



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

IN UMBRA CARDUI VIOLAE VALESCANT

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

April 16, 2006

President's Message on the Death of Dr. Ellen MacGillivray

It is with deep regret that I learned of the death of Dr. Ellen MacGillivray on April 15th. As both an academic and a champion of the Scottish culture in New Brunswick, Ellen MacGillivray played a pivotal role in the development of not only the New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association but also the New Brunswick Highland Games and Scottish Festival. Both Ellen and husband George had a vision of having a provincial organization that would bring together all the different Scottish groups throughout New Brunswick. Their dream came true in 1980 when the New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association was born.

Ellen was one of the first women allowed to become a member of the Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew and is a Past President of the Society. Ellen paved the way for women eventually being allowed to join what was an all male organization. As President of the Fredericton Society Ellen over saw what would turn out to be one of the most tumultuous times in Society's history.

From a personal point of view Ellen provided me council and advice on so many areas such as history and governance for both the Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew and the New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association. I have learned so much from Ellen I know I will miss her knowledge, advice and more specifically her friendship.

On behalf of the New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association's Executive Council, Board of Directors and membership I extend our deepest sympathy to Ellen's family.

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