



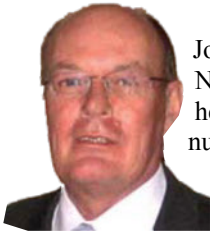
*"I think of all things that show a zest  
For life, the dandelion beats the rest.  
The little winged seeds from its white fluff  
ball  
Settle and grow with no urging at all.  
Settle in most unlikely places  
And soon there's a crop of dandelion faces."*

Hope everyone has a great summer. The Archive committee will re-convene in September.

Lorna Weiss, Chair

## Archival Profile Tribute

### JOHN ALEX CRAWFORD







John graduated from a Saskatchewan Psychiatric Nursing Diploma program in 1967. From then on he dedicated his professional life to psychiatric nursing. In 1977 he Chaired an inter-provincial group of Registered Psychiatric Nurses who developed the first ever National Psychiatric Standards for psychiatric nursing practice in Canada. These standards, with revisions, have been used by the profession of psychiatric nursing in Canada from 1979 to 2009.

After graduating John moved to BC in 1974 to teach in the psychiatric nursing education program at the BC Institute of Technology. He was a psychiatric nursing educator, practitioner, administrator and researcher until his death in 2004. At the time of his passing, he had achieved candidacy as a doctoral student in the Faculty of Education at the University of BC. John would be so pleased to know that the profession now has three baccalaureate programs in psychiatric nursing and that a Master's program hopes to begin in January 2011.

John worked at the SMHC as Acting Director of the School of Psychiatric Nursing 1986. Although John died in 2004, his dream is becoming a reality and a scholarship in his name has been established by the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Foundation Inc. of Manitoba ([www.rpnf.ca](http://www.rpnf.ca)). This scholarship will support RPNs in Canada who wish to pursue Master's or Doctoral studies that are directly related to psychiatric nursing in areas of clinical practice, education, administration or research.

## Bulletin Board

-  A BIG Thanks to those who purchased the Velsey Bulbs and helping to contribute towards the Archive Committee finances
-  The Committee voted to have the graduate photographs sent to the College of RPNs Manitoba who kindly agreed that they would have them displayed to honour the past achievements of psychiatric nursing graduates. Larry will deliver the photos at the end of September.
-  The Archive Committee's membership to the Manitoba Archive Association has now been submitted. Dr Larry Mackie will be the voting member representing the SMHC Archive Committee.
-  An Archive Collection Inc. Web link has been placed on the main web site for SMHC.

### Did you know.....?



Isabel Geard and her Granson in 1970s

...that an early attempt for Pet Therapy was tried at SMHC in the 1970s but a later attempt in 1994 proved to be more successful.

In 1994, SMHC became a unique scene for therapy involving People and their Pets. One miniature horse, two goats, cats and dogs all played a part in this experience for

patients hands on approach.

A growing body of knowledge indicated the physical, social and cognitive benefits of patients interaction with animals..

In 1996, a Collie-Blend female and her puppies were

found on the road side by Arla Madrigga, a nurse in the Elderly Care ward. She found them in a miserable state, wrapped them up and took them home. A few mornings later she took one of the males to work and a senior member of the Dietary Department decided to adopt the pup. Before the end of day the elderly care ward also adopted one of the pups and called it "Maggie". Accordingly, Maggie became the Centre's first live-in Therapist.



Pet Therapy Group 1990s