

## **MARGARET CRAIG**

**1911 - 1994**

Margaret Craig graduated from GCVI in 1930. While a student, she served as Associate Editor of Acta Nostra; and Vice President (1928) of the Literary Society. She was the first winner of the James Davison Scholarship for Mathematics (1930) before leaving for Queen's University. Graduating from Queen's in 1945, she maintained an abiding love for and interest in the university where she made lasting friendships.

As a teacher, Ms Craig spent her entire career in Guelph schools. She taught grade one at Central Public School and later, after many art courses, she became teacher to generations of art students at King George School. She loved her art.

Ms Craig was also very interested in people and had a wealth of friends. She was a devoted daughter during her parents' lifetime, and a caring person to students, neighbours, and friends. Her care extended to many good causes, such as:

- the Chancel Guild at St. George's, where she created a hanging for the altar
- the Guelph Creative Arts Association: Ms Craig was one of the "Group of Nine Women Artists" of Guelph and was involved in the Royal Bank displays of their work
- the Artisan Shop of the Eaton's Centre, Guelph
- the St. James Stilebery Group
- the MacDonald-Stewart Art Centre
- the University Women's Club

Ms Craig loved to travel, but in later years her trips were restricted to such places as the Forks of the Credit, Rockwood, and the local countryside where she did her sketching. At home, her lovely garden and trees meant much to her. Bird feeders just outside her windows gave her much pleasure and provided inspiration for her art. After her death, her large collection of art provided inspiration for her art book was donated to the GCVI library as a fitting tribute to her life's work.

Jessie Reid  
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