



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

Field Manor E-Newsletter

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Homestead News

by Korinn Braden

Apologies for the delay in getting the newsletter out; it's been a difficult six weeks.

Our President, our greatest advocate and champion, Jane Templeton, passed on 9 July. Her unexpected death left many of us sad and unsure. Her decades-long crusade, started by Alma 'Clyde' Field, had come to fruition and was moving toward a bright future. Jane worked tirelessly to secure the legacy of pioneer life in Brevard County through the eyes of the Field family and the community of Indianola. Her work not only included helping put Field Manor on the National Register, but also petitioning to have an historic marker installed through the TDC and the Historic Commission of Brevard County, working with local and state agencies in applying for grants, assisting other historic

entities, and expanding our Education Program. To say she will be missed is an understatement.

We honored Jane and her good deeds, along with family and friends, on 30 July at Field Manor. It was catered by our good friends, Two Chicks and a Pot. Her celebration of life included all three children and their families, long-time friends, and the Field Manor staff. The photos, memories, and laughter shared left us all feeling a little better.

Thank you, Jane, for helping preserve this incredible homestead and grove in Brevard County.



4th Annual Oyster and Fish Fry

A tradition over 100 years old celebrated to this day

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Jane Templeton 1942-2019

President of Field Manor

And now some good news!

And two weeks later some much waited for news came; we were approved for two cost sharing programs through the Agricultural Commission. Jane and our Grove Master, Darren Welch, have for years looked for alternatives to our salt heavy water. Like many wells on the island, the salinity has been too high to use on most trees and plants. Often times the soaked leaves will brown in the sun, leaving us in dire straits and only temporarily and inadequately watering the roots. The cost sharing programs will help us with clearing debris and muck from our culverts, eradicating Brazilian Peppers, digging a shallow pond to capture ground run-off, placing irrigation lines, and fencing portions of pastures for grazing. This is a **huge** endeavor and it will begin in the summer of 2020. As we move toward the future, this will enable us to lease land to farmers, and again fill the fields with fruits and vegetables. If you or someone you know has experience with moving land and digging ponds, please contact us at: fieldmanor@gmail.com



The next three to five years are going to be very exciting here at Field Manor!

MUSCADINE GRAPES, FIGS, AND BANANAS



We were recognized at their end of camp presentation and asked to participate next summer. It was a wonderful experience to meet and work with these kids who brought a new and fresh perspective to the Field Trip program. We look forward to next year!



Camp EPIC

We're gearing up for another busy year for field trips and have added a new activity—archaeology. Collecting artifacts is easy around a place like this. And, as always, if you have some time and you'd like to help educate students about 19th century pioneer life in Florida, as well as help them understand agriculture in the future, consider volunteering for our field trips. Contact: education@fieldmanor.org



The Seaside Succulent

A lovely morning was had by all when The Seaside Succulent came to Field Manor to teach us how to create some lovely centerpieces. We hope to have her out here again and hope you will join us.



4th Annual Oyster and Fish Fry

Saturday, October 12th

FOR MORE
INFORMATION, CALL:
321.848.0365

You can also reach us at:
www.fieldmanor.org/Events

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EVENTS@FIELDMANOR.ORG



- Pricing

Information:

General Admission
Tickets include entry
to event and your
meal

Tier 1 (ends September 1) -

\$30

Tier 2 (ends October 9) -

\$35

Tier 3 / Day of Event -

\$40

OYSTER AND FISH FRIES OF THE PAST



Celebrating Tradition



Long Doggers

We would like to thank Long Doggers for donating the first item for our **Silent Auction!** If you would like to donate toward the Silent Auction or know someone or a business that may be interested, be sure to download the Donation sheet attached with this e-mail.

Celebrating Community

Your meal includes all you can eat oysters and fish, as well as a corn/potato boil, coleslaw, iced tea, lemonade and dessert. Appetizers include fresh fruit and vegetables. This is a family-friendly event and will have activities for the youngsters as well as a non-seafood alternative. Children's tickets (12 or under, children under 3 are free) - \$10.

Adult beverage tickets can be purchased Day Of or in advance. Tickets for Beer/Wine are \$5, or \$20 for 5.

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 guidelinesResearch

Archives

Written material

Collections

Research

Grove

Cultivation

Historic Gardens

Plant propagation

Research

Water Issues



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, education@fieldmanor.org.

Thanks to Maryann Elliott for her hard work with events, field trips, and support. Plus she brings good snacks!

Thanks also to Board member Sue Nisbet Lawrence for her donation of citrus ladders, a refrigerator, and microwave. Ahhh, hot lunches!