



King Charles III Coronation Medal Ceremony

March 11, 2025



The King Charles III Coronation Medal recognizes Canadians who have made significant contributions to their communities and to the nation.

Each medal recipient has made a remarkable impact on the lives of girls and youth.

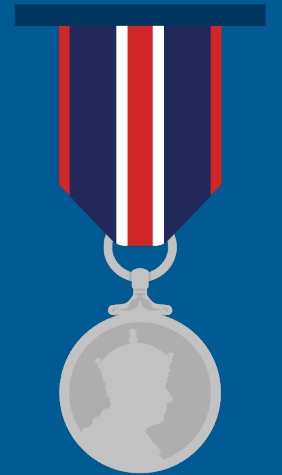
Congratulations to all medal recipients!



Tanya Ames

Edmonton Area

Tanya has been a Girl Guide member for 35+ year, from child to adult. She earned many awards as a youth including the Canada Cord and Lady Baden Powell awards. She is a vital asset to the Sunshine District as a Guider for both the 3rd Edmonton Guide and Ember units as well as treasure for the Embers unit and she is the district treasurer. Tanya has been training to become a trainer and has a vast wealth of Girl Guide knowledge. She actively lives and advocates the Guiding law. She deserves this.





Kathleen Batty

Tamarac Area

Kathy is an exceptional and dedicated member of GGC. She effectively led the ANY Council through the challenges of COVID-19 and continues to contribute to her community as a Spark/Ember Leader, mentor, and deputy commissioner. Kathy is known for developing engaging programming that meaningfully involves new members, showcasing her commitment to fostering growth and connection within the organization. She goes out of her way to help others and support the organization at every turn.



Ginger Bowes

Calgary Area

Ginger has had a significant impact on the youth in her unit in Glacier District of Calgary Area. Ginger focuses her time on ensuring the youth in her unit feel accepted and safe as well as learning new skills and developing current skills. It is a testament to her that some of her youth have been with her for almost a decade together. Ginger was the District Commissioner from 2021-2024 where she focused on leading by example and focusing on DEI and secularism so everyone can feel included.

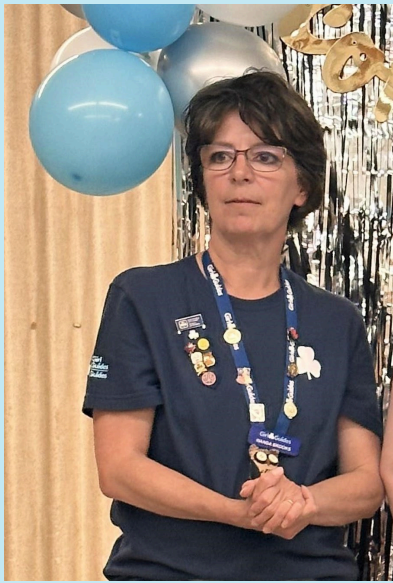


Jennifer Bridle

Calgary Area



Jennifer Bridle learned at a young age the value of volunteering & in her adult life she has given back to numerous organizations including GGC. She has been a Spark, Ember & Guide leader as well as Area Secretary and DC. She mentors new leaders & took on the DC role for a second time when her district had no one to step up. Additionally, she agreed to be the DC for a neighbouring district with no leadership. She is an inspiration to adults and youth members and is so deserving of this award



Wanda Brooks

Chinook Area

We believe Wanda should be nominated because she has 30+ yrs in guiding, has held positions in our district and is always trying to improve how our unit is run. Wanda is encouraging, thoughtful and is the first one to volunteer when she can help in her community.



Jayne Buchwald

Peace River Area



A devastating forest fire in Jasper (a town in our district) not only destroyed part of the town and surrounding area but also the meeting place and storage for our Jasper units, leaving them with nothing left. 23 of our guiding members lost their homes along with their guiding memorabilia. Jayne (with the support of other guides from across the world) made care boxes for the members to restart their guiding life including uniforms and badges and so much more.



Allison Burry

Calgary Area

Allison has been a guider with many different levels but most recently has been spending her time with Pathfinders and Rangers. Allison is always willing to help other units if they are short leaders and has been helping a lot of units as treasurer. Since joining Allison, has come along way from not wanting to camp to actually spending a week at camp in a tent. She also came out to Nite Trek and survived it. She is one of those leaders that is in it for growth of the youth.





Beverly Burton

Chinook Area

Bev has been in Girl Guides since age 6. She is currently a Spark and Ember and now Guide Guider as well as the ANY Provincial Commissioner. She has previously held the following positions: District Commissioner, Area Commissioner, Area Program Adviser, Area International Program Adviser, Provincial Trefoil Adviser, Provincial International Adviser, Acting Provincial Program Adviser, Red Level Assessor.



Christine Burton

Chinook Area

Chris lives the Girl Guide Promise and Law in everything she does. She has been involved for over 60 years. She has been a unit Guider for decades, working with Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers. She continues to plan events for girls in the area and attend Spark camp. She has been a commissioner at all levels from Division to Chief Commissioner. She has been very active internationally, being the vice president of the Olave Baden Powel Society. She has been a mentor for numerous Guiders.





Tracy Burton

Chinook Area

Tracy has been involved in Guiding since being a Brownie and has held numerous roles - Provincial Commissioner, DPC, AC, DC, provincial and Area Advisers, Trainer. She has always worked in at least 2 units yearly, including being the Treasurer. Tracy exemplifies our Promise and Law and lives our Vision and Mission. She has volunteered on numerous national and provincial camps, provincial and Area events; contributes to WAGGGS as a Princess Benedikte Award recipient. She gives tirelessly to GGC.



Delia Chesworth

Aurora Adventures Area

Delia has been a leader to my eldest daughter since 2008 and has continued guiding her to this day as she runs her own unit. Both she and other members of her unit have returned to lead based on Delia's guidance. Delia was the District Commissioner for Yellowknife District and was the driving force behind the fundraising and building of our Girl Guide Camp Dechinta. A camp she continues to support to this day. She created a safe space for girls of all ages to be themselves and learn new skills.





Rose Crowley Kampel

Calgary Area

Rose has been a leader in our district for many years. I've always known her to be a Guide leader but that's not to say she hasn't done other levels. She was a district commissioner for our district and currently the Calgary Area Commissionaire. She is the queen of camping, and you can find her volunteering at Nite Trek and such. She has been on the camp committee and helping us keep our campsites in Girl Guides and encouraging everyone to use them. She is always willing to help.

Ashley Dion

Calgary Area



Ashley Dion has dedicated 23 years to Girl Guides of Canada, serving as a leader, Pax Lodge volunteer, and media representative. She founded the Calgary Youth Social Media Team, empowering teens, leads international trips, and connects Pathfinders to community programs. A proud Alberta Métis woman, she shares her culture and champions inclusivity, ensuring all girls feel valued and supported. Her advocacy for mental well-being and accessibility makes her a compassionate and impactful role model.





Kathy Dion
Tamarac Area

Kathy has worked hard to build up Guiding again in her town and has succeeded in opening new units there. She has worked at various positions throughout ANY Council at the Area and Provincial Councils and has worked hard to help support Guiders and Commissioners. She will help out wherever needed and brings a wealth of Guiding skills and enthusiasm to everything that she does. She helps to promote Guiding and build Guiding over time.



Marion Hamilton

Chinook Area

Marion is a shining example of giving exemplary service for over 40 years as an adult Member, holding many Unit Guider, Trainer and Area Council positions. She is a constant Guiding influence on the Area Council bringing stability, enthusiasm and success to all positions she has held. She has the ability to guide the Area and yet respect differences and opinions at the same time. Despite having cancer, she continued to serve. She strives to recognize and mentor others. She is girl centered.



Karen Hannah-Masse

Edmonton Area



Karen has been in guiding for over 30 years. She has worked with many districts as either a guider or treasurer. She has worked with youth ranging in ages 9-17. She has recently moved out of Edmonton due to family circumstances and now drives 45 minutes to help with Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers. She has shared her love and enjoyment of camping, crafts, and vast knowledge with the girls. She has also mentored new guiders just starting out in the field of volunteering. Karen is our hidden gem.



Jamie Hanson

Parkland Area

Jamie has been a member of Girl Guides for 34 years, acting as Contact Guider, Treasurer, District Commissioner and currently oversees all the cookie deliveries for Parkland Area as "Cookie Chaos Coordinator". Jamie is diligent about taking trainings and keeping up her skills and keeping her Guide Unit active, engaged and experiencing a robust Girl Guide program. Jamie is a dedicated member of Girl Guides and continually extends herself to the organization.





Tara Hawkins

Edmonton Area

Tara Hawkins has been a dedicated Girl Guide volunteer for over 20 years. She has inspired a generation of youth members with her leadership, enthusiasm, curiosity and giving heart. She has been a leader in every branch of the organization as well as being a DC, Area Secretary & an active member of the Events team planning amazing events including Edmonton Elks Sleepover, movie premiers & Youth Awards. She is admired and respected by peers & youth members and is deserving of this recognition. a



Faye Henderson

Chinook Area

Faye is a long time Guiding Member devoted to providing great outdoor experiences for girls. She has worked tirelessly for over 20 years as our Campsite Facilitator at Okeekun. She has ensured great camping experiences for girls in a safe space surrounded by nature. She has resurrected the camp 3 times from serious flooding and each time has enhanced the campsite, so it better meets the needs of our girls and Guiders. Her forethought and planning enables girls to enjoy a camping experience.



Katherine House

Edmonton Area



Kathy's dedication to GGC is often not matched. As our Cookie contact she knows the ins and outs of all deliveries and drop offs and how to connect people to cookies! Her delight in youth receiving awards is inspiring to see - she runs the awards ceremony and ensures all youth are given the opportunity to be present and acknowledged for their accomplishments. The Thinking Day event she planned this past year was amazing, encompassed all ages and various pillars of guiding program were covered.



Enidd Isaac

Alberta Council

Enidd has worked tirelessly in her position of Travel Support to support numerous girls and Guiders to be able to be successful with domestic and International travel. She has worked to streamline processes to make it easier for groups and is always available for support. Outside of Travel Support she is a willing volunteer to help out whenever needed and can be counted on to help ensure girl events are successful and fun.





Twyla Jenkins

Parkland Area

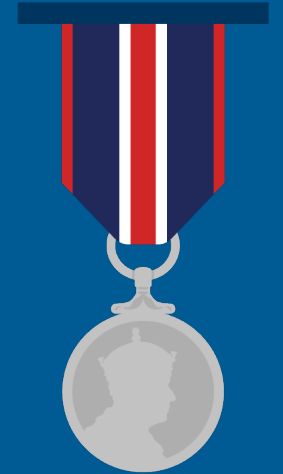
Twyla has been leading our community's youth for decades. She has been a Guider for over 50 years, this year she turned 76 and still runs 1st Airdrie Guides. Twyla offers camps, sleepovers, day trips and weekly meetings to her Guide unit of over 30 Girls. She is currently leading a 2nd (and likely 3rd in some cases) generation of Girls from some local families; she cares so much about the program and the values it instills in the Girls. She is also a mentor to so many women in our district including me.



Denise Kerr

Edmonton Area

Denise has been involved 30+ years. In that time, she has made an impact on a lot of young lives. She had been a Guide leader for many years. She recently has been ill and even when she was taking treatment for cancer she was still willing to come out and do prep work. Volunteer at training days etc. She has now come back to work in a unit and is making an impact on today's youth. She is a great resource and very hands on and knowledgeable. She is such a great mentor.





Donna Leonard Robb

Calgary Area

Donna has been a Member for 47 years and has contributed actively to GGC the entire time; from Ember Guider to our Chief Commissioner, to being a WAGGGS trainer for over 30 years (Trainers being so important to imparting correct, relevant information to, and energizing, Guiders who work directly with the youth members), to having been the AB Council Girl Protection Adviser for 28 years, and chairing the Scholarship Committee. In everything she does she demonstrates a commitment to excellence.



Christine Lim

Edmonton Area

Christine joined as an adult Guider with GGC 9 years ago when her daughter's Guide unit was in need of Guiders to keep running. Over the past 9 years, she's grown in her role and contribution. Currently she's a Guider in three units, an active member of three district committees and is the p-card holder for two units as well. She helps lead Area Events too! She's actively involved in training opportunities; completing her Leadership Path this year. She's also an active volunteer outside of GGC.





Natalie Lindsay

Calgary Area

Natalie is currently a Guide, Pathfinder, and Ranger leader. She has been a leader at each level, a scholarship reviewer, trip application reviewer, treasurer (for multiple units), trip organizer, deputy commissioner and currently a National Award reviewer. Apart of all that she volunteers with Navy league of Canada, Skate Canada, Special Olympics to name a few. She has over the years empowered so many youth.



Beverly Lipon

Peace River Area

Bev is a shining star amongst our Guiders. Never one to say no, Bev completed her term as Area Commissioner and is now Girl Engagement. She runs an active multilevel unit organizes and creates amazing Area camps. Bev is the first to provide support to other Guiders and now takes an active role working with advisers and committees supporting girl greatness across the council. Bev also annually attends provincial arts camp where she shows her patient and skills teaching youth to sew and create art





Lisa Lockert

Tamarac Area

We are honored to nominate Lisa in recognition of her outstanding service, leadership, & commitment to Girl Guides. As a long-serving leader with 26 years of dedication to Guiding, she has not only shaped the lives of many girls but has also made a significant impact on her local community. She has been instrumental in helping local girls provide birthday boxes for families in need, & helped 14 girls travel internationally. The past 2 years she's given selflessly of her time while battling cancer.



Pat McWilliams

Alberta Council

Pat is an enthusiastic Guider and has led many successful units over the years. She brings a wealth of experience and ensures the girls have a fun time while learning new skills. In her role of Travel Support she has supported many girls and Guiders to be able to travel both internationally and domestically. She is available for support all the time for this. She will volunteer at the local level to ensure that girl events are fun and are successful.





Heather Monahan

Alberta Council

Heather is a dedicated member of GGC who consistently goes above and beyond her staff responsibilities. A Guider in multiple units, she is the first to volunteer to cook, first aid or lead a campfire. Her energy and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated by the girls in both units and throughout the province. Heather embodies the spirit of GGC volunteering, setting a standard for all of us to aspire to. Her commitment to supporting events and nurturing young members highlights her invaluable contribution.



Michelle Mooney

Parkland Area

Michelle has been an exceptional and dedicated member of Girl Guides of Canada for over 40 years, demonstrating unwavering commitment to empowering and supporting generations of young girls. Michelle's extraordinary contributions exemplify the values of service, leadership and community impact that has positively influenced and has left lasting memories and transformative experiences for many girls. Her mentorship has helped other leaders grow in confidence with the same passion and dedication.





Sheila Morrison

Calgary Area

Sheila is an enthusiastic ambassador for Girl Guides. She always finds the positive in a situation and works for a resolution. She has been instrumental in merchandise standards and ensuring the brand is staying authentic. Through her work as a deputy Provincial Commissioner, she was a support for the standing committee advisers and the Youth Forum. She worked with the Youth Forum to ensure that they had regular meetings and helped them with the podcasts and other projects that they did.



Heather Myers

Calgary Area

Heather is a Spark leader in our district. She is also part of our district commissionaire team. She has help at many of our district events and also Calgary events. She is a treasurer for a few units in our district and helps mentor new treasurers. She is always willing to come help out with units that require help or an extra leader in a bind. She dedicates numerous hours to make sure that everyone is succeeding and being the best that they can be, including taking sparks camping.





Tara Nielsen

Parkland Area

Tara has brought a fresh enthusiasm and perspective to ANY Council. She works hard to keep the girl perspective at the centre of what is being done. She is a great support to the advisers and coordinators who work with her and helps to bring forward new ideas with the advisers. In her local Guiding she was a strong Area Commissioner working to bring together her Area and continues to help support the girls and Guiders in Parkland Area.



Lisa Penzo

Prairie Rose Area

For 10 years Lisa has been leading the local Pathfinders and Rangers. During this time, she has coordinated three trips for our youth (MOSAIC, East Coast and West Coast) She plans yearly events for Area Pathfinders and Rangers. Lisa promotes inclusivity ensuring a safe environment. She has been an Area Trainer, FR1 reviewer, scholarship reviewer and new member interviewer. She promotes GG with booths at local events. During COVID she ensured our units felt connected with weekly Zoom meetings.





Judy Scheurman

Calgary Area

Judy goes above and beyond for our Guiding community in Paxhill District, in Calgary Area. She is an active Guide leader, Pathfinder leader and trip leader. She truly embodies the Girl Guide vision and mission, to help girls reach their full potential and be who they want to be. She is a caring, empathetic and selfless leader. She spends almost all over her weekends running camps, canoe days, Calgary Area events and more. She is very deserving of the King Charles III's Coronation Medal

Sue Schroder

Edmonton Area



Sue has had a major impact locally, provincially and nationally. She has been a driving force, supporter and consultant for Alberta Girls Parliament for many years. Her background and knowledge of parliamentary procedures has helped develop this girls event into a model for other provinces and organizations. She was active with the Duke of Edinburgh's Society Board helping Guiding members navigate the D of E program, many receiving recognition for Bronze, Silver and Gold program completion.





Pamela Sigvaldason

Tamarac Area

Pam exemplifies the ideal qualities of a volunteer. The initial voice many members encounter during their screening interviews, she provides comfort, guidance, and information. Additionally, she serves on the audit and finance board, ensuring our financial policies are compliant, clear, and easily understood by volunteers. In her spare time, Pam actively runs a Guide unit and mentors new guiders in her district, further demonstrating her commitment to fostering growth and support within GGC.



Betty Slater

Calgary Area

During Betty's time in Guiding, Alberta embraced the "Grow Guiding" initiative, resulting in significant membership growth. Meeting dedicated women was a highlight for her, as their efforts greatly impacted girls and young women. Betty's Guiding experiences spanned 9 provinces and territories. Betty's advice to future members: every small contribution benefits the girls and women we support. She continues as a Safe Guide Adviser, ensuring safe and enriching outdoor experiences for all members.



Michele Snyder

Chinook Area



Without her interest, enthusiasm and leadership, Guiding would not have survived in Cardston for so many years. She has mentored many girls through their years in Guiding and camping. She works quietly with the girls to ensure that they each have a great Guiding experience, and this enables them to become confident, self-assured, competent young women. She is an avid camper, outdoor enthusiast, who honors the environment. She volunteers for all area girl events and exemplifies the Promise.



Sarah Tassoni

Peace River Area

Sarah has been instrumental in getting Girl Guides back off the ground in Jasper, starting in 2016 and continuing to be a vital part of our organization! During this time Covid closed down her Units, last July saw the devastation of 1/3 of her town with 18 out of 60 girls losing their homes and the loss of their meeting place to fire. Sarah has kept in touch with her families and this week started meetings again! I'm sure her community appreciates the work she puts in to keep Guiding in town!





Gidgette Taylor

Prairie Rose Area

Gidgette's a 20+ year GGC member. spent entirely with girls. Her meetings & camps are exciting & fun; always filled with life, camp & outdoor skills. An excellent leader, role model, an inclusive "safe" adult to girls; a mentor, friend, and dependable co-Guider. Always resourceful, logical, fair & accepting. Gidgette was a Guiding cornerstone in Innisfail for years until moving; now together with one of our former girl members, she's enthusiastically restarting Guiding in her new community.

Spencer Tomasello

Calgary Area



Spencer is a dedicated, lifelong guider who contributes not just to the unit, but also to the district and beyond. Spencer has been in guiding all her life, her mother was a Guide leader in Ontario. Spencer still uses games and crafts that her mom used when she was a Guider. She is incredible organized and gets to know not only the kids in our units, she also gets to know the parents (even their names!). Thanks to her efforts we fill up in a heartbeat and always have a waitlist.





Robyn Tully

Calgary Area

Robyn serves as our Co-District Commissioner & unit leader, embodying the spirit of Girl Guides of Canada for the past 8 years. She is deeply committed to the vision of our organization & in providing rich, inclusive, and purposeful experiences for all girls. A strong advocate in our community, Robyn always prioritizes the girls' best interests. She is widely appreciated for her resourcefulness, tireless dedication, and calm demeanor, when working with our girls and mentoring guiders.



Margaret Utgoff

Edmonton Area

Margaret has been active at all levels of Guiding. As Deputy Chief Commissioner, she ensured that all GGC policies, procedures and processes were updated and set up on a review schedule. In all she does, she makes sure girls are at the centre of all decisions. As PC, she ensured that AB Council was financially sustainable, set up a maintenance plan for Guide House. She ensured compliance documents were completed and accurate for all Areas. Funds were always available for girl events.





Dana Wagner

Tamarac Area

We are honoured to nominate Dana in recognition of her outstanding service, leadership, & commitment to Girl Guides. As a long-serving leader with 22 years of dedication to Guiding, she has not only shaped the lives of many girls but has also made an impact on her local community. For more than 10 years, she has run the summer Arts Camp, ensuring many girls are able to attend camp. Locally she is the face of Girl Guides. She'll attend any unit meeting she is needed at so they don't have to canceled



Rose Ward

Parkland Area

Rose has been a pillar of the Guiding community in Red Deer, Alberta, acting in our districts, Parkland Area and Alberta Council roles for more than 30 years. Although she retired from being a unit Guider before 2020, she was known as a passionate Sparks Guider. Now she trains, and mentors all Guiders and organizes district events, such as Thinking Day. She and advocates for our strong, inclusive programming and focus on our youth engagement. She always says, "If it isn't fun, it isn't Guiding".





Diane Wereley

Peace River Area

Diane has been a long time Trainer and on the provincial training committee. Without her work in setting up, monitoring and working with the Trainers, our virtual trainings would not be as easy for our Trainers to do. She does a massive amount of work to ensure all the virtual trainings are advertised and easy for trainers. She has been a mainstay in Peace River Area ensuring the Area runs smoothly and Guiders and girls needs are met. She runs many girl activities and Guider trainings.



Kristin Woychuk

Calgary Area

Kristin is currently an Ember, Guide and Trex leader and has been for a number of years now so that those units don't close down. She come in from out of district to support those units. She is always willing to come out to camps or events to help out units that are short leaders. She is also on the canoe group and takes units out canoeing. She has taken youths on an international trip and devoted countless hours to the organization.



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