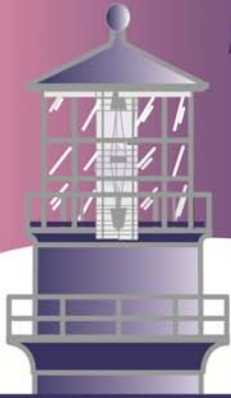




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Editor's Note

We have a great issue for you this month. A great Blast from the Past from our own Provincial Commissioner, lots of Area Highlights, and much more.

I would like to thank you all for sending in your submissions to help make this issue one of the best ones yet.

I would like to take this time to remind you with Thinking Day just around the corner to take pictures and send in stories about what your Unit, District, or Area is doing to celebrate. I would like our next issue to have lots of stories about Thinking Day activities.

Also don't forget to send in any Blast from the Past and How she did it Stories, we are always looking for great stories about our girls and guiders. Enjoy this issue and Happy Thinking day to you all!

Stacey Adey
The Signal Editor

HALLOWEEN FUN

One of the special occasions we visited Alderwood Estates was to celebrate Halloween. The 2nd Witless Bay Girl Guide Unit were there for a joint Halloween Party complete with haunted house and a dance with a live two man band.

Photo and Story Submitted by Madonna Ryan



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From Your Provincial Commissioner

It's February and our weather is getting colder, however guiding in Newfoundland and Labrador is getting hotter with plenty of exciting happenings.

A great, new and exciting project, *Twinning 2020*, has been developed with the Atlantic Provinces (NL, NS, NB) being twinned with St. Vincent and the Grenadines. To kick off this partnership we have developed shared Thinking Day activities, one of which we hope you will incorporate into your Thinking Day celebrations or a Unit meeting in February. Older Girls and Adults could even do an activity individually. The main goal is to get to know our Guiding sisters in that country, through shared experiences and communication. All activities will be common to both partners with a blog set up for communication between all Girls and Guiders. So, don't forget to Blog.



The fall, Mint Cookie Campaign was a huge success with many Girls and Guiders participating in the door - door campaign. Excitement is already blooming for the classic Spring Cookies with many great incentives being offered by Province. Guiders, remember to order your Cookie Crests.

Plans for the annual Ranger Gathering 2015 are well underway. The date is set for March 27th-29th at Lion Max Simms Camp. Please encourage all Rangers and 3rd Year Pathfinders to apply for a chance to spend a very exciting, informative and fun weekend making memories of a lifetime.

Time is fast approaching for the National Annual General Meeting & Dinner being held in our Province this year at the 'Wilds', June 6th. Girls and Guiders from across the Province will gather at Burry Heights, Salmonier Line for the weekend to participate in a 'Girl Engagement' with our National and Provincial Councils and personnel. More information will be released in the coming months.

The date and location have been confirmed for our 2015 Provincial Camp. July 3rd to July 7th Girls and Guiders will converge at Camp Nor'West (Scouts Camp) in Terra Nova National Park. What an excellent opportunity to sharpen your camping skills. Apply early so you won't be disappointed.

The wait is over. For those Guiders expressing interest in one large Guider's Conference, mark your calendars and get ready for one heck of a fantastic weekend. Plans are already in progress. See you in Gander, October 23rd – 25th for *"Defying Gravity – Guiding the Future"*.

Girls and Guiders are busy gearing up for Guiding Mosaic 2016. Fundraising is in full swing as they look forward to this great experience.

By now, most of you will have received a small thank-you gift in your mailbox. Please accept it as a special token of appreciation for all you do for Guiding in our province. You all make a difference...one by one.

Province is offering many exciting opportunities for Girls and Guiders. You will find all the latest updates on our Provincial Website.

Kay Penney
Provincial Commissioner

Tree Trimming at Government House

There was a great festive mood in Government House on Monday, December 1 as Brownies were invited to help decorate Her Honors' Christmas tree again this year. Her Honour, Mrs. Patricia Fagan, greeted each guest and afterwards joined in as everyone made gingerbread cookies and decorated the tree. The ornaments on the tree were made by the many units around



the province. Her Honor had a grand chat with the girls about their Christmas plans and sang a few carols. Thank you to all the units who helped out with the decorations this year as they were indeed fabulous.

Story submitted by Donna Tuck, Provincial Membership, Marketing, Public Affairs Adviser.

Photos by Edith Cuerrier



NTV Weather Hit



On Wednesday, October 22, 2014, Sharon Snow shared with everyone on NTV Weather Hit how great Girl Guide cookies are and that it is a great fundraiser for our organization. It was a great time as we gathered with Sharon Snow at headquarters to tell her about our Cookie Campaign this year in Newfoundland and Labrador. Girls from the 24th Sparks and 77th

Brownie units participated in a weather hit segment with Sharon and enjoyed sharing stories and activities that they did as they sold their cookies. They told her that they loved to go selling cookies

around the neighbourhoods. The girls were excited to meet and talk to the "TV star" and have a quick campfire with her.

Story and photos Submitted by Donna Tuck, Provincial Membership, Marketing, Public Affairs Adviser



Kids Say the Darndest Things

One of my favourite age groups to work with was Guide age girls. I remember a time when we were having a sleepover at the Girl Guide Headquarters and I was given the task of collecting the money as the girls and parents arrived. I was going about my task when a little face looked up at me and asked me in her sweet little voice, "Are you and the other leaders going to split that money up when we go to sleep?"

Do you have something funny that a kid has said to you that you would like to share. Please send it to Stacey at thesignal.ggc@gmail.com

FERMEUSE –RENEWS UNITS ON THE MOVE!

The Fermeuse – Renew's units of Shamrock District in Ocean's Edge Area had a busy fall with several outings. Our first outing was to Fermeuse River to do a Clean-up. The girls had taken part in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup last Spring and wanted to see if any garbage had accumulated during the summer. It sure had and in no time flat the girls had the area looking fresh and green.



The Fermeuse-Renews units were on the move again just before Halloween. This time a trip to Lester's Farm was on the menu. It was an eye-popping experience for the girls when they spotted the fields of pumpkins. And when Farmer Jim told them they could all take one home the squeals of delight echoed throughout the farm. After a visit to the petting barn, where the just born pig was a big hit the ever gracious and patient Farmer Jim took all of us on a hayride and showed us some of the newborn animals in the field such as the llama. On our return we all headed to the Chalet for some hot chocolate and cookies. The sparks, Brownies and Guides all headed home but not the

Pathfinders and Rangers. They and their leaders headed



to Terror Town Haunted House. This was a spine-tingling experience and two of the girls didn't dare enter the halls of terror but all the rest faced their fears and made it through.

What happens when a leader's husband buys her a cabin in the woods for Mother's Day? Of course she invites all the girls and leaders in all the units to hike to her cabin and cook their supper on buddy burners. And gets her husband to help out. That's just what leader Amelda Boland and her husband Jerry did this past fall. The girls were delighted with their evening and sang as they hiked all the way out to show their happiness. Thank you Amelda and Jerry!



Photos and Story Submitted by Madonna Ryan, Ocean's Edge MMPA

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How Kailey Did It!

As a leader, I receive many e-mails surrounding Girl Guides of Canada. One in particular was about the Cookie All-Star program and all the cool prizes that could be won.

During the Fall cookie Blitz, Kailey sold 29 cases! After most of the cookie prizes had been awarded, it was time to announce 1st place. It was Kailey. She was so proud.

When the spring cookies arrived Kailey was determined to sell 51 cases to receive the top prize for selling 80 cases. We both went door-to-door, Avalon Mall and Canadian tire. Her goal was reached in no time.

I asked her if she was proud, she replied "I am the top cookie seller." As her guider and mom, words cannot explain how proud I am of her. Kailey will be moving up to Brownies in the fall and will continue her success. Way to go Kailey!



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How Morgan Did It!

Meet Morgan O'Neill, an 8 year old Brownie from the Goulds District. Morgan attends Grade Three at Goulds Elementary School. Recently she entered a "Meet The Mayor" contest hosted by the City of St. John's and won! Morgan was very excited to find out that she was chosen to represent the youth on National Child Day on Nov. 20 and that she would attend a city council meeting to meet Mayor Dennis O'Keefe.

Morgan was treated to a special day by the City. She visited the Humane Services where she got to pet the cats and dogs, the Depot where she rode in a snow plow and the City Dump. Her last stop was City Hall where she finally got to meet the Mayor and sit in his comfy chair. Amanda Mews from NTV was there to interview her and the other contest winner. Morgan was a little nervous at first but she quickly got her courage and answered her questions really well.

At the City Council meeting that night Morgan helped read the proclamation for National Child Day. She was also given gifts from the City to remind her of her special day. All of Morgan's family & friends were very excited to see Morgan on the news. She made all of her Guiding friends and her school very proud!

Guiding helps give girls of all ages the courage to do things that they might normally be too shy to do. Look at Morgan, she met the Mayor and was interviewed by NTV News and did an awesome job!

Way to go Morgan! YOU DID IT!



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How Kaitlyn Did It!

On a rainy Sunday, a memorial service was held and a sign was unveiled, marking the place where Anne Marie Shirran's murdered remains were found in the small community of Cappahayden on the Southern Shore. This sign was erected as a result of the dedication and hard work of Kaitlyn Lawlor, a Ranger with Shamrock District Girl Guides. Part of the Ranger program involves becoming aware of violence against women and performing community service. Last Spring Kaitlyn decided her service project would be to get a sign erected close to the road to mark the spot where a rock garden with an angel statue and Anne Marie's picture was prepared and maintained by the Rangers and their leaders. Kaitlyn was determined to fulfill the wishes of this family torn apart by violence. She single-handedly raised the needed funds through selling tickets herself throughout the spring and summer, contacted a sign company with her design and hired a local carpenter to make a frame for the sign. When her Ranger group met in the fall to begin another year of Guiding, they created a service that would be true to Anne Marie's memory as well as raise awareness about violence against women. All of us in Shamrock District Girl Guides are very proud of Kaitlyn and her Ranger group for completing this project. And this is how Kaitlyn did it!



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'Warm Up for Winter'



Catalina Guiding unit did a service project called a 'Warm Up for Winter' Christmas tree. All girls and Guiders were asked to bring in new or gently used hats/mittens/scarves/socks to decorate our Christmas Tree. Groups and individuals in the community were also asked to donate. We will be giving all items to the Community Care and Share. They are very grateful as they told us that these types of items are hard to come by this time of year.

The girls from left to right are: Olivia Reid (Guide), Hailey White (Spark), Samantha Burry (Guide), Hannah Bowles (Spark), Madison Carpenter (Guide), Maria Bullock (Spark).



Story and Photos Submitted by Barbara Reid, Area Commissioner, Eastern Bays

PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Susan Haskell on being a second place winner in the 2014 Girl Guides of Canada photo contest. Her photo will be featured in the upcoming winter 2015 issue of Canadian Guider and on the national website.



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and Area Members for
The Year 2014
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TUCKAMORE AREA
Newfoundland and Labrador Council
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AND DINNER
WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2015
Elks Club
Carpasian Road
St. John's, NL
7:00 pm
Dinner to be served sharp at 7:15 pm**

Annual General Meeting
To follow at
8:00 pm

For dinner tickets please contact Area Commissioner Margot Walsh
margotwalsh67@yahoo.ca

Cost \$22.00 Registered Members of Tuckamore Area

\$28.00 Non Registered Members

Dinner tickets and payment must be reserved no later than Monday 9 March 2015

MENU

Prime Rib
Vegetables
Dessert
Tea/Coffee

You may attend either the Dinner or the Annual General Meetings or both. No fee is charged to attend the Annual General Meeting and no ticket is required. This is a Full Uniform Event.

100th Anniversary March

The Ferryland Girl Guide Units were delighted to be a part of the 100th anniversary march on October 5, 2014, commemorating the first 500 soldiers to leave Newfoundland to fight in the first World War. We were so proud to be representing the guiding movement.

We had to meet at Confederation Building and then travel via metro bus to Quidi Vidi Lake to start the march. We brought Girl Guide cookies with us to eat on the bus for photos. This prompted numerous visits from different individuals, including Minister Darrin King who dropped by and ate cookies with the girls. The Scouts shared a bus with us and they too enjoyed the mint cookies.

The march was beautiful! People clapped as we walked by and the girls felt very proud and honored to be able to participate. At the waterfront, we were amazed at the crowds that came. The storyboard was revealed and the theatre performance was excellent.

After the ceremony, we approached Premier Davis and asked him if he would like to join us for cookies and a photo. He said of course, and said that Minister King had told him that the Ferryland Girl Guides were there. He ate mint cookies with us and posed for photos. Both Minister King and Premier Davis thanked us for attending and making this event a priority.

Photos and Story Submitted by June Mayo



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Attending a District, outdoor camp for the first time can be pretty exciting, especially as a Guider and the mother of a first year guide. The weekend weather was calling for rain so the very first purchase for this weekend had to be rain gear for both Jennifer and me. Jackets and boots purchased, she was quite eager getting her gear together and packed. On arrival at camp, while unloading the vehicles to set up, as promised, it started to rain. All Guides were sent inside to dress for the rain, in an effort to set up the site without getting soaked. All the girls were dressed and out in a very timely fashion but there was no sign of Jennifer, so being a mom I was concerned. On my way back to find her, I saw her coming, sporting a very unusual and painful looking walk. She said her boots were hurting and she kept changing them around to see if they would feel better. I knew they were the right size as she had tried them on in the store so I figured it was just new boots getting worn in. As I watched her painfully trying to help with the set up I decided to check out the problem. After asking her to take the boots off to have a look at them, she discovered I had bought two left feet. Feeling so bad for having put her through the agony, she just looked at me smiling and said, "Someone got a pair of boots just like mine only they have two right feet". Those were the days.



Submitted by Kay Penney, Provincial Commissioner



Carolling with Seniors

On Dec 9th, the 1st Straits/Green Island Brownies & Pathfinders visited the Richville Place in Flowers Cove for an evening of carolling. The Seniors loved having them and joined in the sing along. A wonderful evening was had by all and the area girl guides have been making this a tradition for years.

Photo and Story Submitted by Nancy Diamond



High School Flashback Party



The LOL Trefoil Guild is still living up to their name as they continue to have fun with unique theme meetings. Recently they held a High School Flashback Party. The ladies dressed up as they would have in high school. The Holy Heart girls arrived wearing a replica of their old uniform, another arrived wearing her boyfriends jacket



while others wore bell bottoms, chokers and scarves. One of our creative ladies even made her own saddle shoes!

A ton of fun was had with a "Been there, done that!" game, a rendition singing of "Paradise By The Dashboard Light" song, a tribute singing of the "Holy Heart" song and of course a cafeteria lunch of chicken burgers and mac & cheese.



To add to the fun atmosphere we had found an app that would let us take today's face and add a retro hairstyle from the years we graduated.

A memorable night was had by all!

Photos and Story submitted by Cindy Stone

Building an Outdoor Shelter

On Saturday November 15th, the 1st Beachy Cove Pathfinder had a great time learning to Build an Outdoor Shelter at Sunshine Camp with the City of St. John's. The instructors taught them about shelter construction and also went over outdoor survival information. Using the material they found in the woods, the Pathfinders worked together to build a lean-to. The Pathfinders are hoping to



use their new skills and sleep in a lean-to they construct in the very near future!

Photos and Story Submitted by Sharlene Jones



MARCONI DISTRICT CELEBRATES 55 YEARS OF GUIDING IN MOUNT PEARL



2014 marks the 55th Anniversary of Guiding in Mount Pearl and Marconi District is celebrating so many years of girl greatness!

It all began in 1959 when the first Girl Guide meeting was held in Mount Pearl. Nine girls became the 1st Mt. Pearl Girl Guide Company which was soon followed by the 1st Mt. Pearl Brownie Pack. Over the years thousands of girls and

women have enjoyed the fun, friendship, adventure and challenge of the Guiding movement in Mount. Pearl.

Today, Guiding is alive and well in Mount Pearl.



Marconi District has over 200 members enrolled in Guiding for the 2014

-2015 Guiding year and continues to be very active in Mount Pearl events. We regularly participate in all City events like Oktoberfest, Mount Pearl City Days, the Mount Pearl Santa Clause Parade and of course the annual Frosty Festival.

To mark this milestone, Marconi held a 55th Anniversary Afternoon Tea in November and invited current and former Guiders to celebrate our wonderful history together and reconnect with their Guiding friends and share memories. The afternoon was complete with a beautiful campfire sing-a-long led by Gen Bishop, one of Marconi's former Commissioners!



Of course, we couldn't celebrate Guiding without the Girls! So in December we held a 55th Anniversary Breakfast with Santa event for the girls. We incorporated a food drive into our event to give back to the local Mount Pearl food bank.

Last, but not least, this year we encouraged girls to design a 55th Anniversary crest which all current members



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of Marconi will receive to commemorate 55 awesome years of Guiding in Mount Pearl. We look forward to keeping the Guiding spirit alive for the next 55!

Story and pictures submitted by Lisa Engram with contributions from Robyn Lee.



Labrador West



1st Labrador West Girl Guides hanging out with Labrador City's town mascot "CHILL" at the Santa Parade. (left)

1st Labrador West Sparks, Brownies, and their guiders taking a ride on our float in the freezing cold -20 BRRRRRRR... This is our Guiding Family. We won best float for an organization. (right)



1st Lab. West guides and 1 lonely pathfinder at the 2014 Santa parade.



The back of the float.

MOVE OVER CRAIG WESTCOTT!

Editor/owner of the Irish Loop Post, Craig Westcott, is pictured here in the hot seat with the 2nd Witless Bay Girl Guide Unit who were working on their Reporting Badge. He brought along his computer and showed them how this local free newspaper is set up. The girls actually interviewed him asking him all kinds of personal questions about his career and his business. I wonder how he felt about being on the receiving end of an interview! While he was showing a section of the advertisements one of the girls, Allison Trainor, spotted the ad for her dad's business. The girls wrote articles and sent them to him complete with pictures which he printed in one of the issues. It consisted of two full pages and was entitled The Girl Guide Post. The Signal can expect to receive some articles this year from these budding reporters. Resource people, like Craig, are much appreciated by the girls and the leaders as we complete our programs



Photos and Story Submitted by Madonna Ryan, MMPA Ocean's Edge

GOULDS DISTRICT SHINING STAR ENROLMENT

Girls, Guiders, Commissioners & families of Goulds District in Ocean's Edge Area gathered together to celebrate our new Guiding members and our returning members who were moving on to the next branch of Guiding. Girls dressed up wearing their fascinators all ready to walk the red carpet. Our theme was "Shining Stars" and every one applauded as the girls walked the runway to become a Guiding member or to advance to the next unit. All the girls received their pins and a Shining Star crest. A special recognition was given to Ashley Mercer who was previously awarded with the Judy Shannahan PR Scholarship from Province. A great time was had by everyone who attended this celebration of Guiding in the Goulds District. Congratulations to all of our new members!



Photos and Story submitted by Madonna Ryan, MMPA, Ocean's Edge.

1st Corner Brook Guides

The 1st Corner Brook Guides had a camp where they cooked bologna on buddy burners, and the girls loved it. They also had a nutrition tour at their local Coleman's where a dietitian, did a demonstration on cooking and reading of the labels. The girls were treated with spaghetti and meatballs, which they were showed how to prepare. All went home with a loot bag. They also participated in Operation Christmas child. The boxes were assembled one week, and the following week at least 3 items were brought in to fill the boxes. The plan was for 8 boxes, however, there were enough items to do 12.

Story and photos submitted by Cheryl Drover



Archery Training

On Tuesday Nov 4th, the Guides and Leaders of 81st St. John's Guides were treated to an excellent opportunity to partake in Archery training. By drawing on local expertise from the Outdoor Recreation program experts at the City of St. John's, the leaders arranged an evening of introductory Archery for the unit. In relays of 8, with a thorough attention to safety, the girls got to practice their position, aim and accuracy.



Throughout the evening the girls improved and the confidence and excitement grew. Even the leaders had a hand in the fun. It was an excellent morale booster, a nice active program and a great opportunity to step out of their comfort zone. By the end of the night, the jokes floated around that the girls had started Katniss training and had gotten quite good.

Story and Photos submitted by Liza Ann Tucker



**PURPLE GOES TO THE MAX**

**Annual Provincial Trefoil Guild Gathering
Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp
May 22nd – 24th, 2015**

Killick Trefoil Guild, Con Ba Su Area invites all Trefoil Members to the Provincial Gathering to renew old and to make new friendships. A fun-filled weekend of taking it to the MAX.

Where: Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp

When: May 22nd – 24th, 2015

Cost: Weekend \$125.00 (Friday 5:00 pm – Sunday 10:00 am)

Saturday only \$50.00 (8:00 am – 9:00 pm)

How: The following is due by March 13th, 2015

- ✓ \$25.00 non-refundable payment
- ✓ Registration Form
- ✓ Health Form (A copy of this health form must be carried with you at all times during the weekend.)
- ✓ Photo Release Form (if not already submitted to Provincial Office)

Final payment is due by April 17th.

Note: An agenda, kit list and information on our community service project will be sent to all registered participants prior to the gathering.

**DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED
PLEASE GET YOUR APPLICATION IN EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED**

Mad Scientist Camp

1st Kelligrews/Foxtrap Guides first camp of the season was a Mad Scientist theme using numerous fun, gooey, bubbly and educational science experiments for our badge work. Our first night we created lab coats, badges and perfected our mad scientist mwah a hahaha laughs. Our snack was root beer floats, full of floating and fizzing scientific deliciousness.



Science experiments included making putty with polymers, learning about living bacteria and watching it grow, absorption, soluble and insoluble solutions, electricity and we even made our own lava lamps!

Our lab guest highlighted the weekend with a dry ice demonstration. He even put soap in it to create bursting smokey bubbles! Specimens were collected on our hike and displayed and observed. We found many unusual and unique items.

Camp was a great experience as always, and we are now fully certified mad scientists...mwah ahahah.

Photos and Story Submitted by Cynthia Parsons



The Many Hats of Pam Eavis



The Manuels River Experience

During October the 1st Beachy Cove Pathfinders visited the Manuels River Interpretation Centre and had an amazing time exploring the river trails, geocaching and learning about fossils, geology, biology and natural history. We had a fantastic interpreter who went through the exhibits with us and answered all of our questions. After everyone had experienced the exhibits, it was time to go outdoor sand explore. We walked the downstream side of the Manuels River. We had the option of a guided tour or we could do an audio tour using radios. We decided on the audio tour since we wanted to geocaching along the river. With the audio tour, there were markers along the way to inform you that it was time to listen again to the radio to learn about the geology, plants & animals and history of the area.

The centre was informative and fun, the walk along the river was scenic and beautiful not to mention that the Pathfinders enjoyed the fresh air, geocaching and exploring the area. To sum it up, a great time was had by all!

Photos and Story Submitted by Sharlene Jones



Emergency Street Care Kits

This Holiday Season the 81st St. John's Girl Guides donated materials and assembled Emergency Street Care kits for Street Reach, an initiative of Thrive, a local inner city organization. Thrive will use these kits as they provide essential outreach to people in need. More information on the work of Street Reach can be found here: <http://www.thrivecyn.ca/what-do-we-do/street-reach/> The kits contain essentials such as socks, mittens and soap that a displaced or homeless person might need.



The girls were really excited to create practical and essential supply kits. We had a heartfelt group discussion about needs versus wants and talked about how some people have very little this time of the year. It was a great community service project that helped us foster compassion for individuals whose lives are different than our own and to show the girls how they can contribute to the needs of our community. This is the true spirit of giving (and Guiding).

Story and Photos Submitted by Liza Ann Tucker

Killick Trefoil Guild

Killick Trefoil Guild hosted lunch at the Gower Street United Church on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. 60 guests were served Moose stew, with fresh local vegetables grown and donated by a guild member, homemade biscuits, and for dessert partridge berry pudding and sauce.



The guests enjoyed the lunch, lots of positive feedback. One man had five plates of stew and told us it was like his Mother's stew.

Everything was donated by Guild members. Six of our members and one potential recruit were available for the lunch, the others, due to work commitments, were unable to attend but donated. The matching aprons were the handiwork of a Guild member, Denise Walsh.

Story and Photo submitted by Pat Burton

Just Like Nan's!

On November 11, 2014 the 34th St. John's Pathfinder's visited the Ronald McDonald House in St. John's. They took part in the "Just Like Nan's Baked Goods" program. The 8 Pathfinders took over the kitchen and baked 3 different batches of cookies for the children and their families who were staying at the house. The girls did the preparation, baking and clean up in the Ronald McDonald House kitchen that was fully equipped with all of the baking utensils needed. Some of the children staying at the house got to try our cookies and thought they were delicious!



The staff of Ronald McDonald House gave us a tour of this new building. The girls especially enjoyed getting a peak at the Magic Room! This is a room filled with toys. When a child goes home from the Janeway they get to pick a special toy to take with them.

Our group had a wonderful time volunteering and can't wait to go back for some more baking!! These volunteer hours will help the Pathfinders earn their Canada Cord.

Story and photo Submitted by Lisa Woodrow

Provincial Rally In Corner Brook



COOKIE ALL STARS

What is it?



- ♦ Cookie All Stars in Girl Guides of Canada's cookie selling rewards initiative, where girls earn amazing rewards for achieving exceptional cookie sales levels.
- ♦ Starts with the chocolaty mint campaign and continues with the classic campaign.
- ♦ Guiders should determine how many cases she thinks each girl in her Unit can sell, plus the number of cases for cookie selling events.
- ♦ Guiders who promote Cookie All Stars to girls in their Units and enter information of participating girls, regardless of the level achieved by the girls or the number of cases sold by their Unit for group sales participation will receive a Guider Supporting Crest.
- ♦ Girls that sell 40 cases or more will receive a certificate signed by the Chief Commissioner (mailed with reward).

With regards to Cookie All Stars, a new registration site is currently "under construction". The new site will open on or about February 20th, 2015.

This year, there will be a box called "extra cookies/wish list" and you will be able to enter cookies from a previous order that may have changed hands. An example of this would be cookies that were originally ordered by Tuckamore, but were sold by Oceans Edge. This would also include cookies that were available at the Provincial Office or via another Unit.

If by chance the new registration site is not up and running, then you can contact "Cookie All Stars" and have the extra cookies added.

UPDATE! Group Reward

Girls that participate in their Unit cookie selling event and their Unit sells 10 cases or more over the chocolaty mint and classic campaigns, receive a specially designed group sales crest.

My suggestion would be when entering your cookies is to use the Unit Tracking Tool. Also, if you qualify for the Group Award, complete this one first, then enter the individual sales.

To access Unit Tracking go to the site and register:

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- ♦ Establish your username and password - this may take a day or two to confirm
- ♦ If you don't have an email attached to your iMIS record you will need to add it - ask for assistance from your provincial iMIS administrator

IMPORTANT UPDATE

- ♦ Rewards for 2014/2015 Campaigns
- ♦ All girls that sell 80+ cases of cookies will have a choice between the following -
- ♦ Technology reward (\$250 value) - Android Tablet
- ♦ Future Shop Gift Card (\$250 value)
- ♦ For a limited time - GUIDING MOSAIC CAMP CREDIT!
- ♦ A \$300 value to be kept in a special account for girls wishing to attend Guiding Mosaic in 2016.
- ♦ In addition the GUIDING MOSAIC CAMP CREDIT will be offered in the amount

Number of cases sold	Reward
7-14 cases	Crest
15-29 cases	Crest + \$25 movie voucher
30-39 cases	Crest + \$75 Chapters/Indigo gift card
40-79 cases	Crest + \$125 Future Shop gift card or \$150 Guiding Mosaic Camp Credit
80 + cases	Crest + Technology item (Android Tablet) or \$250 Future Shop gift card or \$300 Guiding Mosaic Camp Credit

of \$150 at the 40-79 case Cookie All Star level.

****Please note rewards are subject to change**

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to register for Cookie All Stars. Last year we had a Sparks sell 80+ cases, so it CAN BE DONE.

A friendly reminder for parents also at this time, that on the A5 completed at registration under MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT it states that your daughter/ward will participate in the sale of Girl Guide Cookies, the primary fundraiser for GGC.

If you have any questions, please direct them to your Area Cookie Adviser and if by chance there is no Area Cookie Adviser contact your Area Commissioner, who will then cc me on your request. There is someone available to assist you, don't stress yourself out over it.

Please remember COOKIES are FUN and DELICIOUS!!!



Fall Cookie Blitz Winners

Con Ba Su Area

iPod shuffle - Sophia Mullins 4th St. Thomas Sparks
iPod shuffle - Cadence Young Long Pond Sparks
\$50.00 - Kelligrews/Foxtrap Guides

Eastern Bays Area

iPod Shuffle - Jaylyn Brenton Burin Brownies
iPod Shuffle - Sarah Smith 1st Clarenville Pathfinders
\$50.00 - 1st Clarenville Sparks

Long Range Trails Area

iPod Shuffle - Brianna Childs 3rd Stephenville Rangers
iPod Shuffle - Darcy Murphy 1st Codroy Valley Sparks
\$50.00 - 3rd Curling Guides, Blomidon District

Northern Mosaic Area

iPod Shuffle - Grace Goudie 1st Happy Valley Brownies, Lake Melville District
iPod Shuffle - Kailey Tucker 1st S. Anthony Sparks, St. Anthony District
\$50.00 - 1st Labrador West Pathfinders, Labrador West District

Oceans Edge Area

iPod Shuffle - Julie Coffey 1st Witless Bay Brownies
iPod Shuffle - Morgan Finaly 2nd Witless Bay Guides
\$50.00 - 11th Mount Pearl Brownies, Marconi District

Trefoil Central Area

iPod Shuffle - Kylie McConnell 1st Baie Verte Guides, Emerald District
iPod Shuffle - Jada Osborne 1st Baie Verte Brownies, Emerald District
\$50.00 - Rangers, Lewsiporte, Notre Dame District

Tuckamore Area

iPod Shuffle - Hayley Critch 1st Marine Drive Guides, Killick Coast District
iPod Shuffle - Amy Parsons Guides, Beachy Cove District
\$50.00 - 1st Larkhall Brownies, Braya District



Group Photo Contest

During our 2014 Mint Cookie Campaign, we asked for submissions for "Group Photos" during our blitz week. Thank you to those who sent along pictures..we definitely had a variety.

When I introduced the Group Photo Contest, I arranged that there would be a variety of judges., neither of which would have any local connections. The 3 judges were from the National Cookie Department, a Guider from Vancouver Island, BC and a friend from California with no connection to Guiding ever.

After a couple days, the decision was made and the winner is:



The Labrador West District of Girl Guides with their submission by Guider Krista Pardy of a group of girls taken during their Cookie Drive Thru Event.

Please remember that we will have this contest again for our Spring 2015 Classic Cookie Campaign! **The winner of the Group Photo Contest will receive \$50.00**

BOY HAVE OUR COOKIES TRAVELED!

Here are a few pictures that have come my way of our cookies traveling far and wide. First we have a picture of Marsha Kenny and her Daughter enjoying some cookies with a group of people on the way to kiss the Blarney Stone. Next we have a NYPD officer enjoying a lovely Mint Cookie while on duty. Last but not least we have some photos of some boxes of cookies that traveled all the way to Norway by mail for a couple that just loves our Girl Guide Cookies. Isn't it amazing how far and wide the love for our cookies goes!



Program Tidbits

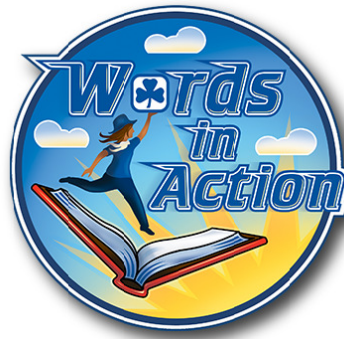
Girls Count:

- ◆ Girls Count is a financial literacy program developed by Girl Guides of Canada (GGC) in partnership with Toronto-Dominion Bank.
- ◆ Some of the 150 units taking part this year will have the program presented by TD volunteers while others will pilot the program with Guiders presenting.
- ◆ If your unit is taking part, PLEASE send your evaluation to GGC afterwards!
- ◆ Ultimately this will be a Guider-run program.

National Service Project - Literacy: Words in Action

The National Service Project (NSP) website (<https://nsp.girlguides.ca/>) is now active.

- ◆ Official launch is January 26, Family Literacy Day
- ◆ Crest is earned by doing a service project; literacy activities are optional but recommended extras.
- ◆ **Literacy agents** still sought! A literacy agent will be able to provide Guiders with suggestions and help for service projects. They might also seek out concrete service opportunities (e.g. places that would welcome donations of books, backpacks, etc.) in their communities or areas. Training will be offered early in January.



TD Tree Planting Grant

- ◆ Applications for the TD Tree Planting Grant are now open; there are grant funds for approximately 90 grants of \$500 each. Information is on the National web site
- ◆ New this year: Groups of units can apply on one application form. They can get up to \$2500 (for 5+ units working together), and have to submit only one evaluation following the project.
- ◆ GGC would like all projects to be completed by the end of August.

Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

- ◆ Global Youth Service days (a Make-A-Difference Day) in April will encourage units to take on a "Shoreline Cleanup" – "shoreline" to be loosely defined as anywhere where water meets lands (lakes/streams/creeks/rivers)
- ◆ Details will be announced in March with program running in April/May.
- ◆ This project has been adapted from Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup (<http://www.shorelinecleanup.ca/en>).
- ◆ You will track what you have picked up and log the results. Once activity is logged, crests will be sent out from the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.

What is a 'Make a Difference Day'?

Make a Difference Days are 5 special days in the Guiding year which give Girl Guiding units the opportunity to learn about and explore issues of significance around the world, and to make a difference in the world. The five days are:

- ◆ International Day of the Girl, Oct. 11
- ◆ 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Nov. 25 - Dec. 10
- ◆ National Service Project Literacy Celebration Day, Jan. 26
- ◆ World Thinking Day, Feb. 22
- ◆ Global Youth Service Day, April 17-19

Girl Guides of Canada Blog

The [Girl Guides of Canada blog \(http://girlguidescanblog.ca/\)](http://girlguidescanblog.ca/) is always looking for contributors. Blog posts are very short, and can be used to discuss almost anything related to Guiding. If you know anyone who is doing new, innovative or exciting programming, please encourage them to submit a post to the blog.

Blog posts focus on those 'aha!' moments – the story of one girl's amazing achievements, how your Guiding skills helped you stay calm in a jam, or one of those 'once in a lifetime' moments that makes you remember just why you volunteer.

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada Guest Blog Post Requirements

Pitch

Prepare and submit a short paragraph explaining the main idea that you will present in your guest blog post. Try to match your post idea with our blog style, topics and audience, by reviewing some of our past [guest posts](http://girlguidescanblog.ca/2011/06/22/urban-guider/). (<http://girlguidescanblog.ca/2011/06/22/urban-guider/>) When considering a topic, think about the Guiding calendar or special days in the upcoming 2+ months. Once you submit a pitch, you will hear back from us within 1-2 weeks' time. *Please do not send in a completed article before receiving approval for your pitch!*

Content

The length of your post should be 250-350 words, and the tone should be friendly and conversational. Provide our readers with clear, original ideas, concise advice and good thoughts. Write in short paragraphs or bullet points, and use subheads if possible to make the post easier to read.

The audience for our blog is GGC Members, fans and others concerned about issues related to girls. If possible, include one or two of the following keywords: Girl Guides, Girl Guides of Canada, empowering girls or guides.

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Link Requirements

You may provide up to two hyperlinks* to articles or information that support or are contextual to the post; however, blatant marketing and self-promotions will not be accepted.

Please provide a brief sentence describing yourself, as well as an optional hyperlink (for example, to your own blog, if applicable) for use in the byline. Be sure to also include your name, and Unit name or city.

Editing and Republishing

Please don't be offended if we suggest changes to your post. We reserve the right to edit posts in terms of appropriateness for GGC style.

The content of your post needs to be original and may not be published elsewhere online without our permission.

Images

Photos are a great way to enhance a blog post. Consider sharing a photo that complements the post. Just be sure that all IR1s of girl members in the photo are signed and with their Guider.

If you provide a photo of yourself to go with your byline, please provide us with appropriate attribution and/or photo credit.

Twinning 2020

Meet our Guiding sisters from St. Vincent and the Grenadines!

Top to bottom:
Brownies
Guides
Rangers
missing: Bim-
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Twinning 2020 is a new way of partnering with a Twinning country. The focus is on getting to know each other by sharing experiences and communicating with each other.

How successful this will be depends on you; the more girls and Guiders who take part in the partnership and reach out to share stories and activities, the better the experience will be for all of us.

Atlantic Canada (Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island) has been paired with St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Our first focus will be **World Thinking Day 2015** (WTD 2015). We are promoting three activities from the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) [activity pack](http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/resources/document/view/25466) (<http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/resources/document/view/25466>) as shared activities. We know many of you already have your Thinking Day plans in place but we hope you will choose to do **one** of these activities - as part of your Thinking Day celebrations, in a meeting, or even individually. And then we hope you will share your experience on our Twinning Blog! Girls and units from all the Atlantic Provinces and from St. Vincent and the Grenadines will be doing the same activities and sharing on the same blog.

Note that WAGGGS requests you do an activity from their pack to earn the [Thinking Day crest](http://www.wagggs-shop.org/en/products/badges/2015-world-thinking-day-cloth-badge-pack-of-10) (<http://www.wagggs-shop.org/en/products/badges/2015-world-thinking-day-cloth-badge-pack-of-10>). Our shared activities accomplish this request.

Activities and the link to the Twinning blog will go on the provincial web site as they are completed; hopefully everything will be there by the middle of January.

Check the web site also for additional details on the **three activities** from the WAGGGS World Thinking Day package that we are promoting. All the activities are related to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) designed to end poverty. You may recognize them as themes used for Thinking Day over the past number of years. The primary MDG used as the theme this year is MDG 8: Taking Action Together. All activities can be adapted in many ways to suit age, resources, time frame available. The activities are:

1. (All MDGs) See how many **photographs** you can take in 3 minutes - take a photo of something that reminds you of:

- ♦ poverty
- ♦ education
- ♦ equality
- ♦ healthy mother and child
- ♦ environment
- ♦ partnership

2. (MDG 8) **Make the shape.** Communication skills: In teams, lay a rope circle on the ground and spread the team members out around the edge of the rope. Blindfolded, team members lift the rope to chest height and try to make the shape asked for by a facilitator. After one minute the rope shape is lowered to the ground and the team take off their blindfolds and see how they've done.

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3. (MDG 8) **Dream Partnership:** Imagine your team (patrol, unit) could join together with any person or organization you can think of to take action and make the world a better place. Tell the group who you would choose and why.

As an additional resource and way to get to know each other, we are developing **an instant meeting** that will provide you with some information about our twinning partner as well as games, crafts, recipes, and songs to take to a meeting. This should be on the web site by the end of January.

We would appreciate your comments and suggestions. The activities and means of connecting are being developed by actual Guiders from the Atlantic Provinces and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Only the framework (our common goals and the events chosen for shared activities) has been provided to us. We are working hard to find activities that can be done by any unit and that will allow us a real connection.

Share your ideas! ggcnltwinning2020@gmail.com

OUR TWINNING VISION IS:

A world where we are sisters in every way – learning about each other, connecting with each other, empowering each other and celebrating each other.

WITLESS BAY GIRL GUIDES OFF TO A GOOD START!



The girls in the Witless Bay units of Ocean's Edge Area love adventures in the outdoors. The 2nd Witless Bay Girl Guide Unit bridged with Witless Bay Pathfinder Unit on a hike up The Ridge in Bay Bulls with Pathfinder Bridget Gatherall taking the lead as this is an area she hikes with her family. What a great way to kick off the new Guiding year!

Photo and Story submitted by Madonna Ryan, Ocean's Edge MMPA

PROVINCIAL SUMMER CAMP – "GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!"



Guess who the leader is in this picture? It was taken at Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Provincial Camp this past summer. Several girls from Witless Bay in Ocean's Edge Area attended the Provincial summer camp. It looks like the girls aren't the only ones who wanted to have fun at Carnival Day.

Photo and Story Submitted by Madonna Ryan

FUN AND FROLIC IN SHAMROCK DISTRICT

Remembrance Day for the Ferryland units of Shamrock District, in Ocean's Edge Area turned out to be a very busy one. At 11 o'clock they respectfully took part in the service at the Ferryland War Memorial and were joined in this service with their Guiding family in the Fermeuse-Renews units, honoring the many men and women who secured freedom for all of us. In the early afternoon all of the Ferryland units embarked on a pleasant little hike, with perfect attendance from all units. We hiked on an



old abandoned railway bed known locally as "Cape Broyle Track." Once there more fun was to be had. Everyone participated in a good old Newfie "boil up". The setting was made very cheerful with the sights and sounds of girls singing and playing games. Throughout the afternoon the Pathfinders made lean-to's, and learned how to

weather proof them. The Guides made orange brownies and the Sparks and Brownies were true to form with their desire to eat and play games. Three hours later, we all emerged with rosy cheeks and fresh air filled lungs. Upon reflection, everyone agreed it had been a wonderful day laced with fun and friendship and lots of completed badge work.

Story and Photos submitted by Madonna Ryan, Ocean's Edge MMPA

Burry Heights Guiders Conference!





Happy Thinking Day 2015!

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