



NELLES MANOR

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Artefacts

We have been very fortunate to have several artefacts donated that relate to the Nelles family, the early pioneer time period and other local families. As a result, we are currently working on how best to display these items and where in the home they will best be appreciated.

A large collection of paintings and prints was recently donated by the Jarvis family, many depicting the early colonial period and events. In addition to the paintings several early pottery pieces were donated from a local pottery which was one of the earliest in Canada.

During the year, one of our major supporters has been donating early original, and in some cases, representations of early artefacts. In addition, he has donated several items that are tin reproductions of cookware and candle holders from the late 1700's and early 1800's.

All of these artefacts are adding to the historic presentation of Nelles Manor and the educational programming we will be able to present.

Announcement –

We are pleased to announce that **Kate Pyatt** has agreed to assist us by becoming our part-time manager. Her hours will vary based on our seasons but Kate will be there to handle emails, phone calls, assist with tours, manage our social media, assist with communications and help coordinate events with our events committee.

This is a great next step in our growth and we are pleased to be able to have this consistent representation and presence in our office.

2020 is Almost Over -

We want to thank everyone who has been so supportive to the Manor. It hasn't been a normal way to have for our 4th year as a Museum.

We thank all of you for your interest and support and want to take this opportunity to wish you the very best in this Holiday Season. Please be safe and be healthy in the New Year.

Volunteer - TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

Don't forget us for next year!!!

Are you a local history buff? We are looking for some more help next season. 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 tour guide**. We coordinate our volunteers according to their individual schedules and preferences, whether for a few hours or a whole day. We will train you. We have a detailed training manual for you to be able to lead our visitors through the history of the home and the Family. Join our great group of dedicated volunteers.

Fundraising -

2020 was a difficult year for almost all Charities. We were no exception. We cancelled all events except tours which we were able to run with the help of a great student and a Federal Historical grant. Maintenance of a 230+ year old home is constant but, we have kept our expenses largely to a minimum, particularly thanks to the efforts of **Barry and Linda Coutts** who are constantly looking after the property.

We managed to remain in a reasonable financial position due to a COVID grant and the generosity of some of our supporters. We couldn't have done it without you. We look into the new year with high hopes for some normality and the opportunity to return to presenting the history of Nelles Manor and the early families of our historic town.

Estate Planning

Nelles Manor is one of the few pieces of original Loyalist built heritage left in Ontario. One of the ways to support the Manor 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 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.

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

Thank you all for your encouragement and we look forward to a safe and successful 2021 year!

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

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