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Nelles Manor Museum

Newsletter

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Hello all,

Our second season as a Museum has come to a close, and it is time again for a year-end newsletter. The Manor has been a much busier place this year! We have doubled the attendance, and perhaps the lowering of the admission to \$5.00 per person, or \$12.00 per family for Canada's 150th year had a bearing on that.

We were pleased to note that we also had attendees from some of the organizations to whom we spoke, during various speaking engagements throughout the year. Everyone who toured the home commented most favourably, and were pleased with the addition to culture and heritage here in Grimsby, Ontario.

We held a number of activities for the public this year. Our Afternoon Teas were a big hit, and will be planned for the upcoming year as well. We also served a number of catered lunches, another new venture which worked well. Handmade craft workshops and a painting evening, including tours of the Manor were new activities, both well attended.

Opening Day in May saw a few artists on the Manor's front lawn. They returned in August as well for another plein air outing, creating some lovely portraits of Nelles Manor's spectacular front façade. July 1st was also a special day, in co-operation with the Town Museum, the Grimsby Library, Historical Society & Archives, and the Art Gallery, to create a happening for Canada's 150th. Admission was free that day and we were swamped! Approximately 350 people attended.

We also Opened our Doors on the day set aside in September by the Town of Grimsby. Our numbers were disappointing, as was the case at many other local venues. While the day had a lot to offer around town, it was the new Firehall up the escarpment that took the cake.

The Haunted Happenings in October were again very successful. The theme this year was "Nelles at Night," set during the time of Confederation, as ghosts of the past made appearances and told their tales. We sold out of all 160 tickets! Meghan Grimsmo with her creative scripts and conscription of actors to play the roles and set the

scenes, was such a big contributor. We couldn't do it without a team of fantastic actors and volunteers!

Around Christmastime, we were open to the public for a total of seven days. Our volunteers researched the ways in which the second generation of the Nelles family would have decorated the Manor and celebrated Christmas in 1867. Meghan and her mother Wendy decked the halls in typical Victorian style, to everybody's delight. For the upcoming year, the Events Committee would welcome new members to continue planning such activities. Please consider whether you or someone you know might be interested in such volunteer work.

Big news for the Manor is the Mayor's Gala, happening on February 3rd, 2018, proceeds of which will be donated to the Manor for program use. We are thrilled to be chosen for this generous donation!

As always, we would be nowhere without the steady creative influence of Jessica Linzel, our history student. When she graduates from university this spring we are intending to have her return for the summer months. All of our volunteers have planned and accomplished so much this year, enabling the Manor to carry on, and to reach out to the community. Our thanks, so sincerely.

We will keep you posted on future events through our newsletters, but you can also keep up to date with us by liking our FaceBook page, or following us on Instagram and Twitter where we often post pictures and videos.

Attached, please find the membership application for 2018. As a privately funded, non-profit organization, your decision to become a yearly member entitles you to certain benefits as detailed on our website, but more importantly helps us keep the doors of Nelles Manor open to the community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we hope that your year has been as good as possible and wish you even better things for 2018!

Sincerely,

Barry and Linda Coutts
Museum Directors