



NELLES MANOR Newsletter

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2022

We are a little late with the June newsletter because I wanted to have the data to report just how supportive our volunteers were this month. We work very hard to provide events that support the Manor in educational programs and fundraising events. It is important that we provide the historical importance of the Manor and as well as meet the financial needs of the 230-year-old property. It's our volunteers that make this possible as shown in the volunteer section below.

We had to cancel our Mother's Day Tea in May due to COVID protocols but it was replaced by a Jubilee tea on the 25th of June. It immediately sold out and was enhanced by a display in each room of period attire from



different eras.

The above picture shows several guests at a table in the historic dining room.

We received many comments on the wonderful food prepared by our volunteers. Thank you to all who attended and made it such a special event. Thank you to Forrest and Harbour and Kerry Vandermolen for the door prizes.

June 12th – Nelles Manor Welcomed Kate Almeida from **Joseph Brant Museum** who provided us with a great review of the development of the Joseph Brant house and museum.

June 18 was the **Happening in Grimsby**. Our original intent was to have militia encampment on the grounds for the weekend, but insurance issues with the Happening event didn't allow for their presence. We are grateful for the understanding of the militia group and we hope to have them on another occasion. There was a lot of last-minute scrambling to replace this great group and thanks to Kate and many volunteers we were able to have a Discovery and Play Day. The Manor, Grimsby Historical Society and Brent Saigeon had information displays and good attendance. Photography stations were set up and a number of games were spread across the lawn. Thanks to all.

Saturday June 4 – Our Chair Linda Coutts spoke at the Grimsby Celebration Choir event at Mountainview Church. We thank them for including us in their program and for their support.

Coming Events

August 14 - Benefit Concert – by New Vintage Winds

July 30 weekend - will be our regular tours, but there will also be a display of quilts throughout the Manor.

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 to assist Manager part-time with administration duties.

Volunteers Needed for the Preservation and Maintenance Team. As with all buildings, especially ones built in 1798, there is always something that needs tending to.

June was a busy month as mentioned above. As with every month, all our activities were made possible by our volunteers. During the month of June we had the help of over **30** volunteers who contributed **45.5** days of service. Most of this was in half day commitments so volunteers can be flexible in their time and support. Help was provided as tour guides, general maintenance, meeting planning, office assistance, baking, and assisting with the tea and other events. This sounds like a lot and it is, but as pointed out we still have some needs in certain areas. Some people are able to commit a half a day while others are available several days. It is all important. To those who were available during June we are very grateful and to those who would like to assist we welcome you.

please contact Kate at the office if you are interested.

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 a donation of such a medal as it would reflect the actions of the family during that time.

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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.

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

William & Patricia Breddy
Adrienne Brown
Catherine Cookman
Bev Jarvis
Lance Klamer
Hana West
Stephanie Zakel

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.

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

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.



Grimsby Photography Club with walk guide Mary McLaren

The Nelles Manor Neighbourhood Walk has received great feedback from the Grimsby Photography Club and from a local family with four children - pre-school to grade five.

The walk is rain or shine and will take approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Please wear comfortable shoes as the tour is not all on flat/paved surfaces.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for Friends of Nelles Manor and are available on Eventbrite.

Next scheduled walks:

Wednesday, July 13 - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20 - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 24 - 2:00 p.m.

Ghost Tour Writing and Acting

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. Please let us know if you are interested in helping to write or act in our ghost tours.

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 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.

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!