



A Great Team of Provincial Council Members



We bid you farewell



Her Honour Receiving a picture of Her Majesty with Girl Guides commemorating Her Jubilee



We survived

"In late August, the Provincial Office staff had the pleasure of attending an event where they had their photo taken with Rick Hansen. In addition, Germaine Fisher and Ros Pratt were in Paradise to cheer on Kay Penney and Elizabeth Laurie who were participating in the Rick Hansen Relay. Let us know if you or other Guiding Members participated as well... (Photos submitted by Germaine Fisher.)"



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# The Signal

Summer 2012

Newfoundland and Labrador Council

Girl Greatness Starts Here

## Provincial Dinner and AGM 2012



Guiding Granny Award



Provincial Council 2012-2013



Many thanks to Edith Cuerrier



Provincial Trefoil Award



Provincial Cookie Award



Germaine Fisher and Rosalind Pratt receive the Beaver Award.



New Chief Commissioner installing Our New Provincial Commissioner



Judy Shannahan receives Beaver Award from Chief Commissioner



Margaret Breen Membership Award



Provincial Council Members receiving Certificates of Appreciation



### Editor's Note

Hello fellow Guiders,

My name is Stacey Adey and I am your new incoming editor for The Signal. I have been involved with Guiding all my life; I started as a Brownie and went all the way up to Rangers and became a leader after that. Right now, I am a Guide and Pathfinder leader and enjoy working with my units very much.

I am looking forward to my new role in Guiding as Editor of The Signal. I have really enjoyed working alongside Edith for this issue and I want to thank her for showing me how this is all done as it is a new process for me. I have learned a lot so far and she has been a great teacher.

This is a wonderful opportunity for me and I hope with all your help that The Signal will continue to be a great Guiding publication.

Thanks for all your submissions for this issue and I look forward to everyone's submissions for the new Fall issue.

**Stacey Adey**  
The Signal Editor

## Provincial Office new civic address

Although the office location has not changed, there is a new civic address for the building which has housed our Provincial Office for so many years. The entire Pleasantville area of St. John's is being renumbered to allow for new construction. As a result, our address is now 63 Roosevelt Ave, St. John's, NL, A1A 0E8, effective immediately.

### The Signal

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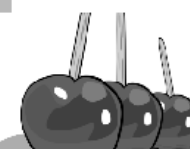
## Committees' Carnival

October 19 - 21, 2012

Lion Max Simms Camp



Carnival  
Games and  
surprises!



Keep your eye open for more  
information about this exciting  
event!



Department Heads and  
Advisers!

Come one come all!  
And have a ball!  
Learn new stuff...  
Make new friends...  
And have tons of fun in  
the end!

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Thank you gifts were given to the presenters before Taps. Everyone stood for Taps and our evening concluded with many thanks for arranging a wonderful evening and expectations of what might be offered next year.

Thanks go to Gillian Lewis for opening the school and for handling the audio/visual system, to the Rangers for a wonderful partnership and a great job of managing the evening, and to the 121 girls and 31 Guiders who were enthusiastic and challenged to Dream, Do, Dare. An account of this National Service Challenge has been reported on Guiding's National website.

**Article by Sharron Callahan, Fireside Friends Trefoil Guild**



## BRIDGING For Empowering Girls: Rangers and Trefoil Guild



During March 2012, the 1<sup>st</sup> St. John's Ranger Unit and the Fireside Friends Trefoil Guild partnered to develop and deliver an Empowering Girls event for all Guide, Pathfinder, and Ranger Units in Tuckamore Area.

The idea to plan an Empowering Girls event first originated from the past ex-

perience of the Fireside Friends Trefoil Guild to sponsor a girl program related activity every couple of years. The Guild wanted to develop a "Careers Presentation" night for girl Members and it was agreed that they would partner with the 1<sup>st</sup> St. John's Ranger Unit to develop and deliver the program.

Leading up to the event, a message was circulated to all Units in the area offering this opportunity and meeting took place between the Ranger Unit and the Trefoil Guild. The Guild undertook to find a venue and to invite a number of extraordinary women to participate in the evening with an age appropriate presentation to the girls on the careers they had chosen, what challenges and supports they had along the way, and how Guiding may have influenced their career choices.

As a part of the evening, many girls came dressed in many different outfits of their career choices when they were grown. The Rangers planned the evening, developed the agenda, did the introductions, and managed the event.

The evening began with a presentation by Dr. Kelly Batten Hender, a geologist; Jennifer Mills, a civil engineer; Rene Woolridge, an environmental engineer; and Dr. Jane Seviour, an anaestheologist. The girls were attentive, interested, and asked very appropriate and intelligent questions of all presenters. Questions about climbing mountains and studying different kinds of rocks, the height of buildings, riding to work in helicopters and other large equipment, to Doctors without Borders, Broken Earth, and volunteering in Haiti showed a girl intelligence and interest beyond imagination. All speakers used PowerPoint presentations to accompany their remarks, which were colorful and appropriately short to keep the attention of the girls.

After the formal presentations, one girl from each unit presented a short talk on her career choice and why she would choose that career. Some very interesting ideas came forward, such as a fashion designer, a teacher, a veterinarian, a professional chef, and a peace activist.

The evening ended with a wonderful, fun, and active campfire led by the Rangers.

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## Provincial Commissioner Farewell

I feel I should start my message with "where has the time gone"? How easy it is to look back at the journey I have taken in Guiding as your Provincial Commissioner. I was so glad that I had the opportunity to visit many communities in all the areas, meet so many of you and so many of the girls in your area.

As with many occasions in Guiding and in life, there is a learning curve and everyone wishes they could start the journey with the same knowledge as they finished, but then each day wouldn't be an opportunity for growth and learning. It was never boring. Many times there were challenges but as the familiar phrase goes, "it is not the cards you are dealt but what you do with them that counts". The Province as a whole had to be our foremost thought and how we could accomplish the challenges the best way possible. As a team, the Provincial Council worked very diligently to overcome whatever came our way and their dedication and enthusiasm was valued and much appreciated. No matter where we live in the province, we are all there for the very same reason, giving girls the opportunity to be great.

Over the past five years, we have seen districts and areas coming together to pool their people and resources. The organization has moved to online shopping for consistent access but missing personal contact and our shop staff. We use and support more teleconferencing and video conferencing. Our renovations to update the exterior of our Provincial Office and Headquarters became much more involved as we experienced water damage and had to evacuate our offices for over 10 months, but our staff kept us organized, efficient and visible. Our province did very well during our first year of online registration, although not without challenges. We promoted and supported membership growth by hiring a coordinator for a concentrated effort. Brownies visited Government House and had 'tea' with Her Honor. Members of Guiding throughout the province made ornaments and decorated a Christmas Tree at Government House for Their Honours. We celebrated the milestone of 100 years of Guiding in Canada and we erected a monument to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and I had the best all time experience of visiting over 100 Units in many communities throughout our province. It was the greatest!

The times we shared, the friendships forged and the challenges we met – we did it together. To all of the wonderful people whom I have had the opportunity to meet while I was with the Cookie Department, Public Relations Department, the Membership, Marketing and Public Affairs Department and during my term as your Provincial Commissioner, I was very glad that we did meet. I especially want to extend my deepest appreciation to three of the people who gave their upmost support to me, Ros Pratt, Germaine Fisher and Joan Osmond. It is not a job to do alone and these dedicated women were there through thick and thin.

In my first message to you in our newsletter five years ago, it gave me great pleasure to ask each of you to begin the journey with me as your Provincial Commissioner. Now I can say thank you for being with me on that journey. It was extraordinary!

....until another time,

**Judy Shannahan, Outgoing Provincial Commissioner**



## Farewell Messages from Your Deputy Provincial Commissioners

### THANKS FOR FIVE GREAT YEARS!

I'll write a poem, I quipped out loud,  
They chuckled with a smile,  
A poet I am not you see,  
Not one by a mile!

But a verse to note the years gone by,  
Good Guiding and great fun  
Would be a fitting way to thank  
Each and every one!

The past five years as Deputy  
Has come to its fruition  
Each new task has challenged me  
To use skills and intuition!

Guiding has a place for women,  
As adults we volunteer  
To give our time and talents  
Months turn into years!

Five years are soon about to finish,  
I want to thank my friends  
My future tasks will change somewhat  
But Guiding fun, that never ends.

I once read a line that noted  
Guide friends are just the best  
I pass the job to someone new  
I sure can use a rest!!!

**By Ros Pratt**  
**Deputy Provincial Commissioner**

### THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Dear Fellow Guiders,

My term as Deputy Provincial Commissioner will be finished with our Annual General Meeting on June 9. It has been my privilege to serve this province for the last five years. I would like to thank Provincial Commissioner Judy Shannahan for giving me this opportunity and to thank her and my colleague and fellow Deputy Ros Pratt for camaraderie and sharing during this time.

These last five years have been challenging, enlightening, fun and sometimes frustrating as all get out! (What job isn't, paid or unpaid?) During said times I was known to say "I need to spend some time at an event with our girl Members!" After all they are the reason we all do what we do in Guiding! And sure enough a few hours at a Rally, Award Ceremony, Fun Day or "Girl Engagement" and I would be infused with energy and enthusiasm again! Thank You, Girls!

And to the Guiders, Unit leaders or Commissioners, a big Thank You for the time and commitment you put into making our girls great. It has been wonderful to be able to meet so many of you and hear your ideas, challenges and the solutions you have either sought help for, or come up with as a team. Speaking of team I am surely not forgetting the Provincial Advisers and Elected Members whom I have worked closely with over the past five years, these women are an example to all Guiders for their dedication and commitment.

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## SPRING REGISTRATION

Re-registration for the 2012 – 2013 Guiding year is here! On Monday, April 2, 2012 registration began for **returning** girl and youth members (those who were registered for 2011 – 2012). We highly encourage all families to use the online registration system and will be contacting all parents/guardians by e-mail and regular mail (for those without an e-mail address on file) as re-registration opens.

On Friday, June 1, 2012 registration began for new girl and youth members. At this time priority re-registration ended for returning members and any spots still available in units were open to all girls.

The registration fee for all girl and youth members is \$75.00 (this fee is not prorated for members who register late).

Online registration is a safe, quick, and convenient way for parents and guardians to register their girls as members of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada. By using online registration, families create a family account, view and update their girls' personal information, select a unit, and pay using credit card or PayPal. It is not possible for a family to register online and then pay by any other method.

## Highlights of the BP Brunch



**Photos by Edith Cuerrier**



## Spring Has Sprung, Time To Grow Guiding!

Each year, as the flowers start to bloom, we plan the end of our Guiding year with camps and banquets on our minds. We tend to forget about growing Guiding during this busy time but it is the perfect opportunity to start thinking about increasing the numbers in your unit/district/area for the fall!

Why not host a Bring a Friend Night now? Registration opened June 1 for new members!

There are events happening in communities across the province all spring and summer – fairs, expos, festivals and more – get your units involved and get people thinking about Guiding!

If you're planning recruitment advertising in your District/Area now is the time to be looking at your options. Ads should start running by August at the latest.

As the Guiding year comes to a close we should also be recruiting new Guiders to fill the spaces we know will be opening. Signing up adult members now means we have all summer to complete the screening and training they need to hit the ground running in September! What a great way to avoid the last minute scramble to keep our units open!

## Membership Growth Plan

Over the last few months our Membership Growth Coordinator, Allison Graham, has been working on a plan to grow Guiding in Newfoundland and Labrador. The plan focuses on adult recruitment targeting young mothers, professional women, former girl members, university students and women who have recently joined the workforce.

The plan lays out three strategies for growth:

**Increasing public awareness** of Guiding programs in Newfoundland and Labrador, which will lead to increased membership, both adult and youth. Some of the tactics we will employ to increase public awareness include:

- Attending festivals, expos and fairs
- Advertising
- Increased Social Media presence
- Revamp Kinderstart Program

**Opening Guiding in new communities** - there are many towns that have the population base to support Guiding but have not had anyone to run the program in years, if ever. Bringing Guiding to new parts of the province will grow membership and help spread awareness of our programs.

**Converting non-Member helpers into Members.** Non-Members are a valuable asset to the Guiding program, in many cases our units could not run without them. To our own detriment, we have come to rely on the non-Member program when we could and should be registering the non-Members who are attending every meeting as full Members.

Allison will be in touch with many of you over the coming months as she works on growing Guiding in your Area. If you have questions for her or need assistance please do not hesitate to contact her at Provincial Office.

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ment to Guiding, and their willingness to help each other is commendable. I also thoroughly enjoyed being able to meet the area advisers at the Committees' Conference every fall. Whether working in the provincial office, or at my computer at home, or "on the road" with Judy and Ros as we went to the areas to either celebrate a visit by the Chief Commissioner, or problem solve during area restructuring, this position has certainly been a highlight of my Guiding career and if you get the opportunity I would encourage you to take a position at the Provincial Level!

Last but not least I would like to thank the Provincial Office staff for their professionalism, friendliness and help over the last five years. Their prompt response to my queries or requests for help certainly made things flow much more efficiently and smoothly!

I wish Kay Penney our incoming Provincial Commissioner and her provincial team a wonderful term! Kay, it will be challenging and rewarding!

Thanks for the memories, everyone. I look forward to seeing you at some Guiding event or another in future!

Yours in Guiding,

Germaine

**Germaine Fisher, Deputy Provincial Commissioner**

### Message from Your New Provincial Commissioner

Guiders,

Many years ago, I joined Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada as a Brownie. I can still remember the excitement at my enrolment event as I served my mom her sandwich and cookies while earning my hostess badge. I have met many new friends and continued to make memories. I would never have dreamt at that time that I would now be your Provincial Commissioner for Newfoundland and Labrador.

I am very pleased to have been given this opportunity and I look forward to meeting the girls and Guiders of our province.

As we go into another year of great Guiding in our province, I look forward to working with each of you and listening to your concerns and opinions. Let's all work together as a team and continue to help make a positive difference in the life of each girl and woman, so they can have the experience of a lifetime in this great organization.

Whether you are a unit Guider, Commissioner, Trainer or Trefoil Guild member, there have been many times I am sure you can remember experiencing the excitement on a little girl's face as she accomplished her first craft, put up her first tent or just spent her first night away from home. It doesn't matter what your role is in this organization as we are all here for one reason and that is *the girls*, who are our *Leaders of Tomorrow*.

As we move forward, I am positive we can continue to enable our girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous and help them to make a difference in the world.

As Rick Hansen's said: "When we all work together, anything is possible".

**Kay Penney, Provincial Commissioner**

## Fifty Years of Public Relations for Guiding in Newfoundland and Labrador!

Jessie Toope has just completed 50 years of writing a Guiding Column for the Evening Telegram. What an accomplishment!

Jessie has been involved with Guiding since 1959 and in 1965 was Ranger Guider with District 1 Marconi Division, Avalon Area. Jessie was also a Brownie leader in Mt. Pearl.

Jessie has held many administrative positions over the years including District, Division and Area Commissioner (Avalon Area where she lived and Labrador from 1977 to 1982)

She has also been camp Adviser, trainer, as well as sitting on various committees such as awards and training. Jessie has been a member of a Trefoil Guild since 1998 and is presently in the Happy Wanderers Trefoil Guild. She was a delegate to the Alberta Trefoil Guild Gathering in 2001 and the 2004 National Trefoil Gathering.

During her Guiding years Jessie received numerous awards, including Gold Merit, as well as the Medal of Merit. In 1982 Jessie received the Beaver award from National Council and in 1985 was awarded Honorary Life membership



In 1962 Jessie accepted the challenge and took on the role of writing a Guiding column for the Evening Telegram, a position she held up to March 14th, 2012, her final column. During this time Jessie has written over 2000 columns. In her farewell column she stated "when I started writing for the Evening Telegram in 1962 I had no idea where it would take me."

Jessie made a 50 year contribution to Guiding in terms of keeping us in the news and ensuring everyone that Guiding has been the place for girls and women in this province. Not many others can say that they were part of Girl Guide Public relations for half a century!

Jessie has truly delivered the message to everyone in this province just how vibrant an organization Guiding has been over the years. Every column that she wrote was a positive note with respect to activities of the girls and Leaders. She obviously spent hundreds of hours (probably on a typewriter!) writing and researching her information and I'm sure many a Guider was pleased to see her name mentioned when she had received an award or some other distinction. .

Jessie definitely has given her time and shared her talents with respect to Guiding in this province.

From everyone involved in Guiding "Thank you Jessie ": for over 50 years of promoting Girl Guides in Newfoundland and Labrador through your column in the Telegram.

**Article by Rosalind Pratt**

## NTV COOKIE HIT!



**Photos by Germaine Fisher, Deputy Provincial Commissioner**

## The Cookie Queen



"What's that mama?" and that was how it all began. I had received an email from Girl Guides of Canada, informing me as a Guider, of the Cookie All Star program. Brianna had noticed all the cool prizes and badges. With her mind made up, she started selling as many cookies as she could.

With the mint cookies she was able to sell 5 cases. "So mama, how many more to the first prize?" "Two more sweetie," I replied. Each time she sold a case I was asked the same question.

When the spring cookies came she was determined to sell a total of 40 cases. With 8 cases pre-sold to family and friends, she knew she could sell more.

Her method of selling cookies? Be polite, smile and ask everyone. We went to Atlantic Place in St. John's, Needs convenience store in Logy Bay, and Sears Cookie Day. Within no time she had reached her goal of 40 cases.

I asked her if she was proud, she said, "I am the Cookie Queen. I am proud and excited to have reached my goal. Thank you for your help mama." As her Guider, I am proud to have a girl in my unit who is setting goals and reaching for them. As her mom, words cannot say how proud I am of her.

Brianna says she will try again next year to sell as many or more cases. Brianna is a second year Spark, with 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Drive Sparks, District 15. Her determination has earned her a unit, district and national prize for cookie selling. Way to go Brianna!

**Photos and story by Corrine Little, Guider 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Drive Sparks.**





A THANK-YOU FROM HEATHER

As I finish up my term as Provincial Training Adviser, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support over the past five years. A special thank you to the many Area Training Coordinators and Area Commissioners I have worked with across this province. You are simply wonderful! Also sincere thank you to my fellow trainers whose support I have very much appreciated. I will remain a Trainer so I will probably see many of you at future trainings.

This fall, Area Training Days are being planned across the province. All Guiders are encouraged to attend these trainings. Make it yours and make it fun! Trainings are a great way to meet new Guiders and to learn so much. So speak to your Area Commissioner or Area Training Coordinator to find out what is planned for your Area.

It has been a great five years and I hope you will continue to come out to trainings as it is the best part of Guiding, a part of my Guiding experience that I thoroughly enjoy.

*Heather Courage, Provincial Training Adviser*

JANEWAY TELETHON



The girls and leaders from Shamrock District, Ocean's Edge Area, were fantastic and wonderful representatives of Guiding in the province at the Janeway Telethon on Sunday June 5th.

*Story by Germaine Fisher, Deputy Provincial Commissioner.*

*Photos by Peter Fisher.*

Water For Life Crest Order Form

WATER FOR LIFE	CREST	ORDER FORM	
Unit		# of crests	X \$0.50ea
Contact		Sub-total	\$
Address		S&H (call Prov Office)	\$ (min) (\$2.00)
Phone			
E-mail		Total Enclosed	\$
SEND TO: Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada, NL Council 63 Roosevelt Avenue, St. John's NL A1A 0E8			

A FOND FAREWELL

*Article by Jessie Toope, gratefully reprinted from The Telegram (St. John's) Life Section, Wednesday, March 14, 2012, p. B2*

*Also Thanks to Jessie and her Daughter Diane for permission to reprint this article for all Guiders to enjoy.*

When I started writing for The Evening Telegram in 1962, I had no idea where it would take me. And so, 50 years and more than 2,000 columns later, today will mark my final column for the Guiding News. Although I take my leave from writing, I have been awarded life membership in the Girl Guides of Canada, and am still active in a senior branch of Guiding with the "Happy Wanderers" Trefoil Guild. As I sit here pondering the future, I can't help but reflect on the past. How Guiding time flies! However, the basic principles of Guiding across the province and across Canada remain the same now as they were 50 years ago: enabling young girls to become confident, resourceful and courageous citizens, and to make a difference in the world they live in. I have been involved with Guiding since 1959, and served voluntarily on all levels. Each new year, I was challenged to new heights. Over the years, I've developed many close relationships and made lifelong friends and have cherished memories that will last forever. Through Guiding, I've experienced many exciting opportunities and attended several national events, some of which are Doe Lake Music Camp in Ontario and Camp Woolsey Maple Leaf Camp in Ottawa, along with national Trefoil Guild gatherings in Ontario, Nova Scotia and Alberta. I've also had the pleasure of visiting Olave House, one of four Girl Guide/Girl Scout headquarters in Hong Kong and Taiwan in 1987, and also Australia and New Zealand in 2005. A job that began in October of 1962 with a social news column for The Evening Telegram turned into a full Guiding column the following year. It has been a time-honoured routine for me to identify worthwhile and up-to-date news items for my column. Over the years, I've received a great deal of feedback from non-Guiding people, near and far, who enjoy the happenings in Guiding and also from many former members who are no longer active, but want to remain in contact. It was a constant, challenging experience to keep up with the many events and happenings from the local scene to the national and international levels. Nonetheless, it has been a privilege and pleasure to have had the opportunity of sharing Guiding news and events, and reaching out to all communities across our province. I trust I have made a great contribution for Guiding in Newfoundland and Labrador. I have been asked what will happen after my final column is written, and have indeed pondered that question. I'm sure there are many talented people who could do a very good job, and that one day someone will be writing another column in the space that I now occupy. Time marches on. However, it is hard to put down the pen without sharing some of my reflections with you. As I look back, I visualize that it is you, the readers of my column, who have spirited me onward for so many years. To all my readers, to Guiding friends past and present and to my family, it is time to pack up my Guiding memories and to chart a new course. I express my gratitude to all who have contributed to the Guiding column and sincerely thank those who have given me kind words of support and encouragement over the years. Best wishes for many more years of continued success for Guiding in Newfoundland and Labrador. Good Guiding.



## Editor's Farewell



Dear Sister in Guiding,

There are many Guiders finishing their terms in various positions at this time of year and, this time, I am one of them. I want to thank you all for your contributions to your Provincial Newsletter and for the wonderful opportunity it has been for me to be your Editor. I will now have more time to devote to my position as your Provincial Archives Adviser. Stacey is a quick study so I know that I leave this newsletter in very good hands. I look forward to seeing The Signal arriving in my mailbox without already knowing what is in it, and I know that I will continue to enjoy reading about all the great things that are happening in Guiding in this province. Yours in Guiding,  
Edith

## Highlights of The Provincial AGM



Photos by Edith Cuerrier

# Earth Day Fair

## Valentines for Vets

Pictured are the Shamrock District girls delivering a Valentine card and gift to Mr. William Hynes of Renew's. He is the last WW2 vet living in our area. He was so delighted to receive the gift and visit from the girls (Left to right-Destiny Neiuwhof, Brooklyn Kenny, Emily Kenny, Mr. William Hynes, Shae-Lynn Boland, Olivia Walsh and Jenna Kavanagh. Fermesue-Renews Guiding Units.)

**Photo and Caption by Amelda Boland, District Commissioner**

## MUMMERING

This Group of Sparks & Brownies are all ready to head to Fahey's Nursing Home dressed as mummers.



**Back row, L to R:** Kaitlyn Crocker, Krista Oates (Brownie Leader), Rochelle Hayden, Georgia Hayes, & Anne Marie Carew (Brownie Leader)  
**Front row, L to R:** Jada Francis, Lorna Dinn (Spark Leader), Amber Carew, Rachel Maloney, Natalie Dalton, Jara Dinn & Keisha Jordan

**Picture and Caption by Anne Marie Carew, Guider**

Annie is a proud Spark with the 29th St. John's Sparks. Annie and her family visited the Girl Guide booth at the Earth Day Fair at the Fluvarium on Sunday, April 22nd. Annie made an Earth Mobile using a recycled CD. She also learned about how she can save the planet!

**Story and photo by Robyn Saunders-Lee.**





## LONES ADVISER WANTED

The Provincial Program Department is looking for a Lones Adviser.

The Lones Adviser (a Program Adviser with special knowledge of the Lones program) will:

- Register and supervise Lone Units
- Receive applications from girls, assign them to a Lone Unit and notify the Area Commissioner of any Lones living in her Area
- Ensure Unit program is consistent with the Mission and Vision of GGC, policies, standards and rules of the organization
- Provide advice and assistance in adapting the program for the girls
- Ensure that account books are audited annually

If this is something you would like to do, Contact Kay Graham for more information:

[Kay.graham@persona.ca](mailto:Kay.graham@persona.ca)

## Girl Greatness Awards

Girl Guides of Canada's new Girl Greatness Awards is all about applauding girl Members accomplishing great things in their lives and in their communities. Inspired by Girl Guides of Canada's Mission, the awards recognize one girl per branch who has excelled in each of the following award categories:

- Confidence
- Resourcefulness
- Courage
- Making a Difference



Each of the 20 Girl Greatness Award recipients have receive an Award pin and a certificate signed by the Chief Commissioner.

Between March 5th and 31st nominations for this award were received from all Members of Guiding, girls could nominate themselves or other Guides with the help of parents/guardians or their Guider. The finalists were chosen

at the end of April. On May 1st to May 25th, online voting was opened to all Members of GGC. The winners were announced on May 30th 2012 and they received their pins and are profiled on the website at [girlguides.ca](http://girlguides.ca). Congratulations to all winners!

## New Website For Rangers & Pathfinders

<http://patrol.girlguides.ca/> Patrol is Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada's site for Pathfinders, Trex and Rangers. If you want to find out about scholarships, trips, international volunteer opportunities and what's new in Guiding, it's all here. Want to know more about events, how to use Guiding skills and volunteer work on your resume, or tips on how to take the lead and get involved?

Well, that's here too.

[http://patrol.girlguides.ca/patrol\\_blog](http://patrol.girlguides.ca/patrol_blog)

Patrol is your place to have your say and connect with other teens and young women in Guiding.

## THINKING DAY CAFÉ

On February 20th, the 1st Norman's Cove Girl Guides held a "Thinking Day Cafe." They turned the community center, where they normally have their unit meetings, into a beautiful cafe setting. They served cakes, pies, cheesecakes, and many other delicious desserts that community members and the Trefoil Guild donated. They also designed and passed out information pamphlets about the CWFF and what it does to help promote Guiding in the world. The cafe was quite busy and, at the end of the night, the 15 Guides were so pleased to have raised \$264.00 for the CWFF! They did a great job getting the word out in their community about all the great things Guiding is about!

**Photos and story by Guider Stephanie Tucker.**



## Chamberlains Service Project

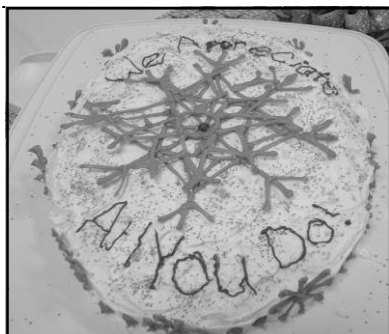


The 3rd Chamberlains Girl Guides have been busy working on their Global Service Project. They recognized the need for clean drinking water in under developed countries. The girls identified Haiti as a country in need and began to brainstorm ideas on how to raise money for this great cause.

Through cookie sales, Christmas craft sale and making and selling Valentine candy kabobs, the girls raised \$1549.52. This money will be donated to World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), to help with clean water projects in Haiti.

**Story and photo by Connie Krochoski.**





## Guider Appreciation Event

I really enjoyed attending the Appreciation Event for the supporters of the 2nd Torbay Guides on January 24th. The girls did a wonderful job and were model hostesses. The food and the company were fabulous!

**Story and photos (below) by Germaine Fisher, Deputy Provincial Commissioner**



## Snow sculpting with Pathfinders and Rangers



Bishop's Falls Pathfinders and Rangers came together for some winter fun! 20 girls showed up on February 26th, 2012, to build this giant trefoil sculpture in front of the town hall. This was a way to show their Guiding pride to the community during Thinking Week and to take part in the annual Lions Winter Carnival.

**Story by Darlene Bernard, Deputy Commissioner and Pathfinder/Ranger leader Bishop's Falls - Exploits District. Photos by Denika Hynes.**



## Choices for Youth

1st Mount Pearl Rangers celebrated their birthdays and helped "Choices for Youth" this winter.

With January comes a new year and with a new year comes lots of new meeting ideas. So when the girls got together in January to plan their meetings for the next few months, there were lots of great ideas on the list - like Winter Camp, Bridging with Sparks, Thinking Day, etc. But like all girls (and Guiders!), they also like to have meetings that are just for fun! One of these ideas as suggested by Sam was to have a traditional birthday party celebrating all their birthdays.

And so the planning began: Food: check! (cookies, drinks, chips & cheesies and birthday cupcakes), Games: check! (pin the tail on the donkey, bingo, and charades), Presents: check! (used jeans). An interesting choice for presents you might say! We had just read somewhere that the Choices for Youth program were looking for gently used jeans so we decided to help out. Choices for Youth is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides housing and support to youth in the St. John's metro area for whom 'home' is not an option. So the timing was great and the idea was perfect.

On Feb 5th, the girls came to the meeting with their food, their games and their gift bags... filled with their gently used jeans. In total, the 12 girls in our unit brought in over 40 pairs of jeans for this program!

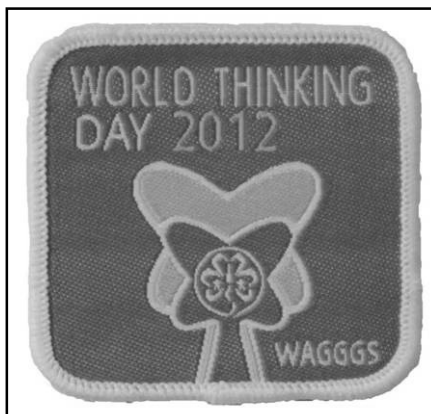
There are so many ways that girls can give back to their community and it all starts with one little idea!

**Story and Photos by Lisa Engram - Guider**





## CANADIAN WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND



Don't forget to pass in your "Fiver for Friendship" donations (\$5 per member) to your areas so they can be forwarded along to the CWFF. We've heard many wonderful ideas that units, districts and areas are using to increase donations to the CWFF but would love to see pictures. Please share your ideas and pictures with your Area International Adviser and we'll put them on our new Provincial website!

On another note, GGC is a non-profit organization that is not permitted to fundraise for any other organization. If your unit is interested in raising funds in support of disaster relief and/or support for our sisters in Guid-

ing you can fundraise for the CWFF. Money donated through the Girl Guides of Canada CWFF can be earmarked for a specific purpose and donations can be made at any time of year.

## 2012 Theme: We Can Save the Planet



In 2012, our Guiding sisters around the world are all working on ways that they can save the planet! Incorporate the 2012 WAGGGS theme into your day camps, camps, advancement ceremonies, banquets, service projects and more! Organize a community clean-up, consider partnering with another group on an environmental service project or learn about these dates:

- World Water Day – March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Earth Hour – March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Earth Day – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup – May 2012
- World Environment Day – June 5<sup>th</sup>

It's also not too late to learn about environmental issues in Guyana, Japan, Ivory Coast, Russia and Tunisia either. Every day can be Thinking Day!!! Download the World Thinking Day 2012 Activity Pack at [www.worldthinkingday.org/en/activities10](http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/activities10).

Don't forget to send your Area International Adviser details and photos of your activities so we can share them with the world! The photos below are from Marconi District's Thinking Day 2012 Event. Girls learned about environmental issues in the five focus countries through interactive activities – playing eco-dominos, learning about Guyana rainforest animals (right) and climate change affecting desertification in Tunisia (top).



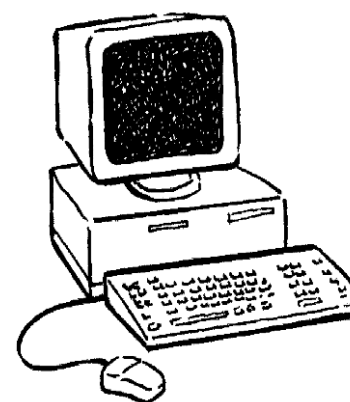
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## We are pleased to announce the official launch of our new provincial website

Please take the time to visit our site and explore:

- **The "About Us" Section** where we tell you a little about the first NL Guide Company and give you details about the principles, law, mission, and code of conduct of this great organization. Learn about who is on your NL Provincial Council and how exactly the province is allocated into areas.
- **The "Join Us" Section** will give you specifics of what Guiding is about, the benefits, the volunteering aspects, show you current opportunities on the GGC national site. On-line registration is available all year long!
- **The "Resources" Section** will give you the opportunity to explore Training opportunities, Program ideas, Financial information, Awards, Provincial Archives, Public Affair Protocols, International ideas and activities, Camping opportunities, and Cookie information. This section is a great source of information!!!
- **The "News" Section** is where you will see that Guiding is indeed very active and vibrant here in Newfoundland & Labrador. You will see articles of special activities that have happened across the province. If you have any great events happening within your units, districts or areas send them to us -- we can advertise and promote anything that can be circulated...news clippings, events, etc. This is a great place to sit, relax and review "The Signal" or "News for You" electronically.

Don't forget to check out the **LINKS on the HOME page**, great resource information available!!



### Contacts for Website:

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If there is something you like, let us know...  
If there is something that you want to see, let us know...  
If there is something you don't like, let us know...  
This is your website and it can only be as good as you help us make it!! Enjoy!

## Camp-a-lot Quest 2011 Provincial Camp

Ninety-eight brave and courageous maidens from across the province gathered at the Shire of Butterpot to take part in five days of feasting, jousting, and general merry-making. Battles were fought, brave and noble steeds were constructed with cookie cartons and creativity, and a May pole was raised and winsome maidens danced a pretty dance around it. A great feast was held for the company who attended in their finest gowns with garlands in their hair, and the meal was followed by entertainment by the court's outstanding magician and juggler.

The eldest of the maidens further proved their stamina and skills by undertaking a successful pilgrimage to the fabled land of Con-Ba-Su, where they set up camp and rested before returning triumphant the following day.

Gaze upon these images of the joyous and challenging quest so enthusiastically embraced by participants, hosts, and scullery maids alike.

**Story and photos by Nita Mason Deputy Provincial Camping Advisor**



## Nationally Sponsored International Events 2012

Congratulations to the following girls and ladies who have been selected by National for the 2012 international trips! We know you will be fantastic representatives of Guiding in Newfoundland and Labrador AND Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada. BON VOYAGE!!!

- Ayrwaves, Scotland
- Deanna Miles (Guider) – Northern Mosaic
- Louna Fezoui – Northern Mosaic
- Change the World Camporee, Connecticut, USA
- Della Coles (Guider) - Northern Mosaic (has accepted)
- Shannon Mercer – Con Ba Su
- Rebecca Adams – Tuckamore
- Northwest Centennial Roundup Camporee, Oregon, USA
- Caroline Pike - Tuckamore
- Ayla Pomroy – Con Ba Su (declined)
- Jennifer Stuckless (Alternate Guider) - Tuckamore
- Environmental Service and Learning Trip, Costa Rica
- Teresa Dominie (Guider) – Long Range Trails
- Kathleen Warren - Tuckamore
- Emilia Mercer – Eastern Bays
- Morgan Boyer - Tuckamore

Applications for these events were assessed at the Provincial level by the Provincial Selections Team. The team had many applications to review and several tough decisions to make as we couldn't send all applications to National. We would love to send all Members who have expressed an interest in travelling with Girl Guides of Canada to an event at some point. Therefore we would like to encourage members to apply (again and again) to the trips of in-

### Interested in traveling with Girl Guides of Canada???

Our national web-site is the best resource at:

[www.girlguides.ca/international\\_events](http://www.girlguides.ca/international_events).

Fact sheets are posted there for nationally sponsored events that detail how to apply for the opportunities as well as the age groups that can apply. Guides can now travel outside of Canada so you will probably notice that the ages are lower than they have been in the past.

### Attention Young Adults – Link Members and Guiders

Girl Guides of Canada has posted several events specifically for young adults in the past six months (EU Canada Roundtable on Youth Participation in Helsinki, Finland in October 2011, WAGGGS HIV/AIDS Seminar – Nov/Dec 2011 at Sangam in Pune, India, WAGGGS Representative at the 56th UN Commission on the Status of Women – Feb/Mar 2012 in New York, USA, Young Women Leading for a Greener Future - March 2012 at Our Chalet in Switzerland, Rio+20 Conference United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development – June 4-6, 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

All of the application deadlines for these events have now passed but as you can see there are many travel opportunities for young adults so check the GGC website regularly!



## Adventures in India

### WAGGGS HIV/AIDS Seminar at Sangam World Centre – Nov/Dec 2011

We arrived in India on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. After a couple of days in Mumbai, we made our way to Pune where Sangam is located. The drive from Mumbai to Sangam was an adventure in itself. There were so many cars, trucks, autorickshaws, cycle rickshaws, bikes, motorcycles, pedestrians, cows and pigs in the road that our 200 km drive took four and a half hours. Once we stepped inside the gates of Sangam, it was like all of that madness disappeared and the world was at peace.

The Sanskrit name Sangam means “coming together,” making it a very fitting World Centre to host the HIV/AIDS Advocacy Seminar. There were 21 participants from 10 different countries who came together at Sangam to talk about issues surrounding HIV/AIDS, and to develop advocacy plans to put into practice upon returning home.

During our time at Sangam, we learned about the World Centre, Guiding in India, HIV/AIDS in India, the WAGGGS' Millennium Development Goals and Indian culture, all the while making friendships that will last a lifetime.

The highlight of the seminar was our visit to Kayakalp, one of Sangam's community partners working to reduce HIV/AIDS in the red light district. They offer free checkups, including STI and HIV screening, for the sex workers in this area, provide safe sex education and free condoms, have a daycare and boarding school for the children of these workers and offer a community kitchen. They are doing amazing work and have a 100% attendance rate at their clinic. We also participated in a march around Pune for World AIDS Day 2011. It was a great feeling representing Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world, raising our voices and spreading awareness of HIV/AIDS.

The seminar gave us an opportunity to experience Guiding on a global scale. There are over 10 million members worldwide all taking action to improve their communities and our World! Even though we come from different cultures and speak different languages, Guiding unites us in a sisterhood. We are so thankful that we were given the opportunity to attend this seminar, meet Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from all over the world and experience India.

**Story and photos by Krista Gladney and Khatia Essaii**

*NOTE: We are so pleased and proud that both young women chosen from Canada to attend this event were from Newfoundland and Labrador!*



# What A Thank-You Note Says

Friendship is one of life's most beautiful relationships. You cannot thank a friend enough! Saying "thank you", however, may be the two hardest words that friends share. As friends, we enjoy the fun, relaxing, interesting, and entertaining moments we have in Guiding or in our private lives; sometimes, there are occasions which give us the opportunity to say thanks but we do not know how or we forget.

Over time, life brings us both joys and sorrows and we may like to thank someone, appreciate someone, or express our gratitude towards someone for being there for us. It could be for a small gesture that made you smile or helped you out with an endeavour that needed to be done. It could be for the years of support that made you who you are. It could be for their help in any financial, physical or emotional need, whether in Guiding or outside Guiding.

Yes, you need to thank those people who did it for you or with you. No matter how you say thank you, what is most important is the emotion—words bring in the warmth. If you cannot write a great long message to say thank you, that's fine. In this case, it is best to say just that; just let them know that words fail you to comment on their gesture and that you are speechless. Thank you is a token of appreciation and the means to convey good wishes and it allows you to tell them just how much their help and friendship means to you.

Thank-you notes are old-fashioned, but in this age of two minute emails and one second texts, a quaint note card is surprisingly powerful gesture. When you take the time to write a thoughtful note, it gives the recipient the insight into who you are. It also tells them:

- You care.
  - You're still thinking about what they did and it means something to you.
  - You are a good communicator.
  - You are pleasant, thoughtful and kind.
  - You really mean what you say; you are willing to go the extra mile for them.
- A simple heartfelt "Thank You" is a small token of gratitude that goes a long, long way.

**Donna Tuck, Provincial MMPA Adviser**

## CRAFTY TUESDAYS

Looking for ideas? The [GGC facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/GirlGuidesofCanada.GuidesduCanada) (<http://www.facebook.com/GirlGuidesofCanada.GuidesduCanada>) is here to help you! Crafty Tuesdays is all about sharing crafts online for Guiders, girls and fans to see and do themselves. If you miss a posting - say the week you are away at camp, you can find all the crafts posted on the [GGC website](#).

# THIS YEAR IN MARCONI DISTRICT

Marconi District has had a very busy year so far. Some of the district's activities have been: Registration event, Mount Pearl Octoberfest, Halloween party, Canada Cord presentations, Mount Pearl Remembrance Day Parade, Mount Pearl Santa Claus Parade, Frosty Festival Breakfast, and Thinking Day celebration.

