

The Symphony Guild of Charlotte Announces Marie R. Rowe Award Winner for 2007

WHO: The Symphony Guild of Charlotte announces the 2007 winner of the Marie R. Rowe Award for 2007. She is Betty Nisbet (Margaret Elizabeth Porter Nisbet).

She is an alumna of Queen's University, member of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (served as Regent from 1978-1980), a sixth generation descendent of Hezekiah Alexander, and mother of two daughters, Elizabeth Miller and Lucinda Lucas.

Living in Waxhaw early in her marriage, she organized and promoted the Waxhaw Antique Show (which continued for over 50 years) while presiding as president of the Waxhaw Woman's Club. She joined the Symphony Women's Association in Charlotte and became instrumental in increasing membership in the symphony. She was an organizing member of the Charlotte Debutante Club, a perennial fundraiser for opera, and served as chairman for one year. She was active in fundraising to restore the Hezekiah Alexander House and served as president of the Hezekiah Alexander Auxiliary. Nisbet served as president of the Mecklenburg Historical Association and the board of the Historic Preservation Society of NC. She helped organize and served as chairman of the board of the Charlotte Museum of History, and is an Emeritis Member of the Board of this Museum.

Betty and her late husband of 58 years, Jim Nisbet, endowed the Nisbet Chair of Preaching at Union Presbyterian School of Christian Education (Union PSCE) - Charlotte Campus and the Nisbet Scholarship at the Presbyterian School of Nursing at Queens University, and funded the original installation of the super titles technology for Opera Carolina. They endowed the Nisbet Tennis Center at Campbell University at Buies Creek, NC and gave numerous scholarships to that organization. They were major donors to the library at Sharon Towers. In addition, the Betty Nisbet Endowment was established to benefit the Charlotte Museum of History. The Nisbets were awarded the Association of Fund Raising Executives Outstanding Philanthropist Award in 1995.

Betty Nisbet has visited over eighty countries, is a short story author and artist.

WHAT: The Marie R. Rowe Award is given annually to an Outstanding Volunteer in the Arts by The Symphony Guild of Charlotte at The Guild's Spring Fashion Show. This year marks the ninth annual presentation to the leading women and men who have helped the arts and culture flourish in our region and enrich our lives.

WHERE: Roof With A View, 800 West Hill Street in uptown Charlotte

WHEN: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 2007

HOW: For ticket information and reservations, call 704.525.0522

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