



HISTORIC 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY HOMESTEAD, GROVE, AND VENUE ON THE INDIAN RIVER

# Field Manor E-Newsletter

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## Homestead News

by Korinn Braden

Happy New Year to you of our Friends of Field Manor! We trust it was a good holiday and that Santa was good to you. We also hope you were able to spend time with the people you care for and share some good memories.

2020 promises to be a busy year here at Field Manor! Our cost share project through the Florida Department of Agriculture will begin in the spring. It is estimated to take 2-3 years. It really would be something special to bring agriculture back to Field Manor in full force. Farmer Tom's figs and olives are having success with grafting and his plot is getting larger as the season continues. Darren and Nemon have been taking advantage of the drier weather by filling in the driveway and preparing for Spring. The tangerine trees are going bonkers and the mango blossoms fill the air. In February we will hopefully have some honeybells and navel oranges.

Christmas break is a popular engagement time and that's evident by the number of emails and phone calls coming our way inquiring Field Manor as a wedding venue. Alexis is busy with answering queries, coordinating, and tours. We installed solar lights in the grove in November and will be installing our new market lighting next week. These enhancements further add to the natural beauty of Field Manor. We have 10 weddings booked for 2020 and 2 for 2021. And remember, our venue is available for birthdays and other celebrations.

Thanks to local photographer, surfer, and computer guru, James MacLaren, for the photos of Field Manor, and a new computer, monitor, and keyboard. There's something to be said for serendipity



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Celebrating over 150 years

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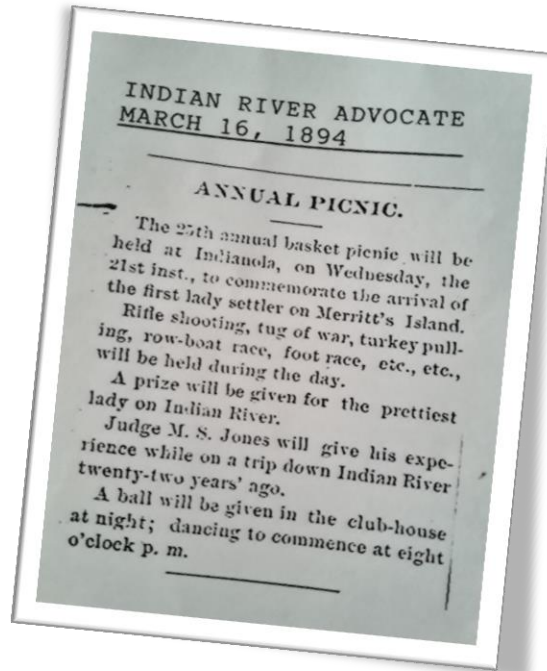
# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Founder's Day

## SAVE THE DATE!

This March celebrates the 150th anniversary of the entire Field Family on Merritt Island. Patriarch John Moss and a son arrived in 1868, with the rest of the family following in 1869. **On Saturday, 21 March, between Noon-3 P.M.**, we will be celebrating the event. We hope you will join Indianola and

the rest of Brevard County celebrate their landing. If you're interested in a sponsorship or donating to the silent auction, please let us know. Call 321.848.0365 or email [events@feldmanor.org](mailto:events@feldmanor.org).

There is an update to this newspaper clipping...



THIS ANNOUNCEMENT  
COMMEMORATES MRS.  
JR FIELD (ELLIZA)



## Winter in Florida



Darren Welch is the Grove Manager of Field Manor. Darren grew up in this area and has been playing and working in orange groves since he was a kid. Nemon Rolle is Darren's assistant and for years went up north to pick apples and pears, but is based in Florida full time. These gentlemen know their stuff and we're thankful that they pass on their knowledge. As we gear up for our up-coming projects, they are cleaning out some tangled areas as well as improving the half mile driveway.

## THANKS TO THESE FOLKS!

**Garden and Trowel Club**

Thanks to the Garden and Trowel Club for bringing their hand-made Christmas ornaments!

**Santa Claus and our Number One Volunteer!**

Gene Davis, um, Santa, and our number one volunteer, Jamiann Henrichsen



*The Cocoa High School Chorus and Santa Claus at Field Manor.*

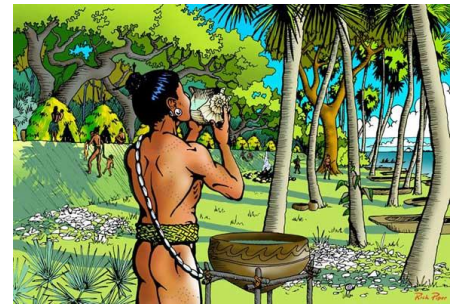
## Field Family Christmas Open House

Thanks to all who attended the Field Family Christmas open house 15 December. It was great to entertain close to 100 people and have many first time guests. The day was gorgeous, with children and families playing on the river front and taking loads of photos. We had Field Manor honey and guava jam for sale, as well as tee shirts. The hot chocolate was luke-warm (it was close to 80 degrees outside!) and the cookies were cakey and sweet. The Cocoa High School Chorus was in wonderful form, serenading visitors from the front porch. Thanks also to Gene Davis, er-um, Santa Claus, for making a stop at Field Manor!



## Playing in the Dirt

The Phase I archaeology survey at Field Manor has been postponed until the third week in February. AVT, Inc. will be leading the dig. We are actively looking for volunteers and remember, no experience is required. Perhaps with this dig I can finish putting this plate together!



Artwork by Rick Piper

After ten months of working at Field Manor, Alexis and myself are proud of the greater recognition Field Manor now has. We reached out to the community, both in person and through social media, to let people know who and what we are. It's a pleasure to tell people about this beautiful, historic site, and all it has to offer: history, weddings, agriculture, river and shore line restoration, research materials, events, picnics, photo shoots, and field trips. Field Manor is often referred to as 'a hidden gem.' While it will always be a gem, it is hidden no more. Thank you for your support.



## Events and Enchancements

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Event Coordinator at Field Manor, Alexis Pernal, at [a.pernal@fieldmanor.org](mailto:a.pernal@fieldmanor.org) or call 321.848.0365.



# 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 guidelines

Research

### Archives

Written material

Collections

Research

### Grove

Cultivation

Historic Gardens

Plant propagation

Research

Water Issues



Each newsletter ends with Field Manor's Wish-List/Call to Volunteers. We appreciate you taking the time to not only read this, but also give where you can, whether it's an item or your time.

We would like to thank Jamiann and Oliver Henrichsen, Jan Stewart, Elena Manfredi, and Stan Kielczewski for their help with Field Family Christmas! Thanks also to Lola and Kurt Ruthmansdorfer for museum and handy-man duties!