



NELLES MANOR

Newsletter

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2021

This year has been a difficult one for many and the current infection numbers are alarming. Due to the pandemic, we were closed to the public until the end of July. In many ways it has not been a good year.

Despite the great limitations we do have much to appreciate. We do have several positive activities despite the challenges and we want to celebrate those.

We increased the number of our volunteers (see more on that below); we had a wonderful month of August with Music on the lawn, very successful Spirit walks in October (sold out), and a wonderful Christmas decorated House for our December tours. We are grateful for the **New Vintage Winds** helping with our opening weekend and we thank the **Niagara Symphony** for including us in their outreach program. Music on the lawn was a wonderful treat

As you are all aware, we are not funded annually for operating expenses by any level of Government. Also, 2021 has been difficult to raise funds with events and programs due to lock downs. However, we did apply for several **one-time** grants and received support from the **Niagara Community Foundation** – new computer; **Town of Grimsby** – Christmas events; and **Trillium Foundation** (Ontario Government)- revenue to help with expenses during COVID. We thank them all for their assistance in keeping us viable during this difficult time.

When we could not open during the early part of the year, we had a small area renovated by volunteers. This was in an addition to the original historic home that wasn't being actively used. This area now shows some of the artefacts that we have not specific to the original home but do represent early colonial times. This has been a good addition to our tour program.

Thank You

We want to thank everyone who has been so supportive to the Manor. It hasn't been a normal way to have for our 5th year as a Museum.

We especially want to thank our **Donors** and **Friends of The Manor**. Your financial support through donations, and community support as a Friend of the Manor adds an important part to our continuing preservation of this Historic property and presentation of our early history to the public

Volunteers -

I have outlined the much-needed support from grants, donors and certainly from our visitors, but we would be lost without the significant contribution of our Volunteers. This year we had many new volunteers join those that returned from prior years. Even though we had such a long period when we couldn't open, everyone came back with enthusiasm and a wonderful sense of commitment.

We weren't able to open until late July but once we were open, we had volunteers support us in so many ways. As tour guides, in maintenance, sewers of period outfits, writing scripts, preparing baked goods, cleaning and decorating, hosting events; the list goes on. We could not survive without this caring group of dedicated people. To them we say a huge **Thank You.**

Even though we opened so late, our volunteers gave **1,448** hours of their time and support in 2021. We are so grateful for their dedication to this historic property.



Our decorating volunteers who created a wonder presentation of Christmas in the 1800's

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Museum Manager

As mentioned previously, Kate Pyatt has been our Part-time Manager for this year. Much of what we accomplished was due to her presence and initiatives. A big part of our success in a difficult year has been her coordination of volunteers, of events, and management of our social media.

New and Renewed Friends of the Manor

Brent Beacroft
Barry & Linda Coutts
Brian Coutts
Joan Coutts
Bill & Jan Grace
John Holborne
Hilary Jackson
Mary McLaren & Don Matheson
Josey & Allen Melick
Dennis & Shirley Pyatt
Kate Pyatt
Brent Saigeon
Judy & George Zammit

With Sadness, we announce the passing of several **Friends of the Manor** during 2021.

Fred Coutts
Aleta Grainger
Shirley Martin

Estate Planning -

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

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 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.

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