



Field Manor E- Newsletter

April 2019

Homestead Headlines

by Jane Templeton

The month of March has been a month of change. Our Board members have been very helpful throughout this transition. We are grateful to them all. Here's a quick review of what has happened during the month.

Our new Director, Korinn Braden came on board mid-month and, we also welcomed Alexis (Lexi) Pernal on board as the new Event Coordinator on the first of the month. We hosted our first Founders Day Fun Run/Walk which was organized by one of our Edgewood Students. We continued to get inquiries regarding how locals can contribute to the History Harvest – the Channel 13 news coverage on Sunday night 2/24 was very helpful. We hosted field trips from both St Marks Academy and Calvary Chapel in the same week. We gave a talk on Field Manor at the Annual Docents Dinner for the Melbourne Beach Historical Society.

We sent Caroline off to Boston with all our good wishes for success in her Masters of Museum Management Program. During her tenure Field Manor made major strides forward. It is fair to say that now Field Manor is ready to take another giant step. Korinn and Lexi impressed the search committee as

being the two individuals who will make that happen.

While I am talking about the staff, I should mention that Darren Welch has been able to take on a great deal of the day to day decision making regarding grove operations. He is also managing the renovations at the Gate House. We have generated a wish list for Field Manor and one Board member has arranged for us to borrow a piece of their family's equipment until we are able to secure our own.

You will note that this month we have Audubon Elementary coming for a field trip. We typically divide the group into smaller groups of 10 or so, and send them in different directions using a house tour, a grove tour and a homesteading project then we bring the groups together to decorate their containers and plant their seeds. There is a need for some volunteers to help so if you are interested, it would be a way for you to see what your support is helping to return to the community.

Also, the Space Coast Networking Group is sponsoring a fund raiser to support our educational programs here at Field Manor on Sunday the 28th of April. If you, your

families, your friends, children, grandchildren are interested, there will be items of interest for all.

We have been notified that our historic sign from the Florida Division of Historical Resources is being manufactured now. The TDC is funding it, and it should be in place at the end of our driveway within the next 8 weeks. Our next big challenge is to secure signage both on State road 3 and the 528 Highway.

In closing you need to know we have changed our operating hours to better accommodate the traffic. What that means is we are now open on Tuesday through Saturday from 9 to 4 and other times by appointment. You are always welcome.



Jane at the Finish Line of the Founder's Day Fun Run in March

Meet Our New Director, Korinn Braden



The search committee interviewed several candidates, always looking for that one person who had the spark and the determination to grow the education program as well as the support base for Field Manor. Korinn has all that and as of March 15th Korinn Braden, is now Director at Field Manor.

Korinn brings to us a fresh view of the role of Field Manor in the History of Brevard County. Education is her passion, and she is poised to enhance our offerings with the help of our Education Committee and volunteers.

Korinn also has an understanding of the challenges of running an agricultural component such as we have at Field Manor which means that she and Darren will be able to manage the physical plant. Just as soon as she is ready, it translates into "Jane can retire from active daily duty, sometime soon".

WHAT KORINN SAYS ABOUT KORINN

"I have lived in Florida for 34 years and can truly say this is my home. As an Army Brat I was fortunate to travel extensively as a child and young adult, which sparked my interest in Anthropology, Culture and History, and Archaeology. Every country, every community, has a story, and I was eager to learn about them all.

I volunteered and then was hired as a metal conservationist at the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum for close to four years, where I



learned not only about the Spanish in the New World, but also about the British slave trade. Each topic was so fascinating that I left Key West and returned to college, attending the University of Florida, studying Anthropology, focusing on Archaeology, where I graduated with honors. In that time I was fortunate enough to volunteer, intern, and finally work, for the Historical Archaeology/Collections Department at Dickinson Hall.

In the time after graduation, I've continued to volunteer at local museums and on digs. Florida has such a diverse and rich past, I couldn't stay away! My goal as new Director of the Field Manor is to build on the wonderfully established programs, including education, agriculture, history, and to create a greater presence and recognition in Brevard County of this incredible piece of land and history. I would like for people to share in the Field family story and their community on Indianola/Merritt Island at the end of the 19th century into the 21st century."

Meet Our New Event Coordinator, Alexis Pernal



Field Manor is delighted to introduce Alexis (Lexi) Pernal as the Event Coordinator. She comes to us with experience and enthusiasm, full of new ways to grow awareness of Field Manor through fun and interesting events. Lexi works remotely, but she is usually on-site Wednesday and Fridays as well as by appointment. She has brought a fresh perspective to our marketing of the Pavilion by finding creative ways to make it more affordable for informal events, and she is open to new ideas. The summer program is

well into the planning stages, so you can begin to look for news from Lexi either on the Field Manor weddings and events Facebook page or through email.

WHAT LEXI SAYS ABOUT LEXI

"After high school, I attended school at the University of Central Florida, where my selected major was psychology. After my first few classes though I realized that being a psychologist wasn't exactly what I had really wanted. I looked into the Rosen School of Hospitality Management. Through the Hospitality Management Program at UCF I was introduced into the wonderful world of special events and I truly felt like this was what I was born to do!

I took an internship with a local wedding planner, which turned into a part time job for three years. I fell in love with weddings; and all of the details that led up to that special day! Through another internship I got to work in Vail, Colorado for a ski resort. That position helped me to understand the banquet side of special events. I just knew that I had developed a passion for special events, particularly weddings. I have since graduated with a bachelor's degree in event management from the University of Central Florida.

I am so very excited to join the team and Field Manor as the event coordinator. My goal with this position is to grow the events department at Field Manor. I would love to develop brand new events for Field Manor and take the existing events & take them to new levels. Field Manor has so much history, and I want to be able to grow the Field Manor brand, so that every resident in Brevard has the chance to experience the history, and beauty of Field Manor."

Please help us welcome both of these wonderful ladies into the Field Manor family.

Please Join Us Sunday, April 28 for Family Fun Day at Field Manor

FAMILY FUN DAY
AND SHOP FOR
A CAUSE
FUNDRAISER EVENT
BENEFITING

FIELD MANOR Foundation
SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
750 FIELD MANOR DR. MERRITT ISLAND

50 SWAG BAGS - DOOR PRIZES - SILENT AUCTIONS
VENDORS FOR SHOPPING - FOOD TRUCKS
BREVARD ZOO - SHERIFF'S FINGERPRINTING
BOUNCE HOUSE - AND OTHER FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES!

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HOSTED BY SPACE COAST NETWORKING LEADERS

Space Coast Networking Leaders have chosen Field Manor for their Spring Fundraiser event, and will be hosted at the Homestead. This group of small business owner's work together to help promote one another, hold monthly meetings to facilitate branding, partnerships, and community events, and most importantly, projects that benefit children. We are a perfect fit and we thank them for choosing Field Manor.

The event on Sunday, April 28th, is geared toward Mother's Day. The showcased vendors will be available to speak about their products/services and will provide awesome raffles and give-aways. The raffle monies will go directly to Field Manor. This promises to be a family-friendly good time on the river and includes a great opportunity to meet some of Brevard's business owners, who have the community at heart.

Field Manor will be running the Children's Activity Station, which will include lawn games, a coloring contest, and a potting area. The potting station will give the kids the opportunity to decorate a pot, fill it with soil, and plant either a vegetable or flower for Mom. It is a wonderful way for them to take part of Field Manor with them.

Other Activities Include:

- Bounce House
- Brevard Zoo
- Photo Booth, with time-period clothing available
- Four Food Trucks
- Kona Ice
- DJ
- Tours of the house, at 10.30AM, 11.30AM, and 1 PM
- Fingerprinting by the Brevard Sheriff's Department
- Adopt a Field Manor Flamingo (FYI, over 20 million pink flamingos have been purchased since 1957!)

We hope to see you there!





Being a not-for-profit organization means we rely heavily on donations, memberships, and volunteers, and we thank each and every one of you for helping with the mission of Field Manor. Appreciated are your dollars, but may we be so bold as to ask for some of your time?

Field Trips/Events

Showing people the grounds
House Tours
Event Parking
School Field Trips

Education

Group leaders
Group helpers
Curriculum development
Curriculum guidelines
Curriculum resources
Research

Archives

Written material
Collections
Research

Grove

Cultivation
Historic Gardens
Plant propagation
Research
Weather issues
Water issues
Ground testing

In April we are looking for volunteers for two field trips and the Family Fun Day.

The Field Trips are April 17th and April 30th. We are fortunate to have larger groups touring, but will have to break them into smaller groups.

The Family Fun Day is April 28th and we need some help manning the Children's Station.

Please contact us at:

Education@FieldManor.org

Calling for
Volunteers...
Will You
Answer the
Call?