

# BC BULLETIN

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## BC TREFOIL GUILD NEWSLETTER

### *Jottings from JoAnn!*

Thank you for voting me to continue as your Provincial Trefoil Adviser. I consider it a great honour and thoroughly enjoy working with all of you.

After a late start summer arrived and kept on going like the Eveready Bunny! Now it appears we are definitely into Fall mode as here in Richmond there is fog on the river every morning with foghorns going. I've noticed that in some parts of the Province, you have already had your first snowfall! \*\*\*\*

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As you are all aware there will be a National Gathering in Regina next year. We are asked to do a skit, song, or story on our Province to be approximately 7 – 8 minutes long. Therefore I need your assistance! For the past two Gatherings a Power Point has been done – the last one with us singing. If you could give me some ideas, I would be grateful! Of course the ladies going to the Gathering will have to participate in this..... Please get your thinking caps on and send me any ideas you have – they will be greatly appreciated.

Keeping with the National Gathering theme, for those 75 of you who will be attending, please remember to send your final registration payment of **\$250** to me **no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>**. My address is: #26, 12331 Phoenix Drive, Richmond V7E 6C3. ***Do not send the cheques to Province – I have to send one cheque from BC.*** Thanks!

Rendezvous 2013 will be held at the Beach Club Resort in Parksville on Vancouver Island, April 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. More information will come out in January 2013.

Remember to send your write-ups (and pictures jpg, please) to me for inclusion in the Bulletin. We have had great write-ups from a great number of you and we would like to see more. You can send them to me at: [jefox@telus.net](mailto:jefox@telus.net).

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The results of a vote taken at Rendezvous 2012 regarding a member attending for just the Saturday events/dinner resulted in a tie. Therefore each Area can make its own decision when planning a Rendezvous. Please indicate on the registration form if you are allowing it.

Is anyone attending the Silver & Gold trip to England? Please let me know.

**Late breaking news from National Trefoil Specialist:** Presidents can now order the Trefoil pins directly from National. Just make sure you have an iMIS number! As well, a Trefoil survey has been put together and will be coming out shortly. They want to know what Trefoil Guilds across Canada are saying and doing. The survey will be in the National Trefoil Guild News this November; please watch out for and complete the survey.

While it's a month early, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



JoAnn

## Trefoil Tidbits!

This article was found in a 1960's era Guider Magazine

Trefoil Guild by Mrs. G Pepler

### What is a Trefoil Guild?

The Trefoil Guild is a group of older Guides, Guiders, or enrolled members of the Girl guide Organization, who for varying reasons, such as age, work commitments etc., have had to stop active Guiding, but yet wish to carry on the Chief Scout's way-of-life and to keep their contacts with Girl Guides.

### What Part does the Trefoil Guild play in the Girl Guide Family?

The Trefoil Guild is rather like the elderly Aunt! Always ready to help in an emergency!

### What of the Future?

When Canada has a number of Trefoil Guilds, it will be possible to apply through the Dominion Headquarters for membership in the "Fellowship of Former Guides, and Scouts of the World."

## Gone Home



To live in hearts we  
leave behind is not to  
die.

~Thomas Campbell

**Myrtle Haslam** – June 28, 2012 – Cowichan Trefoil Guild

**Shelagh O'Dwyer** – January 16, 2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> Vancouver Trefoil Guild

**Jane (Violet Mary Reade) Peniston** - September 5, 2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> Vancouver  
Trefoil Guild

**Macrina (Mac) Parker** - October 17, 2012 – Fraser Delta Guild

## Guild Reports

### **Cowichan Trefoil Guild**, Southern Vancouver Island Area

The Cowichan Trefoil Guild has 24 members. We have had a busy year, meeting once a month at either a predetermined location ie, Saltspring Island or at one of our member's houses. We have also attended work parties at Camp Creina, Provincial Gatherings and a celebration for the Anniversary of the 90 year old Guide Hall in Duncan.

Our group likes to be outdoors so we have hiked on Saltspring Island, Stocking Creek north of Chemainus, Somenos Marsh, Hecate Park in Cowichan Bay, and the Kinsol Trestle in Shawnigan Lake. The weather has usually been good for us. August always finds us at one of our member's houses in Honeymoon Bay, soaking up the sunshine, having a swim and of course enjoying a potluck lunch!

We wind up our year in November with a potluck lunch and a craft. Here are a few pictures of some of our outings One is of Somenos Marsh, the other is at the Kinsol Trestle.



### **South Okanagan Trefoil Guild**, Monashee Area

Since our Christmas Chinese Buffet dinner, we have had 3 meetings.

In February, we attended the play "Lost in Yonkers" at the Cannery theatre. We had dinner at Opus prior to the play.

March found us tying our fingers in knots --- making Friendship bracelets for our World Centre – Sangam. We actually made some!!!

Each month a different member brings "something" interesting to do, so never know what we might be doing.

On St. Patrick's day 4 of us had an Irish stew luncheon with the Moonlighters – the Guild in West Kelowna. There were about 40 ladies from various Valley Guilds – a good time to visit with friends old and new.

The BC Rendezvous will be held in June at the University of the Fraser Valley, and 5 of our members plan on attending.

Our end of the Guiding party was supposed to be a Pizza beach party but we had to move indoors to have our pizza. We had a former Guider visiting from Alberta, so she joined us too.

## Old Glories Trefoil Guild, Kootenay Area

The Old Glories Trefoil Guild has 20 members. We meet monthly. In Sept. of 2010 we participated in the Rossland Fall Fair with a display celebrating 100 years of Guiding, and came home with a first place ribbon! Our programme for the regular meeting was all things English with Sue Fielding who talked about Guiding in England with a wonderful display of photos, mementos and English Rose craft and of course cucumber sandwiches, scones and tea.

In October we headed out to the Thirsty Duck Pub in Castlegar for lunch then on to the Castlegar Quilt Show to feast on colour and quilts.

For our November program, Jackie Drysdale from the Rossland Museum came with a very interesting and informative talk about the Chinese influence on the development of our communities and the Chinese Gardens in Rossland.

We celebrated in December with a potluck and recycled gift exchange.

In January we welcomed the new year in with lunch out at the "Lovin Oven" in Trail. We also went for a snowshoe hike in the winter sun and returned home to a potluck lunch.

In February we went "Caroling" for Thinking Day. We made a list of people who we hoped would be home (past and present members), mapped out our route, made a quick phone call to make sure they were home and off we went. Each person got 4 of our favourite camp songs on their front lawn, Thinking Day greetings and off we went again. The weather was great. Everyone was surprised and happy to see us and we ended the evening back at the hall with tea and goodies. It was a really fun evening and great to reconnect with friends. The next evening a small group of us headed out to the golf course for a snowshoe under the full moon. The moon came out while we were having tea anyway!



March was a Service Project meeting. We had some fabric donated and after a bag lunch and great dessert we made 30 pillowcases that were donated to the Transition house. With some members choosing the fabrics, others cutting, others pinning, a couple sewing and then turning the cases we kept everyone busy.

April was Movie and popcorn night. We brought different popcorn seasonings to try and laughed and sang our way through Mama Mia.

Our windup outing this year saw us heading to Grand Forks. We had a tour of the Doukubour Flour Mill, a tour of the Jerseyland Organic Cheese Factory where we got to see the cheese and yogurt making process and meet the cows. We also had a lunch out at the Station Pub. It was a really great day!

A big Thank you goes out to everyone in the Guild who helped with organizing our activities!

## Comox Valley Trefoil Guild, Pacific Shores Area

On Wednesday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 11am-2:30 pm, Comox Valley Trefoil Guild celebrated their 30th Anniversary by



hosting a "Harvest Time of Fun" luncheon at St. Peter's Church Hall in Comox. Lunch of 2 soup sandwich/bun makings, cake with ice-cream, fruit punch/tea/coffee were provided along with games, crafts, puzzles and songs/ campfire with skits. We were encouraged to design a "Harvest Fascinator" hat and to wear it. A total of 30 guild members



from Comox Valley Trefoil (13), Last Bastion Trefoil, Nanaimo (9), Fun Seekers, Qualicum / Parksville (4) and Upper Vancouver Island, Campbell River (4) were present.

## How Did We Get Here? Trefoil Guild, Fraser Skies Area

Some people have puzzled over our guild name choice. The group wanted something a bit different and after tossing around various names with acronyms and cutesy-type names, talking about our experiences in guiding and what brought us to this place in our guiding careers, the members voted on something definitely a little different, "HOW DID WE GET HERE?"

Hard to believe our Guild had its first anniversary on August 30, 2012. Our first official meeting was held at The Vault Restaurant in Cloverdale. We have done so much since that time! We started out with 13 ladies and during the year two more joined us. We range in age from late 40's to somewhere over 60.

Our focus this year seems to have been on helping others with some fun and play in between.

We wish to share with you the events and activities we have been involved in:

- ☒ Light the Night" walk in Stanley Park for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada
- ☒ Playhouse Theatre – "Waiting For the Parade"
- ☒ "Beauty and the Beast" Pantomime at Surrey Arts Centre
- ☒ Fraser Skies International Workshop – QM
- ☒ "Grave Tales" in Fort Langley
- ☒ Relay for Life – White Rock
- ☒ Hostesses for Rendezvous 2012 at FVU
- ☒ Thinking Day Tea at Guide House
- ☒ Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange
- ☒ Guider Retreat at Camp Olave
- ☒ BC Summer Games – Sport Hosts and Accommodation supervisor
- ☒ Langley International Festival and Fleetwood Festival – staffed a table for LLSC
- ☒ Yearend dinner/planning at Choo Choo's in Langley
- ☒ Completed the Diamond Jubilee Challenge with English High Tea, crafted fascinators and collected boxes of school supplies for Guatemala.
- ☒ attended FS Area AGM and Provincial AGM
- ☒ Participated Remembrance Day services at Fort Langley



Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada



Relay for Life

We purchased T-shirts with Guild name and Rendezvous Scarves. One of our members purchased the Trefoil Guild crest for each member and toggles for the scarves have been ordered.

Our first meeting of the year was on September 15<sup>th</sup> held at Seanna Fekete's home. We celebrated the Diamond Jubilee and with a High Tea, including cucumber, peanut butter and banana, turkey, and egg sandwiches, pickles, English scones (a recipe from Seanna's grandmother), Devonshire cream and too many sweets to name. Each member went home with a new English teacup and saucer filled with mints and a selection of teas. We all completed the jubilee challenge creating our own version of a fascinator. The highlight was putting together boxes of school supplies to support the children in Guatemala.

September 23, a Fort to Fort walk is on the schedule, September 30 a number of us will be handing out water at the Surrey International World Music Marathon and in October eight of us, to-date, will be participating in the Light the Night walk and helping with registration. In November we were asked to be Quarter Masters for the BC International Committee's Workshop by providing Lunch and snacks.

The 2012/2013 guiding year for HOW DID WE GET HERE? promises to be another year full of fun, fellowship, food, and friends.

### Tillicum Trefoil Guild, Monashee Area

Our Trefoil Guild meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month during the day. We have 25 members. Every September we have a luncheon at Tillicum Guide Camp, Trefoil Guild members from the Okanagan attend.

We had a plaque made in bronze in memory of our dedicated North Okanagan Guiders who have gone home. The plaque has been embedded into the building at Tillicum Guide Camp.

Some of our members with other Guiders meet once a month to sing, we are called The Monashee Music Makers.

Our Guild presented a Future Guide shirt to Willow Marinello on her first birthday, Willow was born on Thinking Day 2011. She is the granddaughter of Audrey Marinello, a Trefoil Guild member. March 10<sup>th</sup> ten members attended a Monashee Area Tea and Awards ceremony. Kate Shirley received the Spirit of Monashee Award and our Trefoil Guild received the Team award for putting on the Girl Award Ceremony last May. We have had 2 potlucks together, January and May.

### The Legends Trefoil Guild, West Coast Area

The Legends have just celebrated their tenth anniversary by having a wonderful Anniversary Gastronomical Extravaganza (AGE) at the Richmond Guide House, October 2012. Our visitors included a Guider from Australia who had accompanied us to the last Gathering as well as Presidents from two other Guilds and past Legends members. We had a Fall theme and enjoyed a Thanksgiving Dinner, played an unusual Bingo Game and in true Guiding fashion ended with a sing song.



We have 32 members and are a very active group. Everyone is very pleased with the BC TG scarf.

Last year during October and November the Guild was busy preparing for our Christmas Fair & Tea which raised nearly \$2,500 for Guiding, \$2,000 went to the Richmond Guide House and donations were given to girls going to events. Our Christmas Pot Luck was held at Val Kings' beautifully decorated home, we celebrated Thinking Day with an International evening pouring over photos and memorabilia of our members who had been abroad with Pathfinders and Rangers, we learned about life in India when Joan Fleischer presented us with a very interesting evening of her time at Sangam where she worked on the Out Reach Program, one evening we had fun bowling and we ended the year by attending a Pot Luck with a Mexican Theme organised by the Blue Heron Trefoil Guild for us and the Fraser Delta Guild. Food is always a great magnet for Guild members!