

Sustained Giving

Please consider becoming a donor in our sustained giving program. Your monthly gift will have a huge impact on our efforts. Combined with other sustaining donors, your donation will help pay operating costs, fund programs and assist in the restoration of Green Gables.

Simply go to GreenGables.org, click on "donate" and check off "Make this a monthly donation". As always, your donation is tax deductible. *Thank you for your support!*

Visit: GreenGables.org

Watch the Film

Visit GreenGables.org for the link to this fascinating documentary featuring the life and times of this beloved historical landmark. <https://vimeo.com/381599358>



Mission Statement

The Mission of Green Gables is to preserve and restore the historical landmark and surrounding green space known as Green Gables, which represents the legacy of the early developers of South Brevard and to create there, a living history museum and center for community engagement.



The restoration of Green Gables is not just about preserving an old house from the wrecking ball. It is so much more than that. Green Gables is the historic home of the Wells family, one of the generous benefactors who played a key role in the development of the early Melbourne community. Their vision and their generosity gifted us with the first auditorium, the first library, the first high school, and Wells Park, all of which have been enjoyed by so many for several generations. Green Gables reminds us of the sacrifice and generosity of ALL the early developers of the South Brevard area.

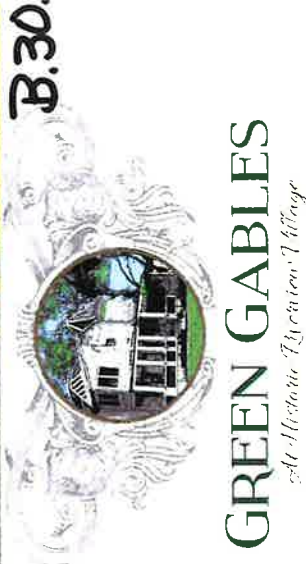
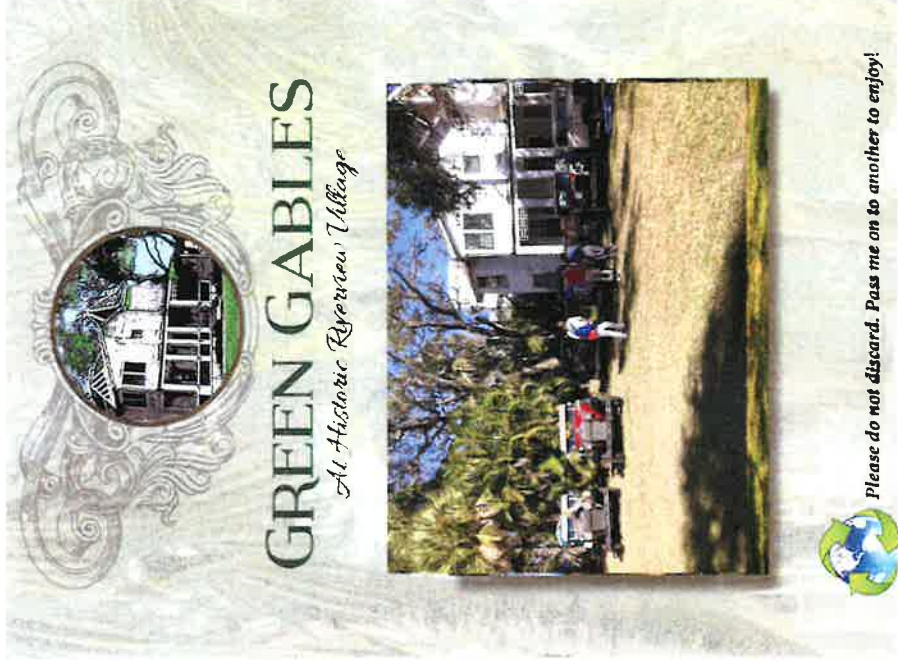
Come Visit Us!

We are open Saturdays from 10AM to 2PM for visits and tours. Tours available by appointment only Mon-Fri from 10am to 4pm. Call 321-306-8635.

For more information or to arrange a group event.

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Sponsored in part by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, and Florida's Space Coast Office of Tourism



Green Gables at Historic Riverview Village, Inc

1501 South Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32902
Just south of Hibiscus Blvd.

Mailing address:

PO BOX 1086, Melbourne, FL 32902

Donate/Pledge at <https://greengables.org>

Community Engagement

Green Gables strives to be a center for community engagement. It is a place for picnics, weddings, parties, craft festivals, Easter Egg Hunts, class trips, car shows, teas, showers, entertainment, and so much more! Scouts- come earn your badges with us! Students earn your Community Service hours.

Green Space

Green Gables is located on 1.4 acres of prime riverfront green space. With the increased development of Melbourne, public access to this space is even more valuable than before. We need a place to enjoy nature, breathe in the scent of oak and pine and view the waters of the Indian River up close. Green Gables is a sanctuary in the middle of the Downtown Melbourne area.



See History Come to Life

Classes, home school groups, scouts and clubs are invited to visit Green Gables where they rotate through different experiences. Costumed teachers and docents teach about Florida and Local History and the games children of the late 1800's would have played.



H. Prescott, Nora, Gladys & Stanford enjoying the exotic view.



Nora's father, Charles, along with his five brothers, moved to California during the 1848-1855 Gold Rush, where they cultivated a successful business as wholesale merchants under the name of Stanford Brothers. Eventually settling in Schemontsky County, New York, he was a member of the New York State Assembly, as well as a State Senator from his wife, and Nora's mother, was the former Jane E. Page.



Charles Stanford
1819-1885

8th Governor of California, United States Senator, founder of Stanford University, and Nora's uncle. One of the "Big Four" championing a transcontinental railroad, he used his political influence to secure funding and land grants for the project. As governor, he played an important part keeping California in the Union during the Civil War.



Leland Stanford
1824-1893



Nora Stanford Wells
1855-1933



William Twining Wells
1854-1930



A young Stanford enjoys some recreational boating. At the age of 52, Stanford became the prime suspect of Green Gables in 1933, after his mother's death. He married Mrs. Pearl Mitchell Lyman (below) after the death of her first husband, Louie, also in 1933. Pearl's three young daughters, Lou, Gladys, and Katherine joined the couple. Gladys would be the third primary resident of Green Gables starting in 1971, after Pearl's death in May, and Stanford's in September.



A Wells family portrait on the porch of Green Gables, 1896



William Twining Wells
1854-1930



The Wells family and friends enjoying a seaside meal. Prescott and Stanford (far left), Gladys (3rd from left), Nora (4th from left), and 12 Prescott (2nd from right).



They make soap or kites or churn butter. They play hoops, jacks, marbles and other period games. They tour the house, which was built in 1896 and have a picnic lunch by the river. Children learn about our community's history and heritage and hopefully, develop an appreciation for the people and events of the past. To reserve a date for your group, call 321-306-8635.



The Wells Family

Green Gables was built in 1896 by Industrialist William T. Wells and Nora Stanford Wells. William patented a process for rustless iron. Nora was the daughter of a New York State Senator and the niece of the founder of Stanford University.

Together they built the first library, the first high school, and the first auditorium in Melbourne, bringing culture, education and opportunity to the area. They donated great tracts of land to the city including the land on which Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is built .

They also donated the land for Wells Park. Along with other early leading families, they laid the foundation for the amazing City of Melbourne that we know today!