



TG News

A Newsletter for Trefoil Guild Members

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Message from the National Trefoil Guild Liaison



"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." — Marjorie Moore

Hello fellow Trefoil members. I am very excited to be your new National Trefoil Liaison. In this role, I am your contact for all things "Trefoil," so please don't forget to include me in your communications.

I wish to begin by thanking Kay Dubie for her time in this position. Kay, you have

always been such a positive role model. We wish you well in your future endeavours and look forward to seeing you at future Gatherings.

Please welcome our new Ontario Trefoil Adviser, Christine Stevenson, and the New B.C. Adviser, Seanna Fekete. We also wish to send a huge thank you to the Provincial Trefoil Advisers who finish their terms this spring.

- Marjorie Doyle – Manitoba
- Pat Burton – Newfoundland & Labrador
- Joyce Perrie – British Columbia
- Trish MacDonald – Nova Scotia

I have been a member of Girl Guides for over 30 years, including 6 years as a girl member. Guiding is where I discovered my love of keeping books. I did our unit's books when I was a Guide because our leader left to become Commissioner and her daughter ran our unit alone. I was 13 and she was 18. From there I volunteered to do our youth group

books, and after many years of accounting and bookkeeping positions, I am now with the Unit Finance Committee in Ontario.

Trefoil Guilds in Canada are often perceived as a group of retired Guiders, but this is hardly the case. I do not know too many 30 year-old retirees. Guiding, as we know, is about the girls and all of the exciting opportunities and resources available to them. We as adults also have access to many opportunities and resources. You can use them for yourself, your Guild or to enhance programming for our girls.

We are also about sisterhood and having fun, so search out local units and invite the Guiders to your Guild activities. Encourage them to join or start their own Guilds. If we can introduce them to our social side of Guiding, we can offer them our knowledge to use in their units and show them how much fun we have and perhaps convince them to stay involved. If you're enjoying the journey, you don't want it to end!

— Judy Pavlis, National Trefoil Guild Liaison

Meeting Lady Baden-Powell in 1946

by Mary d'Isendoorn, BC Trefoil Guild Member

Oh, the memory and the goose-bumps as I recall meeting our one and only World Chief Guide!

It was the year 1946, a year after my country, the Netherlands was freed from the German occupation and all the misery that came with it.

I had only just turned 12 years old when the war changed our lives and it had been only four weeks since I joined the Netherlands Girl Guides.

Guiding and Scouting had been forbidden during those war years but my patrol members and I often met when it was safe to go for a hike to stay in touch and keep our friendship alive!

At last, a month after my 17th birthday, freedom and peace returned again and with it Guiding and Scouting started up again.

Can you imagine the influx of hundreds of new members who joined both organizations? New companies were formed and I ended up in a brand new unit and, read this, when registration was finished we counted 60 members, many new recruits but some others returned, like most of my former unit. And we only had ONE Guider to lead us all!

Lucky me! I soon was promoted to Assistant Guider, mainly because of my knowledge I gained from a *Scouting for Boys Handbook* that belonged to my older brother who was a Scout.

Having nothing much to do, as it was often unsafe to be out and around, I went through that book many times from beginning to end, learning about Morse code, semaphore, first aid, knotting and more.

60 girls in one unit became a bit too much for only two Guiders so I was asked and agreed to take over 36 of the youngest members and form our own

unit, split into four patrols of eight girls. Two of my former Guiding friends agreed to assist me.

Life in those days was simple: no TV, no computers, none of anything that keeps youth occupied these days. We set our own programs and started to hold patrol leader meetings on Tuesday evenings, group meetings on Thursday evening where, as part of the program, the Patrol Leaders taught their patrol what they had learned and we the leaders filled the evening with other program necessities from the Guide Handbook. On Saturday afternoon we went out to spend the afternoon playing games on grassy fields and sandy dunes, learning the use of knots, practicing semaphore and closing the outing with a campfire, learning and singing songs.

A whole different way of living opened up for all of us as camping became one of the most precious times to spend safely with your unit members out in the wild but more often at campsites.

Then it happened!

The Dutch Government had presented our National Guiding Movement with a huge property that became our National Campsite.

It was there, when our unit had taken the train to spend two weeks in that campsite, called *Buitenzorg* (translated "Without Worry"), that the camp staff, who had their headquarters in a bungalow near the gate, visited our campsite and told us to don our uniforms and come to the camp headquarters by 2:00 pm.

Little did we know what was going on but we cleaned and organized our tents and site and did as we were told. (You never knew if there would be an onsite inspection!)



We ended up in the very first row, opposite the HQ residence and, what we didn't realize was that there were a lot more companies camping the same time as we did.

We were beginning to get anxious to know why we had to be there, all looking a picture in our clean uniforms, when we saw the staff members come out of their building, forming a line like us on the opposite side. Then, one car after another came driving through the gates, just on our right-hand side; we lost count of how many passed us but every time a car made it through the camp the staff started yelling, "It's her!"

We looked at each other, snickering as we saw the commissioners, or whatever ranks they held, dancing up and down like kids until...

All at once it was quiet, the yelling stopped as another car came through the gate. But this one was different and had two small flags on each side of the hood of the car. No yelling, but the dancing started again as the car drew

Meeting Lady Baden-Powell (cont'd)

nearer to them and passing us on the other side. It came to a stop, right in front of us, lots of chatting could be heard and the staff shaking hands and laughing and then...

Someone in a greyish dress and a funny hat (so we thought) came from behind the car and, with directions from one of the staff members, made her way right to me as the first one in the first line, closest to the gate.

I knew we had a World Chief Guide but never saw a picture or heard much about her and yet, here she was, talking to me!

I learned English at high school but was too excited to talk when I heard the staff member say to us, this is our Chief

Commissioner visiting us. I was tongue-tied but out came a left hand that bid me to shake it and looking up I saw two smiling brown eyes looking at me and up went her right hand followed by our Guiding sign, three fingers and up went my right hand the same way. She said something I can't remember as I was stunned, her smile was from ear to ear and tears came to my eyes as it just dawned on me

She was one of us! All the way from England to bring happiness into our lives that for five long years was unheard of.

As she went to the next girls and the next, stopping at each and every one,

receiving the same smile and handshake, I only had one thing in mind: Never will I give up Guiding. Whatever happens in my life, I will be a Girl Guide!

Now, 60 years later, I can tell all of you reading this story to never give up Guiding as this gives you energy, friends, and a way of life that is honest, pure and unselfish, and a wisdom that forms your way of life. It did mine!

Quebec

by Hannelore Rene de Cotret

Updates from the Quebec Trefoil Guilds:

The Our Cabana Trefoil Guild continues their luncheon outings every month. They change restaurants each month to try different cuisines. The Guild also continues to make bookmarks for the Pte. Claire Hospital Patients' Library.

The West Island Trefoil Guild has also been active. In January, several members attended the Symposium and the Provincial Trefoil Meeting. In February, they joined Valois/Dorval District for Thinking Day activities. Then, in March, they continued making bracelets towards the upkeep of provincial campgrounds. In April, they invited a speaker from the West Island Palliative Care Unit. In May, several members attended the Quebec AGM. And throughout, they also collected items for Elizabeth House.

Newfoundland and Labrador

by Pat Burton



We currently have 19 Guilds registered with 212 members. We have had a wonderful year to date with Guilds being very active in all areas of Guiding, service projects of all kinds and of course most importantly enjoying the fellowship that Guiding friends offer.

Thanks to our Provincial Commissioner, Margo Walsh, Trefoil members were invited to tea at Government House on February 22. The invitation was

extended to Guilds across the province though the time of year made travel a challenge for many out of town groups. Tea was hosted by Mrs. Fagan, Girl Guides' Honorary Patron. It was a lovely afternoon with 24 of our members from eight Guilds attending, including ladies who travelled over two hours to join us.

Some of our members attended a pot-luck lunch at St. Andrew's Church Hill hosted by 44th B.P. Guild. Most Guilds attended Thinking Day events in their areas ,also.

One of our members, Isabelle Blackmore, from Crossroads Guild, celebrated her 90th birthday in April. The Guild members had lunch and a cake for her, and she wore her full uniform, and is still very active in her Guild.

Many of the groups help with units on

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special projects such as sewing, cooking or helping with crafts.

Guilds have also had guest speakers come talk to their members on topics ranging from wills, estate planning, elder abuse, fraud, foot care, skin care, dieticians and many other topics that provide useful information. These sessions are always well received by members and found to be useful.

Trefoil members use their skills to cook food for those less fortunate such as Naomi Centre, Ronald McDonald House, and local churches who provide meals for the hungry. They also help food banks with donations.

Most of the Guilds in the province helped with the Coldest Night of the Year Project which a Chamberlains Ranger group were involved with. I was very moved by the donations received by the group either in hats, mitts, scarves, or socks from across the province. It was truly heartwarming.

Many Guilds visit seniors' homes (not sure if this is to check them out for the



future) to bring good cheer to the residents usually in the form of song and dancing and of course to bring food for a cup of tea. Many Guilds partnered with girl groups for these visits and that always works well as the seniors love the children.

Of course, there is no limit to the fun activities our Guild members take part in: skating, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, camping, painting classes, making



chocolate, bingo for seniors, knitting, sewing, foot care, estate planning, axe throwing, high tea, and lots of handmade items... and the list goes on.

We held our Provincial Gathering in May at Lion Max Simms Camp. The Gathering was hosted by Crossroads Guild and it was a truly wonderful time.

As my term as Trefoil Liaison is finishing I would like to say a huge thank you to



our Commissioner, Margo Walsh; the staff at Girl Guide headquarters; Trefoil Secretary, Gloria Learning; and Guild presidents and members, as well as National staff and National Trefoil Guild Liaisons, Kay, and now Judy, for your co-operation and support over the past three years. It has been a pleasure working with you all.



Alberta

by Cathy Mantika

Greetings to everyone from Alberta. We have had a busy winter and spring. We have 36 guilds with approximately 393 members that are involved in a variety of activities.

The Peace River Trefoil Guild is a newly-formed Guild this year. They call themselves the Northern Flickers. Their first event was to decorate for the Peace River Area's Annual Awards Banquet which was held in February. Flower pots were painted in our branch colours and were on each table with a plant in them. They have planned social activities, one is for a camping weekend this summer.

Chinookettes Trefoil Guild were very busy with their holiday dinner, where they had a crazy sock exchange that was fun for all. There was a parcel received from the Blackwater Trefoil Guild in England with some badges and cute beaded snowflakes. April saw them planning their next road trip. They donned long skirts, and did a skit about camping 100 years ago. In the skit, they were dropped off in the middle of

nowhere with all their stuff. They had to carry it over fences trying not to step on "cow patties." They were very glad we have progressed very far in the past 100 years.

Emonis Ake Trefoil Guild has 13 members and meet once a month doing many activities. The 150 Ways to Live Your Promise project was introduced in honour of Canada's 150th birthday. So, they decided to try their hand at the challenges. Some of the ladies attended Spark and Brownie units and lead and taught the girls some things about Canada to meet the Canada part of the challenge.

STARS Trefoil Guild is very active. They participate in their community, helping Meals on Wheels. They held a games night to raise money for the Candian World Friendship Fund.

The 1st Yukon Trefoil Guild, has not been as busy, but at Thinking Day Erin and Barbara were asked by some of the units to come and help with a little Guiding

history on earlier Thinking Days. They had a wonderful time and were treated to brownie treats.

In a recent issue of the provincial newsletter, a challenge was put out to the units for the next Alberta Guild Guide House time capsule, which would be opened in 2042. Although Guilds don't qualify for the challenge, the WestRockers Trefoil Guild thought it would be fun to create a Virtual Time Capsule. Each member was invited to send one thing she would put into it and why. The list of items was quite fascinating.

1st Edmonton Trefoil Guild has not been too active this year. But they still enjoy each other's company and still meet every other month or two. They had a luncheon and renewed their Promise. They also had a birthday cake for May Wayman who turned 100.

As you can see, our Trefoil Guild members are doing a very good job of

More photos from Manitoba:



Manitoba

by Marjorie Doyle



Guilds in Manitoba have been busy the last few months.

Our annual Thinking Day Luncheon hosted by Pembina Trail Trefoil Guild was very well attended. The Winnipeg members who had attended the Newfoundland Gathering showed their PowerPoint presentation highlighting famous Manitoba women. Three members demonstrated their talents using the Ugly Sticks made during a session at the Gathering.

The Winnipeg Guild was sorry to have two of their members pass away in the last few months. One was Gwen Liddel who was 102 years old and had volunteered with both Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The other was Louise Tenzsen who joined them from Portage la Prairie.

Guilds have been having fun as well as taking part in service projects. Here's a sample of service:

- Kitting 4,636 squares so far and sending them to the Good Neighbours Centre where they are joined together and sent to Blanketing Manitoba
- Baking for our Girl Guide Camp for the Caddy Lake Snowflake tea
- Preparing dinners at Ronald McDonald House

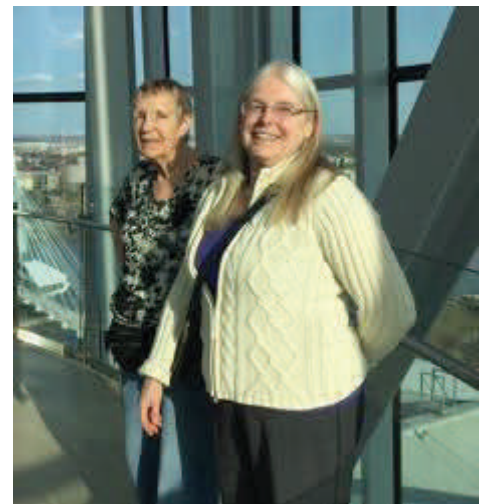
- Volunteering at Winnipeg Harvest with a Pathfinder unit. The girls sorted donations of dog food and the adults picked through potatoes and onions.
- Cut patches for quilts and bear ears out of old blue jeans for the Children's Hospital

- Held a book swap with remaining books donated to the Children's Hospital Book Fair
- Volunteered at a Pathfinder meeting
- One Guild hung scarves made by their members in their part of the city and were pleased to see them being picked up
- Another Guild sold SuperStore gift cards to support our camp
- This same Guild donated baby formula to Winnipeg Harvest
- One Guild collected items and packed 100 toiletry kits for the Children's Hospital. These are given to parents who arrive at the hospital after accompanying their child. This is an ongoing service project.
- Another Guild collects items so children have somewhere to acquire Christmas presents for their families.

As always, our Guilds also have lots of fun together. Here are some samples of that:

- Attending Area Annual Dinners and award evenings

- Celebrating the 91st birthday of their member Irene Crofts
- Sending Thinking Day cards to former members and contacts around the world
- One Guild went out for dinner and then saw La La Land and critiqued the movie afterwards
- Joining other Guiders at a Glee Club evening
- Visiting and learning at the National Human Rights Museum. One group was especially touched as they attended the same day Malala Yousafzai was made an honorary Canadian. Her advocacy for girls' education is one of the exhibits at the Museum.
- One Guild attended their area adult event for fun, food and fellowship
- One of the Guilds had an article published in the Children's Hospital newsletter about their toiletry kits for the hospital, as well as other services projects they have been involved in.



At the National Human Rights Museum

New Brunswick and PEI

by Lorna Bulpitt



NB/PEI Annual Trefoil Gathering 2017

Come and join us on the banks of the Mighty Miramichi for a day of celebrating our Trefoil Guild Annual Gathering on September 7, 2017. There will be stories and a tour of the site of the first Scottish and Acadian Settlers. Of course there will be music and other exciting events. It will be held at the Miramichi Bible Camp at the Enclosure Campgrounds. The cost is \$25. Application forms and more information will be sent to Presidents so please make sure you receive one.

We have 12 Guilds in our provinces. Here is snapshot of what some of them do:

Whisong Trefoil Guild

Every year, Guild members:

- Work with the Lion's Club, on a Pancake Breakfast and Craft Sale as a fundraiser in support of the Girl Guide Camp Whisong
- Work at and serve at Lion's Club Card Parties held several months of the year
- Attend the Area Awards/Recognition Banquet
- Attend the Annual Provincial Trefoil Guild Gathering in September

- Attend the Annual Girl Guide Spaghetti Supper in support of a Guide fundraiser and popular activity of the Riverview Winter Festival
- Hold a Craft Day in the fall, usually in Elgin or at Camp Whisong to make crafts to sell during the Lion's Pancake Breakfast
- Hold an annual planning of activities meeting and make and share crafts in November

We also held our holiday party, shared a favorite unusual antique, and supported a fellow Guild sister who had lost her home in a fire.

We invited the two Moncton Guilds to a Craft Day for St. Patrick's Day to make soap stone pendants.

We held our Day at Cape Bimet, talking, sharing, walking the beach, collecting sea glass and rocks, doing crafts, and sitting in the shade. Usually a potluck feeds us but 2016 saw us at Patural's Shore House Restaurant being waited on as we awaited our seafood choices from the menu!

We were saddened by the loss of one of our sisters this past year, Liz Hamilton. We had shared some great days together at Whisong.

1st Victoria Carleton Trefoil

We had our annual holiday party in January at Carol Duchemin's house. We have been having it in January for several years and find it is fun because the crazy holiday rush is over and we can just relax and enjoy. We have a pot

luck, Yankee swap, play board games and just have a lot of laughter and fun.

We decorated our annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Christmas tree. This is also an annual event. It is a lot of fun and it helps a very good cause. This year we need to give a special thank you to Carol Rothwell because she ended up decorating the tree alone because of a big snow storm the day that we were scheduled to decorate.

We went to an all-age District Thinking Day Rally. We have swimming time, cake and food time and camp fire. It is a great time and the Trefoil helps the Guiders to organize it.

We had a lady come to our meeting and learned some armchair yoga. We also have collected items for the Women's Institute Home for Senior Ladies.

2nd Fredericton Guild—Service Project

The Members of the 2nd Fredericton Trefoil Guild;

Searched for a service project that we felt should be filled.

For the people who flee from domestic abuse;

We collected supplies that could be of use.

These courageous women are starting afresh;

Often their new places are in quite a mess.

We gathered up brooms, dust pans and brushes,

And special solutions for cleaning the flushes.

We donated buckets of red, white and blue;

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Microfiber cloths, sponges, and string floor mops too.

Comet, SOS pads, bleach and Vim cream,

Disinfecting wipes, J-cloths and, of course, Mr. Clean.

Laundry soap, dish soap, and cleaner for glass,

Rubber gloves, paper towels and garbage bags en masse.

We presented our trove to the people who care.

T'was a pleasure for us to be able to share.

Lady Slipper Trefoil Guild

Lady Slipper Trefoil Guild in Charlottetown has had a fairly quiet winter, meeting once a month. We either meet in a member's home for potluck lunch or a local restaurant. For some reason, Guiders do like to eat! We have 15 members this year plus six Summerside ladies in their unit. Many have been involved in answering requests from units helping with such meetings as Thinking Day activities. We have assisted trainings by providing registration and are currently looking forward to looking after registration at the May Charlottetown Rally. We will continue to meet until June and start our new season in August at a campfire meeting, including our Summerside ladies.

Sackville Purple Violet Guild

The Purple Violet Guild has twelve members and has done the following in 2016-2017:

- Collected school supplies and dresses for children in Haiti
- Made 24 aprons for a culinary class at a local high school
- Donated prizes for bingo at local nursing home
- Had silent auction items for a fundraiser for a little girl in the community with leukemia
- Made pillow cases for the pediatric unit at Moncton Hospital
- Cardiac bags for the ER Department to give to patients that require urgent transfer to a Heart Centre
- Collected items for a women's shelter
- Made holiday ornaments for the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick



Nova Scotia

by Darlene Duggan



The Trefoil Guilds in Nova Scotia not only continue to have fun, we are continuing to grow! We have welcomed many new members this year who bring their own special personalities, ideas, and a spirit for fun and adventure. Yes, we still love an adventure—we thrive on it. We dress up for Royal Teas and dress down into camp clothes for our always successful Provincial Trefoil Guild Camp, Camp Burning Spirit. Our date for camp this year is September 8-10 and planning is underway. If you are in Nova Scotia at that time, let us know we would love to share camp with you. We guarantee you would have a good time.

We all celebrate Thinking Day in our own way by attending district or area events or doing our own thing. These range from royal teas, to international potluck suppers, to campfires. No matter what we do to celebrate, we share laughter, fun, and food (there is always food). We love to celebrate events such as: “Everybody’s Birthday” and holidays and whatever else comes along. We have held “Paint Nites” and were amazed at how different the same scene can be (my waves on the sand looked like a flock of dead seagulls while others looked so real you could almost hear the surf).

Many special awards were presented at our recent annual meeting: all surprises, all well-deserved, and well appreciated (a good thing someone had brought tissues).

Our members are very involved with helping others. They make finger puppets for hospitals, collect items for the needy, and support girl members who are traveling. One Guild counts coins for an organization who in turn helps fund the maintenance of the Girl Guide camp in that area. We attend girl events, work with units on badges, and are always prepared to jump in and help in any way we can. We still believe that it is all about the girl and we are very pleased when we are asked to help. We

ensure that District and Area Commissioners are aware that we are here for them, we are a valuable resource, and we love to be asked... it works.



We hold two provincial meetings here in Nova Scotia, the Annual in the spring and the Semi-Annual in the fall. These meetings are hosted by the various Guilds who always provide a great day. There’s a meet and greet in the morning followed by the business meeting, lunch, a special program (activity or speaker), and, of course, campfire. These are very special times for all of those who attend, a chance to get together with old friends, meet new ones, learn something new or try a fun activity. There are always at least about 50 ladies in attendance from all over the province sharing the fun and, as ever, keeping the spirit alive.



Saskatchewan

by Judith Kehler



Margaret Asquith-Morrey, a member of the Regina Trefoil Guild, received her 85-year service pin at the Southern Horizons Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 17, 2016. Margaret holds the distinction in Saskatchewan of having the most years of Guiding in the province.

The R & R Guild hosted the joint Thinking Day tea for the three Regina Guilds. About 40 members attended. A group of girls that travelled last summer gave a presentation of their experience.



Margaret Asquith-Morrey as a UK Guide, age 12

The Regina Guild hosted the joint Trefoil Guild holiday party held on November 28th. All three Regina Guilds attended with a total of 44 members at the party. Special

guests were Michelle Gibney, Area Commissioner, Brenda Gartner and Margo Mack, Provincial Office, and Christean Clarke from the Area office. In

March, they visited a member living in a nursing home; and on March 17 they celebrated St. Patrick's Day at lunch and by gifting each member with a shamrock scarf.



Left: Phyllis Pearson, Sharon Twist, Christean Clarke; Right: Elaine McKellar, Darla McKellar, Margo Mack

Regina, TAG hosted a spa evening at the Style Academy Beauty School. Manicures, pedicures, and massages were offered. The beauty treatment was followed by social time at The Lobby Bar and Grill. Other activities included a bus trip to Caronport to the Briercrest Christmas Festival, attendance at the "Pink Tea" on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, "Birthday Bash" planning meeting, an afternoon at the Regina Floral Conservatory, and an Advanced Health Care Planning workshop.



Pat Netzel and Phyllis White having a manicure

Tiger Lily Trefoil Guild started their year off with inviting potential retired Guiders from the past to one of the member's home for a wine and appetizer evening, with each of the Guild members bringing an appetizer. It was a very successful evening with approximately 11 "old" Guiders together reminiscing of days gone by. The group of 5 ladies try to help out the Girl Guide organization in Melfort in any way they can. Every November the L.A. Association has a Kris Kringle Tea and Bake Sale so The Guild makes name tags. This year they cut and decorated 100 Christmas tree name tags for each girl to proudly wear while serving. Then at the tea the Guild sold recycled cards of all kinds that they have made through the year.

First Saskatoon Trefoil Guild had a nice holiday luncheon at the Guide House. Instead of giving gifts to each other they brought clothes and toiletries or cash to take to the Lighthouse, which has beds and some temporary accommodation for homeless people. They have had two members move to full care homes.

Plans are underway for a 2017 Provincial Trefoil Guild Gathering on September 29 to October 1. It will take place at Beaver Creek Camp, located 15 km south of Saskatoon, nestled in 100 acres of beautifully secluded woods, creek, valley and meadow. The program will follow the same format as last year with sessions based on creativity, lifelong learning, and fun with each Guild in the Northern Area taking a role.

Six out of our 14 Saskatchewan Trefoil Guilds were invited to be included on a quilt being made by the 1st Sweet Water Trefoil Guild, Stayner, ON, commemorating Canada's 150th birthday. Thank you 1st Sweet Water Trefoil Guild for including us in your quilt.

British Columbia

by Joyce Perrie



April 28-30 brought several Trefoil Guild Members from all over BC to Richmond for our yearly TG Rendezvous. The weekend was filled with interesting sessions, out trips and seeing old friends and making new ones. The Guilds in West Coast Area did a wonderful job of helping all in attendance as we enjoyed the theme "Happiness Is."

In just a few days, my term as BC TG Liaison will be coming to an end. I have enjoyed this position very much. We welcome our new Liaison, Seanna Fekete, who was voted in at the Rendezvous. Seanna has been involved with Trefoil for quite some time, and enjoys travelling and meeting new people. I know she will do a great job in this position. She has attended two National Trefoil Guild Gatherings, several of the BC Rendezvous' and travelled to Australia with a group of TG Members.



Vancouver Gold Trefoil Report

Our members have been an active bunch

over the last several months. We managed to find a beautiful day to enjoy a Pitt River Cruise which was a first for many of us. Starting at New Westminster Quay, the trip took us along the working Fraser River, all the while marveling at the activities along the shoreline. The Guild has also enjoyed the arts scene that Vancouver has to offer, including the Christmas Pantomime!

We've put our crafty hats on (literally) and handmade well over 100 hats and scarves for donation. Some of these hats and mitts even managed to find their way to the Atlas Mountains of Morocco. We got together over this past winter to make all of the purple goodie bags for the Trefoil Rendezvous all the while enjoying each other's company over potluck lunches!

Our members have actively sold cookies, made little bags to assist in bird rescue, and manned the phone lines at the Red Cross during the Fort McMurray crisis.

How Did We Get Here?

Toques 101: After a couple of quick lessons in the art of crochet, our ladies were off and running. The experienced few of us taught the less experienced and the newbies on the basics of toque making. While creating, we laughed, wine (the good kind), and often ripped out rows but kept going until our wonderful toques were made. We had quite a pile completed to happily give away to NightShift Street Ministries in Surrey.

Some of our ladies helped out with a

few experiments at the WOWZA Fraser Skies Area Science Event and then later enjoyed an evening of Celtic entertainment to celebrate Robbie Burn's at Crescent Beach.

Our ladies who went to the Trefoil Gathering last year decided to bring a little Newfoundland to the rest of our



guild at a retreat at Camp Olave. We made mini ugly sticks, kissed a real cod, sampled a bit of hard tack and bologna, and downed a wee dram of screech! And yes the "Mummers were loud in" for the kitchen party. We even had telephone support for those who weren't able to attend... not that they could hear very well over all of the hoopin' and hollerin'!

Meeting up again at the 2017 BC Trefoil Rendezvous in Richmond was special for a couple of reasons. We celebrated Elizabeth Ruttan's 80th birthday. She belongs to the South Okanagan



Ontario

by Christine Stevenson

Ontario Trefoil Guilds have been celebrating birthdays this spring and have proved the saying that if there isn't food it isn't Guiding!

- Sweet Water Trefoil celebrated their 20th anniversary at the Blue Mountain Inn in the Pottery Restaurant.
- The Garanask Trefoil celebrated a birthday and painted pictures.
- The Beaver Trefoil celebrated Marg's 92nd birthday.
- The 1st Oakville Trefoil celebrated Canada's 150th with a Spring Tea at the Escarpment Tea Room in Milton.
- The 1st Ontario Olave Trefoil hosted a potluck for nearby Guilds to "Celebrate the Sesqui."
- Etobicoke Trefoil celebrated Canada's birthday.

- The 1st London Trefoil Guild hosted a potluck luncheon for area Guilds with a theme of Canada 150.

Ontario Trefoil Guilds have also worked on some varied service projects this year and had a ton of fun at the same time!

- The 1st Maple Leaf Trefoil tied blankets for the Women and Children's Centre and also as the Camp Tawateno Committee had a clean-up day. The 1st Midhurst Pathfinders worked with them to sand picnic tables, rake and generally clean up. At the end of the day everyone sat down together to meal of chili, buns and apple pie,
- The 2nd Near North Trefoil held a pretend baby shower to gather supplies for an infant food shelf.
- The 1st St Catharines Mary

Malcolmson Trefoil toured and supported the Westview Centre4Women where wonderful services are offered for women in the community.

- The Woodland Trefoil were adventurous this year as they were taught ice fishing by their members Sarah and Jen in an ice hut made by Sarah on Lake Scugog.
- The 2nd Moira Trefoil were very crafty and made Easter Bunnies this spring.
- The 1st Meeting Place Trefoil Guild have been making pillows and bags for breast cancer patients at their local hospital in Newmarket for about seven years. They are a small Guild but three of their current members and one past member are breast cancer survivors so this is an issue close to them.



1st Canadian Internet Trefoil Guild

by Lynn Rogalski



This Guild is your Guild, This Guild is my Guild,

From Bonavista, to Vancouver Island

From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters,

This Guild was made for you and me.

Our members come from such diverse places as Cobble Hill, BC; Fort Frances,

ON; Fredericton, NB; Calgary, AB; Houston, Texas; Amhurst, NS; Thompson, MB; and Pond Reading, England! Who are we? We are all members of the 1st Canadian Internet Trefoil Guild, all Canadian registered members of Guiding!

Why did we join? Some of us live too far away from other Guilds, even overseas; some of us like the diverse nature of the Guild and the ease of meeting online — there are many reasons — but once we join, we find the same friendship and connection to Guiding that local Guilds provide. This National Guild that is open to members across Canada is unique!

One of the interesting aspects of our Guild is the service that we do. We

provide a number of choices to members on our Power of Purple Yahoo site, like knitting hats for Shaken Baby Syndrome for newborns. Some of us chose to do service in our communities. Our members recently donated materials to create 52 craft kits to help girls in Nunavut and Dease Lake, BC celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday.

Join us, meet new friends, give service, attend meetings and parties online. Have fun!

For more information about our Guild please email 1citg@e-guiding.com.

More photos from Ontario:



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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 more than 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.