

Gardiner Museum

Volunteer Book of Remembrance

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The Book of Remembrance acknowledges the contributions of our volunteers who have passed away. They supported the Gardiner through their talents, time, and enthusiasm. We recognize and value the importance of volunteers and the role they play in building and sustaining arts institutions.

Joyce Bateman
Nancy Brady
Barbara Bruce
Dorothy Burton
Donald Burwash
Mary Carter
Hyacinthe Diggs
Stan Draffin
Margaret Erdle
Jean Ferguson
Douglas Gardner
Maureen Galloway
Susan Harrison
Ed Healey
Veronica Livia Herczeg
Evelyn Jolly
Marie-Louise Milou Kelley
Christine Kerlik
Kay King
John Lenhoff
Eileen MacNeil
Kristine Magidsohn
Mickey Mallyon
Sylvia Morris
Kati Reкаи
Laure Rièse
Nancy Smith
Olive Sparling
Ellenor Taylor
Margaret Elizabeth Taylor
Jean Townsend
Norma Wickens
Anne Wills
Anna Young
Beth Yule



Joyce Bateman was a dedicated supporter of the Gardiner Museum. She took ceramics courses even before the Museum opened in March 1984. From 1984 to 1996, Joyce greeted visitors at the Front Desk. At 88, she transferred to Sustaining member status, but remained one of the best ambassadors for the Museum. In January 2005, she passed away at the age of 98.

Nancy Brady served on the Archives Committee, the Joy of Ceramics Committee, and as GVC Secretary 2011. She is remembered as a member of the Docent training course of 2010/2011, and as a dedicated Gardiner Docent with a delightful sense of humour. She died in 2012.

Barbara Bruce was interested in music, current affairs, and the arts. She was devoted to Canadian artists and volunteered in the Shop from 2006 to 2011. Barbara's warm, gracious personality resulted in many sales. She also volunteered at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Barbara passed away on July 9, 2019.

Dorothy Burton was a dedicated Front Desk volunteer who greeted the public with sincerity, a quiet gentleness, and a warm smile. She was willing to learn new systems and took her responsibilities seriously. She passed away in October 2014.

Donald Burwash began greeting and serving visitors at the Front Desk in 1995. A long-standing and dedicated volunteer, Don was Co-Chair of the Front Desk committee in 1996-97 with Anita Fleisher, and again in 1997-98 with Diane Dyer. A lawyer who was interested in GVC/Museum procedures and communications, Don also served as GVC Treasurer in 2000-01. His ancestor, the Rev. Nathanael Burwash, brought Victoria College (Vic) to Toronto from Cobourg in 1892 to federate with the University of Toronto. Nathanael's wife Margaret was the first president of Vic's Volunteer Women's Association (VWA), founded in 1897 to raise money for the first purpose-built university residence for women in Canada. The Gardiner Museum is built on Vic land where the old tennis courts of Annesley Hall once stood. Don was a kind gentleman who was open to self-improvement and continued learning. He passed away on November 16, 2018.

Mary Carter was a dedicated volunteer at the Front Desk, often working Saturday and Sunday mornings for over two years. She transferred to Sustaining status until she passed away in April 2005.

Hyacinthe Diggs served primarily on the Front Desk and occasionally in the Shop before resigning in June 2013 due to ill health and died in January 2014.

Stan Draffin joined the Museum around 2004 and served as GVC Treasurer, at the Front Desk, and on the Meet and Greet committee. In 1999, when the Ontario government required high school students to acquire a minimum of 40 hours of community service, Stan introduced a student volunteer program at the Gardiner. His leadership and dedication were much appreciated. He passed away in 2014.

Margaret Erdle became a volunteer in 1984 and was a reliable presence in the Shop. She was Shop Chair from 1987 to 1988, and also served as Admissions and Placement Chair in 1989-90. Margaret received her 15-year service pin in 1999. She passed away in November 2003.

Jean Ferguson became a Gardiner volunteer in 1984 and served at the Front Desk on Thursday mornings. She received her 10-year service pin in 1994. In the fall of 1995, she transferred to Sustaining status. Jean was an enthusiastic and loyal supporter of the Museum and the GVC. She passed away in September 2003.

Maureen Galloway started volunteering on the Front Desk in 1999. She served as a Greeter at the *Picasso and Ceramics* exhibition held at the University of Toronto Art Centre from September 2004 to January 2005 while the Gardiner Museum was closed for renovations. When the Museum reopened, Maureen became Chair of the Admissions and Placement Committee with the goal of increasing the number of Front Desk volunteers. Eventually, she transferred to Sustaining status. Maureen passed away on December 15, 2018.

Douglas G. Gardner responded to an appeal for volunteers in the “Vic Report” (Victoria College at the University of Toronto) in the mid-1990s and served for many years on the Front Desk. He later transferred to Meet and Greet. Doug gave architectural tours of the building for orientation sessions and meetings (a detailed outline of the Museum’s architecture can be found in the edition of the Harlequin News published in September 2013). Doug was a true gentleman. He passed away in 2017. Kelvin Browne, Executive Director and CEO of the Museum, announced in November 2019 that the Douglas G. Gardner Award would be created to recognize both the contributions of Douglas and the work done by volunteers.

Susan Harrison was devoted to the Gardiner Museum and the GVC from the time she joined in 1990 until her sudden death in January 2019. Susan served as Co-Chair of the Front Desk with Susan von Bose from 1991 to 1993. As an active Front Desk member, she would travel from Thornhill by public transit to serve on many shifts. Some offered to set up a cot for her in the Museum! Susan baked cakes for the Hospitality Committee that were greatly appreciated. She transferred to Sustaining status in 2002. Susan and Douglas Gardner were good friends, and when he died it left a gap in her life. Susan died in January 2019.

Edward D. Healey started working as a Gardiner volunteer at the *Picasso and Ceramics* exhibition held at the University of Toronto Art Centre in 2004-05. The exhibition was associated with a very successful shop, for which Edward took on the stocking and storage of merchandise. He continued this role once the Museum returned to its current site after the renovation. Edward worked many hours in the Shop, often coming in every day for two hours. After retiring from business, he attended Butler School in the Maritimes and worked for Maude McDougald, the widow of the Argus Corporation founder Bud McDougald. He also authored a book called *The Butler, The Autobiography of Edward D. Healey*. Edward passed away in 2010.

Veronica Livia Herczeg joined the Gardiner volunteers in 1990 after retiring as an engineer for the TTC who had worked on the Museum subway station. Over the years, Veronica served on

the Executive in many capacities including Shop Chair, Vice President, President, Special Events Co-Chair, Secretary, and Joy of Ceramics Co-Chair. From 2000 to 2002, Veronica was Editor of the volunteer newsletter, with Diane Dyer as her assistant. In 2003, she changed from Active to Sustaining status but remained active working with the Archives Committee. She died in May 2018.

Evelyn Jolly was one of the original Gardiner volunteers in 1984. She worked at the Front Desk and was honoured for her volunteer work with a plaque from the Ontario Government. Evelyn's bubbly personality helped her greet visitors, including the exiled King and Queen of Romania. She passed away in May 2003.

Milou Kelley was GVC Treasurer from 2006 to 2014. In 2003, after transferring from the ROM's Reproduction Shop, Milou started volunteering at the Front Desk and later moved to Archives. She enjoyed the intimacy of the Gardiner, which offered her more opportunities to get to know fellow volunteers. After Milou retired from an outstanding career in accounting—which included positions as the Director of Education for the Society of Management Accountants of Ontario, the National Director of Education, the Director of Administration, and a job in New York at the International Federation of Accountants—she took up making dollhouses, which were works of art. On January 30, 2019, a small gathering of volunteers, family, friends, and staff, came together to pay tribute to Milou. In Milou's memory, her husband Tom made a generous donation to the Museum, and an area of the Shop is now named in her memory. Milou passed away on August 16, 2018.

Charlotte Kerlik joined the GVC in December of 2001 and volunteered on the Front Desk. She was a University of Toronto student who went to the Middle East as part of her studies, became ill, and passed away within a week of returning home in September 2002. It was a terrible shock to family and friends.

Kay King was President of the GVC in 1991-92. She and Molly Anne Macdonald headed the Publication Committee assisting Meredith Chilton to publish her book, *Harlequin Unmasked: The Commedia dell' Arte and Porcelain Sculpture*. Kay and Molly Anne realized the importance of keeping records for and about the Museum, which resulted in what would become the Archive Committee and the Oral History Project. She died in June 2013.

John Lenhoff was one of the early volunteers who served on the Front Desk and as Vice-President of the GVC briefly in late-1989 to early-1990.

Kristine Magidsohn was a skilled potter, an interest which led her to volunteer at the Gardiner in 2007, where she served at the Front Desk on Wednesday afternoons. Unfortunately, she died unexpectedly while visiting family in Bangalore, India in 2015.

Mickey Mallyon was introduced to the Gardiner by Joyce Bateman and served on the Front Desk from 1997 to 2001, after which she transferred to Sustaining status. Mickey helped with

mailings, hospitality events, in the library, and with the *Picasso and Ceramics* exhibit. She passed away in 2005 just before her friend Joyce Bateman.

Eileen McNeil volunteered at the Front Desk from 1984 to the mid-1990s when she transferred to Sustaining status. Eileen was the perfect ambassador for the Museum; admired for her warmth, elegance, and commitment to the Gardiner. She donated her collection of clippings about the Gardiner Museum to the Archives.

Sylvia Morris was Chair of the Shop Volunteers for several years and was a great mentor to many. She was a wonderful ambassador and advocate of the Gardiner Museum. She passed away on August 3, 2019.

Kati Rekai was one of the Gardiner's original volunteers and a proud member of the Writers' Union of Canada. Kati wrote the book *The Adventures of Mickey, Taggy, Puppo, Cica and How They Discover the George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramics in Toronto, Canada*. Copies were given to the Gardiner's Education Department to be distributed to children. It is part of a series of books about the adventures of three dogs and a cat, and the places they visit. This book was published in the late 1980s and was sold at the Gardiner, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Museum. Kati was also a recipient of the Order of Canada. She was a great ambassador for the Museum. Kati passed away on February 1, 2010.

Laure Rièse was a Front Desk volunteers from 1990 to 1995. She had been a professor at Victoria College, teaching French Language and Literature. Laure was a recipient of the Order of Canada and of Ontario, among many other awards for her promotion of French literature and culture. She was an enthusiastic ambassador for the Gardiner Museum. Laure passed way in March 1996.

Olive Sparling volunteered on the Front Desk from 1984 to 1994 and was Chair of the Front Desk from 1989 to 1991, where she was responsible for re-writing the desk manual. Olive was very efficient and dependable. She passed away in September 1994.

Nancy Smith started volunteering at the Museum in 1987 and served for 15 years until she retired in 2002. Her baking and hospitality skills for special events and meetings were much appreciated.

Ellenor Taylor volunteered on the Front Desk from 1999 to 2002. She passed away April 2002.

Margaret Elizabeth Taylor was one of three Docent trainers from the ROM responsible for training the first class of Docents for the Gardiner Museum in 1984. Dallas Locke and Betty Shepard were the other two. Margaret was always encouraging to the trainees. She served as the 2nd GVC President in 1996-97, and as a member of the Joy of Ceramics Committee.

Jean Townsend joined the GVC in 1984 and served in the Shop. She was a true ambassador for the Museum and was well liked by all. She passed away in 1985.

Norma Wickens joined the Gardiner in 1984 where she volunteered in the Shop and on the Hospitality Committee. Her baked goods raised a lot of money for the volunteer treasury. In the 1990s, Norma transferred to Sustaining status. She passed away in March 2015.

Anne Wills became one of the Shop volunteers in 1995 and served as Chair of the Shop in 1999-2000. She transferred to Sustaining status in 2010 and resigned in 2012. Anne passed away July 29, 2019 at 90 years of age.

Anna Young joined the volunteers in 2009 having been a past president of the University of Toronto Alumni Association and a board member of the Ontario Heritage Trust. Anna contributed on the Meet and Greet Committee where she also served as Chair. In 2013, Anna transferred to Sustaining status for health reasons. Anna had a wide range of interests including figure skating and polar bears. She passed away in 2015.

Elizabeth (Beth) Yule volunteered in the Shop in 1984 and encouraged friends to follow, like Joyce Le Page and Nancy Anderson. She served as a Shop and Front Desk Chair and GVC Treasurer. Beth resigned in 1994 to pursue her many interests and to travel. She rejoined in 1999 as a Sustaining member. Beth died in June 2012.