



NELLES MANOR Newsletter

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2022

Lots to report for July as we have been very busy with tours and events.

The first week of July we had the Clothing through the ages exhibit. Historian and Nelles Manor Museum volunteer Meg Grimsmo curated the exhibit that was one of the highlights of the Platinum Jubilee Tea. The exhibit was on display until July 8.



On Saturday July 30 the museum held a bake sale. It was sold out by 1 p.m, thanks to all the bakers.

Also, for the whole weekend of July 30 – Aug 1, there was a display of quilts throughout the Home. Candy Mullins and Catherine Tompkins gathered quilts from members of the Grimsby Quilt Guild. The Museum Event Committee is working on a larger quilt show for 2023.

Coming Events

Saturday August 6 volunteers will be hosting a display at the Old Fort Erie Siege in Fort Erie. Looks like it will be a wonderful event.

Sunday August 7 tour guide Mary McLaren will be leading a Nelles Manor Neighbourhood Walk at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for Friends of Nelles Manor and \$10 for the general public.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/394518093237>

Sunday August 14 New Vintage Winds will be performing a benefit concert by donation for the museum on the front lawn at 2 p.m. Bring your own chairs/blankets. Arrive early for a good spot.

Saturday August 27 there will be a Vintage Car Show at the Manor from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

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 tour of the art in the Manor. Grimsby Lakeside Pumphouse Artists will be display and making art on the front lawn of the Manor. More information to come.

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

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.

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.

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

Donation Classified Ads

The Fenian Raids were amongst the first Battle that the British awarded war medals. We are looking for examples of these Fenian medals since at least 5 members of the Nelles Family were in the militia during the raids. We are looking for any donations of such a medal as it would reflect the actions of the family during that time.

Contact us at info@nellesmanor.ca

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.

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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
- Nelles Manor 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](#)

Denise Carter
Stephen Hargrave
Jane Radix

[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 in September will be the first Grimsby Art Walk. From Nelles Manor to the Art Gallery/Library through the Main Street. An exciting new event.

Stroll Into Summer with a Nelles Manor Neighbourhood Walk

Join us for the Museum's newest offering - a guided Nelles Manor Neighbourhood Walk. Tour the Nelles family's property as it would have been over 200 years ago. The Colonel Robert Nelles' property extended from Forty Mile Creek in the east, westward passed St Andrews Anglican Church along what is now Highway 8/Main Street West and from Lake Ontario to the Niagara Escarpment. You will see historic homes, the site of the Nelles mills, where 'our' militia were trained and learn some local history.

Does your book club, class, or group of friends want a different venue for an outing? Check for scheduled tours on Eventbrite or contact the museum if you would like to schedule a walk. Walks may be scheduled during the day or evening, weekdays or weekends, April to October. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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

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.

Cottonwood Mansion Museum – Classic Car Show – **August 6**, 9 am – 4 pm

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 – currently has two exhibits, both until November one is Grimsby Secondary School exhibit and the second is the Grimsby, Then and Now.

Old Fort Niagara – Our neighbours to the south In Youngstown New York are having their annual War of 1812 weekend on September 3 - 4 2022.

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!