



# NELLES MANOR MUSEUM

## 1798 Home and War of 1812 Battle Site

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### July 22 Quilt Show –

The weather was perfect and the quilts were amazing. The Manor and the front lawn were covered from end to end with spectacular colourful quilts. The day was very busy with visitors from across the region admiring the detailed work of the ladies of the Grimsby Quilt Guild. The Guild members were proud to show their work and were also very pleased to have two people express an interest in joining the guild.



Above, just one of the multitude of quilts on display held by members of the Guild.



There was a display on the lawn of approximately 20 quilts and another 80 in the museum. Above is just one of the rooms adorned with quilts.

Thank you to the members of the Grimsby Quilt Guild for sharing their wonderful quilts with us and helping to support Nelles Manor Museum.

## ✦ **Coming Events:**

### **August 7 - Kindred Spirits: An Afternoon with Jane Austen and Friends**

Monday August 7 at 2:00 p.m. come and experience Georgian parlour life on the lawn of a 225-year-old Upper Canada Manor. You will be taken back to a time when friends and family would gather and present their talents and news. Music, poetry, and letters.

The price for the event is by donation. Please bring your own chair/blanket.  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/676952271467>

### **August 12 - A Victorian Picnic**

What could be better than a picnic with your family and friends!  
Join us on Saturday August 12 at 1:00 p.m. for a Victorian picnic at Nelles Manor Museum.

Picnic baskets filled with savory and sweet treats on the lawn of a 225-year-old Manor.

Bring your own blanket and/or chairs.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$95 per family – two adults up to three children (3 – 12). **Deadline for tickets order is Saturday August 5 th.**

### **August 26 - Vintage Car Show**

Last year's display was lots of fun! Part of last year's show is below. We still have space for a few more cars. If you have a vintage car or know of someone who does please let us know – [info@nellesmanor.ca](mailto:info@nellesmanor.ca)



10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The price for the event is by donation.  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/669955142867?aff=oddtcreator>

Thank you to our sponsor Grimsby Hyundai who will also have their latest car on display.

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

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## Tickets now on sale

**Saturday October 14 - Harvest Tea - \$45 per person**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/678548465727?aff=oddtcreator>

**Murder at the Manor** – Last two weekends of October with multiple shows to choose from - \$25 per person

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/678553962167?aff=oddtcreator>



We have a limited supply of great looking baseball caps embroidered with our name. They are available for \$25 each. Thank you to Calhoun Sportswear for their contribution and support of Nelles Manor Museum.



### Murder at the Manor

This year our **October** event will be **Murder at the Manor**.

**ACTOR WANTED; plenty of rehearsal time available**

We are still in need of one actor a male 40 – 50. If you are interested in being part of this production, please email [info@nellesmanor.ca](mailto:info@nellesmanor.ca).



During July we welcomed visitors not only from Grimsby but also from Brampton, Stoney Creek, London England, New Orleans U.S.A, Trenton Ont., Niagara Falls, Toronto, Mississauga, Hamilton, St Catharines, South Africa, Pennsylvania and Burlington.

## Summer Student

We are pleased to announce Clara as our summer student. This position was made possible by **Canada Summer Jobs**. We are grateful to the Federal Government for providing most of the funding for this important role for us. Clara will be helping to record and catalogue our archives, artefacts and family items. In addition, she will assist our tour guides in providing tours of the Manor.

Her final week as a part of this very helpful program will be in early August.

Again, we are appreciative of the Federal Government for the program and we want to thank Clara for her dedication to the position. We have achieved a great deal of information for our archives. She has also been a wonderful tour guide when needed.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Robert Nelles was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada four (4) times.**

The **1st Parliament of Upper Canada** was opened **17 September 1792**. Elections in [Upper Canada](#) had been held in **August 1792**. All sessions were held at [Navy Hall](#) in Newark, later names as [Niagara-on-the-Lake](#). This parliament was dissolved **1 July 1796**.

The first representative for the Durham, York, and **1st Lincoln district** was **Nathaniel Pettit**.

Robert was first elected **in the 3rd Parliament in 1801** representing **West York, 1st Lincoln and Haldimand**. The parliament sat in the Parliament Buildings of Upper Canada in York (Toronto) and had four sessions until **1804**. His co-representative for the district was Richard Beasley. It was Richard Beasley's farm that the British occupied prior to the Battle of Stoney Creek.

Robert was re-elected for the **4th Parliament** representing the same district. He served alongside Soloman Hill who died during the term and who was replaced by Joseph Willcocks.

Joseph Willcocks defected to the American invaders during the War of 1812. A byelection was held and Robert Nelles replaced him in the **6th Parliament** representing the **1st Lincoln district**.

Robert was re-elected for the **7th Parliament** representing the same **1st Lincoln district**. He served a full term from **1817 – 1820**. All sessions were held at York, Upper Canada at the home of Chief Justice of the Court William Henry Draper.

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## 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.



## Volunteers -

### Volunteers Needed

#### Retired? / Bored?

Does your spouse want you out of the house?

We have plenty for you to do!

**We have plenty of Rust and Repair for everyone.**

**We need Painters, Carpenters, Paint Scrapers, Archivists, Gardeners, Tour Guides, Dust Removers, Graphic Artists, Weed pullers, Bakers, Cooks, Greeters .....YOU**

**JOIN US**

If you are interested, please contact [info@nellesmanor.ca](mailto:info@nellesmanor.ca) or 289-235-7755.

The Garden group continues to work on the property and some of the flowers and plants are beginning to show colour. Bushes and shrubs are being relocated to enhance their growth and appearance. The butterfly garden continues to develop.

One of the aspects of our volunteers that doesn't get much attention is the work in **archiving our artefacts, assets and documents**. Mary Lou is volunteering a full day on a regular basis to catalogue these items. Lately she has been volunteering more time to work with our student who was hired to help catalogue assets of the Manor. This important work is very detailed and allows us to have information on all aspects of the history of the home and family. By doing so we can share what we have with others who are interested in the Nelles history and the early history of Canada. When all these factors are documented, we will have a better understanding of the development of the family history and can better present this history to our visitors and to others through the internet.

### Become a Friend of Nelles Manor Museum

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 well, we have participated in The **Museums of Niagara** reciprocal agreement so that with your support through Friends of Nelles Manor you also have free admission to several of the Niagara Region Museums.

The cost is only \$25 for single and \$40 for family and the contribution helps support our operations. **This contribution helps us financially as we do not receive annual operational funding from any government level.** Your contribution shows us the community support and interest in our mandate of protecting Grimsby heritage.

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## New and Renewing Friends

Mike and Kim Sharpe  
Nancy Simon

### ✦ Summer Hours

Wednesday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.  
Last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.

[A further picture of the quilt show with tables on the lawn covered with quilts](#)



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For more information on our events and activities refer to our website

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