

## **FRANK TURNER AWARD - 1989**

### **Bertha McHaffie-Gow**

The 1989 Frank Turner Award was presented to a “very surprised” Bertha McHaffie-Gow. In writing of the ceremony in Close-Up, Bill Irvine said, “Bertha’s surprise can only be attributed to her humility; for a more deserving member could not be found!” Though stricken speechless at the time, Bertha later wrote:

*“I feel I have received more joy, photographic knowledge and rewards over the years from each and every one, than I can ever hope to come close to giving back in return. I cherish the memory of Frank Turner, in whose honour the trophy is given. Frank taught much of the photographic art many of us work with now.”*

Bertha was President of the Club in 1973-74. In addition to her ongoing and willing service in many, many club activities, she has been instrumental in bringing special events to Victoria such as the National Association for Photographic Art Seminar in October 1981. This was Bertha’s “brain-child”, and all Victoria camera clubs cooperated in what was a ‘superb day for photographers’.

Bertha is still very much involved. She is an active member of the (50th) Club’s Anniversary Book Committee.