



TG News

A Newsletter for Trefoil Guild Members



Fall 2011

Greetings from the National Trefoil Guild Specialist



"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young".

— Henry Ford

Thank you for all that you do to 'Keep the Spirit Alive'. I do hope that you all had some down time during the summer and spent some quality time with family and friends. As I read over the articles submitted for this edition of *TG News*, it's evident that we're as busy as ever. Your activities are numerous and include a wide range of undertakings. I do enjoy reading about all you are doing, whether it be a service you are providing to your communities or activities that provide fun and friendship.

The pictures submitted bring a smile to my face as I see the smiles on your faces while you take part in the goings on in your province. Please do take the time to read all about what is happening across the country.

I would also like to thank Helen Perry as she finishes her term as Alberta Provincial TG Adviser; and join me in welcoming Gail Armstrong as she begins her term.

Joyce Perrie
National Trefoil Guild Adviser

Join us at our next Gathering!

SOAR INTO THE FUTURE – REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN JUNE 12-16, 2013



Plans are well underway to showcase our beautiful province with tours of central and southern Saskatchewan. Sessions will include learning to play poker, bra fitting, senior fraud cents and pos-



sibly even belly dancing and hula hooping. Participants will spend a leisurely Saturday afternoon sightseeing in Regina followed by a Saskatchewan barbecue. A complete information packet will be going



to the Provincial Advisers this December.

Bev Drummond
Chairperson 2013

Provincial Reports

Newfoundland & Labrador

Keeping the Spirit of Guiding Alive was demonstrated with great enthusiasm at the 15th Provincial Trefoil Gathering hosted by the Killick Trefoil Guild in May at the Max Simms Camp. The theme for the weekend was 'Purple Goes Green'. Opportunities to learn about wills and real estate planning, to make cards, to re-condition our bodies, to downsize and de-clutter our home, play cards, to take time for yourself, and meet new friends or renew old acquaintances made for a great weekend. Many Guilds are providing service. This includes:

- Supporting young travellers financially
- Supporting Street Reach with toiletries, socks, mitts, scarves and hats
- Visiting seniors
- Helping out with Mount Pearl City Days selling hot dogs and hamburgers
- Donating infants' and women's clothing to a women's shelter
- Visiting the local SPCA and donating pet food, old blankets and cloths
- Gathering up used books and

magazines and delivering them to a seniors' home

- Supporting the Canadian Diabetes Association and Epilepsy Association with donations of clothing and other household articles
- Contributing to the CWFF and selling Girl Guide cookies.

All Guilds continue to enjoy lots of fun and fellowship while Keeping the Spirit Alive. LOL Guild planned a beach campfire, had a guest singer and sang campfire songs. A 'bring a friend night' with a Hawaiian theme was held. Members even dressed up Hawaiian style and had Hawaiian names. Fireside Friends held an 'Eating with Etiquette' evening where they enjoyed an evening of instruction in proper dining etiquette, preparation of a meal of elegance, table setting, wine pairing and of course the ultimate in sophistication, eating the meal of divine taste in style and grace. The Gander Crossroads Guild had a re-enactment of the royal wedding, complete with a dress to rival of that of Kate Middleton and a groom with just a little more hair than Prince William, but just as dashing.

Margaret Breen
Provincial Trefoil Adviser



The Newfoundland and Labrador Trefoil Guild enjoyed a weekend of activities at the "Purple Goes Green" event held at Max Simms Camp.

Nova Scotia

Trefoil Guilds in Nova Scotia are certainly Keeping the Spirit Alive! Most of our Guilds continued to meet during the summer – so much easier to get around. Our adventures cover everything from participating in activities with the girls to making crafts for the many associations we support and everything you could imagine in between. We are as versatile as the ideas of our many members and are up for just about anything you can think of. One of our Valley Guilds meets at the beach when weather permits while others hit the road doing everything from Frenchy's Runs (used clothing), yard sales, just going for supper or camping. This year we are celebrating our centenary in Nova Scotia and every Trefoil Guild has been involved in some kind of celebration. Many of us worked at or visited Heritage Explosion, the International Camp held this August. Despite setting up camp in one of the worst rain storms of our rainy summer, camp was a huge success with great weather for most of it.

In June we held our Provincial Semi-Annual meeting and were honoured in our 100th year by our Mi'kmaq First Nation. Of course, meetings are not our only way to get together. We're currently planning Camp Burning Spirit, our annual provincial TG camp. We'll relax, renew and rejuvenate. The only rule is to keep your spirit for fun and adventure burning.

As Provincial Adviser, I enjoy being invited to the Guild meetings and joining in all the adventures our members enjoy. This is probably the best 'job' ever and I enjoy every part of it.

Darlene Duggan
Nova Scotia Trefoil Guild Adviser



Manitoba

In September, the Guilds met in Portage la Prairie to celebrate our annual Fall Luncheon. The flame from the BP candle brought back from the 2010 National Trefoil Gathering was passed to the Members at this event. The delegates who attended the Kamloops Gathering presented their parade of Manitoba hats.

We have a new group in Manitoba – the Charleswood Trefoil Guild. This year, they've enjoyed a visit from a member who currently lives in Saudi Arabia and have also delivered meals to McDonald House to put in their freezers for families to use at another time.

Pembina Trail Trefoil Guild continued to support community needs by delivering food and donations to a local elementary school breakfast program. They also held a Royal High Tea on Prince William and Kate's wedding day, serving coffee, tea and homemade scones to 150 people and it was a very well received afternoon.

The Crocus Guild held an evening of games to bring some fun and entertainment to the cold winter weather. The Guild collected and delivered items for the Ronald McDonald House pantry in the Children's Hospital.

The Intermountain Trefoil Guild had an introduction to genealogy and the resources available at the Dauphin Library. In June, the Intermountain Trefoil Guild met in Swan River and hiked to the Rotary Park ending the evening with supper at Chicken Chef.

We are now publishing our Manitoba Guild Newsletter with Marjorie Doyle as the Editor to keep our Guilds aware of what is happening in the Province. Manitoba Guilds continue to be very active and Keep the Spirit of Guiding Alive.

Effie Peiluck and MB Members



Saskatchewan

This summer was filled with exciting trips and outings:

- The Regina Trefoil Adventure Guild toured the new EMS facility in Regina in April.



- The Prairie Spirit Trefoil Guild hosted a weekend at Trails End Guest Ranch in June and enjoyed a hike through the picturesque Arm River Valley to see a buffalo jump. A couple of adventurous ladies saddled up for a trail ride and there was even time to make porcupine quill earrings and bracelet.



- Trefoils throughout the province participated in the Tim Hortons Clean Up Saskatchewan in May and Hike Around Saskatchewan. The Saskatoon 1st Trefoil Guild enjoyed a wiener roast at Trefoil Trails camp site followed by some geocaching.
- The R & R Trefoil Guild knit Teddies/ Izzie Dolls for ICROSS Canada.
- Taiga Trefoil Guild hosted a March camp at the provincial Girl Guide Camp on Heritage Lake.
- Regina Members Pauline Sesula, Sharlene Donauer and Judi Kehler, along with Trefoil members worldwide enjoyed a 17-day tour of England.



Christine Gregory was the tour guide for the England, Silver and Gold Tour. If anyone would like more information on these tours contact Christine by email: christine@gregorys.myzen.co.uk

Mary Lynne Golphy
Sask. Prov. Trefoil Advisor



Ontario/ Nunavut



Ontario Guilds have fun at a variety of events.

Alberta, NWT and Yukon

We now have 31 Guilds in Alberta and NWT with 273 members. At present there are no Guilds in Yukon. They are as active as they wish to be. One Calgary Guild has members scattered around the globe and they keep in touch by Facebook. Others meet once a month or very occasionally. Many are involved assisting districts as camp helpers or with registration.

Last year saw many of us involved in the wind up of 100th anniversary celebrations and Thinking Day events. You can read our annual newsletter, Gleanings, on the Alberta provincial website to learn more about our Guilds' activities.

My term as Trefoil Adviser is completed and Gail Armstrong will be the next Adviser.

Keeping the Spirit Alive
Helen Perry



Thinking Day event



Heart pillows made for cardiac patients in hospital

British Columbia

The Fraser Delta and Legends Guilds hosted Trefoil members from Wiltshire, England in May. They had a barbecue at the Richmond Guide House with everyone bringing a potluck dish. The weather was perfect, the company was interesting and the sing song after was a perfect ending.

Rendezvous 2011 – Golden Memories

In April, 80 women from across B.C. met for the annual B.C. Trefoil Guild Rendezvous, for fun, fellowship, and talking about old times. The oldest were a group of five ladies all born in the first six months of 1923, so all are 88 this year. The youngest was 48. This was the first time the Rendezvous has been held



north of Kelowna, and the first time not in a bigger city.

JoAnn Fox
BC Trefoil Guild Adviser

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stories!

Don't forget to include
some photos.
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Girl Guide tour of England!

A holiday

An adventure

An experience

Join a Girl tour of England in June 2012 organised by a member of Girlguiding UK exclusively for adult members of WAGGGS and Trefoil Guild from around the globe. If you would like a holiday in England with fellow members from overseas, this could be for you.

Ten excursions are included in the tour ranging from a hop on/hop off bus in Liverpool to a boat ride in Cambridge and from Vikings to ghosts in York, as well as ample time to explore on your own. What makes this holiday different from other tours in England is the chance to spend time with Guiding and Trefoil Guild friends in several different places.

Limited to only 24 people, the tour will be led by Christine Gregory, a member of Girlguiding UK who is passionate about England and who will introduce you to the heritage and beauty of her country. For more details and a booking form, email : christine@gregorys.myzen.co.uk

International Day of the Girl

This fall, Canada will lead the call for a United Nations Resolution to proclaim **September 22 the International Day of the Girl**. Girl Guides of Canada has been a strong supporter of [this effort](#). Learn more about this [initiative](#) and what you can do to see the International Day of the Girl become a reality.



Thinking Outside the Cookie Box Contest

Show us your creative and crafty sides by submitting a craft made out of Girl Guide cookie boxes (and/or their contents)! We want to see crafty murals, mosaics and more! Check out some of the creative entries we've received so far. Contest is open until November 30. You could win a \$100 Sears gift card, five boxes of Girl Guide Chocolatey Mint Cookies and the chance to have your craft showcased on our blog!

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Thinking
OUTSIDE
the
cookie box
CONTEST 

Create an original craft using the 2011 chocolatey mint cookie box for your chance to win a \$100 Sears gift card and GGC cookies and GGC merchandise!

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