



NELLES MANOR Newsletter

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2022

Lots to report for August as we have been very busy with tours and events. During the month we had visitors from six communities in Niagara including Grimsby, and seven outside of Niagara including Brockville, Brantford, London and Toronto. As well, visitors came from Australia, and the states of Florida, New York and Texas and the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. Our museum has worldwide recognition and our visitors come from around the globe.

William Breddy from Buffalo, a descendant of Colonel Robert Nelles' brother John and a violin conservator, visited Nelles Manor Museum in August. He examined our Nelles violin and played it. He said it was an experience of a lifetime. It was lovely!



On **August 6th**, we attended the large reenactment at the Fort in Fort Erie. A great annual event by Niagara Parks to reenact a historic battle from the war of 1812. Lots of reenactors, cannon and musket fire, all here to bring history alive. Below is a picture of Tim and Bill attending our booth. Also want to thank Kerry, Karyn, Debbie and John for being part of our outreach.



August 14 a Benefit concert for Nelles Manor was held by the **New Vintage Winds** on the lawn of the Manor. A beautiful day and wonderful music entertained over 60 visitors. We are thankful to them for making this a great event for Nelles Manor.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make this possible. Some shown below.



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Saturday August 27, we held a vintage car show as a part of the larger show held in Town. Some beautiful vintage cars were on site, as shown below.



Coming Events

Saturday September 17, volunteers will be hosting a display at the **Lincoln Museum** for their **Harvest Pioneer Day** event.

Monday September 5 will be the last day of our drop in tour season.

Saturday September 24 the museum will be participating in the Grimsby Arts Walk. **There will be special tours of the Art in the Manor.** More information below under Community Events.

Saturday October 1 the museum will be hosting a Harvest Tea. Tickets are \$40 per person. Tickets will be going on sale soon!

Late October will be our ghost tours – see below for more information.

Volunteers -

Whatever your interest there is always something for you. Every volunteer helps us to present and provide the story of Nelles Manor and the history of its family.

Tour Guides are always needed, training is provided.

Volunteers needed to assist Manager part-time with administration duties and office support.

A group of volunteers is forming a Gardening Committee to plan and maintain the gardens of the Manor.

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

Ghost Tours

We are preparing for our Ghost Tours which take place the last two Fridays and Saturdays of October. We are happy to be able to go back to our tours with live actors and are looking for actors for this year's Restless Spirits Ghost Tours. Please contact info@nellesmanor.ca if you are interested. Looking for actors of all ages.

please contact Kate at the office if you are interested in any of the above.

Become a Friend of Nelles Manor

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 a Friend of Nelles Manor you can have free admission and/or other benefits at the Niagara Regional Museums. You must show your Friends of Nelles Manor card. Some of the Museums available are:

- Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum
- Niagara Military Museum
- Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum
- Riverbrink Art Museum
- St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Centre
- Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre
- Welland Museum

We will include more museums available in the next newsletter

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

New and Returning Friends of Nelles Manor

Kathy Provan

Nelles Family Reunion

In **2023**, 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.

We are looking for Nelles family members to help organize the reunion. If you are interested, please email info@nellesmanor.ca.

In the Community

Coming up **Saturday September 24th** will be the first **Grimsby Art Walk**. From Nelles Manor to the Art Gallery/Library through the Main Street. An exciting new event. We will be hosting the Pumhouse Artists on our front lawn who will be showing and

selling their Art. This is a great community group and we are glad to be partnering with them for this first Art Walk From 10 am – 4 pm. It is anticipated that we will also have music on the lawn during the day as well.

Also during Saturday the 24th, the Town of Grimsby will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the establishment as a town. There will be vendors, and music stages throughout the downtown.

Estate Planning -

Nelles Manor is one of the few pieces of original Loyalist built heritage left in Ontario. One of the ways to help preserve this important heritage property is to include **Nelles Manor Heritage House** in your estate plans.

A donation from your estate or life insurance policy to the Manor could be supportive in a number of ways:

- To our annual operations
- or to an endowment fund where the income supports our annual preservation, maintenance and operations costs, or
- To a capital fund for major capital needs such as roof, equipment or other major purchases.

Consult your lawyer or accountant as to how to provide this type of support.

Museums Around the Region -

Niagara-on-the Lake Mueum – has an excellent permanent exhibit regarding the history of that community. Their temporary exhibit is called **All Along the Waterfront**.

Niagara Military Museum – new exhibit coming June 18, 2022. The opening of the Niagara in The Afghanistan Mission exhibition. Museum is at 5049 Victoria Avenue in Niagara Falls

Welland Museum - Visit the museum's most recent exhibit on Welland's agricultural past, as well as the larger picture of the history of agriculture in Ontario.

St. Catharines Museum - "Does anyone still wear a hat?" See how hats can hold stories about our history and identity. Open through November 2022 in the exhibition galleries.

Grimsby Museum – has a special program for October that is on their website

We are grateful for the support of Niagara Community Foundation, Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Federal Government for their support over the past year

Thank you all for your encouragement and support and we look forward to a safe, healthy and successful 2022 year!