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1798 Home and War of 1812 Battle Site

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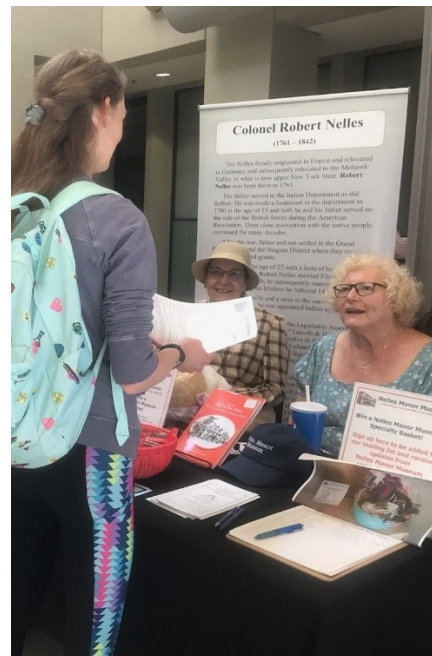
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Nelles Manor Museum at the Brock University Volunteer Fair

Several of our volunteers attended an event at Brock University to educate people as to the volunteer opportunities at Nelles Manor Museum. Shown below are two of our volunteers greeting an interested attendee.



If you would like to volunteer or discuss volunteer opportunities, please email info@nellesmanor.ca

Lincoln pioneer Harvest Festival

Once again, our volunteers were out in force at the Lincoln Museum and Culture Centre to inform visitors at that wonderful event as to the many upcoming events at Nelles Manor Museum in the coming months. We were able to inform them as to the great importance of Nelles Manor Museum, the historic site and the important role of the Nelles family.



Our morning volunteers, and afternoon volunteers
Thanks to all of you for taking the important message of Nelles Manor Museum out to the public.

Grimsby Arts Walk Saturday September 23

Nelles Manor Museum was happy to be part of the **2nd annual Grimsby Arts Walk on Saturday September 23**. The museum was one of four locations in the historic downtown of Grimsby.

- The Grimsby Lakeside Pumphouse Artists Association were on the lawn of the Manor for their annual art show and sale.
- Plein air painters were painting on site
- Open hearth cooking demonstrations in the museum's hearth kitchen. One of our new volunteers tended the hearth in the old kitchen and treated visitors to many items she created from the Kitchen fireplace.
- Tours of the Manor took place by donation

The Grimsby **Lakeside Pumphouse Artists Association** presented a great show of their annual art work and many a sale was completed. One of the plein air painters – Doug Archer – sold a watercolour painting of the Manor as he was painting it! Many of the artists were on site and were thrilled with the response of so many people admiring their work.

We welcomed those who took the tour with the smell of baking from the open-hearth cooking demonstrations.

Entertainment was a big part of the day as we were fortunate to have two groups of musicians playing to the large crowds.

Throughout the day, fiddling resonated through the neighbourhood - the Niagara Old Tyme Fiddlers and Natalie the Fiddler brought joy to the festivities!

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

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History to Life



Niagara Old Tyme Fiddlers

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Our tent where four guests were welcomed



★ **Coming Events:**

Tickets now on sale

[Harvest Tea - Saturday October 14 @ 1:00 - \\$45 per person](#)

Only a few tickets left!!!

Enjoy a relaxing autumn afternoon tea in an Upper Canada Georgian manor. Sandwiches, scones, sweets and of course tea! There will also be a “Fashion Through the Ages” display.

Seating is limited so get yours soon.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/678548465727?aff=oddtcreator>

[Murder at the Manor](#)

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday October 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29

Tickets are going fast!!!

It is 1820 and you are visiting a beautiful Georgian Manor in Upper Canada. Suddenly there is a scream! Constables are hours away - you are the detective and must catch the murderer. With the Radcliffe family and staff all having motives – good luck! Come and discover who done it!

A One Act Murder Mystery. Script by Jennifer Toews based on an Original Concept by Emily Byrne; Director Jennifer Toews.

Multiple shows times to choose from - \$25 per person

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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.



Despite the fact that September was a short month for tours because we closed for public tours on Labour Day, we welcomed visitors not only from Grimsby but also from Newfoundland and Labrador, Toronto, Hamilton, Northern Ireland, Owen Sound, Waterdown, Waterloo, Mississauga and Vineland.

DID YOU KNOW?

The **Engagement at the Forty** was a critical battle in the **War of 1812**. Without this battle the American troops who were encamped at the Forty (Grimsby) were under orders to return to Stoney Creek after their surprise attack by the British at the Battle of Stoney Creek. Since they outnumbered the British 4 – 1 with new reinforcements, their victory and control of Upper Canada was almost certain. However, this engagement at the Forty caused their hasty retreat to Fort George which became their sole control in the Niagara Region.

Much of the American encampment was on **Robert Nelles'** land which at the time extended from the Escarpment to the lake front.

Key to this result was the attacks by the indigenous warriors of the Six Nations who fired on the American forces from the escarpment and made their presence a key threat to the Americans.

The indigenous warriors played a major role in many of the Battles of the War of 1812, and their support was a major factor in the repulse of the Americans during the many American invasions.

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.

Volunteers -

Volunteers Needed

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.

The Garden group continues to work on the property and some of the flowers and plants are showing great seasonal colour. Bushes and shrubs are being relocated to enhance their growth and appearance. The butterfly garden continues to develop.

If you own a home. you know how much work it is to maintain and keep in good order. At Nelles Manor Museum we have a 225-year-old home that was built using 1700- year techniques. In some ways that is very good and in other ways it means there has been 225 years of wear and tear. The Coutts family have over the years put a great deal of work into maintaining and ensuring the home is in good condition. They continue to do so.

However, time and weather are not always helpful in a home. If you can help, your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Become a Friend of Nelles Manor Museum

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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New and Renewing Friends

Joanne & Murray Clarke

✦ End of Season

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

As noted above there are many special events still happening after Labour Day for you to participate in and enjoy the history of the 1798 Manor House.

Groups of five or larger can still apply for tours during the fall season by appointment.

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



A picture of the Manor House as the Pumphouse Artists set up for the 2nd annual Grimsby Arts Walk

Nelles Manor is **not** a government owned, operated or funded Museum. 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!

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For more information on our events and activities refer to our website
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