

Postings from the PC..... NS Council



It may not have felt like spring was in the air over the past few weeks, but this past weekend sure did make us feel like it's right around the corner!

June brings year end camps, Unit closing and Guider appreciation events. I hope that this Guiding year has given you the opportunity to learn, a chance to meet new friends, and an opportunity to reflect on how you have impacted girls as you see them earn badges or finish their programs.

Around the Province: May

May saw adult members interested in expanding their Guiding experience participate in the Trainer Stream weekend and, as mentioned in last months PC Postings, the hosting of a very successful All SySTEM's Go Event.

Two NS members were selected to join the Canadian Guider editorial committee – Ranger: Caelan Shaw from Bible Hill and Guider: Colleen Upson from Dartmouth have started their work as they prepare for the Fall 2019 edition.

On May 24th & 25th the Provincial Council and the Youth Forum met followed by the Provincial Annual General Meeting, which was held in Dartmouth.



I am very pleased to welcome the following Members to the Nova Scotia team for Provincial Council / Committees:

- Area Commissioner, Harvest Trail: **Crystle George** (ns-harvesttrailac@girlguides.ca)
- Elected Member, Youth: **Hannah Kosick** (ns-youth@girlguides.ca)
- Girl Engagement Representative: **Kelsey Maber** (ns-girlengagement@girlguides.ca)
- Risk and Compliance Coordinator: **Anja Clyke** (ns-riskcompliance@girlguides.ca)
- Training Adviser: **Alana Coneen** (ns-training@girlguides.ca)
- Area Co-Commissioners, Harbourside: **Jennifer Beaver & Megan Boyko** (ns-harboursideac@girlguides.ca)
- Treasurer: **Carolyn Brown** CPA, CA (ns-treasurer@girlguides.ca)

Please join me in welcoming Alana, Anja, Carolyn, Crystle, Hannah, Kelsey, Jennifer, and Megan to their new roles.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following women for their service and dedication during their terms. On behalf of the Provincial Council and the Guiders in Nova Scotia, I express my deepest and sincerest gratitude for their contributions.



- ✓ Angela Stoddart- Provincial Treasurer
- ✓ Cindy O'Hearn- Member Services Rep
- ✓ Gabrielle Grant- Elected Member- Youth
- ✓ Libby MacLean- Harbourside Area Commissioner
- ✓ Paige Bickford- Elected Member- Property Mgmt
- ✓ Chantal Desrochers- Active Living Adviser
- ✓ Christy Elliott- Training Adviser
- ✓ Julia Parr- Harvest Trail Area Commissioner
- ✓ Mary Louise Johnson- Girl Engagement Rep

For a complete list of Council and Committee members, please see [Council / Committees.](#)

Check out some of the Council & AGM happenings:



Provincial Council

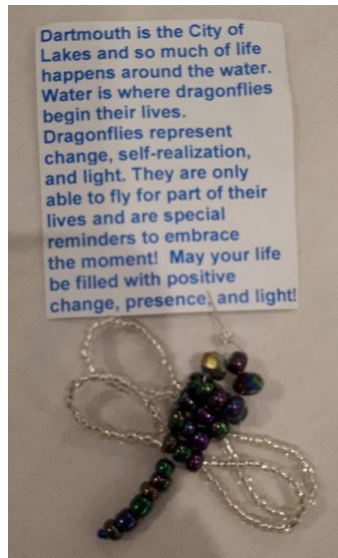
Youth Forum



**As you face any upcoming transition,
keep these five tips in mind:**

1. Be proactive
2. Ask questions
3. Be flexible
4. Keep working
5. Be positive

Youth Forum leads us in our Promise



National Board Member, Alex Russell, brings greetings from the National Board



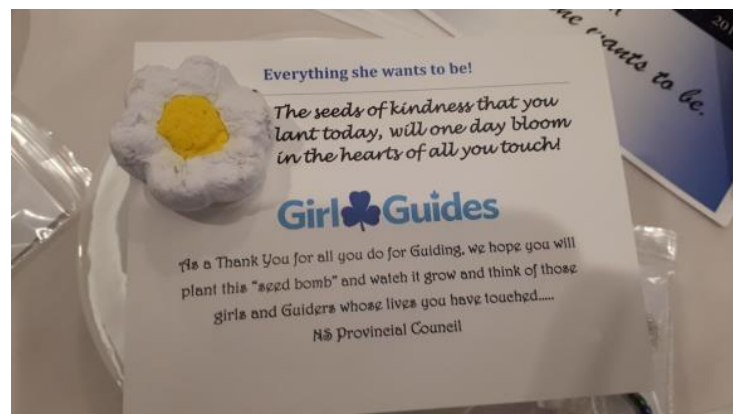
Intense game of Bingo was enjoyed by all !



Darlene Banks, (4 from right) NS newest Beaver recipient joins other NS Beaver recipients.



Mary Louise Johnson & Cindy O'Hearn, (left) NS newest Honorary Life Members, join other NS Honorary Life Members



....And don't miss out on these.....

Guide Post hit your email box last week and contained information on Behind the Blue, Women Deliver 2019, Guide Program update, National Service Projects, Cookie Bites, and more !



Nationally Sponsored Trips

The 2020 Nationally Sponsored trips were also announced, in Guide Post. We are very excited to be featured as a destination for one of the Domestic Trips next year!

Change Maker Awards

Girls who demonstrate a solid commitment to creating a better world through their actions are Change Makers and NS is thrilled to have the following members recognised!



Quinn is my sister. She is just like everyone else, only special. She has special needs. She wears braces on her legs and needs help from grownups sometimes. She loves Brownies. She goes every week. She always participates as best she can. She always looks out for all her friends. She is the first one to check on someone if they are hurt or crying. She makes the world better by being herself. She shared her special Olympic coaches with us at Brownies this year. It was fun.

Aly is an amazing example of someone who deserves this award. Aly spends every day making friends, being kind, is outgoing and a very well-rounded human. She is becoming a life guard and has been in Girl Guides for 11 years. She dedicates every moment to having fun and making sure everyone else has fun too. She is a friend to all and is creating a better world by being one. She impacts the community with her volunteer hours, most of the time you will find her either studying hard or at the hospital volunteering her time. Aly deserves recognition.



We celebrate their confidence, resiliency, open-mindedness, caring, and courage. Congratulations to these girls and all members who are making a change in themselves and their communities!



NS Bursaries

Congratulations to Emma Little, Olivia Foran, Emily Dennis, and Annika Benson on being selected for the NS Bursary. We had a wonderful response this year with 20 members submitting an application. I wish all those members pursuing further education the best of luck with their studies.

Provincial Youth Recognition

Over 130 girls were recognized with their Lady Baden Powell, Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner or Trail Blazer Leadership Gold Awards at the provincial event, held in Halifax last weekend.



Ceilidh Area recognized their members at their Area event in May. Lots of happy girls and parents appreciated the efforts to make this a special day for all!

Summer Camps

Spark Brownie, Kwahee and Quest are on the horizon. June will see the Sparks and Brownies come together, while July will bring the Guides out camping and end of Sept launches the Pathfinders into Quest!!

Join the Team !

While we have had some great women step up to join the team, we are still looking to fill the following roles:

Member Services Coordinator – provides assistance and support to the Membership, Public Relations, Training, Link and Trefoil Advisers – experience as an adviser is ideal but not necessary.

Elected Member: Property MGMT – provides assistance and support to the Area Commissioners and Camp Committees for Compliance related issues. Working with the National office, assists Council with the implementation of the National Property Strategy and Framework.

International Adviser – provides oversight to international trips, interprovincial trips and develops resources for international aspects of GGC.

Active Living - promotes active living activities through N.S. Girl Guides programming for girls and guiders.

PR- promotes and supports activities relating to getting the good word of Guiding out to the public via various methods.

Please keep in mind that there is also a huge need for women to fill some of the vacant or upcoming vacancies for District Commissioners or District Treasurers, Safe Guide Assessors, Provincial Finance Committee Members, etc.

Please don't hesitate to email me at ns-pc@girlguides.ca if you wish to speak to me about any of these opportunities.

The Volunteer Application for Provincial level positions can be found at [Forms](#).

And finally, as our year end closings and camps come to an end, I wish you a safe and restful summer, packed with what you love to do with your family and friends!

See you all in September.

Thank You for all you do, *LORENA*

Everything She Wants to Be



Girls just wanna have fun !!

