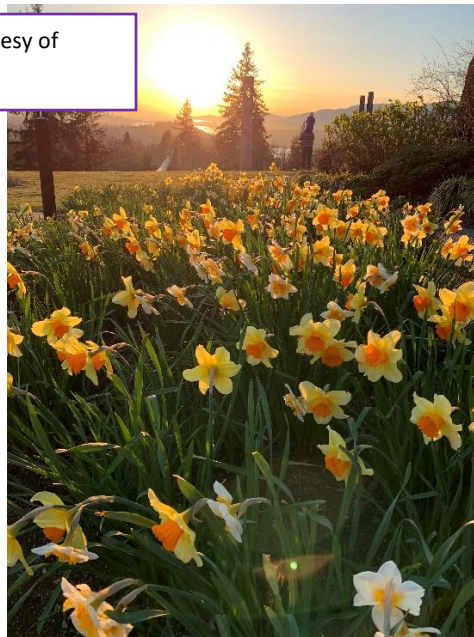


## Hello British Columbia Trefoil Guild Members!!

Welcome to the Spring Edition of our Bulletin. "Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is!!"



Spring Flowers ~ Courtesy of Como Lake TG



I hope everyone is staying safe. I suppose the topic of "who has received their Covid vaccine may be top of mind". I have mine and look forward to meeting in person in the weeks or months ahead.

### New Information as we move into 2021!!

#### Awards

I've been receiving some questions on Awards for Trefoil Guild Members. As GGC Members, they are entitled to any and all Awards, at all levels. National, Provincial and Area. The requirements are listed on the different websites. Your Area iMIS Advisor is able to generate a report for the Guild Leads, which will show what Awards individual members have received. It will also list their Years of Membership, so Leads can obtain Membership Pins for their Members. Your Area Awards Specialist will also be able to assist you.

Individual Members can check on Memberzone. They can log in under their iMIS number, and under "My Profile", will find various categories. Under "Activities" the Member will find their Awards, and other info as well.

Also, Trefoil Pins are available to order via the online store. I will have to find a photo of it. Stay tuned for that one.

**Enrollment ceremony** for TG members can be found in the Trefoil Guild Handbook. Not yet on the Website as it's being updated currently. Darlene has the June 2020 draft if you are interested.

### **Memory Book for BC Trefoil Guilds**

Just a reminder ~ should a Guild Member pass away, would you please share with me their name and if an obituary can be forwarded to me, I'd appreciate it. The Provincial Trefoil Liaison position has historically been keeping a Memory Book to share at future TG Rendezvous.



### **Zoom Meetings**

I received some constructive criticism on how I addressed the thought of having Girls assist older Guild Members. When I've been asked how to work with Zoom, I've suggested they ask Rangers. I've even suggested girls assist with setting up FaceBook pages for Guilds. And I only do this, if asked how to help. As we continue to meet virtually, the number of Guilds now looking for Zoom meetings is growing. If someone in their Guild is not able to set it up, they are looking for assistance.

I apologize if Guild Member was offended by this suggestion. In no way was I trying to insult or belittle Seniors by assuming their computer skills lacked in any manner. If there is a need for advice, please consider asking Rangers, Pathfinders, even Link Members and consider it as an opportunity to promote Bridging.

### **Screenings, PRC's and PRC Exemptions**

I am working on an info sheet to assist Guild Members with the process to obtain a PRC if they have issues using the computer to complete it online. I have been receiving a few "new placements" to Trefoil Guilds. Guild Members are renewing their PRC's and so glad to see so many returning.

Also of note, if there is no PRC on the Guild roster it could be that they are exempt.

### **Member Information Management**

A reminder to Guild Leads, continue to check your Guild Rosters on Memberzone. You should keep them up to date to show which Members are in your Guild and who is not. It's also important to check on who has a PRC coming due or sometimes overdue. Also, it's a good way to see who has a significant Membership Pin coming up for presentation. Work with your Area Awards Advisor to ensure we honour our long time Guiders.

### **Membership Pins**

If Membership Pins are presented, please forward the presentation date to your Area iMIS Advisor for entry into iMIS. Please either submit an A.4 or a simple email listing the name, IMIS number and pin year given. This then will show that the Member has received it.

### **Unified Banking**

We still working on connecting with a few Trefoil Guilds who has not yet told me if they wish a Unified Banking account or not. Guild Leads and/or Guild Treasurers, if I connect with you, please let me know if you want an account. If you say no to an account, moving forward after the pandemic is over, we can get you an account.

As a reminder, one question I've been asked concerning Unified Banking, if they go to UB, will they lose Membership Status. No, Guilds and Guilds Members, will not lose Membership Standing. You will all still remain Members of Girl Guides of Canada. You join UB for banking purposes only. And if you see the e-learning on Memberzone, Bank Reconciliation is built in for year end reporting.

### BC Trefoil Guild Education Grant - update

In January 2021, I sent out an email on the history of this Grant, supported initially by the BC Trefoil Guilds. This Grant is formally presented to a young Guider in BC, (19-30 years of age) so she can continue with her post secondary education. I heard from many Guild Members - thank you for the huge response. I know finances are tough right now, but so happy to hear Guilds are now aware of it, (many did not know...), and the increase talk about supporting it financially both via Guilds and individually. I'm working on the process to obtain an official tax receipt; and once I know so will you.

One additional piece was how can we donate to this Grant. For Guilds with a Unified Banking account, you can simply transfer funds to Area/Prov electronically. For Guilds without an account, forward funds to your Area Treasurer and she will be able to electronically forward funds. In either case, please get in touch with me and I will forward the General Ledger (G/L) account number to be included with the donation.



### Gone Home News

Some sad news to report in this edition.

Anne Beltgens - Last Bastien Guild/Nanaimo, BC

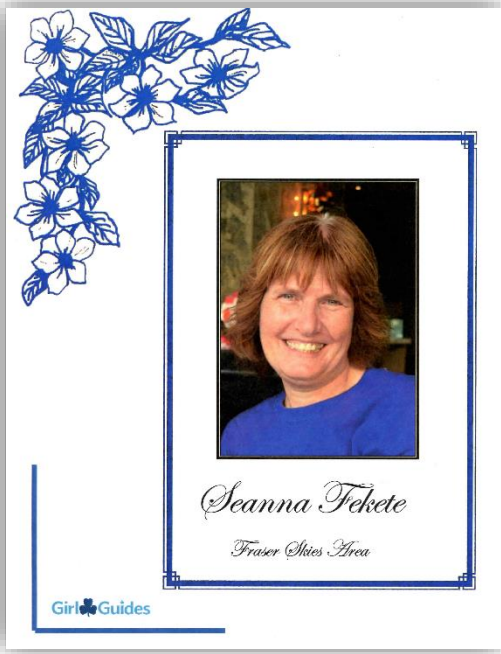
Sara Jones - 2nd Vancouver Trefoil Guild/Vancouver, BC

Glenda Colville, Sandra Stuart and our Honorary Lifetime Member Peggy Haywood-Farmer - Savona Trefoil Guild, Savona, BC

Jackie Onufreychuk - Blazing Sages Trefoil Guild, Kamloops, BC



## A Special Celebration to honour a Special Lady, who has Gone Home too soon....



As a Guild, (*How Did We Get Here? Trefoil Guild*) we were very fortunate to be able to gather together virtually on March 6<sup>th</sup> to present the **BC Book of Honour Award** (posthumously) to our very own Seanna Fekete. We all miss her greatly, but were pleased to be able to present the award to her family: husband Charlie, daughter Nicole and son Chris. Seanna's family and our Guild members were also graced with the presence and reminiscences of several invited guests from Province and Area: Leslie Bush (past Provincial Commissioner), Rosemary Meech (past Provincial Membership Adviser), JoAnn Fox (past Provincial Trefoil Liaison), Joy Andersen (Provincial Awards Adviser), Darlene Kent (Provincial Trefoil Liaison and BC Book of Honour Manager), Vicky Ford (Fraser Skies Area Co-Commissioner), and Marion Weir (Fraser Skies Area Trefoil Adviser). Thanks to all who turned out!

A screenshot of some of the attendees ~





I received an email from Laura Walsh, and she wrote; “the Olave Baden-Powell Society (OB-PS) is a global network of WAGGGS supporters providing vital financial help for the future of the international Movement. Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting continues to offer extraordinary opportunities to girls and young women to develop and lead and take action to make a positive change in their communities and especially during this global pandemic we are seeing the importance of our movement. OB-PS has a direct impact on guiding programs for girls and young women around the world.

I am wondering if BC Trefoil Guilds ever 'meet' via Zoom? I would love the opportunity to speak about OB-PS and the latest news in global guiding to Trefoil Guild members. We have some PowerPoint Slides. I also have a personal interesting global connection in that in the early 1990s I worked for WAGGGS helping introduce Guiding to the countries of the former Soviet Union.



### Curious about the Olave Baden-Powell Society?



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Did you know the Olave Baden-Powell Society’s two Canadian volunteer ‘Ambassadors’ are from BC? Laura Walsh and Sally Palm would be delighted to host a Zoom presentation for your Trefoil Guild to share about OB-PS.

If you would like to hear the latest news about Guiding globally and how you might want to be involved; we’d be happy to arrange a ‘virtual’ presentation and discussion.

Please contact: [laurawalsh.canada@gmail.com](mailto:laurawalsh.canada@gmail.com) or 250.857 3177 to arrange. Thank you!



## Promoting Trefoil to Guiding Challenge \*\* something to think about – some pieces are available online\*\*



The purpose of the Promoting Trefoil to Guiding Challenge is threefold:

- to create awareness about Trefoil Guilds within Guiding, to help you connect with your fellow Girl Guide members, and for you to have some fun in Guiding.

You must complete at least four activities within each category (for a total of 12) in order to achieve the Promoting Trefoil to Guiding Challenge (but you're welcome to complete more!). Once you have completed them, email [bc-trefoil@girlguides.ca](mailto:bc-trefoil@girlguides.ca) to order a crest. We encourage you to do bulk crest orders with your Trefoil Guild/District/Area.

Don't forget to share your photos (with valid image release forms), We look forward to seeing what you get up to!

**Sharing and Learning** (Complete a minimum of 4 activities) 1. Tell three other Guiding members about your Trefoil Guild. 2. Attend a Guiding conference. 3. Complete an adult training session either in person or online. 4. Do some research on International Guiding and Trefoil Guilds (or their equivalent) around the world. Then visit a Pathfinder or Ranger Unit and share what you learned. 5. Invite current and retired Guiders to visit (and potentially join) your Trefoil Guild. 6. Plan or help with a District or Area-wide event for other Trefoil Guild members. 7. Help with cookie selling at a Unit/District event. 8. Provide IM'ing at Provincial events, i.e., Pathfinder Summit or Ranger Revolution.

**Connecting with Each Other** (Complete a minimum of 4 activities) 1. Brainstorm within your group and make a list of activities that you want to do as a Trefoil Guild for the year. 2. Connect with another Trefoil Guild in your Area. Consider doing a joint activity. 3. Create a closed or secret Facebook group page for your Guild and use it to stay in touch, plan activities and share pictures. 4. Organize a breakfast party with your Guild – PJs, pancakes, cheesy movies. 5. Participate in a cookie exchange – everyone brings a dozen cookies, with the recipe, and you all leave with an assortment of different cookies and new recipes. 6. Together, try something new that you've always wanted to do but never had the time— go karting, laser tag, rock climbing, kayaking ... the possibilities are endless. 7. Write a blog post about your Trefoil Guild and submit it to GirlGuidesCANBlog. 8. Post a selfie in uniform on Facebook or Instagram, and use the caption to describe one of your favourite Trefoil Guild memories. 9. Find a creative way to display the things you have done in your Trefoil Guild and send this to [bc-trefoil@girlguides.ca](mailto:bc-trefoil@girlguides.ca) to be included in the BC Bulletin.

**Back to Basics** (Complete a minimum of 4 activities) 1. Go camping with some of your fellow Trefoil members. 2. Offer to share a passion (gardening, crafting, scrapbooking, etc.) with an age-appropriate unit. 3. Participate a service project that helps those in your community. 4. Participate in or plan a campfire or singalong event. 5. Do a park clean up or spend some time volunteering in a community garden.

Encourage your Guild to earn this great BC Challenge. It is a lot of fun and will help us to retain Guiders and maybe even recruit some new members. Crests will be available at the BC Guide House. Crests will be \$3.00 for BC members. (\$3.50 for those outside BC)

Girl Guides of Canada, BC Council

107-252 Esplanade West  
North Vancouver, BC  
V7M 0E9

Note; currently the Provincial Office is closed, so if you complete the challenge, please hold off on requesting and paying for the crests. Once the office opens, I will determine how best to move forward.

*Thanks, Darlene*

Ps; I would like to see photos and hear about your success!!!

**A reminder of the quiz from the thinking Day Bulletin** - (Answers found at the end of this Bulletin!!)

*Silver Tips Trefoil Guild (Kelowna)*

The Guild challenged each other with a “Guiding picture quiz” — the pictures represented something related to Guiding.



And



And



## Rendezvous 2022

### UPDATE ON IN-PERSON RENDEZVOUS

The organizing Committee has booked **April 22-24, 2022 at the Hotel Grand Pacific in Victoria, BC** for the next Rendezvous. Deposit has been made and contract signed. Amazingly most of the 2020 prices remain or are at least close!

The Victoria Trefoil Guilds, with KNOTs taking the lead, are looking forward to having everyone join us! Fingers crossed that all goes well with vaccination roll out and we can send out a registration package in the fall!

# Trefoil Guild Reports: what you've been up to!!

## Blazing Sages Trefoil Guild – Kamloops

“Zoom is starting, zoom is starting. Log in, log in. During covid, during covid. Come connect and rendezvous.”

At the previous Guild Zoom meeting, Donna Samson says “Lets have some fun!” All the ladies are in. Donna tells us that she has come up with an at home scavenger hunt. I'm not sure if the proper risk assessment was completed but did, we have some FUN! The hunt had us ladies running all over our homes to search for items such as: a teddy bear, something you made, any item of GGC clothing, a toy smaller than your hand, keys, etc... Speaking for myself I made the mad dash upstairs (16 steps to be precise) a couple of times and out to my car. Needing a canister of oxygen while desperately trying to win, because who doesn't have even a small streak of a competitive nature, it was the laughing coming from this group of amazing ladies that filled our buckets! What an awesome experience in a moment in time where we cannot reach out and hug each other in laughter, tears, frustration and pure need for human connection. Thank you, Donna!! Proof that laughter and Guiding can improve one's health.

### Area Events:

Our Guild ladies made and donated a couple hundred crocheted snowflakes for the girls who attended the virtual “Snowball”. Well done ladies!

### Events outside of our Area:

Thinking Day Rendezvous was attended by Diane, Donna, Geraldine and Nancy. The ladies told us about the event at our recent Guild meeting, said it was well done and they enjoyed their time.

Sing Together sounded like a great time with women and girls attending from around the world! How wonderful is that? Knowing that we can connect globally to sing in merriment when connection with the outside world is desperately needed to help us maintain our physical and mental well being.

Thank you to the organizers of these wonderful events!

### Gone Home:

It is with a heavy heart we say good-bye to an incredible lady in Guiding: Jackie Onufreychuk.

She leaves behind a wonderful legacy of volunteering and dedication to Guiding, she will be greatly missed! Especially her great skills as QM!!!!

### Looking Forward:

Awards season is upon us for both adults and girls. The ladies are working tirelessly to help create a wonderful virtual platform for presenting these well deserved honors.

As is the rest of the world, we too in the sisterhood of Guiding are looking forward to the time when we can meet in person. I'm pretty sure there will be tears, laughter and A LOT of hugs going round! There will probably be at least one or two more virtual meetings - stay tuned for more Guild escapades!



## Bulkley Valley Trefoil Guild – Smithers

They haven't been out much this period.

## Como Lake Millennium Trefoil Guild – Coquitlam

Como Lake Millennium Trefoil Guild has kept busy keeping in touch by email, phone and good old-fashioned correspondence--snail mail! We've found ways to celebrate the positives like milestone birthdays, Valentine's Day, the rewards of charity work, and the arrival of a great-grandchild.

Many of us have had our first vaccination shot and look forward to the second. We welcome spring as homebound members begin to venture out into their gardens. Angela has planted the first crop of vegetables for the season. Pat, Robin and Donna enjoyed the spring colours and flowers during their walks through local gardens and parks. Donnie honoured the arrival of her great-grandchild with a beautiful home sewn quilt. We all recognized Donnie's milestone birthday as she approaches her mid-nineties! Sharon's birthday was celebrated with a sheep themed birthday cake. Ann continues to stay in shape home-training her new Golden Retriever puppy.

Many of us tested our creativity by making friendship cards for our members as our Valentine's Day-themed project. Ann Arnett, Pat Dodd and Dolly Polak have been nominated to receive the Gold Thank You Pin in recognition of their years of diligent community service. For decades, these ladies have spearheaded our guild's charity efforts and continue to organize donations for our community. They have ensured through these trying times, that we have not forgotten those in need. We continue to collect and deliver food, warm clothes and supplies to our local SHARE food bank, Vancouver Eastside Shelters and Tri-City Transitions Society (Women's Shelter). Sadly, due to COVID restrictions, we were unable for the first time in over thirty years to volunteer at the Variety Show of Hearts Children's Charity Telethon. In true guiding form, we were not deterred. We delivered 109 pounds of food to SHARE this spring; a record breaker for our guild!

## Como Lake Millennium TG - photos



## **Robin's Rhodo**



## Deep Fog Trefoil Guild – North Vancouver

Due to the pandemic, we have not met but keep in touch with each other.

Following COVID 19 guidelines we delivered cans & bottles to Santa Hank in North Vancouver to help people in need. Some of us were able to join the zoom conference call around Thinking Day 2021. The Guild Ladies also like receiving birthday greetings and receiving the cute jokes and short videos that have been sent. It brightens their day! We have a Special group of ladies ~ and we wish everyone to keep well.

It was great meeting different Guiders and sharing guiding experiences.

## Generation Gap Trefoil Guild - Comox Valley

A most challenging time for Guiding and the world, however our Guild has had one zoom meeting. We were really feeling the loss of getting together to share and plan activities. One of our members works with Sparks on Zoom and one is a district treasurer on Zoom. So, we had a lovely chat on Zoom sharing our challenges and successes during this time apart. We did plan a hike which we did April 16 trekking from beach to forest identifying wildflowers as we walked. We also encountered several groups of children near the beach enjoying the sunshine and the safety of outdoors. Our next meeting will be on the beach at low tide.



## Laughing Ladies - of Langley Trefoil - Langley

Our Guild continues to have once a month Zoom meetings. We've had a pasta night, and a dessert night, up next is a tapas night. Getting to know each other, it's fabulous!

When In-Person for adults is ok, we will be prepared!!!

## HOW DID WE GET HERE? TREFOIL GUILD – Langley

From January to April and for the foreseeable future, our Guild continues to keep in touch and share in the sisterhood of Guiding via Zoom meetings, our private Facebook page, and various emails. We continue to celebrate and recognize the milestones as they come and go: birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and the arrival of grandchildren!

While we are all anxiously looking forward to a time when we can meet face-to-face, go on group outings and get up to some 'Purple Shenanigans' again, it is good to know that several of our members have already been vaccinated and more are registered to be as soon as they are eligible. Pulling together, we will hopefully all get through this pandemic only a little the worse for wear and will take much joy in celebrating our successes in person, perhaps as soon as this summer!

## Moonlighters – West Kelowna

The Guild has not been up to very much the last 4 months. Although, about 6 of us participated in a Zoom Top Ten Sing-a-Long on April 20th, hosted by the Silver Tips Trefoil, which was very enjoyable. We got to chat with Trefoil members from about 4 others groups in Monashee Area. Still waiting to hear when we can meet in a group setting outside.

## Kingswood Knots – Victoria

While it has been a quiet spring with the absence of in-person meetings, several of our more tech-savvy Kingswood Knots Trefoil Guild members have arranged Zoom calls with different themes to help keep us connected.

About a third of our members have taken up the Promoting Trefoil to Guiding Challenge and have met several times on Zoom to discuss our progress and share some inventive and rewarding ideas for fulfilling each of the criteria. Some of those participating have shared their love of Guiding and the benefits of Trefoil Guild membership with girls at unit meetings; many others have participated in the on-line cooking classes offered by the various World Centres. These classes have received a universal and enthusiastic thumbs-up from the participants.

We had an excellent turnout for our April meeting, a campfire sing-a-long, 'Down Memory Lane in Guiding', hosted by Ming from North Vancouver and Sheila from Kelowna. We were joined by several members from the 1<sup>st</sup> Victoria Trefoil Guild and it was wonderful to see so many friendly faces on the screen. Those of us who sing with more enthusiasm than talent were thankful that the hosts made good use of the mute button. Our May meeting is a much anticipated music trivia night, arranged by Guild member Nancy Pryce.

We are hopeful that if the pandemic restrictions are loosened, we might be able to hold our annual Summer Solstice barbecue – if not in June at least some time before the fall. In these strange and isolating times, we all need something to look forward to! Thanks, and virtual hugs to Lynda Ireland, Brenda Fraser, Nancy Pryce and of course Ming and Sheila for sharing their Zoom expertise and providing us with a much-appreciated opportunity to come together and share in the sisterhood of Guiding until such time as we can meet again.

### **LA Lakers Trefoil Guild – Coquitlam**

Our Guild has 19 members.

In June/2020 we were able to virtually posthumously present *The Book of Honour* to Dorothy "Dot" McPherson's family. They were really pleased with the recognition.

We were also able to "socially distant" present Nancy Archer with *The Book of Honour* in June. She was very surprised.

Our Guild supports our District cookie sales. The money we raise is used to support scholarships, bursaries and our area camp. Many of our members also bought cookies so that they could be donated to front line workers.

2020 would have been our Guild's 20<sup>th</sup> year for hosting the Teddy Bear Clinic at the Coquitlam Teddy Bear Picnic festival, it was cancelled due to the pandemic. We spend 2 days checking out the health of Teddy Bears and stuffies as well as promoting Guiding. The festival is held at Lafarge Lake which is a stop on the Evergreen Line, so it well attended by families from around the lower mainland.



the project once again.

The other CoVid cancelled activity that we have been doing for years is putting together toiletry bags for the local women's shelter. We weren't able to get together to assemble the bags. Hopefully in the fall we will be able to

Book of Honour presentation to Nancy Archer



Nancy has been a member of GGC since 1950. She is a member of the LA Lakers Trefoil Guild



In August/2020 we were able to change over to Unified banking – it is so easy – a welcome change.

We have had regular virtual gatherings since the pandemic started. It has been great to keep in touch with each other and brag about our families and other successes – we contribute to CWFF for our brags. We even tried a virtual games night. It was a lot of fun. Several of our members attended a Gender Bias online workshop that one of the Mundy Lake Guiders put on. She tested it out on us and has since then presented to her Pathfinders. It was well done and generated lots of conversation.

The LA Lakers are looking forward to the BC vaccine roll-out plan so that we can once again gather together in person.

Some of our Guild members were able to sign on to the provincial Trefoil Thinking Day Rendezvous - a big thanks to those who helped put it on.

On Thinking Day (2021), 15 of our Guild members signed on for a Thinking day – International Night. Our members shared stories and experiences in the following counties: Switzerland (Our Chalet), Madagascar, Italy, Scotland, Mexico (our Cabana), Taiwan, East Africa, Bhutan, USA – cookies, New Zealand, and Ireland. We even had a live report from Costa Rica where one of our Guiders has recently moved to. It was a great evening – and we all forgot to take a screenshot. We were able to check out the blue lights from around the country. Several of us had blue lights and blue lanterns set up for our virtual International night. Our community had several places with blue lights.

### Last Bastion Trefoil Guild - Nanaimo

We didn't hold any meetings during the first few months of Covid. In September, we held a socially distanced gathering in a local park. It was more social than meeting but very enjoyable. Since then, we have held our regular monthly meetings on Zoom.

One of our annual projects, Comfort Kits for the clients of Haven House (battered women's shelter) wasn't doable by the group this year, but one member, Barb Wilson, took the job in hand. She was able to give Haven 29 kits in February, as well she had done quite a few earlier, and delivered them before Christmas. Barb, a quilter, also made and donated 5 baby quilts to Nanaimo Hospital (and is working on more).

Carol Klapstein leapt into the pandemic by making masks. She started making them for family and friends but many other groups heard of her project. She gave masks to the out-patient kidney dialysis unit, several seniors homes, Haven House (the Last Bastion's favourite charity) and others. To date, she has made 1030 masks ... and counting!!

Kathy Brown, Nancy Bothamley, and Carol Klapstein took up singing on Zoom. They found a number of Guiding groups that have regular Zoom singing sessions. One group, COAST (Come On and Sing Together) now stretches across Canada. But they also sing with a group in the US and another in the UK. Very therapeutic they said. It is hoped that this diverse groups will continue even after we are able to do things in person again.



A photo of Lynn showing off the wonderful masks made by Carol!!  
Caption to describe the photo ~ "Hearts for Valentines and holly for Christmas".

## Semiahmoo Trefoil Guild - South Surrey and White Rock

Guild members met at a Zoom meeting tonight. We had fun chatting about a variety of topics, and laughing together. Some of our members have volunteered to help our local district with a very large Sparks unit that are meeting online and need Guiders for ratio.



## Salt Spring Trefoil Guild - Salt Spring Island

Our Guild Members have enjoyed monthly meetings on Zoom, exchanging news of each others' Covid Lockdown survival strategies. We have also been pleased to hear from our active Guiders of the activities of the girls in their units.

## Silver Star Trefoil Guild - Vernon

Lisa Delange, Susan Delange's daughter, works and lives in Australia and is our youngest member, she joined us after this photo was taken.

Judy Loog, the one holding the candle led us in a traditional campfire, themed "taking care of ourselves". Judy put each guider's name in a hat, her husband drew the names and a part in the campfire was assigned. For the most part it worked quite well. For singing the lead sang and the rest of us muted to prevent the overlap. It was great to see the ladies and the smiles. We're all love seeing each other's faces but like others can't wait until we can meet outdoors face to face.

Though these are not formal meetings, it is our hopes and intention to meet at least once a month to



keep in touch. Unfortunately, we have had two Guild members retire from Guiding.

### South Okanagan Trefoil Guild - Penticton

Our attending Members thoroughly enjoyed the sisterhood at Rendez-vous and Leg-Up 2021, and particularly appreciated the training opportunities. Great to see the increased corporate enthusiasm for Girl Guide publicity with billboards and creative uses of the blue lights in February. Especially valuable was the media attention in April given to our Provincial Commissioner who emphasized that the cookie sales were the financial means to enable girls to realize their personal best through our program. During our monthly zoom meetings, we welcomed guests from Tillicum and OK Gems Guilds and enjoyed a songfest led by Dorothy Lind. Other activities were Thinking Day early memories of Guiding, and quizzes based on famous women (March) and hiking safety (April).

### Silver Tips Trefoil Guild - Vernon

Each year the Monashee Area puts together a list of songs for their Top Ten Singing Challenge (one list for Sparks and Brownies, and another for Guides and Up with a little cross over between the two). This way, the girls get to learn new songs from the Guiding repertoire, and the Area has a group of songs to draw from when holding mixed unit events. Silver Tips Trefoil Guild in Kelowna decided they wanted to learn this year's TopTen and requested a visit from the TopTen singing team. Then, wanting to share the fun, they invited the three other Central Okanagan Trefoil Guilds to join them — Moonlighters, Sparkling Spirits, and Okanagan Gems.



### A New Song for Trefoil Guilds

A fun time was had singing a mixture of serious and silly songs ranging from *Being a Guide with You*, through *Baby Duck* and the *Moose Song*, to *Pebbles* and *Say Why*.

Do you remember the *Little Pink Spark Song*?

“Share, share” said the little pink Spark one day,

“Share, share” said the little pink Spark.

“Share, share” said the little pink Spark one day,

And they all said “share, share, share.”

BUT

We all know Sparks say, “I don’t wanna share,

I don’t wanna share. I don’t wanna share.”

We all know Sparks say, “I don’t wanna share.”

They don’t say “share, share, share!”

The song goes on to talk about each of the different Guiding branches — and now there is a Trefoil verse too!

“Be prepared” said the older Trefoil Gals.

“Be prepared” said the Trefoil Gals.

“Be prepared” said the older Trefoil Gals,

And they all said “be prepared.”

BUT

We all know they say, “Where’d I put my keys?

Where’d I put my keys? Where’d I put my keys?”

We all know they say, “Where’d I put my keys?”

They don’t say “be prepared.”

Sheila from Silver Tips Trefoil Guild

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### Tillicum Trefoil, Blue Genes Trefoil, Silver Star Trefoil – Vernon

We continue to hold our meetings on Zoom. We usually have about half of our members attend. We invite two other Guilds to our meetings, Blue Jeans from Salmon Arm and Silver Star also from Vernon. Some of our members also belong to one of these Guilds.

Our March meeting revolved around discussion of Province’s decision to have us pay the \$60 National Membership fee. It was a lively discussion with many thoughts and opinions. We wrote a letter to express our thoughts on the issue.



At our April meeting we had a very interesting presentation from a member of FORT which is The Friends of Rail Trail. Here in the Okanagan, we are very proud of our rail trail that connects Vernon to Kelowna on an abandoned rail line. (Currently there is a short gap where the trail is not completed.) The Okanagan Rail trail is along two beautiful lakes, Kalamalka and Wood, the scenery is spectacular. For more information, go to <https://okanaganrailtrail.ca/>



## Too-Many-Hats Trefoil Guild – Prince George

We had a Zoom meeting last night and our activity was a scavenger hunt. I made a list of items for the ladies to find in their home. I read out one item at a time. Everyone scurried to find what they had and came back to show everyone.

We had a lot of fun with this.

- A baby photo - Nicole had a whole wall
- A VHS tape – Laurie had dedicated shelves
- The biggest book – Cora Lee had an antique dictionary
- Something that reminds you of your parents – Leslie had a beautiful framed photo
- Coffee mug – Joan has a cow mug
- Something you have owned since high school – Linda said her husband ~ (*“this is a good one!! ~ Darlene”*)

Here is the list The Guild Lead used if anyone else wants to try it at their own Zoom meeting.

- Sunscreen
- something someone else made for you
- something you have owned since high school
- A baby photo
- A VHS tape
- Something tie-dye or rainbow-colored
- Something from your childhood days
- The biggest book you can find (longest page count wins!)
- Your favorite mug
- Something that reminds you of your parents
- Something that starts with the first letter of your name
- An item that's older than you are
- A foreign coin
- The softest thing you own
- Something with buttons on it
- Something that floats
- Something that sinks
- A scented candle
- A shell
- Something that lights up
- Something smaller than your fingernail

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vancouver Trefoil Guild (The Splice Girls) – Vancouver**

It has been a trying year for everyone. We are all dealing with Covid in our personal lives and trying to keep active on unit and personal levels. We sadly lost one of our members this year. Sara had been with us from the beginning, always with stories to tell and adventures to share. We miss her humour, kindness and generosity, and remember her with love.

We were unable to continue with some of our regular group activities, but we did manage to meet outside a few times last year, before the shutdown. Since then, we have been meeting monthly on ZOOM. It is always wonderful to see the smiling faces and share what we have been up to. We have a quick formal meeting and then a social time. We have made the decision to purchase cookies from a unit in the future, and as such will no longer order cookies. This has enabled us to close our GGC account. Funds were disbursed to CWFF, and Donations were made.

Three of our members were honoured at the WCA Awards Tea for years of service. Sandy Huckell received her 40-year pin, Joan Hilton her 45-year pin, and Diana Bragg her 55-year pin. Well done ladies! It was also a pleasure to see Diana receive the Book of Honour Award. As this year winds down, we look forward to meeting together again, and sharing laughs and hugs. We wish you all the best.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Victoria Trefoil Guild – Victoria



1ST Victoria Trefoil has been following Covid-19 and Girl Guide of Canada regulations. Although we have not met in person as a group, we have kept in touch with monthly phone trees, emails and Zoom meetings. Co-leads Donelda and Tamar are in a bubble themselves and have come up with entertaining ways to check up on members at their doorsteps monthly to have some social contact and see how they are doing. In March we dressed up as Spring Bunnies to greet each Guild member and drop off a ribbon-bound daffodil and wrapped chocolate treat. For April we dialled one and another on the phone. Next month we intend to make the rounds with freshly picked strawberries!

Hopefully most of our Guild will be receiving their vaccine soon.

## Who's Game for a Road Trip?? Hopefully it's still a go!!

National Gathering for TG is June 2022 – in Winnipeg, Manitoba

## Answers from the Quiz

1. Brownie Sixes (that we used to have in the old days — now replaced by circles).
2. Bed Rolls
3. Canada Cord.

## Remember

If you have a question or topic for the Bulletin, please email me.

## Need from You!!

I have been communicating with numerous GGC Members; some looking to form new Trefoil Guilds, looking for how we do things here in BC (shared our BC TG Handbook) and offering assistance to Guild Members with Awards Report, connecting them with Guilds so to join and PRC questions and procedures.

Please keep doing what you can do to continue Guiding. We will be stronger once we get through Covid and develop a new normal.

I have truly enjoyed my virtual meeting with various Trefoil Guilds. I'm up to being involved in others.

Questions? Comments? Thoughts? Contact Darlene at [bc-trefoil@girlguides.ca](mailto:bc-trefoil@girlguides.ca)

Yours in Guiding, *Darlene*

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