



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

IN UMBRA CARDUI VIOLAE VALESCANT

"In the thistle's shadow, violets grow stronger."

April 16, 2006

The New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association is saddened to report of the passing of Dr. Ellen MacGillivray of Fredericton on Saturday April 15, 2006.

Dr. MacGillivray, an internationally renowned entomologist, was also a driving force in the Scottish cultural community of New Brunswick, and she was a founding member of the NBSCA.

As President of the Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew in the late 1970's, Dr. Ellen MacGillivray was dynamic in the movement to create a provincial Scottish association. Her vision recognized a need for New Brunswick Scots to gather regularly, to show pride in their heritage and in their culture. Her dedication to Scottish culture culminated in steering meetings to establish a provincial Scottish association and a provincial Highland Games. In her own words, "Here we were in New Brunswick, a province with many Scots and descendants of Scots, sitting idly by – accepting or believing that Nova Scotia had a monopoly on all things Scottish in the Maritimes."

In 1980, supported by John Allan Duff, Dugald Richford, Herbert Sewell, and Ernest Grant, Dr. MacGillivray personally chaired the series of meetings that brought together diverse Scottish cultural groups. These organizations included the Upper St. John Valley Society of Saint Andrew, the Caledonia Society of Restigouche, the Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew, the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi, the Fredericton Scottish Country Dancers, and the Caledonia Society of Restigouche Lassies. On June 22nd, 1980, Dr. MacGillivray presided over the meeting of delegates from these organizations with the purpose of creating "a New Brunswick Society for the Promotion of Scottish Culture." The proposed society became the New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association, Inc.

During the last 26 years, Dr. MacGillivray worked tirelessly on behalf of the Association, and was a tremendous advocate of all things Scottish. She became a regular supporter of the NBSCA's activities and the New Brunswick Highland Games, and was often a guest of honour at Association events. She freely shared her knowledge and expertise on Scottish cultural subjects, and her fierce pride in her Scottish heritage set her apart.

Dr. Ellen MacGillivray was predeceased by her husband, George, and was a daughter of the late Robert MacLaggan and Marjorie Titus. Dr MacGillivray funeral will be held at Saint Andrews Presbyterian church in Fredericton at 11:00 AM on Wednesday April 19, 2006

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