



# TG News

A Newsletter for Trefoil Guild Members

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## Message from the National Trefoil Guild Liaison

*You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream*

— C.S. Lewis



Greetings once again, to all parts of our wide Trefoil community.

I sit here writing this at the beginning of November. The leaves are still bright, but quickly falling to settle for the winter. I would think that our Trefoil Guilds have also sorted themselves out. Some groups have enjoyed traveling during the fall, in some cases meeting other Guilds, as well

as visitors from across the “pond.” Many have set out to hike as we enjoyed the crisp sunny days that are left. As the colours fade, we also settle into the winter season. Time to think about planning some work with a unit. Maybe a song and games night, or a camp skills night. So many choices! Of course there is also the possibility of a winter camp. What fun to play in the snow once again. Great to enjoy this with a Spark or Brownie unit. These units often appreciate the help of a cook at their camp. If this kind of activity does not work with your group, maybe make plans to organize one big project for the next season. A badge day, an international day or maybe a fun rally day in the spring. Maybe your group is less agile and could put together craft kits for an event, or make name badges, or something for their holiday celebrations. There are lots of ways to interact with our units and be so helpful to the Unit Guiders. And of course, there’s always help with selling cookies. Think about it, brainstorm and see what you can come up with...

Now it is with a heavy heart that I must say goodbye to my time as your

National Trefoil Guild Liaison. It has been a wonderful experience. I have gotten to know so many of you and consider that I have a whole new set of friends. I have also learned so much about our country and how Guilds function in different manners, depending upon which part of Canada they are in. It has been amazing.

My term is up in December, and it has been an honour to work with you. (Please see pg. 12 for details on how to apply to be the next national Liaison.) To say thanks doesn’t seem to be enough for all that you have contributed to Girl Guides. We belong to the most wonderful organization in the world. Where else would we get such an opportunity to be part of young lives that will direct and lead the future of our country, and our world?

Go well and safely and keep the spirit alive.

— Kay Dubie, National Trefoil Guild Liaison

# National Trefoil Guild Gathering Committee

by Margot Walsh

Who remembers that day back in 2013 at the closing ceremonies of our 8th National Trefoil Gathering in Regina, Saskatchewan? A group of Trefoil Guild Members from Newfoundland and Labrador got up and presented their hopes and dreams to successfully host the next National Trefoil Gathering in a faraway place.

Purple Heads East – come visit us and experience the most easterly point in North America, a culture full of colourful characters in a most memorable place where strangers quickly become friends in a time zone all to its self and definitely where the sun always rises first in North America.



It seemed like only yesterday we welcomed you all to come experience with us what "Purple Heads East" had to offer and here we are today writing our memories of the completion of a successful story to our 9th National Trefoil Guild Gathering. A good time for all was promised and as soon as the spots opened for each provincial delegation to fill, another list was being created for those who wanted to come, a daunting task and a promise of good times was now our committee's mission at hand.

With delegates arriving from all Canadian provinces and our sister countries of Australia, United Kingdom and the United States, our committee members worked diligently to provide a colorful tapestry of Newfoundland and Labrador

culture and opportunities to be experienced and enjoyed by all.

All 346 delegates at this gathering were welcomed first by our very own Town Crier, Newfoundland dog, Signal Hill Tattoo Fife and Drum Members as well as provincial and national police force members who escorted our flags from Guiding, Canada as well as our Sister Countries to the stage. The flags were carried in by our current and past National Trefoil Guild Specialists and were received by GGC's International Commissioner Sharron Callahan as well as our National Deputy Chief Commissioner-Provincial Holly Thompson. What a vivid memory with an auditorium filled to capacity, a great way to begin our gathering.

With all our pomp and circumstance complete, we moved forward into our first full day of opportunity with sessions representing many facets of our Newfoundland and Labrador culture. From making your own ugly stick, pillow top making, Newfoundland and Labrador history and folklore, square dancing, rug hooking to name a few. Our session leaders provided an array of skills leading to an experience for all that was both enjoyable as well as meaningful and notable in the history of our province.

While searching for adventure during the second day of opportunity, our delegates enjoyed a day on the water searching for whales, puffins and icebergs. Others drove along our coastline witnessing historic sites at the Colony of Avalon and the Ferryland Lighthouse picnic where Lord Baltimore started a colony in 1621. If you drove the other shoreline you would visit the historic community of Brigus and visit the home of Arctic explorer Captain Bob Bartlett and travel on to the community of Cupids to visit John Guy's colony of 1610. Some chose to walk the historic

streets of St. John's and stroll through the grounds of Government House but while there were lucky enough to have a chance



meeting with our Lieutenant Governor and an impromptu visit inside the historic home, a welcome surprise for all in attendance. A day full of activity and memories to be capped off with a formal high tea in a true British Colony style.

Our National Trefoil Guild Adviser Kay Dubie as well as then Deputy Chief Commissioner-Provincial Holly Thomson presented a national perspective on networking with Trefoil Guilds. During the five-day event we also learned from our other provincial Trefoil members what an extraordinary group of women we are as each province and country brought something from home to celebrate with us through a story, dance a song or tradition. We all were great ambassadors of our province or country as well as showing everyone we are great at Keeping the Spirit Alive.

Delegates were treated to a taste of Newfoundland traditional food, song and dance. An evening of music and song by our entertainer Sheila Williams



whose repertoire included something everyone could enjoy from I'se the Bye to the White Hills of Dover on to This Land is





your Land gave everyone something to sing about in a unified voice. The highlight of the evening though was what just about everyone was waiting for, to become an Honorary Newfoundlander. With our traditional screech in and the longest lineup I have ever witnessed to “kiss the cod” we can now say there is a boost in our population of both members and Trefoil Guild Members alike. Great times were had by all but the evening had to end somewhere when the busses arrived to bring us back to our home away from home. Suffice to say the singing and comradery continued into the night in many of the university lounges.

Sunday morning brought sunny skies, the first we had seen all week but in saying that the weather brought the truest meaning to our windswept land. Closing ceremonies were held outdoors and as every Newfoundlander knows, we are always challenged by something and this time it was the wind. Our spirits were high as we set up our stage with a feeling of pride as we were coming to the end of the 9th National Trefoil Gathering. A culmination of three years of planning, committee work, long nights and opportunity to bring our Trefoil friends to our province to experience our culture and keep the spirit alive.

With the involvement of every Trefoil member at the Gathering we were very successful in our service project. We collected 30 large boxes of school supplies to divide between our Single Parents Association as well as the Association for New Canadians. We were very happy and proud to tell them our story and share with them our efforts on your behalf. Thank you all very much for your generous support, you made the

lives of many school aged children a whole lot easier for them as they returned to school feeling equal to everyone this school year.

We also have to thank you all for your generosity in the auction of our Committee Aprons, through the diligent skills of the Queen when she dropped by, skillfully raising a total of \$2,120.00 which was donated directly to our provincial Betty Spencer Memorial Scholarship fund for girls. Through your generous financial donations we are able to continue this a little while longer.

This gathering was a culmination of teamwork, friendship and a commitment to keeping the spirit alive by 12 talented NL Trefoil members. They came together with their skills and talent as well as many subcommittee members giving many hours to put together a once in a lifetime opportunity for our province and you our visiting delegates. We hope your experience was everything you wished for and the memories and friendships you made will always be positive.

In closing I would like on behalf of our committee to wish the Trefoil Members of Ontario the best of luck in planning the next gathering and look forward to once again coming together in Sudbury to enjoy our strong Sisterhood of Guiding in the tradition of our Trefoil Guilds.



Left to right: (First Row) Pat Burton, Margaret Breen, Joan Monk, Debbie Bussey; (Second Row) Wanda Garrett, Deryldene Tucker, Gloria Learning, Sandra Murphy, Cindy Goff. Absent: Juanita Andrews, Beth Greene, Margot Walsh

# British Columbia

by Joyce Perrie

Trefoil Guilds are doing a great job of keeping Guiding “Alive and Well” in British Columbia. We have just under one thousand TG members here in BC – 995 at my last count.

Ninety of us travelled to Newfoundland for the 2016 National Gathering – and what a Gathering it was. We all had such a great time, with several taking tours either before or after the Gathering. The committee worked very hard to make sure everything went well. I am sure we will remember the good times for a long time. Several are already planning to be at the next one in Sudbury, Ontario in 2019.

One hundred and forty members attended the yearly Trefoil Guild Rendezvous which was held in Vernon, in the beautiful sunny Okanagan in May, 2016.

The committee for the 2017 Rendezvous are busy planning the next one, which will be held in Richmond in May.

These events bring many Guild members together in friendship. We have great tours planned for us in addition to sessions on different topics.

There is always a service project. In 2016, we gathered school supplies for

the needy. In 2017, we will follow the GGC National Service Project. We are asked to knit, crochet, or sew hats and scarves. Each Guild will take a picture of what they have created to bring to the Rendezvous. The items will be donated to an organization in our respective communities.

Before each Rendezvous a group of ladies usually get together for a couple of days of singing. This has been a popular event for several years. It is always a great experience.



Some BC Trefoil Guild members at the National Gathering in Newfoundland



Muriel Shearer was presented with her 60 year pin at a September 2016 meeting



Comox Valley Trefoil Guild’s Luncheon at Salmon Point



# Manitoba

by Marjorie Doyle



Some of our Trefoil Guilds have been very busy over the winter while others have not, mostly due to winter holidays and lower numbers attending events.

Guilds have been busy with service projects and as always, having fun getting together over food.

A new Manitoba Trefoil Guild manual has been developed and has been sent to council for final approval.

Here are some of the activities that have been happening:

- One Guild cut old blue jeans into squares for blankets to help the Children's Hospital
- Several Guilds wrote Christmas cards, or helped seniors make cards and many were delivered to residents of nursing homes
- Guilds went to assisted living residences to enjoy an evening with residents, some had tea, baking, and sang carols



- One Guild met for dinner and a viewing of the movie "Eddie the Eagle" which they found very inspirational with some good humour and a happy ending
- Another Guild held their annual holiday dinner and collected toys for Toy Mountain sponsored by Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service
- Several Guilds attended the Steven Lewis Foundation presentation and were inspired by what they heard about HIV-AIDS in Africa
- Manitoba Council hosted a provincial Thinking Day event and many Guild members were in attendance
- One Guild visited a Brownie unit and taught the girls about painting and their work as artists
- Caddy Lake Girl Guide Camp held a fundraiser and many Guild members were there to support the camp
- One Guild held a "Coffee Klatch" evening. They decided to try the Manitoba Music Challenge and carried through and enjoyed singing some old favourite Girl Guide songs as well as some new ones

The annual Thinking Day luncheon was very well attended on a very nice winter day. MB Trefoil Guild Adviser Marjorie Doyle spoke on happenings in the province and answered questions. The guest speaker was Cailin Hodder who works for the Canadian Red Cross Disaster Management Team for Manitoba. Cailin was involved in Guiding as a member from Brownies to Rangers. She spoke on her role with the Red Cross and her work in Germany



One of our Guilds was pleased to present three of their members with membership pins: Lilja Carson for 25 years, Linda Wiebe with 30 years and Lil Carson for 40 years

last November with Syrian refugees. While we were enjoying lunch, a piece of paper was passed around and everyone was asked to put down the number of years they had been involved in Guiding. The numbers were counted up and for the 49 members and guests in attendance, the number added up to an astonishing 1,310 years of Guiding. Thank you to all who give of themselves to this wonderful organization.

The time finally arrived for 11 very excited members to attend the National Gathering in St. John's, Newfoundland. All reported having a wonderful time — some meeting up with old friends and all of us meeting new ones. Many thanks to the Newfoundland Planning Committee. A wonderful event that just left everyone looking forward to the next one in Sudbury.

September saw Guilds start up again and one had dinner at a pizza restaurant and caught up and planned for the year. Another started their year off with a wiener roast. One Guild went on a road trip over the summer — from one side of the city over to the other side of the city and enjoyed lunch together. Another Guild had a dessert and coffee evening.

# Nova Scotia

by Darlene Duggan

As I read the Annual Activity Reports from our Nova Scotia Trefoil Guilds it made my Guiding heart happy to note that we are all still very involved with girl activities. We attend Thinking Day events, various district/area tea and sales, pancake suppers, silent auctions, and whatever else we are invited to attend. Some of the Guilds made traders for the girls going to Mosaic and many helped with financial support. QUEST is a provincial skills camp for Pathfinders where teams participate in 24 challenges over a 12-hour period and our Salt Water Sisters Guild put on one of those challenges...meaning you are "out in the field" all day and night. That in itself is a challenge.

It seems that we are very cultural, we love a night out and quite often you will find us enjoying live theatre, amateur theatre, and dinner theatre. Of course, these evenings usually start with dinner or end with dessert (maybe both). We have royal tea parties, strawberry teas, and luncheons. Always learning we take First Aid and Food Handler courses, learn new crafts, and always trying to become more of who we have the potential to be.



Four Nova Scotia TG Advisers celebrating World Thinking Day together. From left: Margaret Embree, Bev Woodward, Darlene Duggan, Trish MacDonald

We were excited to host the Green Hat Scouts (Trefoil Guild) from New York who were on a cruise stopping in Halifax. We gathered at Guide House, got to know each other, shared a snack and a singsong. We are welcome to visit them any time! It was a lovely visit...making new friends.

Speaking of good times together, 13 of us were fortunate to be able to attend the Gathering in Newfoundland. We expected to have a good time and we were not disappointed. We thank the Gathering Committee for their hard

work, for their cool heads when plans veered off course, and especially for their friendship. We have shared tales of our adventures with our sister members and look forward to 2019 in Sudbury.

Continuing with our good times our annual Provincial TG Camp, Camp Burning Spirit celebrated our 11th anniversary in September. The manager of the campsite tells me that we are the longest running camp at that facility. Ironic, isn't it, that we "old timers" outlast the young ones. Thirty-three of us sat down to our special dinner on Saturday evening after a day spent by the lake chatting, enjoying a picnic snack, and a swim...it was a perfect day, a perfect weekend. I was telling the ladies at Reflections that my heart is happy as I watch the kaleidoscope of ever changing groups, renewing old friendships, making new ones and just sharing a weekend special to each one of us.

We continue our road trips, our special celebrations, our summertime beach meetings, welcoming new members, and wishing "Go Well and Safely" to the too many we are sad to see go home. We know they are cheering us on as we continue Keeping the Spirit Alive.



Nova Scotia Trefoil Guilds meet Green Hat Scouters from New York



# Ontario

by Judy Pavlis

What a fabulous fall we have had in Ontario, with warm weather and brilliant fall colours.

Ontario continues to see an increase in interest in members joining Trefoil Guilds. We recently opened a Guild where all the members are professional women under 45.

Guilds were very busy this fall planning their meetings for the upcoming year. Many Guilds have already held campfires, weekends away, dinners, Halloween events, outings and sold cookies to support local units.



Fay Buck (50 years), Darla McMeekin (52 years), and Maria Meyers (51 years) of the 1st Blue Lakes Trefoil Guild each celebrated 50+ years of Guiding



Members of the 1st Grimsby Trefoil made ponchos for local girls attending Guiding Mosaic 2016



Sweet Water Trefoil Guild, Beaver, Conestoga, Waterloo and Harris Bluewater Trefoil Guild met at Camp Wyoka for a fun weekend including a murder mystery (above)



The 1st Severn Shores Trefoil Guild hosted a "Circle of Friends" in Orillia ON to raise funds for Bonita Glen camp, and completed the Sing Ontario Sing Challenge



Halloween fun at Camp Tawateno on October 29 put on by the 1st Maple Leaf Trefoil Guild (right)

# Quebec

by Hannelore Rene de Cotret

I am happy to announce the opening of a new Trefoil Unit in St Bruno Quebec. The president is Donna DaSilva, and the name will be the Richelieu Mountain Trefoil Unit. They have had their first outing, to the Botanical Gardens in Montreal, to see the garden of lights and the pumpkin display. Welcome, ladies, and good job, Donna.

Cabana Trefoil held their monthly meeting and luncheon in September and October.

The West Island Guild attended the 90th

birthday celebration of our provincial camp, Wa Thik Ane Morin Heights in the Laurentians in June.

Three of their members celebrated their 90th birthday this year.

The South Shore Hummingbird Guild helped serve lunch, dessert, and tea to seniors at the Greenfield Park Respite Centre in November.

Several Guiders of West Island and Hummingbird Guild continue to make blankets for Hugs of Hope, the McGill

University Cancer Society. The blankets are distributed to cancer patients in different Montreal hospitals.

Three Trefoil Guiders attended the National Trefoil Gathering in St. Johns, NL, and enjoyed the event very much. Special thanks to Newfoundland Trefoil Guiders for hosting this Gathering and doing a good Job.



The Richelieu Mountain Trefoil Guild went to the Montreal Botanical Garden



Three members celebrated their 90th birthdays



South Shore Hummingbird Trefoil Guild members at the Greenfield Park Respite Centre



90th birthday celebration for camp Wa Thik Ane Morin Heights



## Alberta

by Cathy Mantika

Greetings from Alberta. We have had a very busy year in Guiding with many events our Guilds have been active with. At our May Round-Up meeting in Red Deer, and as Gail ended her term as Provincial Trefoil Guild Adviser, I was much honored to take the reins as the Trefoil Liaison for the next three years. Many thanks go out to Gail for all her hard work on our behalf.

We were very busy getting our delegation ready to go to the National Trefoil Guild Gathering in St. John's, NL. We had been allotted 29 spots and were lucky enough to get one more. We had many Guild members wanting to go so the additional spot was welcome. Many people traveled in various ways; some went early and had a visit of the wonderful province, some stayed later and had a nice holiday, and my group went early and stayed on for a few days following the event. The hospitality of the Newfoundland Guilds was awesome and a great time was had by all.

In July, the Y Knot Trefoil Guild as well as the Westrockers Guild co-hosted a tea for the Friends of the 4 World Centers Group (F4WC) from the UK who were visiting Calgary and the Stampede. There were nine members plus one husband and a total group of approximately 38 participants and we had a wonderful time meeting these ladies as they were making their way across Canada.

Many Guilds participated in the Provincial Girl Guide Rallies being held across the province. We were helping in many different ways, and everyone reported a good time was had by all.

Alberta was also the host province for the Guiding Mosaic 2016 held at Sylvan Lake.

They had a visitor's day and despite a very bad weather many have said that it was a memorable experience.

With the new Guiding year starting we still have 33 Guilds with a new one just formed in Calgary and one more to come in central Alberta. They have many activities planned and it sounds like we will have an exciting year.



## Newfoundland & Labrador

by Pat Burton

This has been an awesome Guiding year for Trefoil Guilds in NL with lots going on. Two major happenings were our Provincial Gathering and our National Gathering.



Fireside Friends Hosted our Provincial Gathering, Keepers of the Flame, which was held at Lion Max Simms Camp in May. We had 45 attend the camp which was very well planned and executed. Great fun showed great planning with Golden Oldies (dancing), Games Galore, Scavenger Hunt, Just Desserts, Coffee Can Ice Cream (yummy), a great reception and a Twilight Science evening.

In June, Newfoundland hosted the National Gathering, Purple Heads East, in St. John's. We had 18 guild members from across our province attend as

delegates. To say we had fun was an understatement. The weather was awful but it certainly didn't dampen the spirit of our visitors or committee. From the mummies, Newfoundland dogs, our Tattoo and our police officers at our opening it went on. It was an awesome five days and we as a province were thrilled to show off our home. Thanks go to all Guilds in NL who were so generous with their hospitality and supplying anything we asked for, be it old shoes for the ugly sticks, or wool for the squares for the cancer clinic (ladies at the

conference knit 278 squares).

We have had some amazing long service presentations this year: Gloria Learning (65 years), Melba Pike, Debbie Bussey, Margaret Breen (all with 50 years), and Joan Monk (40 years).

Chickadee Trefoil Guild celebrated 25 years in September, and still has some original members and are a vibrant, active group though smaller in numbers. We as a province are very happy for this group and proud of them.

We have a new Guild open in western Newfoundland, Humber Trefoil Guild, and we are delighted to have them.

We also lost three members: Dola Callan, Golden Girls Trefoil Guild; Violet Butler, Caribou Trefoil Guild; and Hazel Newhook, Crossroads Guild and our oldest Trefoil member.

We had at least two Guild members

attend Guiding Mosaic in Alberta as a part of the core crew. Both had an awesome time despite the rain and a broken finger.

Fireside Friends Trefoil Guild are our brave souls: six of their members camped out in the rain in September at Malady Head Campground and despite the rain had an awesome time.

Two of our Guilds have completed their tapestries and they are now hanging in Girl Guide Headquarters, a great accomplishment.

We have also enjoyed many other activities in our Guilds and have been involved in many service projects, including serving lunch for the Rotary Club, attending Remembrance Day services, filling backpacks for needy children, attending advancement ceremonies, collecting school supplies and mittens for those in need, holding



Fancy Nancy tea parties with Brownies, making aprons with Girl Guides, attending parent-daughter banquets, selling Girl Guide Cookies, donating goods to women's shelters, donating clothing to Gathering Place, supporting the Alzheimer's Association by hosting coffee breaks, and attending area AGMs.

Guiding is alive and well in Newfoundland and Labrador in the form of our Trefoil Guilds and we look forward to another active and exciting year.

## 1st Canadian Internet Trefoil Guild

by Lynn Rogalski

The 1st Canadian Internet Trefoil Guild is now in full swing as the fall wanes. We are still rejoicing that so many of us met at the Trefoil Gathering in Newfoundland in June. Our gray ties with Hands of Friendship clasped together in the back and our distinctive silver and gold woggles, made finding each other so much easier. By the time we met for the final banquet, friendships had again been strengthened by our face to face meeting, and talks, and hugs!

We are a unique Guild, where our ties are formed online through monthly meetings on a secure site, taking roles within the executive, online parties that are so much fun and sharing the service we give within our own provinces and

territories.

Again we have enabled Guiding to flourish in the Central Africa Republic who cannot afford to pay their small fee to be a full member of WAGGGS. It gives such joy to share with a country so beset by hardships and to make our Guiding sisters aware that, halfway around the world, we care about them.

The plans for our Halloween party have been shared. We have downloaded the recipes, supply list, blank crosswords and songs. The organizers of this party are keeping the rest secret. It is fun, to sit at your computer, in comfy clothes and join in with others across Canada and even two in England. Interesting how even online, personalities come through!

In my local Guild, we often give moral support to our members when they walk difficult roads, or celebrate a special moment in their lives. It is the same online, a community of caring Guiders — we have even been known to pick up the phone and call, when congratulations or support are in order! If we are travelling, we have friends in so many places — I recall texting when I was on Vancouver Island, and meeting our then President, Mary D'Isendoorn, as my daughter and I were passing through.

Join us, and discover a new group of Guiding friends - in different places but sharing the joy of Guiding. For more information about our Internet Trefoil Guild, contact: [1cigt@e-guiding.com](mailto:1cigt@e-guiding.com).



# Saskatchewan

by Judith Kehler

Saskatchewan held their annual Provincial Trefoil Gathering in October at Dallas Valley Ranch Camp, which stretches across the east rim of the beautiful Boggy Creek Valley. We booked the Lodge for the Gathering, and catered meals by Dallas Valley were served out of the Ranch House dining hall.

The STAR program (three categories: Creative, Lifelong Learning, Environmental) on which the committee from the Regina Trefoil Adventure Guild



(TAG) worked for many months was very successful. Other Guilds from Davidson, Yorkton, Regina, Strasbourg, and Moose Jaw completed the weekend with such things as reflections, coffee breaks, camp fire, and mug up. We had 17 come for the overnight, and 15 for the day, giving us a total of 32 registrants. This was more than double those who attended last year's Gathering, so we were very pleased with the turnout. This was the first try at our new format of rotating between the north and the south of the province.

Friday night movie *The Calendar Girls* is a true story of women in the UK fundraising for cancer by producing a nude calendar. The story was both funny and poignant, and even more so since it

really happened. Learning to watercolour paint with instructor Lori Alfody (R & R Guild) was fun and informative. Who knew there was such talent in our group! Keeping up with your grandchildren on the web was a popular topic and well received. Jo Szatak and Sheila Wilson from TAG made it seem easy, as they instructed us in a language we understood, going through Facebook, Instagram, and a new one called Snapchat.

Drumfit, a new type of exercise taught to us by a qualified fitness instructor, Marjorie Anderson, also from TAG, made exercise fun. It was enjoyed so much that she gave a second session to those that couldn't be in the first one. Laughter Yoga has been around for a long time, but isn't as popular as the regular kind. But it should be! What fun, and especially with instructor Fran Protz, TAG member who really knows her stuff. This was a plenary session right after lunch and it sure got the blood flowing and smiles on our faces.

The only outside presenter, Dwight Mercer, Master Composter brought his expertise and his red wrigglers to tell us all about composting for Seniors, who are often in condos or apartments. Anyone who wanted to start their own



worm farm could take a container home for free.

Paper folding was very popular and right in season with holiday decorations and gift boxes made from old holiday cards. Alice Gaveronski, TAG made this session easy and fun and everyone left with a product they had made.

Not all the activities were indoors. Thanks to Beth Dreger, TAG member who set up a scavenger hunt. The activity provided an opportunity to see the beautiful valley and get some fresh air.

Dinner guest speaker, Betty Collicot, from Moose Jaw Trefoil Guild spoke to us about Navigating the Healthcare System. Betty is a trained nurse, has held many Girl Guide positions, past mayor of Fort McMurray, sat on the committee to build a new hospital in Moose Jaw, and is presently Chair of the File Hills Health Region. Her suggestions were timely and down to earth.

Mona Eleanor Jones (Cooper) of Moose Jaw passed away peacefully on October 7, 2016 at the age of 101. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Mona's name were requested to be made to the Moose Jaw Trefoil Guild/Girl Guides of Canada. Mona's Guiding story was featured in the spring TG News.

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### Supporting Scholarships



Each year, Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada awards scholarships to outstanding members who are pursuing a post-secondary education.

The Humber Glen Trefoil Guild in Ontario has been supporting scholarships for 15 years. Here is what Carole and Pauline from the Humber Glen Trefoil Guild said about supporting the scholarship program:

*Humber Glen Trefoil Guild members and a handful of our regular supporters have enjoyed providing a GGC National Scholarship for 15 years. Each year, our Guild hosts a bridge luncheon with silent auction, bake table and book sale as our scholarship fundraiser. This has been a wonderful experience for our ladies. It brings us together to work, to have fun and to connect with our community of supporters for a worthwhile cause.*

If you or your Trefoil Guild would like to make a donation to the GGC National Scholarship Fund, we would be grateful to accept contributions. For more information, please email us at: [scholarship@GirlGuides.ca](mailto:scholarship@GirlGuides.ca)

## Apply Now

Are you a dynamic individual who will enjoy supporting and engaging large groups of adult members in keeping the spirit of Guiding alive?

**We are looking for a new National Trefoil Guild Liaison.**

The National Trefoil Guild Liaison collaborates with and supports Trefoil Guild members, while acting as a liaison between Trefoil Guilds across Canada and the Membership Administration department. The National Trefoil Guild Liaison also researches, advises and keeps the Membership Administration department informed on Trefoil Guild engagement strategies, and on current Trefoil Guild issues and related activities.

Visit the [National Volunteer Opportunities page](#) of the GGC website to learn more and to apply.