



NELLES MANOR

Newsletter

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2022

Was a successful year for the Museum. In addition to our events and greatly appreciated donations, we received several one-time grants to help us recover from COVID shutdowns. We are grateful for the Federal Government and Ontario Trillium Foundation for this support. 2023 will be more challenging as this type of grant has ended.

Our Friends of the Manor support grew in numbers from the prior year and we saw an increased number of volunteers support us in everyway possible. We were also pleased to have Doug West and Elio Furlan join our Board of Directors and bring their business experience and background to the organization.

The Christmas Candlelight reception was a great success and sold out in a matter of days. Harpist Mary Volk created the perfect ambiance for the evening.

We want to thank the Town of Grimsby Cultural grant for supporting the promotion of our Christmas events.

A special thank you to Cole's Florist & Garden Centre, Jordan's Flowers, and Ridgeview Fruit Market & Garden Centre for their generous donations of greenery to decorate the Manor for our Christmas events.

2023

Our Events Committee is meeting regularly to plan our events for the 2023 year. The first will be the Mother's Day tea. This is always a successful event and quickly sells out. Special plans are developing for our opening Victoria Day weekend and we will keep you posted as plans are firmed up.

Actually, the tea won't be our first event as we hosted a part of the local Rotary Curling event and provided a luncheon for several of the participants. This was made possible by our great volunteers who prepare and serve food for events like this. We want to thank Rotary for including us and for their support.

We are looking to establish a Marketing committee. If interested in being a part of that committee contact the office at info@nellesmanor.ca

Volunteers -

2022, saw a great group of volunteers help us with every task during the year. Some statistics –

In the **2022** year, we had **62** volunteers contribute time to our operations. Some were only able to contribute a day or two while others were here almost every month. However, every minute of time was important. It made a difference to the Manor and especially to our visitors. In 2022, our volunteers contributed over **3,400** hours.

Events require the most volunteer time (almost 45% of hours) as there is usually multiple volunteers needed for each event. Contribution for Tours required over 10% of the hours as did property and building maintenance.

We cannot manage without the time committed by our volunteers and we look forward to their ongoing contribution in the coming year.

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.

Also, 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 Museums.

The cost is only \$25 for single and \$40 for family and the contribution helps support our operations. This contribution helps us by showing community support and also financially as we do not receive annual operational funding from any government level.

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

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.

Planning is well underway and registration forms will be going out soon. It looks to be a very educational day with tours and other activities.

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. Contact the office for a registration form.

If you are interested, please email info@nellesmanor.ca.

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New and Renewed Friends of the Manor

Robert Gibson
David & Debora Jarvis
Ron & Faye Zsadany
Carol Mazur
Bill Thompson & Wendy Hollinshead
Jim & Mary Volk
James & Elizabeth Wagner
Christine Gudas-Murphy
Cheryl Allen
Denis & Shirley Pyatt
Kate Pyatt
Brent Beacroft

Estate Planning -

Nelles Manor is one of the few historical properties 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 that will help ensure the continuing preservation of this important property.

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

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