



NELLES MANOR MUSEUM

1798 Heritage House and War of 1812 Battle Site

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Newsletter

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Nelles Manor Museum is operated by **Nelles Manor Heritage House**, a non-profit charitable organization.

We present Nelles Manor, a 1798 Georgian style house built by United Empire Loyalist Robert Nelles from local materials. The Manor opened as a museum in 2016 and represents the history of the Nelles Family who through their involvement in early government and military service plus their extensive early trade and commerce helped to build Canada as an early Nation. The Manor grounds are also the site of the Engagement at the Forty that took place during the War of 1812 - that may have been an important part in the destiny of Ontario and Canada.

Harvest Tea

On Saturday October 5 the museum held our Harvest Tea. It was a beautiful autumn day and as always, the food was wonderful!

Congratulations to our door prize winners:



Forest of Flowers gift certificate, Maria Farrugia and Wreath by Marilyn Cornwell, Pat McNab.

Volunteer Meg Grimsmo curated a Heritage Fashions display.



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for this great event!

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Spirit Whispers



This year for our special October event, the museum held its first paranormal investigation event called *Spirit Whispers*. There were some believers and some skeptics in attendance, but everyone had a great time. Visitors were encouraged to use EMF devices and divining rods to connect with the spirits of Nelles Manor.

Grimsby and District Chamber of Commerce BA5



The museum hosted a Business After 5 event on Wednesday October 2. It was great to network with local businesses and for us to have the opportunity to showcase the Manor. Thank you to the Marketing Committee and catering volunteers for your hard work.

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Tour Days and Hours

Off-season Tours

You can still book a tour during our off-season, September to May. The last tour begins at 3:00 p.m.

Contact us at info@nellesmanor.ca

There are still many events throughout the year for you, your family and friends to enjoy.

Upcoming Events

Saturday December 7 – Christmas at the Manor Tour with Father Christmas and Open-Hearth Cooking

Enjoy a 1798 manor house dressed in Christmas finery. Father Christmas will be taking time from his busy holiday schedule to meet with you! There will be open hearth cooking demonstration in our kitchen and the smells will be delightful!

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tours are hourly with the last tour at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (3 – 13)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/nelles-manor-museum-and-heritage-house-25218215405>

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December 14 - Candlelight Christmas

A cozy crackling fire burning in the hearth kitchen fireplace. The sounds of laughter and Christmas carols fill the house. Delicious food and refreshments. If this is an evening you would like to experience then please join us!

You are invited to a festive evening of holiday cheer at Nelles Manor Museum at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 per person. The evening includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and music!

Tickets are limited.

On sale <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1024842540627?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Volunteer Visit to The Stone Shop



On October 15, a few of our volunteers took the opportunity to visit the Stone Shop on Main Street West (Highway 8) in Grimsby. It was built in 1800 by United Empire Loyalist Allan Nixon as a Black Smith Shop. He settled in the area shortly after fighting with Butler's Rangers during the American Revolution, receiving 1200 acres of land for his loyalty.

Allan and his wife Mary died in 1813 due to a typhus outbreak, their son William Nixon took over duties at that time. Another early settler and UEL George Pettit was an employee at the shop.

William was a member of the 4th Lincoln Militia during the War of 1812, so when forced by the American soldiers to shoe their horses he purposely did it improperly causing the horse to become lame.

After the war, the building was bought and sold a few times. The building served many purposes, of course as a blacksmith shop, but also a wagon repair shop, the Grimsby Town Hall, a trading post, a residence, and the Grimsby Historical Society Museum.

Today it serves as a heritage building and a reminder of Grimsby's early history. Thank you to current owners Brent and Charlotta Saigeon for the tour.
www.stoneshop.ca

Mark Les

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Artefact Showcase



Curved Pewter Plate

This Nelles Manor Museum artifact is a reproduction pewter plate with a decorative curved edge. Pewter is a metal alloy and was commonly used throughout history to make tableware. In the English-speaking world, it was often referred to as "sadware". The origins of this material are unknown, but the oldest piece of pewter yet discovered was found in a 3000-year-old Ancient Egyptian tomb.

This reproduction plate emulates the tableware style popular amongst British aristocrats in the latter half of the 18th century. This time period not only coincides with the creation of the Nelles Manor, it is also the period just before the decline of pewter. Pewter fell out of fashion in the early 19th century, likely as a result of technological advancements in pottery and glassmaking. These innovations gave consumers more options, and it seems that porcelain took over pewter as the preferred tableware material. This is for the best; prior to the 20th century, all pewter was produced with lead and would often leach into food. This was particularly a problem with tomatoes, as the leaching issue was worsened by acidity; so much so that it led to a widely held belief in Europe that tomatoes were poisonous. Don't let this discourage you if you are interested in buying pewter wares! All modern pewter is made without lead and is perfectly safe for everyday use.

Clara Falconier

A New Roof for the Museum!



Maintaining a house is an ongoing challenge. When there is an Upper Canadian museum in a 1798 Manor, care of the building is essential. The cedar roof has been replaced on the main section of the Manor. Thank you to Mackie Roofing!

Supporting Nelles Manor Museum

Become a Friend of Nelles Manor

Some of the benefits of becoming a Friend of Nelles Manor include receiving first notification and early registration for ticket sales on all events and programs. As a Friend you also tour the Museum for free during our regular season. As a member of the **Museums of Niagara Association** we are part of the reciprocal agreement program so that with your support through Friends of Nelles Manor you also have free admission or other perks at the other Niagara museums that are part of the program.

To become a Friend of Nelles Manor the annual cost is only \$25 for individual and \$40 for family. Your contribution helps support the preservation of the Manor and programs. This contribution helps the museum financially as we do not receive annual operational funding from any government level. Your contribution shows us the community support and interest in our mandate of protecting heritage.

If you would like to become a Friend of Nelles Manor, please contact us at info@nellesmanor.ca.

Remember, Friends of the Manor receive advanced ticket sale notice.

New & Renewed Friends of the Manor

Ken Coker

Sharon Cosby

Jess Linzel

Volunteering - the Gift of Your Time and Knowledge

If you have the time and want to contribute to an important cause while meeting some great people along the way, please consider becoming a volunteer. The museum offers many diverse opportunities and has many areas that need your support. We appreciate the gift of your time and knowledge and can coordinate around your availability - whether for a few hours or a whole day; weekly, monthly or a few times a year.

Join our great group of dedicated volunteers!

Financial Support

As a nonprofit charitable organization funding is always top of mind. Nelles Manor Museum is a gem in the landscape of early Upper Canadian history and is a centrepiece in the community. Maintaining a 1798 building is an ongoing responsibility and with your support it will continue for centuries more.

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Donor Levels

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Partner	\$100 – \$999.99
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Patron	\$5,000 - \$9,999.99
Visionary	\$10,000 - \$49,999.99
Founder	At the discretion of the Board

Legacy Giving

Your legacy supports the Manor's heritage legacy. Consider making a donation from your estate or life insurance policy to Nelles Manor Museum. Your gift could be made to our annual operations or to an endowment fund that would support our major capital needs, or where the income supports our annual preservation, maintenance and operations costs. Please consider being a legacy donor and consult your lawyer or accountant as to how to provide this type of support.

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