



Photo by Tony Balzanto

Homestead News

Hello and happy holidays from the Homestead!

December sneaks up on us every year, and it becomes a mad scramble to decorate the house, to get cards and gifts out, to bake and to make treats to share with friends and neighbors, and to remember to stay on Santa's Good List. Fingers crossed to accomplish a few of those tasks!

We had a wonderful time decorating here at the Homestead, thanks to the careful, professional, and wonderful Michelle Croswell, owner of Home Sweet Home Designs FL here in Brevard County. She, her daughter, and friend had this house in a whirl, incorporating many of our original artifacts into the design. What was created is a step back in time, harkening to the turn of the 20th century, as if you were walking into a house preparing to have guests over for the holidays. It has been such a treat to tour folks around the home and listen to the 'oohhs' and 'aahhs.' We hope people leave with the sense of the season, as well as memories of a beautiful pioneer Christmas. Thank you, Michelle and crew!

We are proud to announce that the Brevard County Board of Commissioners has awarded Field Manor Foundation a Cultural Support Grant for 2023. We would like to thank them, Brevard Cultural Alliance, and the Space Coast Office of Tourism for their support, with special thanks to Kathy Engerran and Deborah Webster for their informative grant writing workshops.

While we are discussing good news, we would like to welcome Chanel Marable to the Homestead. Chanel is part of our event staff and brings great ideas and enthusiasm to the table!

Many of us will be traveling for the first time in several years to be with family and friends, and we want to wish you safe travels and lots of love and laughter.



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44th Annual Cracker Christmas



We were thrilled to receive a call from the Fort Christmas Historical Society, who extended a standing invitation to participate in Cracker Christmas at Fort Christmas in Orange County. This year marked the 44th celebration of Florida's pioneering spirit, through architecture, music, exhibitions, and demonstrations. We were situated between two beautiful cabins and showcased our citrus tools and equipment, which is always a hit. The weekend brought in about 40,000 people and it was great to reach so many people who have the same passion for Florida's past. We have been asked to participate in Pine Castle's Pioneer Days in February.



The best part of the weekend for me was seeing a familiar face, the great-granddaughter of Sam Field, along with her daughter and grandchildren. Patsy focused on a photo we had on display of her family, to include her great-great grandfather. Of course I gave it to her and she explained to her family who everyone was. At that moment, I was looking at 7 generations of the Field family. It was quite a moment.



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A Pioneer Christmas Party



Michelle and Grace had so much fun decorating Field Manor in early December.

They were like kids in a candy store, only it was a museum and the candy was artifacts! Thank you for creating a beautiful space for Christmastime!

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A Victorian Pioneer Christmas



*Tours available December 1st, 8th, & 15th.
Also, December 27th and 28th, at 10:00A,
12:00P and 2:00P.*



You will have two more opportunities to see Field Manor decorated for the holidays! We have tours available on Tuesday, December 27 and Wednesday, December 28. Tour times are 10A, Noon, and 2P. Admission is \$15. Please call for your appointment.



**In our wonderful community,
you never know WHO you know until
you ask. Below are some things
we can use help with:**

- CARPENTER
- DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS
- EDUCATION
- ELECTRICIAN
- GARDENING
- GENERAL CONTRACTOR
- GRAPHIC DESIGNER
- GROVE
- HISTORIC ARCHITECT
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION
- HOUSE KEEPING
- MEMBERSHIP
- MUSEUM
- PARTNERSHIPS
- PUBLICITY
- RESEARCH
- SPECIAL EVENTS
- STAINED GLASS ARTIST
- VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

FIELD MANOR WISH LIST

Soon we will have our Amazon WishList posted for ease of donating. Keep an eye out.

- A TRUCK OR OTHER PULLING DEVICE
- RAIN BARRELS FOR DOWNSPOUTS
- RAILINGS FOR THE PACKING HOUSE
- BETTER SIGNAGE FOR BETTER VISIBILITY
- **TWO NEW TOILETS AND SEATS)**
- STABLE SHELVING FOR ARTIFACT STORAGE
- **STAINED GLASS WORKER**
- STABLE SHELVING FOR INVENTORY
- ADIRONDACK CHAIRS
- SPONSORSHIP OF GRAVEL
- **SPONSORSHIP OF SOD**
- **CARPENTER AND ELECTRICIAN**

Our Star Supporters:

- Leslie R. for our first donation toward our Letters Home publication by purchasing binders for the original letters
- Robert and Tanya for their dogged efforts on the Letters Home Project
- Michelle Crowell, owner of Home Sweet Home Designs, for decorating for Christmas-time. She's not just a star, but a Super Star!
- Our neighbor and a board member, Steve, for loaning us his lawnmower
- An anonymous donor for donating \$2,500 toward our mission of preserving Florida's pioneer past
- Another donor who donated \$4,500 toward new signage, which we lost over the last two hurricanes
- Volunteers Susan, Roxy, and Tanya for conducting holiday tours of the homestead
- Volunteer Tanya for working with me while representing Field Manor at the 44th Cracker Christmas at Fort Christmas

We are currently looking for volunteers and docents to conduct tours of the historic home throughout the year. Training is required for the docent position and historic clothing is optional, but it sure is fun!



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From our homestead to yours,
Happy Holidays!

From the Field Manor Homestead Crew



We will be closed December 20th
and reopen on December 27th.

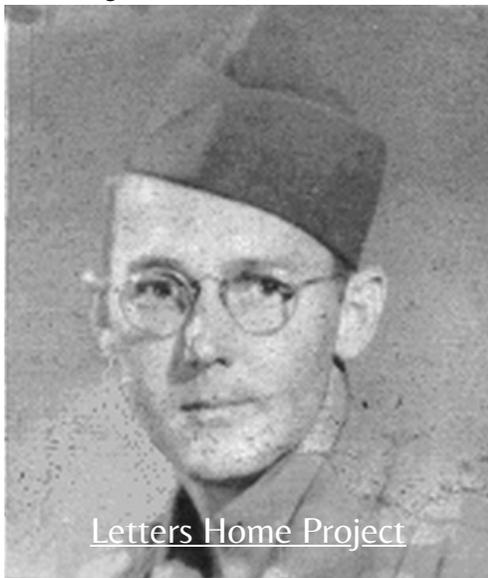


The Many Ways Your Support Matters

Consider becoming a *Friend of Field Manor* and become part of the Homestead! And by doing so, you will support Field Manor throughout the year. [Click to the right.](#)



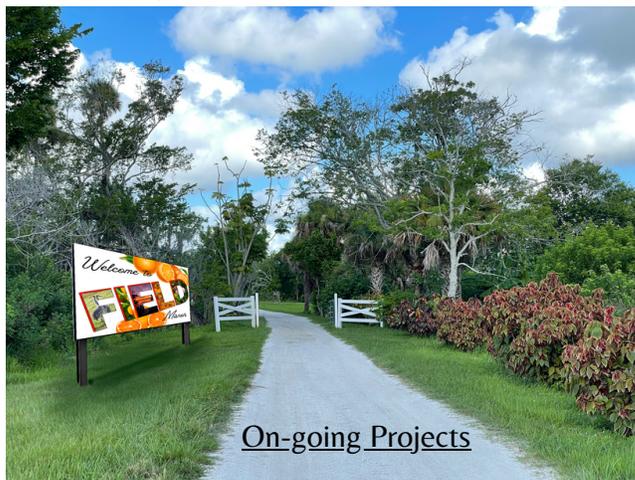
With our Letters Home Project, our goal is to share the world view and experiences of Ed Field, Jr. and his time in the US Army during WW II. We recently finished 1942-1945 and are in the final editing phase. Please click Sgt. Ed Field's image to donate toward the publication of this book, which will be given to local and national historical and military institutions as a resource tool for generations to come.



Our Packing House has taken a bit of hit with the last two storms. Consider a donation toward its preservation by clicking the photo below.



Click the photo below to donate to our on-going projects, including new signage.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FIELD MANOR AND OUR MISSION TO CONSERVE THE HISTORIC FIELD MANOR HOMESTEAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA NATIVE INHABITANTS AND EARLY SETTLERS' CULTURE AND CUSTOMS.