



NELLES MANOR

Newsletter

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Music Comes to Nelles Manor

Lots of Music on the Manor Front Lawn this year. What a great summer of Concerts on the lawn at the Manor. The Niagara Symphony Orchestra has had four concerts of 5 or 6 musicians playing from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on various Saturdays and Wednesdays. Of course, we started our opening with the New Vintage Winds during the holiday weekend. From the Classics to Swing to Celtic, each concert brought something new.

This has been so successful we are looking to next summer to see what can be brought back for the fans of great music.

Our Visitors

We have now been open to the public 5 years. A review of our visitors' book has shown some rather astounding revelations. While not everyone indicated their home base, the information has been very informative. During those years, we have had visitors from **124 Ontario communities** outside of Grimsby. Also visiting were people from **five (5) Provinces, fifteen (15) countries** outside of Canada and **fourteen U.S. states**. The countries included Austria, Australia (several cities), England (several cities), New Zealand, Iran, Taiwan and Sweden.

This just shows the economic effect that a Museum such as ours can have on a community. All of these Nelles visitors came to our Town to see the Manor and many of them would have visited other sites and various local businesses providing local support for our business community.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Nelles Manor Neighbourhood Tours

We have a new tour for you! Come and visit the lands that Robert Nelles once owned. You will see where the Nelles mill was, other family homes and where the family are laid to rest. Ticket price \$10.00. These tours will be available on Eventbrite. Contact us at info@nellesmanor.ca for more information.

While our season for public drop-in tours at the Manor ends on **Labour Day**, group tours can still be booked up until our Christmas events close.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The events committee continues to meet. The Fall and Christmas events planning are underway. Returning favourites include the Ghost Tours - with a slight change to Spirit Walks this year and a Christmas event. Discussions for next year's events are already underway with consideration it is the 100th anniversary of Grimsby becoming a Town! Programming is being considered to participate in this event.

We will be recognizing the **280th birthday of Robert Nelles on October 7 at the Grimsby Farmers Market** 162 Livingston Ave. from 2:00 to 6:30. Come and have a cupcake to celebrate.

As well, we expect to be at the **Lincoln Pioneer Days October 2, 2021**. Lots going on.

October Ghost tours

Spirit Walk: 'You're never alone at Nelles Manor Museum.'

Due to capacity restrictions this year our Ghost Tours will be presented in a different format. Each tour will be guided through the Manor with tales of spirits seen and heard. The tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$10 for children and a family rate of \$50.00. On sale now!

Candlelight Christmas at Nelles Manor

Christmas in 1800 will be our theme and we will have public tours as well as a Christmas reception as a limited capacity fundraiser. Christmas tours will be December 4,5,11,12,18 and 19 with a special reception on the evening of the 11th.

Our Volunteers –

We cannot do much without the valuable contribution of our volunteers. This was never more on display than during August when we were finally able to open for a full month. During that month we had 23 volunteers help us present the history and special place of Nelles Manor to our visitors. This not only included the time contributed by our great tour guides but property maintenance such as gardening and building repairs and event staffing amongst the many duties needed. This contribution equated to 280 hours of time in just one month.

Thank You!

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New & Renewed Friends of Nelles Manor:

Aleta Grainger

Board of Directors –

After 5 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Manor Jim VanRoon, CPA has resigned as a Director. His input and direction over the past 5 years has been invaluable not only as to our establishment as a Museum but with on-going advice and counsel. We thank him for his service and advice.

New Director – Lindsay Puddicombe has been appointed as a member of the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy on the Board. Lindsay is the winemaker at Puddicombe Estate Winery. Her family farm was established in 1797. We are delighted to have her join our Board.

New artefact-

We want to thank the Stevens family for the donation of a large travel Trunk of Ida Maude Mary (nee Walker) Nelles. She was the wife of Brigadier General Charles Macklem Nelles (1863 – 1936) the great grandson of Colonel Robert and Elizabeth Nelles. Both Charles and Ida Maude travelled to the Queen's Jubilee and presumably the trunk travelled with them plus to many many other destinations.



All donations to Nelles Manor are tax deductible and a donation receipt for tax purposes will be issued.

Thank you all for your encouragement and we want you to be safe and healthy in 2021 and onward!