

## Mary Murray's Scroll of Honour - 2000

Mrs. Murray has done much to give Scottish country dancing greater exposure within the community in Vancouver through her long association with the Vancouver Branch Demonstration Team, both as a dancer and a Director for over 20 years. She was recognized for her work with the Demonstration Team by the United Scottish Cultural Societies, when they invited her to be Chieftain of the Day at the annual British Columbia Games in 1998. She has, on many occasions involved many of the local dancers in the greater Vancouver area in participating in mass demonstrations at events to help promote Scottish country dancing, principally, in cooperation with Mr. Ian Price, the 256-some Reel which was danced to the music of the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band and which event is recorded in the Guinness Book of Records. Mrs. Murray is regarded by the Vancouver Branch as a great ambassador for the Society.

Mrs. Murray has been a teacher-tutor for a number of years, and every teacher newly qualified during that time has received training from her. Vancouver's high rate of success is evidence of her skill in training teachers, and this has resulted in the formation of many more Scottish country dance classes in Vancouver and throughout the Province of British Columbia.

Mrs. Murray served on the Vancouver Branch Committee in several capacities, including Teacher-Coordinator, for more than ten years. She was also Teachers' Association of Canada area representative for three years.

In addition to her current contribution as a popular teacher, Mrs. Murray is highly regarded and frequently called upon for her considered and valuable advice, especially in the organization of Branch workshops and Summer Schools.

Mrs. Murray joined East Stirlingshire Branch of the RSCDS in 1959, and later move to Edinburgh where she became a member of the Edinburgh Branch and danced with the demonstration team for a few years prior to leaving Scotland for Canada. Mrs. Murray has been a Life Member of the Society since 1971.

Mrs. Murray is much in demand as a teacher at workshops overseas and on the North American continent. She has been invited to teach in Denmark, Germany, France and the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Japan and Indonesia. In addition, she is invited annually to teach at Summer School at St. Andrews, Scotland.