



NELLES MANOR MUSEUM

1798 Home and War of 1812 Battle Site

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WELCOME

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Nelles Manor Museum is owned by Nelles Manor Heritage House, a non-government not-for-profit volunteer driven organization.

We present Nelles Manor, a **1798** Georgian style home built over a period of ten years by United Empire Loyalist Robert Nelles from local materials.

The Museum also represents the history of the Nelles Family who through their involvement in early government and military service plus their extensive early trade and commerce helped to build Canada as an early Nation.

The site of the home is also the site of a significant battle in the War of 1812 that may have been an important part in the destiny of Ontario and Canada.

2023

November

November was as a relatively quiet month after all the activity in October with the Harvest Tea and the Murder Mystery. There are hardly words available to express our appreciation for the dedication and commitment of our volunteers who made these events possible. We are extremely grateful, as they are major events that provide funding that supports the basic costs of insurance, utilities and repairs and maintenance. Without this support we could not continue to preserve and present this historic property.

In that vein, we are also appreciative of the volunteers who give their efforts to the maintenance of the house and property. In October alone there were 19 and ½ days of volunteer time devoted to the maintenance of the property and building.



Coming Events:

Tickets on sale now

Christmas at the Manor Tours

Our historic home will be decorated throughout for Christmas. There are two dates for public tours.

Sunday December 3 and Sunday December 10

Tours occur at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12

**Tickets will be available on Eventbrite
and by calling the office at 289-235-7755**

Our Annual Candlelight Christmas Reception

Enjoy an evening of refreshments, light music and the occasional Christmas carol, all in the ambiance of one of the oldest homes in Ontario decorated in all its Christmas finery.

December 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Tickets are \$45.00 per person

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**At Nelles Manor
Museum
We bring History
to Life**



BASEBALL CAPS

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.

It's Getting Close to Tax Time

You have many requests this time of year and we would hope you keep Nelles Manor in mind. Your donations are tax deductible we would rather you helped us to preserve and present this great heritage property than give money to the government.

Nelles Manor is **not** a government owned, operated or funded Museum. We are a not-for-profit charitable organization and we depend on your support of our tours, events and your donations to protect and preserve this important aspect of our history.

We couldn't do it without you!

DID YOU KNOW?

Robert Nelles and his brothers owned several mills on Forty Creek. One of these was a lumber mill. The family shipped lumber and other goods throughout Upper Canada and also to Montreal in Lower Canada.

Examples of these were the following:

1. A shipment by **Henry Nelles (Robert's son)** and consigned to Messers Gillespie, Moffat and Co. in Montreal showed 1,077 Barrels of Flour, 109 Barrels of Pork, 17 Kegs of Lard, and 6,700 Bushels of Wheat on consignment to three different merchants. Ships docked regularly at the Forty (Grimsby) in these transactions. There was a specific **Nelles Pier** on Lake Ontario approximately at the foot of what is now Maple Avenue that facilitated these shipments.

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2. A letter dated **July 1, 1800** shows the shipment of Lumber from Grimsby to Niagara-on-the-Lake to build the courthouse and Navy Hall.
3. A letter dated **March 9, 1800** from **Joseph Brant** indicating he was intending to build two small houses and requesting **Robert Nelles** to set aside sufficient lumber to build these houses in the spring.

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.

Thank You

As we reluctantly edge into winter a reminder of all the work the gardening crew did over the spring, summer and fall season. If you will remember we worked to establish a pollinator garden with a large garden primarily of Milkweed. From our photos we see the monarch butterfly at various stages in the garden



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Volunteers -

Contact us if you would like to be one of our amazing volunteers.

Volunteers Needed

While our year is coming to a close, we always need new volunteers as others move or become unable to serve. Call us and let us know your interests. We will find your special way to help.

We cannot operate without our dedicated volunteers who serve in so many ways.

Retired? / Bored?

Is your spouse not used to you home all day?

We have plenty for you to do!

We have plenty of Dust and Repair for everyone.

We need Painters, Carpenters, Paint Scrapers, Archivists, Gardeners, Tour Guides, Dust Removers, Graphic Artists, Weed pullers, Bakers, Cooks, GreetersYOU

JOIN US

If you are interested, please contact info@nellesmanor.ca or 289-235-7755.

Become a Friend of Nelles Manor Museum

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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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✦ End of Season

Labour Day was the end of our season for walk-in tours.

For individual tours in December see our Christmas tour program

Please contact info@nellesmanor.ca or 289-235-7755 for more information.



As this year draws to a close, we want to thank you for your tremendous support. We hope you will be able to join us for our last couple of events in December as we plan for our new season in 2024

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For more information on our events and activities refer to our website
www.nellesmanor.ca