JUNE 2018: THE SEASON BEGINS

Hello subscribers! It's hard to believe that we are now into our third season here at Nelles Manor. Starting up a new museum is an enormous task, but we've found our stride and hope to continue pushing ahead thanks to our dedicated Board of Directors and experienced volunteers! Here is your brief look at what has been going on at Nelles Manor so far this 2018 season.

We kicked off the year with our **Grand Opening** during the Victoria Day long weekend. A big draw for visitors was the Vintage Clothing Exhibit that we had on display, featuring wedding dresses, christening gowns, hats, shoes, and military uniforms on loan from private collections as well as the Grimsby Museum.

We also held a special springtime **Mother's Day Afternoon Tea,** serving thirty-two guests an array of delicious sandwiches, scones, and desserts. Out next tea is being planned for this September, so stay tuned.

One particularly exciting day was May 25th, when Stephen Parr from **YourTV Niagara** came to Nelles Manor for a full day of filming. He produced a short 5-minute video of the Nelles story, highlighting the efforts of Barry & Linda Coutts, the couple who donated the Manor to the public in 2015. You can view the video on Cogeco's Channel 700, on YouTube, or on our website. Mr. Parr is currently working on a longer, documentary-style video for an even deeper look at the rich history of the home.

The following week, an entirely different film crew spent the day here. This time, an Ontario-based film company named **Our House Media** used Nelles Manor as their set location for an episode of the spooky series "Haunted Case Files 2." Being an 18thc. Georgian-style house, Nelles Manor was the perfect place for such a production.

Finally, a **Victory Ball Celebration** took place on June 10th. This event was a commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the belated, post-war of 1812 Victory Ball that was held at Nelles Manor on June 4th, 1818. There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and a presentation of colours from the Lincoln & Welland Regiment. There were also costumed re-enactors, period-correct refreshments, games, fiddle & mandolin entertainers, and door prizes. Guests also had a chance to view a display of local 1812 artifacts from a private collector. We were glad to have been able to acknowledge the role of the Nelles family in Canada's early history.

Nelles Manor was also privileged to receive a number of generous financial contributions this year. Grimsby's **Rotary at Noon** donated the proceeds of their annual Mayor's Gala to the Manor, providing our non-profit organization with an extra $5000 for event programming.

In addition, Nelles Manor began a **Fundraising Campaign** for the 2018 season. It has been 200 years since the completion of Nelles Manor by Col. Robert Nelles in 1798. Our goal is to raise $100 for each of the 220 years to commemorate this anniversary, and to help ensure we have the funds to preserve, protect, and present this historic home. So far, a total of 88 years have been purchased! We are deeply touched by the generosity of all those who have given to the campaign thus far.

Upcoming Event Feature:
Celebration of the Forty and Quilt Exhibition

July 14, 2018 from 11-4PM

Join us as we host the Grimsby Quilters' Guild at Nelles Manor. These ladies will be bringing over 50 different quilts for visitors to see and learn about. A quilt valued at $700 has also been generously donated to us by the Guild. We are having a **RAFFLE.** Tickets are $5 apiece, and one lucky guest will get to take home this lovingly crafted item. You can already buy your raffle tickets now by emailing info@nellesmanor.ca or calling us at 289-235-7755. The draw will take place on September 1, 2018. Popcorn and lemonade will be available during the event. We hope to see you here!

Nelles Manor Heritage House

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