

FIELD MANOR NEWSLETTER

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



By Korinn Braden, Executive Director

Photo by Tony Balzanto

Greetings from the Homestead! We hope this finds you and yours in good kit and enjoying these last days of summer. Most of us are excited by the prospect of cool breezes and cooler days. With Fall ahead, our events staff has been crafting some exciting events.

We have two basket weaving classes in September with instructor Nancy Bindig, a Local Vendors Market on September 18th, our 6th Annual Oyster and Fish Fry on October 9th, and we are in the planning stage for our Christmas Tours of Brevard Historic Homes, in conjunction with the Museums of Brevard, which begins the first Friday in December.

With these hot, sticky days, some projects have been scuttled for more favorable weather. The packing house exhibit is still in the pipeline, as is the garden. In the meantime, we are making guava jelly and brainstorming ideas for homemade Christmas ornaments. The outdoor bathrooms got an upgrade and paint job. We're still putting the finishing touches to ready them for wedding season. Although the historic home is the showcase of the property, nature comes a very close second. We are looking for ways in enhance what we have by installing solar lights at our entrance and around key features.

Field Manor is sad to announce the passing of Jan Stewart, one of our fabulous volunteers. I met Jan when I started working here in 2019 and she was very kind and supportive. Jan enjoyed gardening at Field Manor and volunteered for many of our events, from working the sign-in tables to serving hot chocolate at Christmastime. She also became a friend. Our condolences to her family and friends.



Beginner Basket Weaving at Field Manor

September 10th class:

TWINED BEGINNER BASKET

Learn basic twined, hand-shaped basketry and complete a woven small two colored basket while enjoying the afternoon at Field Manor.

September 24th class:

RANDOM WEAVE WOVEN NEST BASKE

Random weave is a fun basketry technique to learn that creates a freeform basket structure. Students will create a unique basket which are woven with a variety of soft and natural materials to create a personal nest. Other materials can be brought from home to add personal touches to complete your basket!

Cost includes all materials and instructions
and a tour of the historic home.

\$50.00

Contact Nancy Bindig at
321.213.3390 or email makeart@nancybindig.com to register.



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17 Local Vendors
2 Food Trucks
10A-2P
Lawn games
Feel free to bring a blanket or chairs
and enjoy the view of the Indian
River Lagoon

September 18th, 2021
(Weather permitting)
750 Field Manor Dr, Merritt Island, FL
32953

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Our first local vendors event in July was a lot of fun and was a day filled with community and some very talented people.

We will be offering tours of the historic home at a reduced price~\$5 for adults and free for children. Stop by our table to register and get your ticket.



AROUND THE HOMESTEAD

We had some artifacts on loan to the Florida Historical Society that found their way home the other month. The collection consists mostly of kitchen utensils. However, tightly wrapped at the bottom, was this absolutely beautiful ink well. As the embossed bottom tells us, it was made in 1897 by the Carter Company out of Boston. The glass has a bit of patination, which only adds to its luster.

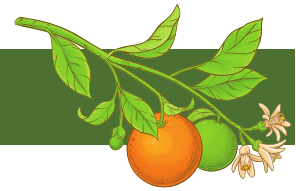


Daily walks around the property never cease to expose the lovely nature we are surrounded by. On the north side of the property is a gorgeous line of native hibiscus. Doing some research (I consulted Dr. Google) I believe this is also called a marsh hibiscus. If you have information about this plant, let us know.



The Packing House recently gave up another artifact, this card table belonging to Louise Cannata Field. Thanks to the crew at Lawndale for the ID on our table, which is a lithograph originally painted by Max Strekenbach in the 1920s. After some loving, a damp sponge, and two coats of polyurethane, it is once again ready for use. The table, as well as the kitchen utensils, will be part of the Packing House display, helping to tell the story of domestic life at Field Manor.





FIELD MANOR WISH LIST

A ROOF TO SHADE DRIVER ON TRACTOR
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
A SIGN BY THE ROAD WITH LETTERS WE CAN CHANGE
WATER TANK

EDUCATION:

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GROUP HELPERS

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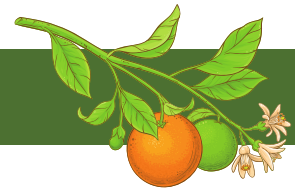
FLOWER GARDENS

Are you an architect or construction company looking for a new and different project? We have a wonderful Packing House from 1900 that could use some help.

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

WE HAVE OUR LOCAL VENDOR MARKET COMING UP (9/18/21), OUR OYSTER AND FISH FRY (10/9/21), AND THE MUSEUMS OF BREVARD HISTORIC HOMES CHRISTMAS TOUR (THE FIRST THREE WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER).

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