



NELLES MANOR Newsletter

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2022

Once again, we have lots to report for the month as we have been very busy with tours and events.

September 3rd, 4th and 5th was our closing weekend for general public tours and it was relatively quiet but signaled the end to a relatively busy tour season.

On Saturday **September 17** we attended the Lincoln Museum Pioneer Day event with an outreach program and our booth was well placed to be seen by most visitors. Their event is well attended, with lots of pioneer and early settler trades such as candle making sand soap making. Lots of local hand made items and flowers and food. Many thanks to our volunteers who staffed our booth and set up and took down the tent and materials. Bill, Karyn, Carla, Cheryl, Hilary, Mary, Jennifer, Dennis and Kate for all the work. Congratulations to S. McKay who won the Gift Basket.

September 24, was the initial Grimsby Art Walk. Grimsby has long been known for its Art Festival but it has been dormant for the past few years. Nelles Manor along with the Art Gallery, Grimsby Museum and the Downtown Business Group and the Town decided to initiate a new Art event. This was combined with the Town's 100-year celebration and made a great all-day event. We were paired with our local Pump House Art group who set up on our lawn with their artists and art work. An example is below. We were also pleased to have musical groups on the grounds which made for a very busy day. Included were the Celebration Choir, Angels' Share Duet, and Ian Fitze



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.

Saturday October 1, the museum hosted our Harvest Tea. Tickets were sold out well in advance. This was an excellent event for our guests. Donna's Fashions and models added to a special tea in one of the oldest homes in Ontario. Everything went off effortlessly. The reason it seemed effortless was because of the time and effort by our volunteer committee that planned, baked, prepared and served to make it seem so effortless. We are indebted to them for their great contribution to this most special event. Below are 4 of our guests enjoying themselves.



Coming Events

October 15 – Whisky Tasting - we are pleased to have received support from **Forty Creek Distillery** such that an exclusive tasting will be held as a fundraiser for the Museum. Their Master Blender will lead the participants in a tasting session at Nelles Manor, home of Robert Nelles. It is not well known, but Robert Nelles was one of the earliest whisky makers in Upper Canada and **by 1804 was selling hundreds of gallons of whiskey throughout Upper Canada.**

In 1806 census, Robert Nelles had 161 gallons of whisky in his still.

This event in a historic venue is **limited to 20 people**. Tickets are **\$125** with a charitable receipt of **\$50**. Tickets are available through Eventbrite.

October 21,22,28,29 will be our always popular Ghost Tours this year Restless Spirits. Each weekend will be filled with tours of the home with many volunteers helping our visitors to experience the sounds and sights of a 225-year-old home in the season of Halloween. There will be five 45-minute performances per night, starting at 5:30 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/nelles-manor-museum-and-heritage-house-25218215405>

Christmas tours will be coming up in early December. December 10 will be our wonderful **Candlelight Christmas** event. **Tours** will be on November 26 and 27 and December 3 and 4. More on this next month.

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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.

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

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](#)

Myra & Olia Jurychuk

Rhona Wenger & Tom Spicer

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

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.

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.

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.

Grimsby Museum – has a special program for October that is on their website

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!