



Field Manor Foundation Monthly E-Newsletter

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Homestead Headlines

This newsletter is specially distributed to our incredible members, our *Friends of Field Manor*. We simply could not do what we do without your kindness and support. Thank you for all you continue to give us.

The New Year has begun and our Field Manor team is diving in with both feet. During the next few months, we look forward to hosting multiple events on our gorgeous site. We have schools from across Brevard County signed up for field trips throughout the next four months. The holiday season also brought engagement season along with it, and Field Manor has received dozens of inquiries in the last few weeks. We can't wait to see our weekends book up with weddings! Speaking of weddings...

Wrieden/Thiesfeld Wedding

On December 8, Jenna Wrieden and Nate Thiesfeld tied the knot in a beautiful ceremony on our waterfront. Jenna originally hails from Merritt Island, but she met her fiancé Nate while coaching cross country at the collegiate level. Both she and Nate now coach for the University of Louisville. It was very important to the couple to incorporate nature into their wedding, as both spend a lot of their time outdoors. The river views, rows of citrus trees, and the mossy oak trees were an instant seller for them, and they booked our site within days of touring. With driftwood and palms for centerpieces, as



well as a little sapling tree under their wedding arch, Jenna and Nate truly maximized the natural splendor of Field Manor and capitalized on the beauty of our local environment. After the wedding, the couple jetted off to New Zealand on a nature-packed honeymoon of hiking, sailing, and everything in between. We wish the best to our latest Field Manor couple! Congratulations!

Education

In the month of December, we had four classes from Fairglen Elementary come to visit Field Manor on a field



trip. Over 80 students came to explore Florida history in their own backyard! Each fourth-grader enjoyed racing to construct their own homesteads, seeing clothes children their

ages would have worn around the turn of the century, and they loved being able to take home a plant they potted themselves. The teaching staff can't wait for the return trip next school year!

On Friday, December 14th, Field Manor hosted our first-ever Homeschool History Day. Targeting an age group of 7-11, we plan to host these Homeschool History programs multiple times throughout the year to reach out to more students within Brevard County. This month's theme revolved around holiday traditions, so students received a tour of the homestead and then created paper decorations comparable to those the Field family could have made when they lived on-site. The children also

decorated cookies and had time to play both historic and non-historic outdoor activities. We had over 20 in attendance between our two sessions and received excellent feedback from the homeschool learning communities. We plan on having another Homeschool History Day in February or March. Stay tuned!

Field Family Christmas

On Sunday, December 16th, Field Manor hosted our third annual Field Family Christmas event. For three hours, we open the homestead for an open house-style tour and decorate each room floor to ceiling with historically accurate Christmas decorations for the Victorian Era. In the late 1800s, the Field family would have stuffed their rooms full of greenery collected from their groves. To honor this tradition, our staff and volunteers stuffed the fireplaces with pine branches and magnolia leaves. We also dotted the mantles with hand-picked oranges from our trees. In addition to the decorations, guests were treated to caroling as well as cookies and hot chocolate.



From year to year, about 50 guests who have never been to Field Manor visit us for this Christmas event. This year, we far exceeded even our expectations when over 250 people flooded Field Manor between 1-4pm that Sunday afternoon. Lines formed around the homestead as cars continued to descend our long driveway. Field Family Christmas 2018 set new attendance records for Field Manor, and our staff had a blast bringing it to life. Thank you to all of our incredible volunteers: Maria, Krista, Jen, Nancy, Kim, Lindsey, Anna, and Heidi. Without your help, we could not have delivered such a wonderful public event. Needless to say, our 2018 ended on the perfect high note. We are looking forward to breaking records again this coming year!



Coming Events

We have many events in the pipeline for 2019! First and foremost, mark your calendars for our Founders Day Fun Run on **Saturday, March 23rd**. The race will serve as a final project for one of the Edgewood senior students that our staff has worked with this year. Participation will be capped at 200, so keep your eyes out for registration information!

With our beautiful pavilion in place, Field Manor plans on offering new events like lecture series, art classes, and craft days to our community. We also plan on bringing back concert nights throughout the summer. Have an event that you'd like to see Field Manor host? Let us know by emailing events@fieldmanor.org. Want to hold an event here yourself for an anniversary, birthday, or group luncheon? Contact us! There are many ways Field Manor can serve our Brevard County community and we love spending time with our *Friends*. Schedule a special event with us today!

Giving Back

The holidays may be behind us, but the dawn of a new year brings the creation of New Year's Resolutions. For some, this means planning on incorporating lifestyle changes to improve our health. For others, it may mean committing to making your bed every morning. Another great way to start the new year is by giving back to your community, and what better way to give back than by volunteering and supporting a cause you believe in? Field Manor is always looking for volunteers to help us achieve our mission. We have volunteer opportunities available inside our homestead and out in our groves. Come learn our history and train to be a tour guide for historic home tours and special events. Love sunshine and fresh air? Spend a day out in our fields helping to cultivate and maintain our historic citrus. There's a fit for every personality, and every bit helps! Stop in to fill out a volunteer form today!

