

## June Stewart

1927-2011

*June Stewart's brother Derry provided these details of June Stewart's life.*

She was born in Malvern in 1927. She attended St Margaret's and Melbourne Church of England Girls' Grammar School. She was a prefect at the latter, including during the war when the school had to be evacuated to Doncaster. She enrolled at the University of Melbourne, residing at Janet Clarke Hall and graduated in 1948 with honours in French and English.

She worked as secretary to Professor Belz, who although a Mathematics Professor was active in French affairs. She moved to become secretary to Professor Joseph Burke, Professor of Fine Arts, where she became Curator of their collection of photographs of Fine Art objects. June co-authored with Franz Philip the book *In Honour of Daryl Lindsay*, who was then Director of the National Gallery of Victoria. She contributed very largely to the book *European Paintings before 1800 in the National Gallery of Victoria* by Dr Ursula Hoff.

Later she travelled to England and worked at the Courtauld Institute of Fine Art in London. Throughout her career her interests were in Fine Arts, Classics, Poetry, Music etc. She also took part (backstage) in the Union Theatre.

After leaving the University of Melbourne, her health was unfortunately poor, leading to her being incapacitated for the last few years of her life, but she still maintained association with friends and colleagues. She donated the painting *The Window Seat* by Emma Minnie Boyd to the National Gallery of Victoria. See <http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/col/work/70471>



*June Stewart, a life member of Graduate Women Victoria, resigned in 2010 because of ill health. The June Stewart Bursary was awarded to Catherine Fu, a student at La Trobe University, in 2012.*

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