



# NELLES MANOR Newsletter

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## 2022

The month of October was dominated by our Ghost tours entitled **Restless Spirits**. While our attendance was down from last year it wasn't due to the program. The program itself was very well scripted and the actors playing the parts of family members since past, were absolutely excellent. Below is a picture of our cast of actors, all volunteering their time to present representations of our past.

It seems there is still some reluctance to be out in larger groups due to Covid concerns.

Thank you to all for their wonderful performances.



Left to right: Graham Bellinato, Kendra Ysseldyk, Connie Ysseldyk, Nikita Smit, Lori Bruni, Sam Mowbray, Sue Perrin, Nancy Simon, Kevin Humston, Hilary Jackson, Cheryl Allen, Elio Furlan, Jennifer Connors, Addison Wright, Jennifer Toews, and Macy Walmsley

Our Restless Spirits Ghost Tours were held on October 21, 22, 28 and 29. It was so nice to have actors again this year. It was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to:

- Director Jennifer Toews
- Writers Joan Edwards and Hilary Jackson
- Greeters Denise Carter, Joan Edwards, Nancy Green, Bev Jarvis, Lois Lemire, Jess Linzel, Mary McLaren, Andrea Sloan, Bill Thompson, and Kerry Vandermolen.

A special thanks to Karyn Henderson for her wonderful treats.

Our intended select Whisky Tasting at the Manor on October 15<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to a limited response and unavailability of the speaker. Hopefully, we will be able to bring this back in another forum. We wish to thank **Forty Creek** for their support for this event. Forty Creek is proud of their heritage in Whisky making in Grimsby, as we are about Robert Nelles's work as one of the earliest whisky makers in Upper Canada in 1804.

Our gardening group continues to work on keeping the property in shape and adding features that will reflect the quality of the property. Maintenance is ongoing. We also have other volunteers with other special skills. Our stone work is being updated and windows being repaired. Storm windows are being installed for the coming season.

## Coming Events

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas events.

**Christmas at the Manor Tours** will be on **November 26 and 27 and December 3 and 4**. Nelles Manor will be decorated to reflect the Christmas season. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (3 – 13). Tickets will be going on sale soon!

Our thanks to the Town of Grimsby for their assistance in the promotion of this event.

**December 10** will be our wonderful **Candlelight Christmas** reception. A great time to celebrate the holiday season listening to Harp music accompanied by great food and beverage. This reception is a great time to enjoy the beginning of the Christmas season while supporting the Manor. Tickets are limited and \$40 per person. We look forward to seeing you there.



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## 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. Our Christmas tours are upcoming.

Volunteers needed to assist Manager part-time with administration duties and office support.

A group of volunteers is working on the gardens of the Manor, all interested persons are welcome to join.

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

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## Become a Friend of Nelles Manor

Your membership as a Friend of Nelles Manor helps to show the community support for our Museum and helps to support our on-going costs as we do not receive annual operating income from the government.

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
- St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Centre
- Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre
- Grimsby Museum
- City of Niagara Falls Museums
- Fort Erie Museums
- Welland Museum

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### New and Returning Friends of Nelles Manor

Susan Hamilton  
Don & Judy Howe  
Anna Marie Morris  
Jennifer Toews

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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. Our planning is starting now.

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

We are looking for Nelles family members to help organize and plan the reunion. If you are interested, please email [info@nellesmanor.ca](mailto:info@nellesmanor.ca).

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## 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.

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## Its beginning to look a lot like Tax Season -

If you haven't started to think about tax season now is a good time. **Nelles Manor Heritage House** is a charitable corporation and all donations received by December 31 will be deductible from your income for tax purposes. Since we are not owned by or funded by any government level on an annual basis for expenses we rely on your support to keep the Manor operating and presenting our very important historical story. We will be able to assist you in your tax reductions. Donations can be sent to the address indicated in the newsletter or through Canada Helps.

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## Community Events

**Peninsula Players** has their Fall production Jenny's House of Joy a Norm Foster play this November with plays on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. If any indication of past performance is the guide you will have a wonderful time.

**Grimsby Museum and Rotary** are once again teaming up for their annual **Fantasy of Trees** Nov 25 – Dec 4th. Some of the most beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths will be on display with an opportunity for you to win your favorite tree or wreath. All proceeds are invested back into the community. Come out and support this community event.

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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 during 2022!