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BC TREFOIL GUILD NEWSLETTER

Jottings from JoAnn!

It's almost the official "first day of summer" and for those of us in the Lower Mainland and quite probably throughout the Province, we are all wondering when the sun will arrive and stay!

Memories & More is now a distant memory but there are still 100th Anniversary Celebrations happening throughout the Province. If your Guild is participating in any do send us a write-up and pictures for the next issue of the Bulletin.

It's hard to believe it's only three weeks until the National Gathering which is being held in Kamloops. I am looking forward to representing everyone when all the Provincial Advisers meet. We have been asked to send agenda items to Wanda Garret so I have forwarded your suggestions that you put forward

at the Rendezvous. From comments made by some of the other Provincial Advisers it appears we are all on the same page and want action on a number of items! Stay tuned for further details☺

I've been contacted by Marion Hollingshead who has made more of the purple scarves. These will be available for purchase at the Gathering along with the Provincial Crest. Each item is \$2.50.

For your information, I will be doing a PowerPoint Presentation on British Columbia as our presentation. I had asked for pictures from around the Province when we were at Rendezvous 2010 and I thank those of you who supplied them – they are truly indicative of our beautiful Province.

At Rendezvous 2010 the majority of attendees were in favour of keeping the Rendezvous' going. As you will see further in the Bulletin we don't have an Area or a Trefoil Guild who would be willing to host Rendezvous 2011. It will be a shame of we can't **Keep the Spirit Alive** next year so please give it some thought. There is plenty of information to assist you. Please remember that it's not just the responsibility of one Guild – it's more fun when a number of Guilds get together to put it on. Please let me know as soon as possible if your Area/Guilds would be willing to do this.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

JoAnn



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BC Trefoil Guild Education Grant

Congratulations to the recipient of the education grant - Ayesha Lakhani!

Ayesha was presented the Grant at an Awards Ceremony. Below is the Thank you letter that was received from Ayesha.



Dear Trefoil Guild Members,

I have been involved with the Girl Guide organization since I began as a Brownie. Today, I am proud to say I went through all the levels as a girl and continue my involvement as a Pathfinder and Ranger leader. The knowledge, experience and opportunities I have been exposed to through the Girl Guides are countless. I will continue my service to the community as I truly believe in returning opportunities to others.

This scholarship not only aids me in achieving my personal and educational goals but also recognizes my contribution to the Girl Guide community. For this support and encouragement, I am very grateful. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ayesha Lakhani

Reminders

- ✦ *Please read Memo #9 regarding PRC (Police Record Check) for those Members 75 and older.*
- ✦ *Purple scarves will be available at the Gathering – cost \$2.50. The Provincial crest will also be available.*
- ✦ ***PLEASE HELP - WE NEED A GROUP TO HOST RENDEZVOUS 2011!!!***
The Old Crows of Prince George and a group from Quesnel are willing to help.
Hosts for:
 - *Rendezvous 2012 – Fraser Skies Area*
 - *Rendezvous 2013 – Pacific Shores Area*
 - *Rendezvous 2014 – Lions Area*
- ✦ *National Trefoil Gathering June 23rd to June 27th, 2010*



Gone Home

Nora Weller, Panther Guild

FRASER DELTA TREFOIL GUILD

A year passes so quickly when you are having fun. That's Guiding. Our membership remains at 17 this year. Several Members are unable to come to our morning meetings, but remain Members. We have shared activities with the three Fraser Delta Area Guilds. In May we went by a chartered bus on a mystery trip and scavenger hunt around Vancouver. In June we enjoyed their friendships at a potluck BBQ at the Richmond Guide House.

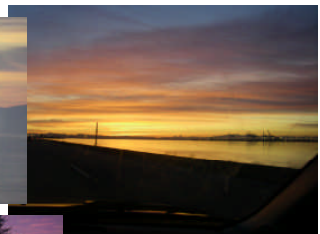
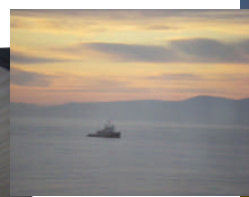
Our Members have very good helping hands in the community and in guiding. We served refreshments at the walk for ALS in June, collect stamps for cancer, Campbell soup labels for a school for their education needs, and pop can tabs for the Zajac camp for chronically ill children. The knitters in the group knit lap blankets for the elderly. A helping hand was given at the Snowflake Ball for Sparks, and at the Western Roundup for Brownies and Guides. In the fall we prepared a BBQ supper for Pathfinders who had spent the day on a scavenger hunt using public transit. We donate crests for traders for the girls who travel and a donation for the Pathfinders who make soup for the homeless in December. Our October meeting was our Guild's 25th anniversary. One of our younger members organized a lunch and our commissioner and iMIS coordinator joined us. Eight of our members have been in the Guild 25 years. Another 25th anniversary celebrated was the annual Holly Tea in December, started by our Guild. Bea Robertson and Val Tutte were presented with certificates for the Book of Honor at the tea.



Left - Bea Robertson
Above - Val Tutte

January 2010, a new year with many changes. We are now in the WEST COAST AREA. Several of us used our helping hands at the Provincial Birthday Launch Party, making and serving petite tea sandwiches and finger Jello. We are looking forward to the rest of this year's celebrations in Guiding.

Dogwood Trefoil Guild



Some photos sent in by Shamim Rampuri, Dogwood Trefoil member for the BC PowerPoint presentation for the Gathering.

Guild Reports

RIVER CITY TREFOIL GUILD

We have been keeping ourselves busy this year. As our 100th year project, we are organizing the pictures and stories of the Powell River Guiding Community. We also made traders for the National Trefoil Gathering. To take time from our indoor activity, we ventured to Texada Island and went geocaching to complete our BC Geocache challenge. 4 of us are now have GPS and are expanding our horizons. We celebrated the Patricia Theatre (the longest running movie theatre in Canada) 90th Anniversary by enjoying the Burlesque Show with its many different performers. Our pasta dinner and movie night is always exciting, we have a lot of laughs and enjoyed watching "Ladies in Lavender" this year. We were pleased to have the Trefoil ladies from Courtenay and Campbell River come over the Malaspina Strait and joined us in a picnic on the beach and a tour of Powell River's Heritage Townsite (100 years old this year). We are proud that Verna Rudan received her Bronze Merit Award.

Our most outdoorsy member, Bonnie Kent, took time in the summer to backpack the Chilkoot Trail and joined the Guider's hike to Cape Scott.

THE PENINSULA PALS

This year marked a change in the way we run our Guild. It was decided in June to investigate Wendy McCormick's Guild, ENSO, in North Vancouver. I visited them at their last meeting of the year and in September put forward the idea of having two meetings a year, one in June and one in September. We would meet every 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month to do activities. These would be organized by each member and she would be responsible for emailing everyone as to type of activity, time and place. These can be as varied as a hike, a visit to the museum, Parliament Buildings, Empress Hotel for Christmas Trees, a morning of board games due to inclement weather, a soup exchange, a silent auction to raise funds for a needy cause, recycling cards to reuse, a birthday party, in fact almost as many birthday parties as we have

members!!!! The activities almost always end in lunch at a nearby coffee shop/deli or at a members home if the activity is there.

We organize Pot Lucks for our two meetings, one a Christmas one and one at the end of June. We sign up once a year for these Monday activities and are very flexible about changing if someone cannot do their designated one. Several of our members "fly south" for the winter months and we have found that this less formal way of "Trefoiling" has kept our members interested, as our attendance in the monthly type of organised meeting was not sitting well with most of us.

We keep in contact by email and the corresponding secretary sends out all pertinent material from Area, Province or National. It is working and we are again enjoying Trefoil.



Tad's 80th Birthday

GREETINGS FROM THE SILVER TIPS GUILD - (KELOWNA)

We are a group of “older” Guiders - with 26 members who met six times this past year. Most of us don't do any camping or hiking, but love to meet and visit, play games, and of course eat and reminisce.

In March, Theresa Graf read a report that she had given on “Thinking Day 1974”, when she had become Division Commissioner, this as she ended her five year term as our President.

Our new President, Bev Akerlund presented service pins to Betty Marsh - 75 years, Theresa Graf - 50 years, Lorraine Winget - 40 years, and Joan Spinney - 20 years.

Our June meetings are usually held at Camp Arbuckle and we invite the neighbouring Guilds. We had 19 guests and 19 members present. Bev Akerlund gave reports on the Area Annual, and Guild Rendezvous held in Coquitlam. A turkey lunch was served, and the table centers were borrowed from the 50 year Brownie Reunion, put on by Theresa Graf, Ann Morphy and Ola Cassan.

Theresa Graf gave a very interesting talk about her 50 years in guiding and the different positions she had held. Theresa and Ann were presented with plants.

Elva Ritchey spoke on the World Friendship Fund. \$50.00 was donated from our Guild.

Mil Corley reported that the Rutland Morning Coffee Bowlers' League had raised \$300.00 in memory of Linda Husch which was given to The BC Trefoil Guild Educational Grant.

In September, seven members attended the Vernon Tillicum lunch and it was very much enjoyed.

In October we put together felt Christmas stockings and filled them with toiletries. 31 were delivered to The Women's Shelter.

Our December meeting was another turkey lunch put together by our hospitality group, who also presented a skit of Christmas Carols that was enjoyed by all. Bev Akerlund gave a very interesting report on her trip to New Zealand with the Trefoil Tour in November.

The **OLD GLORIES TREFOIL GUILD**



Had a beautiful day for their scavenger hunt around Trail and Rossland.



Had lunch at Columbia View Lodge in Trail in March and took the opportunity to tell the residents about the 100th anniversary of Guiding. They met many people who were involved in Guiding over the years including Connie Guintier, left, who spent many years as a Brown Owl.



They also met Ely Levick who, like Guiding, is celebrating her 100th birthday.

(information from the Apr. 2010 Kootenay Chronicles)

LEGENDS TREFOIL GUILD

We had another good year with our numbers rising to 30 and two more ladies showing interest in joining our Guild! Luckily we can meet in the Richmond Guide House!

Nine of us have just returned from the relaxing Rendezvous in Victoria where we thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Scottish Dancing, laughing with our bewildered members who were not sure which way to turn next when they joined in the dancing. The Gilbert and Sullivan Group on the second evening clutched at the hearts of many of us when they performed some of the wartime songs! The weather of course was perfect to enjoy the sights of the city.



Before Christmas we were privileged to be given a tour of the Richmond Oval where there was such excitement during the Olympics. What a wonderful building it is! Two weeks later we held our annual Christmas Tea where many friends had a good time chatting, buying baked goods and crafts and participating in the Silent Auction. We raised over \$2,000 and presented \$1,500 to the Richmond Guide House.

The photo is our Christmas potluck at one of our member's home.

Recently the Guild celebrated 100 years at the Provincial Launch Party by being on Kitchen Patrol and keeping the hundreds of visitors happy.

A Richmond Guider told us of her trip to South Africa with a group of girls and how their eyes were opened to the poverty in that country and to the glories of the wild life. One of our members climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and gave us a great presentation on how she survived climbing to such great heights and JoAnn Fox told us of her trip to Turkey, seeing the ancient sights and bartering in the Grand Bazaar. All these presentations were done with the aid of PowerPoint. To someone who was brought up without a telephone in the house until she was thirteen years old it is amazing to see how the computer has made it so much easier to let others know about our world.



The Legends take time for a photo op with Lord & Lady Baden-Powell at Rendezvous 2010!