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1798 Home and War of 1812 Battle Site

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Looking forward to our initial events for this new year.

The first will be the Mother's Day tea which includes a fashion show by Donna's Fashions. This is always a successful event and quickly sells out. Tickets are limited with only two single tickets left.

Our official opening to the public will be the Victoria Day weekend starting May 20th. We are hoping to start the season with a **Butter Tart celebration**. We are expecting to line up several local bakers and outlets. Come and try the many choices and compare your favorites with others you haven't yet tasted.

DID YOU KNOW?

In late May of 1813, a large American force attacked and captured Fort George in Niagara-on-the-Lake (then, just referred to as Niagara). The British Troops retreated through Niagara and rested at the Forty (Grimsby). There were almost 1,600 British forces, and many were encamped on Robert Nelles land. The British then proceeded to Burlington Heights where they initiated the well-known Battle of Stoney Creek.

Return of the Troops at the 40 Mile Creek, 30th, May, 1813.

Corps.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieuts.	Ensigns.	Adjutants.	Paymasters.	Qr. Masters.	Surgeons.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Bark and File.	Field Ordnance.			
												6 Pdrs.	3 Pdrs.	5 1/2 inch howitzer.	Total.
Royal Artillery.....		2	2						1		51	6	4	1	11
Do., do., Drivers.....		1	2						2		30				
8th King's Regt.....	2	2	7					1	15	5	350				
41st Regt.....		2	6	1	1	1		1	26	2	361				
49th Regt.....	1	8	9	6	1	1	1	1	39	14	551				
R. N ^o 1 st d Regt.....		2	3						3	2	60				
Glengarry L. I.....		1		2					3		55				
Dragoons.....		1	1						4		35				
Colored corps.....			1						2		27				
Militia.....		2	2	2					6		40				
Total.....	3	21	32	12	2	2	1	3	101	23	1576				

Return of ammunition has been called for but not yet furnished.
J. B. GLEGG,
Lt.-Col., B. M.

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MEMO.—The following detachment joined in in the afternoon of the 30th, from Fort Erie:

	Cap.	Sergts.	R. & F.	R. & F. Missing.
Royal Artillery.....		1	7	1
41st Regiment.....	1	2	21	2
	1	3	28	3

J. B. GLEGG, Lt.-Col.
B. M.

(From Memorandum in possession of Lt.-Col. Turner and Canadian Archives, C. 679.)



Our First Annual Fundraising Campaign

Recently we provided a series of articles in the local paper outlining just how important Nelles Manor Museum is to our community and in a broader sense to all of Canada. The Manor home is one of the oldest open to the public in Ontario, it is situated on the site of one of the most significant battles of the War of 1812.

Since we are not a government owned, operated or funded museum, it is necessary for us to look to our many supporters and the general public for financial support. As you can imagine it is costly to maintain a 225-year-old home. While we raise funds through tours, events and grants, our costs continue to grow.

Your donations help pay for our maintenance fees such as snow removal and lawn care. Our utility costs during winter are over \$1,000 per month and we are trying to build funds for an eventual replacement of our cedar shake roof. In order to continue to be historically designated and to maintain the historic accuracy of the building, we need to continue its roof style of cedar shakes.

Nelles Manor Museum is a place **Where History is Brought to Life.** Your support is important to the presentation and preservation of this Historic Site.

We can't do it without you – your donations make it possible

You can send a donation to us at the enclosed address or donate through Canada Helps.

A charitable receipt will be issued for all donations over \$20.00.
Charitable registration No. 81779-2831

All donations to Nelles Manor are tax deductible and a donation receipt for tax purposes will be issued for amounts over \$20

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Volunteers -

At Nelles Manor
Museum we bring
history to Life

We are gearing up for our 2023 season and will be contacting all current volunteers as events and tours begin. We have a gardening committee, a new Marketing committee and are looking for a Volunteer Co-Ordinator and Tour Co-Ordinator. Always interested in more tour guides. If you haven't been a guide before, we have a very instructive training manual to help you learn.

April 16 – 23 was **Volunteer Week** and we want to take this opportunity to say **thank you** to all our volunteers. We have been fortunate to have such a strong and supportive group of people dedicated to ensuring that our historic home and site are preserved and presented to all those interested in the history of our area and our country.

All of our 2022 volunteers were invited to a light lunch on Sunday April 23rd prepared by our Board of Directors (all Volunteers as well) to thank them for their on-going support. There was a wonderful turnout, an opportunity for everyone to meet and understand how others contributed. For those unable to make the event, we want you to know how much we appreciate your contribution.

Below, a picture of most of the attendees at the luncheon. These are some of the many volunteers we rely on for so much. They all make our history come alive and ensure this important part of Canada's history can be told.

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THANK YOU

Following is a list of our 2022 volunteers. We ask that our volunteers record their hours in a book each time they serve. The following numbers are taken from that book. We apologize if we have missed someone whose hours weren't recorded.

Barry and Linda Coutts are not listed in the following as we can't keep track of their contribution. It is safe to say they are doing something almost every day to contribute to the support and upkeep of the Nelles Manor Museum. Their hours are incalculable.

We record our hours by ½ day or full day depending on time spent. We hope and expect that all contribution of time is recorded.

In 2022 the top 10 volunteers in terms of time contributed are the following in alphabetic order by last name: Cheryl Allen; Lori Bruni; Denise Carter; Karyn Henderson; Hilary Jackson; Jean McKee; Carla Reid; Hilary Rozon; Nancy Simon; Bill Thompson.

Our 2022 Volunteers alphabetically by first name:

Addison Wright; Alan Smith; Andrea Lynn Sloan; Anita Hurst; Bev Jarvis; Carolyn Mullins; Christine Gudas-Murphy; Connie Ysseldyk; Debbie Redmond; Dennis Pyatt; Elio Furlan; Emily Bently; Felicia Smit; George Nelles; Graham Bellinato; Hans Vetter; Jennifer Conner; Jennifer Toews; Jess Linzel; Joan Edwards; Joanne Holborne; John Holborne; John Nethery; John Redman; Karen Green; Katherine Fisher; Kendra Ysseldyk; Kerry Vandermolten; Kevin Humston; Lindsay Dobson; Lindsay Puddicombe; Lois Lemire; Macy Walmsley; Marilyn Cornwell; Mary Lou Garr; Mary McLaren; Mary Smith; Meg Grimsmo; Nancy Green; Nikita Smit; Norma Starkey; Rhona Wenger; Samuel Mobray; Stephanie Zakel; Sue Perrin; Tim Warnick; Wendy Frank; Wendy Hollinshead; Wendy Vetter

Nelles Family Reunion

This year, the Museum will be hosting its first **Nelles Family Reunion**. Previously the Nelles Family Association of Canada organized these events, but the organization came to an end in recent years. This not only involves families under the Nelles surname, but also descendants such as Anderson, Woolverton, Ball, Anderson, Bingle, Grout, Gurney, Pilkington and Rutherford amongst many others.

Planning is well underway and registration forms are now available. It looks to be a very educational day with tours and other activities. The event will include a picnic, tours of the Manor, the historic neighbourhood as well as the historic Church built on land donated by Robert Nelles, and much more.

Whether you are a Nelles descendant or not, it will be an interesting day and an opportunity to learn about the vast family network and some of the history of the Nelles families.

If you wish to participate in the tours and special events, you must be registered in advance by completing a registration form. It is important to reply by May 19.

Please email info@nellesmanor.ca for a registration form.

Student Wanted

We have been awarded a position under Canada Summer Jobs program for a student to assist us in our cataloging of archives and acting as a Docent (Tour Guide) when needed. Please apply if interested to info@nellesmanor.ca.

Become a Friend of Nelles Manor Museum

Some of the benefits of becoming a Friend of Nelles Manor includes 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 well, we have participated in The **Museums of Niagara** reciprocal agreement so that with your membership in Friends of Nelles Manor you also have free admission to several of the Niagara Region Museums.

The cost is only \$25 for single and \$40 for family and the contribution helps support our operations. This contribution helps us financially as we do not receive annual operational funding from any government level and shows us the community support and interest in our mandate of protecting Grimsby heritage.

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

New and Renewed Friends of Nelles Manor

Lindsay Dobson
Hans & Wendy Vetter
Vie Chow & Mark Cracknell

Newsletter Editor
B. Thompson

For more information on our events and activities refer to our website

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Thank you all for your encouragement and support and we look forward to a safe, healthy and successful 2023 year!