research

Water Issues

A huge shout out to Friends of Field Manor members Jamiann and Oliver Henrichsen for all their help on Saturday, June 29th! As Jamiann shared with us, "It's never too soon to teach children the importance of volunteering." Thank you both!



Florida ranks as the fifth lowest state for Volunteers, at 23.5%. Won't you consider increasing that percentage by volunteering some of your time? We are in need of volunteers for the 2019/2020 school year to assist with field trips. Please contact us at: 321.848.0365 or e-mail at: education@fieldmanor.org.

Thank you!