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FIELD MANOR NEWSLETTER

BREVARD COUNTY 19TH CENTURY HISTORIC HOMESTEAD ON THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON

By Korinn Braden, Executive Director

Photo by Tony Balzanto

We have hit the ground running in 2022!

Plans and permits have come together for our 7th Annual Founders Day on Saturday, March 12th, not to mention the incredible vendors and volunteers who will be part of this awesome celebration. We hope to see you there to enjoy a lovely day on our 425' riverfront lawn, with local food trucks, music from JT Collier, lawn games, a curated vendors market, silent auction, and exhibitions from the Ais Village Trail, the Brevard Genealogical Society, and the Space Coast Weavers Guild. All monies raised will be used toward the Packing House exhibit. We will have a sneak peek of our project on that day for a $5 donation. Look for our Field Manor table when you come in to sign up!

It's wonderful that so many have contacted us to use Field Manor as a venue. Traditionally, the holiday season is engagement season. Gwen and Lauren have been giving tours constantly. Lauren has given 28 tours since January 1st. Field Manor is available not only as a wedding venue, but also a venue for baby showers, birthdays, business meetings, artist groups, celebrations of life, and reunions. Please email events@fieldmanor.org for more information.

On Saturday, February 12th, we participated in the 10th Annual Pioneer Day at Sams House. Over 800 people came through to enjoy the day's events, which included a parade, food trucks, and exhibitions from many local museums and history groups.

Our kitchen gardens are growing larger, with the hard work of Jani, Darren, Nemon, and Tanya. Water is our biggest challenge and prevents us from farming on a larger scale. We have two 35 gallon water buffalos, which may sound like a lot of water, but it is literally a drop in the bucket when it comes to watering. Should you have an extra water buffalo and would like to find a home for it, please consider donating it to Field Manor.

Darren and Nemon are battling the dreaded Brazilian peppers along our waterways...a job that is seemingly never done. I actually shudder when I see them around Brevard. Speaking of waterways, we could not be more thrilled by the amount of healthy mangroves we are seeing on our shoreline, and delighted to see them throwing out their prop roots.

Field Manor, as a member of the Museums of Brevard, will be part of "Meet the MOB" at the Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island, on Sunday, March 20th, from 1PM-5PM. Please come by to say hello as well as to check out nineteen other Brevard cultural institutions.

MOB
Museums of Brevard

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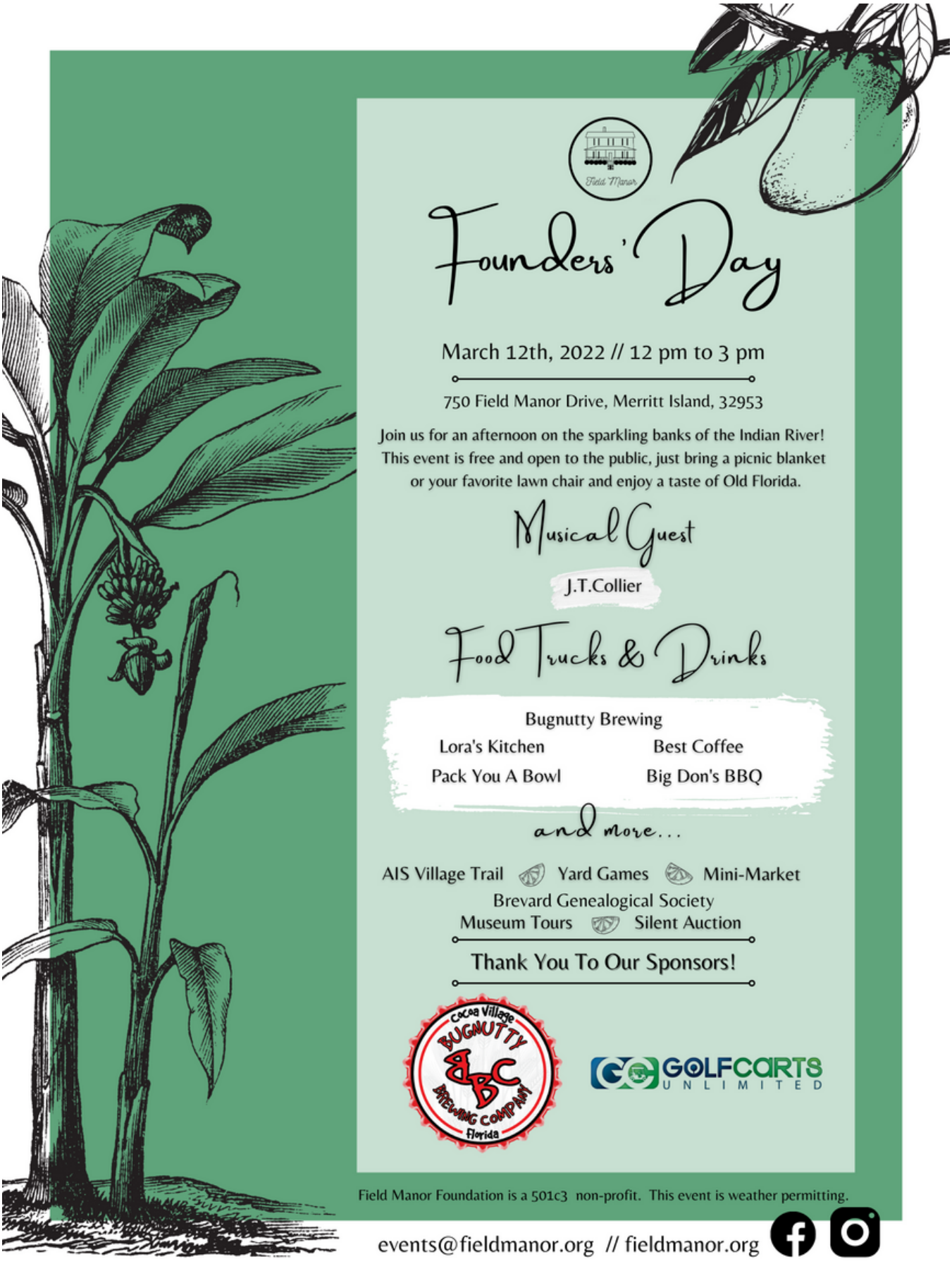

Founders' Day

March 12th, 2022 // 12 pm to 3 pm

750 Field Manor Drive, Merritt Island, 32953

Join us for an afternoon on the sparkling banks of the Indian River! This event is free and open to the public, just bring a picnic blanket or your favorite lawn chair and enjoy a taste of Old Florida.

Musical Guest

J.T.Collier

Food Trucks & Drinks

Bugnutty Brewing
Lora's Kitchen
Best Coffee
Pack You A Bowl
Big Don's BBQ

and more...

AIS Village Trail
Yard Games
Mini-Market
Brevard Genealogical Society
Museum Tours
Silent Auction

Thank You To Our Sponsors!

Field Manor Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit. This event is weather permitting.

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Pioneer Day at Sams House

Sams House in Courtenay on February 12th was much anticipated. It was the last event we participated in before the shut down of 2020 and we were thrilled to be asked to return. We were in good company with other Brevard residents interested in history, pioneer life, and the life-ways of another time. There were re-enactors, history buffs, archaeologists, paleontologists, garden groups, bee keepers, and military and space artifacts. A good time was had by all!

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Gardening at Field Manor

Our goal is to grow crops the Field Family would have grown and so far we have done a pretty good job with the field peas, pumpkins, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, peppers, tomatoes, and herbs. But sometimes along comes something more fun ...

Artichoke

Originally from the Mediterranean, artichokes do well in Florida due to similar winters, dry and cool, and wetter summers. Ideal for North Florida, we decided to give it a shot here in east Central Florida

Remember the Nouvelle Cuisine rage of the 1980s? The Nasturtuim, along with orchids, were heavy featured. I never thought to eat them then, but they are delicious and gorgeous!

Nasturtuim

Field peas

According to newspaper clippings and writings from the turn into the 20th century, peas were a staple in most Floridian gardens, sometimes called Cowpeas, which are black-eyed peas. We have both pigeon peas and field peas growing. with pigeon peas actually grow more like a shrub

They seemingly produced pods overnight!

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BETTER SIGNAGE FOR BETTER VISIBILITY
A SIGN BY THE ROAD WITH LETTERS WE CAN CHANGE

Our Star Supporters:

Mr. Buck for the electric pole saw and sharing memories of childhood in Indianola

Tanya S. for representing Field Manor at events, cleaning the Packing House, transcriptions, and gardening

Jani S. for her dedication to the gardens and giving the best hugs

Tina and Mike T. and Kim M. for getting dirty in the Packing House

Dani W. and Joey A. for research and organizing the Packing House

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND DOCENTS FOR FIELD TRIPS, DAILY APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND FUNDRAISERS. OUR NEXT EVENT: 7TH ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY, MARCH 12TH

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