

Flo Cox Awards 2014

MAVIS GRAY

Mavis holds membership No. 8 and has been with MGS since its inception in 1976 and has the title of “Founding Member”. Since her retirement as a librarian at the University of Manitoba in 2011 she has volunteered on the Tuesday shift. She does cataloguing, makes entries into the KOHA program and many other library tasks that are assigned to her. Using her expertise as a librarian Mavis helps keep the library running smoothly. She assists our head librarian, Mary, by gathering information for “Library Lines” that Mary submits to Generations. Mavis also writes a regular article for Generations titled, “Our Library”. In these articles she highlights different subjects found in the Library. Two recent topics were books on World War I and books about churches. Recently, an individual sent a very generous donation to the Society because she appreciated some research work that Mavis did for her. Mavis is a quiet but very dedicated volunteer. Her work ethic and long-time commitment to MGS makes her a very commendable recipient of the Flo Cox Volunteer Award.

William “Bill” Curtis

Bill is member No. 2887 and has been a member of MGS since 1995. From 2008 to the present he has been Chair of Education and Outreach. He has worked tirelessly at this position. He goes to many events every year to promote genealogy and to tell people about MGS. Some of these occasions are all-day affairs: some, like Folklorama, are even a week’s commitment. Bill often arranges for members to accompany him and assist with his outings. Now hold on to your hats as you hear a list of some of the places Bill has worked at: Red River Heritage Fair, Social Science Teachers’ Conference (SAGE), Hydro, Selkirk Highland Gatherings, Age and Opportunity Conferences, Creative Retirement, Association of Manitoba Trustees, St. James Assiniboia Seniors Centre, Sturgeon Creek Retirement Centre, CNR Pensioners, Retired Social Workers, Red Hat Ladies, many different libraries throughout Winnipeg and the province, Good Neighbours East Kildonan Branch. He has also given talks to MGS Branches about KOHA and made presentations to the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch on computers and other topics of interest to the Branch. In the past he has worked as an adjudicator at the Lord Selkirk School Division’s Heritage Fair. Some of these places Bill returns to year after year. This year he was at the Manitoba Heritage Day event at the Manitoba Museum all-day affair, different seniors organizations and our Open House this past September. Bill is the quintessential volunteer – well worthy of the Flo Cox Volunteer Service Award.