

# NELLES MANOR Newsletter

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### 2022

Our first event was to be our Mother's Day tea, it was fully booked; however, due to COVID concerns we had to cancel the event. We have replaced it with a **Platinum Jubilee High Tea** on **June 25**. Details on tickets will be initially sent to Friends of the Manor and those who had registered for the Mothers' Day Tea.

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Nelles Manor Welcomes Kate Almeida from Joseph Brant Museum. 2:00 pm regarding "A Home's Story: The Brant House"

**June 18-19** the **Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada** will be encamped on the historic grounds of Nelles Manor during the Happening at Grimsby. Authentic campground, tents and attire. Drills and musket demonstrations

**Saturday June 4** – Our Chair Linda Coutts will be speaking as part of the Grimsby Celebration Choir - Feeling Good event at Mountainview Church 290 Main St E. Tickets are \$15, for adults.

### **Coming Events**

**August 14** - Benefit Concert – by New Vintage Winds In July we are working towards a Quilt Show

## Volunteers -

We have many volunteers in all aspects, but always looking for more What are you interested in?

What ever 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. This would duties such as involve opening and closing during public days, responding to emails and phone inquiries and scheduling of volunteers and tour guides.

A volunteer or 2 to work on educational programming. This would involve contacting speakers that relate to our late 1700s and early 1800s period. Also, research topics for speakers and possibly creating relevant programs for public presentation.

#### 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. The skills we are looking for are:

- interior and exterior painting
- small carpentry projects
- woodworking
- · window repair
- stone working
- installing and removing storm windows
- plastering
- snow removal
- and other small maintenance projects

please contact Kate at the office if you are interested.

# **Donation Classified Ads**

Looking for a donation of cedar split rail fencing. 8 or 10 pieces for the Manor property.

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.

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.

Also, the Board of Directors have approved a reciprocal agreement that will provide for each Friend of the Manor to have free access to many of the Museums in Niagara. Cards and a list of eligible Museums is being prepared and will be sent to all current Friends of Nelles Manor.

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### New and Returning Friends of Nelles Manor

Cheryl Allen Margaret Bowman Ken Cherney Kevin Humston & Andrea Lynn Sloan George Nelles

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### **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

On the weekend of June 17 -19 there will be the Happening in Grimsby. Lots of Music and vendors for everyone.

# 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.

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

### 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

Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum – May to Aug - Urban History Walking Tours; June 1- September - Arabella's Tea Room Open daily; July 30 & 31 Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival 11 – 5pm

Lincoln Museum has Art Lives Here Market at the Museum on June 25 from 11-6 pm. Food, craft beverages and art vendors. Their buildings are open for the summer.

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

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!