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Camp Creina Crest Competition

Submitted by: Iris Symon Photo by: Patti Salewski

Marian Davies, chairperson of the Camp Creina Committee presented each of the winners of the Camp Creina Crest Competition with a framed memento of their crest mounted on a collage of Camp Creina photos. A wonderful keepsake of the four NEW crests now offered at Camp Creina for \$1.87 each! Next time you're camping, check the Camp Crest Box and purchase one for yourself and your girls!



Tent Camping

Natalie Morelan,
Shawnigan Lake Guides.

Campfire Circle

Kathryn Schertzer,
Shawnigan Lake Guides

The Marshmallow Roast

McKenna Stein, 2nd
Shawnigan Lake Brownies

Diversity of Camping - from Bunkhouse to Tent

Connie Paradis, Adult
Member

Awards

Cherry Hossack - Gold Merit



Deanie Patten, our Area Deputy Commissioner, is pictured with Cherryl Hossack (yes, there are 2 r's in Cherryl's name) awarding her with the Gold Merit award for her ongoing dedication to Girl Guides in the Parksville Area. Cherryl has held multiple positions over her many, many years in Guiding, she has worked at every level from Sparks to Rangers, been a Commissioner twice, and has taken Rangers to Our Cabana twice. Cherryl has great enthusiasm for the Sparks and their Program, and often has them all out and about in the Community, and organizes many out-trips for her Sparks to enhance their Guiding experience. Deanie also gave a speech about one of our Sparks Leaders, and showed a picture taken of her a few years ago. Cherryl is pictured with that gift!!

Well done Cherry!!

Pacific Shores Area Awards

What an amazing year we have had so far in 2012 and it's not over yet. Congratulations to all of those who received Awards and Bursaries this year. You should be proud of your accomplishments.

Thanks to all the District Awards Advisers who are our link to the Guiders in the Area. Without you we could not recognize our Guiders and Girls.

Thanks to the Area Awards Committee Julie, Deanie, Pat, Lois and Teri without your help I couldn't have done it.

I was thrilled to be invited to the Water's Edge District Fun Awards night in May. I was able to meet Guiders and see the fun awards that were being presented. It was an honor to present Janice Fruech with the Medal of Merit. Congratulations Janice!

Other highlights this year were presenting Julie Duddridge with her 50 year membership pin. Seeing Bonnie Harbidge placed in the Provincial Book of Honor. Gold Merit awards were presented to Milvia Oldale and Cherryl Hossack. Silver Merit Awards to Donna Nolan and Barb Grant. Bronze Merit Awards to Nicle Devito and Sherry Mead.

Have a wonderful summer everyone you deserve it and I look forward to working with you again in the fall. Please consider coming to the Awards Road Show on October 13th 2012.

Yours in guiding,
Lee-Ann Knight, Pacific Shores Area Awards Adviser.



Edith Duncan (Krebs) Memorial Bursary recipient Emily Becker, Deanie Patton, Susan Zutz & Lee-Ann Knight



Janice Fruech Medal of Merit with Laurie Douglas and Lee-Ann Knight



Donna Nolan Silver Merit with Laurie Douglas



Barb Grant Silver Merit with Laurie Douglas

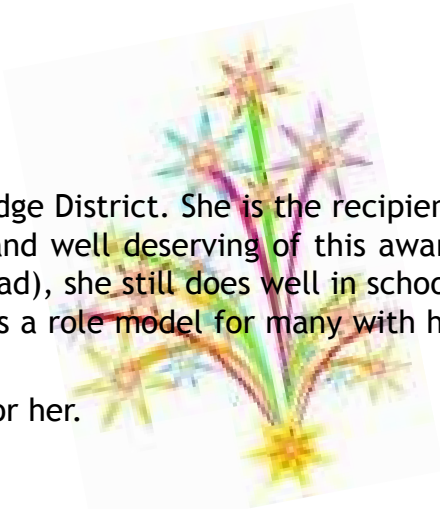
Girl Greatness!

Girl Greatness Award for Courage

This is Mackenzie H. with 1st Cowichan Guides, Waters Edge District. She is the recipient of the Girl Greatness Award for Courage. She is a special girl and well deserving of this award. Even though her dad disappeared last fall (and is presumed dead), she still does well in school and at Guides - earns badges, sells cookies, goes to camp. She is a role model for many with her spirit and dedication and is well deserving of this award.

Congratulations Mackenzie! Thank you to all who voted for her.

Karen Turner



Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

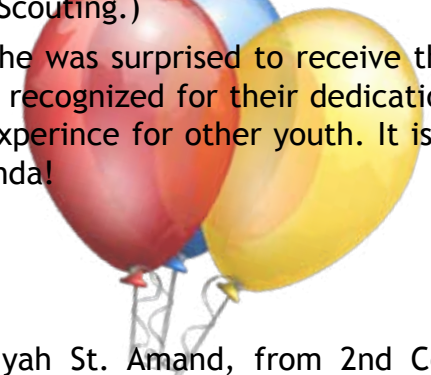


Susan Zutz awarded Arrowsmith Link Amanda Zutz with her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Pin, at Camp Coyote in Sooke.



Amanda was surprised with the presentation at the Camp where she was Camp Chief. Amanda is both a Link in Pacific Shores Area GG's, and a Rover with Scouts. She has completed her Duke of Edinburgh Award with service to both Guiding and Scouting skills, physical recreation and expeditions while she was a Ranger/Venturer, and Link/Rover. (yes, we are in Scouting Uniform, as we were at a Scout Camp, and we are both members of Guiding and Scouting.)

Along with her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, she was surprised to receive the Medal of the Maple, in which Scouting youth are recognized for their dedication to the movement, and enhancing the Scouting experience for other youth. It is a National Award in Scouting. Congratulations Amanda!



Cookie Allstars

Submitted by Pat Mahon

Alexandra Lazenby from 2nd Cowichan Brownies was one of the 23 top Cookie All Stars winners in BC.

Lexi, as she is known, sold a total of 80 cases of cookies to earn herself a netbook.



Kaliyah St. Amand, from 2nd Cowichan Sparks was the second of the two top Cookie All Stars winners in PSA.

She also sold 80 cases of cookies and she chose a Future Shop gift card instead of a netbook.

Hands Across the Border



Parade of American and Canadian participants through the Peace Arch

Some members of Water's Edge District on their way to Hands Across the Border



Trefoil

NIRC Group Tour

Submitted by Iris Symon



Three Trefoil groups from Parksville & Nanaimo formed a group of 10 on a tour of the North Island Wildlife Recovery Center in Errington on Tuesday, May 15th. The Nanaimo Trefoil Guilds: Last Bastion & The Boomers (7 in number) met shortly after 9:00, drove to Errington and met the 3 Parksville members from the Fun Seekers Guild at the NIRC. We were under the required 15 people for a guided tour, but were lucky to have Dave, a guide volunteer, take us around! What a bonus! The three hours that we were there sped by with lots of information, picture taking and touring of this fantastic facility. Dave gave us an excellent tour of the grounds, and was able to give us a history of birds and animals enclosed in cages, either waiting to be released again, or enjoying a wonderful life in their enclosures as they are unable to rejoin the "wild" because of injuries. A late lunch at Coombs was enjoyed by all. As we went our respective ways, we all commented on how much we had enjoyed the tour and the added pleasure of meeting some new friends.

Last Bastion Trefoil: Barb, Isabelle, Margaret, Nancy
The Boomers Trefoil: Candace, Susan, Iris
Funseekers Trefoil: Betty, Phyllis, Mary

1st Chemainus Pathfinders at HAB



Arrowsmith Rangers attend HAB

Amanda Wagar and Sandra MacNeill went to HAB this year, the 90th year of this event! Pictured in the background is the Peace Arch, under which we all parade and participate in friendly exchanges of crests and crafts after a ceremony and the singing of both the National Anthems.



Boomer's Trefoil Guild

Submitted by Iris Symon & Pia Pedersen



The Boomer's Trefoil Guild exercised with "Laughing Yoga" on May 31st. Joined by a few gals from BCAA, we learned that the brain doesn't realize whether a "laugh" was fake or real, the benefit is the same. We laughed and we laughed . . . it was a laughing-good time!

A great thanks to Deb Baker for arranging it.



Deb Keating, Iris Symon and Lee-Ann Knight at the April 21 Guiders gathering in Campbell River.

As a **Service Project** the Boomers Trefoil Guild decided to make up "birthday boxes" for Haven House. However, our "Boomerites" were so generous, instead of making individual boxes, we sorted into larger boxes: party supplies, loot bag/gift items, party wrap, even actual cake-making supplies! Susan & Iris took the donation to Haven House where it was gratefully received.



Service Awards



Julie Duddridge received her 50 year pin. Pictured in front with her new purple hat, scarf, glasses and "50-gifts" (50 plastic eggs, Werthers candies, jelly beans, plastic spoons, sticky notes, chocolate chips, cupcake cups, bobby pins, water balloons, pompoms, toothpicks, and 50 mls of purple shooters).

Also awarded were Lori Collier, Roberta Peterson and Iris Symon with their 30 year pins, Jeannette Brooks with her 20 year pin and Sylvia Constable with her 13 year pin.



Year End at Lee-Ann Knights



Rendezvous 2013 Invitation

Come to our 'Tropical Island'!



Pacific Shores Trefoil representatives,
singing the songs that Kathy Brown wrote.

Tune - Yellow Bird

Ren-dez-vous in A-pril of twen-ty thir-teen
Ren-dez-vous in Parks-ville an is-land scene

Come by plane or boat, drive the open road
Beach Club is the place, lots of rooms and space
Join the Tre-foil gals, all your pur-ple pals
(pause) see you in twen-ty thir-teen

Ren-dez-vous in A-pril of twen-ty thir-teen
Ren-dez-vous in Parks-ville a trop-i-cal scene

Lots to eat that's true, take a tour or two
Walk the beach by day, laugh the night a-way
Sing a song or two, meet friends old and new
(pause) See you in twen-ty thir-teen

Ren-dez-vous.....Ren-dez-vous...Ren.....dez....vous

Tune - Jamaica Farewell

Down the way, Tre-foil la-dies say
Time to head for ad-ven-ture in our pur-ple top
We'll take a trip on a ferry ship
And when we reach the is-land, we'll make a stop

So we're...glad to say we're on our way
To the island to laugh and to play
We're island bound, our feet are leaving the ground
We're off to Tre-foil Ren-dez-vous in Parks-ville town

Down in the lobby we will hear
Ladies cry out "It's so good to see you dear
You're looking well and it's easy to tell
That our hair's a little whiter than it was last year'

So we're...glad to say we're on our way
To the island to laugh and to play
We're island bound, our feet are leaving the ground
We're off to Tre-foil Ren-dez-vous in Parks-ville town

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Boomers at Provincial Gathering



The Dogwood Trefoil Guild Meetings

Submitted by Dee Smith



The Kinsol Trestle, also known as the Koksilah River Trestle, is a wooden railway trestle located on Vancouver Island north of Shawnigan Lake. It provides a spectacular crossing of the Koksilah River.

Completed in 1920, as part of the “Galloping Goose” rail line, its dimensions measure 44 m (144 ft) high and 188 m (617 ft) long, making it the largest wooden trestle in the Commonwealth and one of the highest railway trestles in the world.

It was built as part of a plan to connect Victoria to Nootka Sound, passing through Cowichan Lake and Port Alberni, when forestry had gained some ground on Vancouver Island and a more efficient way to transport the region’s huge, old-growth timber was needed. While it was designed by engineers, it was built by local farmers and loggers. The last train to cross the Kinsol was in 1979, and the trestle was abandoned 1 year later.

Due to the deteriorated structure of the Kinsol Trestle, the bridge was not usable by walkers or bicyclists on the Trans-Canada Trail and was in danger of being torn down because it posed an environmental concern and danger to the public.

This created some disagreement in the community. Some community groups set out to raise money to preserve the trestle for its historical and tourism value, whereas others simply wanted to tear it down. A major inspection of the trestle showed that 80% of the major timbers were still sound and that it is entirely feasible to restore this magnificent structure. It was calculated that the rehabilitation of the trestle would cost \$5.7 million.

A new 614-foot walkway atop the structure was installed for hikers, runners, cyclists and equestrians, as well as to ensure that the historic characteristics of this wonderful structure are preserved for the community and tourists. It was reopened on July 28, 2011. It is now forms a part of the Trans Canada Trail. There are picnic tables for visitors to use. Our Dogwood Trefoil Guild visited this site in May 2012 and officially welcomed two new members to the group; Donna Ferguson and Joan Mitchum.



30th ANNIVERSARY OF COMOX VALLEY TREFOIL GUILD



On Wednesday Oct. 24th 2012, 11am-2:30 pm, Comox Valley Trefoil Guild celebrated their 30th Anniversary by hosting a “Harvest Time of Fun” Luncheon at St. Peter’s Church Hall in Comox. Lunch of 2 soup choices, sandwich/bun makings, cake with ice-cream, fruit punch/tea/coffee were provided along with games, crafts, puzzles and songs/campfire with skits. We were encouraged to design a “Harvest Fascinator” hat and to wear it. A total of 30 guild members were present.



Comox Valley Guild (13 attended): Win Argue, Dorothy Bulcock, Ardythe Crawford, Marlene Fraser, Bonnie Harbidge, Hazel Howarth, Regine Kelly, Lynn Madill, Tina Manders, Terry Newell, Mary Savy, Margaret Slater and Margaret Standish

Last Bastion (9 from Nanaimo): Isabelle Armstrong, Nancy Bothamley, Kathy Brown, Sheila Carter, Joyce Command, Kathy Disher, Barb Guenette, Marie McCallum and Margaret Wehner

Fun Seekers (4 from Qualicum/Parksville): Rosa Hossack, Betty O’Rourke, Mary Sheil and Phyllis Young

Upper Van. Island (4 from Campbell River): Diane Askey, Jacqueline Laing, Vicky Stubbs and Margo Waterman



Margaret, Nancy, Joyce, Sheila, Isabelle,
Kathy B, Barb G, Marie, Kathy D



Phyllis Rosa Betty Mary
Young Hossack O’Rourke Sheil



Lynn Tina Margaret Dorothy Terry
Madill Manders Slater Bulcock Newell



Ardythe Crawford



Hazel Howarth, Win Argue



Mary Savy, Marlene Fraser



Diane Askey, Isabelle A



Jacqueline Laing, Rosa



Nancy, Vicky Stubbs, Barb



Mixer game: Colour scarecrow/match another’s



Craft station: place-mats for Meals On Wheels



Creating 1 of 3 campfire skits



Kathy B. leading Merry-Go-Round



46 members from 12 Vancouver Island Trefoil Guilds attended a day of visiting, laughing, eating playing Halloween theme games, and singing . (Last Bastion supplied desserts & beverages. This annual Last Bastion hosted event took place at Wellington Hall in Nanaimo.)



1st B.C. Lones Guild: Mary d'Isendoorn

1st Victoria Guild: Peggy Akenclose, Jean Baluch, Kathy Barnes, Brenda Jagdis, Pam Luco, Marjorie Shaw, Alice Thomas

2nd Victoria Guild: Sharon Fitch, Beth Jasper, Betty Kalbrath, Joan Ruskowski, Judith Williamson, Margaret Sharples

Comox Valley Guild: Bonnie Harbidge, Mary Savy

Cowichan Guild: Ethel Backlund

Faded Blue Guild (Victoria): Heather Nicol, Gail Wallace

Fun Seekers (Qualicum/Parksville): Wendy Haines, Rosa Hossack, Elizabeth Marsland, Betty O'Rourke, Mary Sheil, Phyllis Young

Kingswood (Vic., Sidney, Saanich): Flo Parker

Penninsula Pals (Vic.): Elaine Eastman, Sue Johnson, Mary Mitchell, Pat Sinnott

Purple Shores (Sooke): Pat Carr (& her care companion dog Molly), Shauna Francis

Upper Vancouver Island (Campbell River): Margo Waterman

< LAST BASTION GUILD:

Front left: Anne Beltgens, Johanna Scott, Barb Wilson, Barb Guenette, Marie McCallum, Joyce Command

Back left: Sheila Carter, Isabelle Armstrong, Nancy Bothamley, Elizabeth Berry, Margaret Wehner, Kathy Brown, Kathy Disher



Guests were greeted at the door by Joyce Command with name tags supplied by Sheila Carter, Kathy Brown welcomed everyone, Barb Guenette & our "kitchen witch" Elizabeth Berry made fruit kabobs. Barb Wilson "brewed" the punch; tea & coffee by Isabelle Armstrong. Nancy Bothamley was the creative genius for our Halloween décor. Johanna Scott also provided decorations & game ideas with Marg Wehner. Kate Hall supplied 'Pin the Tail on the Cat'. Other members supplied cupcakes & cookies. We also had "Yes, I'm Still A G. G." t-shirts & B.C. Trefoil scarves for purchase.



OUR GUESTS Halloween stickies on name tags designated table groups. Two table “ice-breakers” were Spooky Word Jumble and a frog quiz (Hip Hop, unhoppy, Leap Year, Hoppy Hour, etc.)



Flo Parker Joan Ruskowski Margaret Sharples



Brenda Jagdis Marjorie Shaw Jean Baluch Kathy Barnes



Alice Thomas Peggy Akenclose Pam Luco



Sharon Fitch Betty Kalbrath



Betty O'Rourke Elizabeth Marsland Rosa Hossack



Margo Waterman



Sue Johnson Elaine Eastman Pat Sinnott Mary Mitchell



Bonny Harbidge Mary Savy



Gail Wallace Beth Jasper Heather Nicol



Mary d'Isendoorn Ethel Backlund



Phyllis Young Wendy Haines Mary Sheil



Shauna Francis Pat Carr



Maggie, Pat's care companion

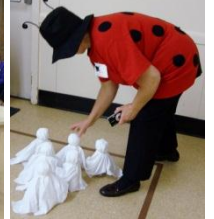
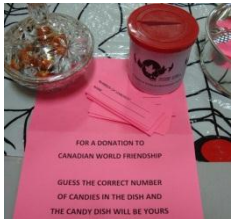
GAMES -Guess candies in jar & win jar =-\$44.00 for CWFF.

Grab That Ghost

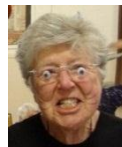
Kim's Game

Pin the Tail On the Cat

Ghost Bowling



COSTUMES



Guess who?

Prizes & door prize winners



Rosa, Mary M & Wendy H. won prizes and Marie McCallum's closest guess of 53 candies in jar (actual 56)

SINGING common songs adjusted to “Halloween version” and “traditional” Halloween songs: tunes & words thanks to Nancy Bothamley & Kathy Brown



Pumpkin Wonderland
Up In The Pumpkin Patch
I'm Dreaming of the Great Pumpkin

Twelve Days of Halloween
Shivery Yells

Ghost Of Tom

Woman In A Graveyard



Unit News

1st Maple Pathfinders

City Council Presentation - March 6, 2012

On March 6, 2012, members of the 1st Maple Pathfinders unit in Campbell River appeared as a delegation to City Council. The presentation was part of both their 'I Have to Give a Speech!' and 'Be a Model Citizen' modules, as well as their Citizenship Certificate. They had prepared a speech and slide show that outlined the history of Guiding, both internationally and in Campbell River. They explained what types of activities are done by all levels of Guiding. They told City Council what they liked about their community and gave some suggestions for how it could be improved. The Mayor then presented them with their Citizenship Certificates.



1st Port Hardy Pathfinders

Submitted by: Heather Jones

Here are a just few photos from our many activities this year:



In December the girls made a poster for the "Day of Remembrance", plus purple ribbons to wear to school.

February: a visit to the local gym to try out the equipment as part of the Active Living module.



April: a tour of the Coast Guard ship "Tanu" that occasionally docks in Port Hardy

April: Pitch-In Week litter pick-up



June: We went camping near Port Alice and took a side-trip to see a unique geologic feature called "Devil's Bath" (a huge limestone sinkhole)

Not much planned for the summer - except perhaps a float in the parade in July - although we will be busy recruiting some new Guiders for the Port Hardy area for the Sparks, Brownie and Guide Units.

Joyce Lonsdale Rangers

Submitted by: Lea Read

The Joyce Lonsdale Rangers were busy this spring. We treated ourselves to a SPA night with snacks, pedicures and facials. Great way to spend a bonding evening.

Our year long service project ended with helping at the Haven House Society's annual Walk A Mile in her Shoes fundraiser. The girls had a blast helping to set up, giving out fancy shoes to the participants and then helping guide everyone along the route. A very fun day to help a great cause.

Some of our girls went to Skeeter this year and had a blast, even though the weather was not the best. Camping is always a fun time!!

We were invited to go to the 1st Ladysmith Guides and watch a presentation by our own Maris Jahelka about her wonderful trip to Kenya last summer. Lots learned and what a great opportunity for our girls to be given.



We had our year end meeting at the bowling alley and had a great time! Wonderful way to wrap the year.



Our big year end camp was at Horne Lake. We had a great time going through the caves....we did the 3 hour tour. So much to learn and see, much more than I thought there would be. We squeezed through small openings, climbed waterfalls, sat in the darkest of dark and learned all about our caves. The tour guide was wonderful and the company very easy to work with. I highly recommend this for anyone. Great fun.



The advancement ceremony for Ladysmith was our last event this year. I had to say goodbye to 2 of my Rangers this year....Hilary and Holly are moving on to university and will be greatly missed. We gave out one Bronze, one Silver and one Gold Commissioners Award this year. I am very proud of all the Rangers and am very lucky to get to be involved with this wonderful organization.

Have a wonderful summer everyone and see you next September.

1st Campbell River Guides STEM Challenge - Bridge Building

1st Campbell River Guides thoroughly enjoyed the STEM Challenge - particularly the bridge building project, the egg toss (wrapping an egg in recycled material to protect it before being tossed), and the bottle rockets.



Arrowsmith Rangers at Advancement

Submitted by: Susan Zutz

Our Arrowsmith Rangers were very busy this year!

Helena is a first year Ranger, she is an exchange student from Germany. Helena worked very hard in her year with Rangers, volunteering with a local Scout Troop to earn her Ranger Service Pin, and both her Bronze and Silver Chief Commissioner's Gold Awards. Amanda is the recipient of the Silver CCGA and the Ranger Service Pin, Sandra and Emily are the recipients of their Gold Chief Commissioner's Award, earned by completing their Ranger Service Projects and Cookie Campaigns. Emily was also awarded the Commonwealth Award, and Sandra was also awarded her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at Advancement this year.

Congratulations ladies!



Helena Fey, Amanda Wagar, Sandra MacNeill and Emily Becker.

1st Chemainus Pathfinders

Submitted by: Kym Whitefield

The 1st Chemainus Pathfinders at their Advancement Ceremony which was held in June at Water Wheel Park in Chemainus.



Last official meeting of the 1st Chemainus Pathfinders found them making duct tape bracelets.



Guider Shauna Randell & Pathfinder Georgia enjoy their Arm Pit Fudge.



Smiles for a great year from the 1st Chemainus Pathfinders and their last meeting till September.

2nd Cowichan Brownies

Celebrating their year end at Transfer Beach.



Port Alberni Community Guiding Units

Submitted by: Susie Quinn

From left: Gabrielle Staddon, Kimmy Schulze and Mackenzie Boudreau of the 1st South Port Guides in Port Alberni build a tripod shelter on the beach at Rath Trevor Provincial Park during a day camp in May.



Members of the 1st South Port Guides of Port Alberni are silhouetted in the setting sun at Rath Trevor Provincial Park during a day camp in May.

Karley Muller from the 2nd Mt. Cokely Brownie unit in Port Alberni sets deer hide drum skins out to dry for a craft at the Port Alberni community Camp Totem, June 1-3 at Beaver Creek Hall.



Members of the Tseshaht First Nation spent the day teaching members of the Port Alberni community guiding units crafts like cedar bark braiding (using raffia), deer hide drums and dreamweavers and traditional dances during Camp Totem, June 1-3 at Beaver Creek Hall.



Port McNeill Guiding Units

Submitted by: Cathy Griffith

This is a photo of the Port McNeill Guiding members that participated in our Pitch In event on April 23. The photo was in the North Island Gazette's April 26th edition.



Who's Feet?

Can you Guess?



District Events

Waters Edge Awards Night

Submitted by Laurie Douglas

Waters Edge District felt very honored to give one of our own, Janice Frueh a Medal of Merit Award at our recent Fun Awards Night! Other awards worthy of recognition were Mary d'Isendorn 55 year pin; Silver Merit Awards for Barb Grant and Donna Nolan; Bronze Merit Award to Sherry Mead; BC Guider Appreciation pin to Catherine Fritsch; ACL Awards to Roanna Mc Cormack and Heather Rendell; and several Unit Guider award pins.

Of course our Fun Awards are always a big hit too! Last year it was the coveted bra for 'supporting the girls'-- this year it was the Depends, 'for all of us dependable Guiders'!!

Campbell River District

Submitted by: Barb Wood

Thinking Day - "Global Awareness" - February 22, 2012

On top, underneath and beside the two long tables were items for the Campbell River Transition House. Diapers, toothpaste, books, clothing, transit tickets, money, food, etc. were donated by Guiding members and the community as part of the Thinking Day activities. Approximately 100 girls and 25 Guiders, along with many parents, participated in a District Thinking Day event held at Ecole Willow Point Elementary.

The Transition House speaker informed us about the safe house, what it did and who came there. With the stand-up display of the House, girl's and adult's attention was drawn to ask questions about the various floors, rooms, their contents and the service of food.

Down the hall, the cultural and traditional effect on women and girls in Saudi Arabia was presented. Covered in a black abaya from head to toe, including wearing long black gloves, the speaker talked about her experiences of living in an Arab world for several years. Several designs of burkas were demonstrated including a highly decorative one worn for weddings. Glittering floor length dresses worn by princesses were also on display.

In the gym, two centers had active international games ranging from Norway to Sri Lanka which added to the theme.

The 1st Maple Pathfinders wrote and then presented a song in recognition of Lady Baden Powell and Thinking Day. It was wonderful! The audience was encouraged to join in singing the chorus.

"Global Awareness" was our main theme with an emphasis on how females are treated in some societies compared to what we experience in Campbell River.



Arrowsmith Community Guider Dinner

Submitted by Susan Zutz

The Arrowsmith Community held it's annual Guider's Dinner in June and a great time was had by all. Our Co-Commissioner Lorna came over from Port Alberni with Gina and Milvia to join us.

In these pics are (random order): Lorna, Milvia, Gina, Deanie, Rhonda, Cheryl, Rosa, Theresa, Jaime, Alyssa, Heather, Kris, Jessica and Anna.

I was there too but I was busy taking the pictures!! lol



Campbell River District

Submitted by: Barb Wood

Year End Advancement Ceremony - "Jewels of Guiding" - May 30, 2012

To the tune of 'Dynamite' by Taio Cruz the surprise everyone was anticipating happened. A flash mob by the members of the Campbell River District was activated! Some of us went in different directions, had different movements, but generally had lots of laughs and plenty of fun!



Barb Wood, Rebekah Spring, Candace Armstrong, Amber Spring

Over 70 parents, grandparents, siblings and friends were astonished as more than 60 girls and Guiders took over half of the Ecole Willow Point Elementary gym for this presentation.

Area Commissioner, Dawnette Humphrey, watched and enjoyed the action. This was all part of our year-end presentations and advancement ceremonies.



Barb Wood, Kayla Armstrong, Candace Armstrong, Amber Spring

Guiders Rachel Ricard, Laura Hagen, Emily Kobetitch, and Karin McCune received the Bronze Unit Guider Awards. Guiders Nicole Walker and Jeannie Crivea and Pathfinder Michaela Keehn received the Team Award. District Commissioner, Barb Wood, received the Gold Thank You Pin.

We had two Guides receive their Lady Baden-Powell Award - Rebekah Spring and Kayla Armstrong.

The theme for the evening was 'Jewels of Guiding'. Each member present was appreciated with a bracelet that had several jewels attached. Girls and adults are the most important jewels for Girl Guides of Canada - Campbell River District.

Camping Newsletter

Submitted by: Colleen Cooper

My term as Pacific Shores Area Camping Advisor will end this fall. I have had a great 3 years and have enjoyed meeting lots of great women who love camping as much as I do. Please give your full attention and support to our new ACA Wendy Jackson. You will notice her name on emails and notices, as I want to give her as much information and updates as I can to make the transition smooth.

Planning a camp or unit adventure?

Need to send your Safe Guide paperwork to an assessor?

Here's where the list of BC ASSESSORS can be found!!!

We are encouraging Guiders to look on the BC website for an up to date assessor list. This is the easiest way to keep it up to date. So, from the www.bc-girlguides.org website:

1. go to the Resources tab
2. on the left side click on the Assessors BC list
3. you will be asked for a password
(for privacy of information)
4. type in the 4 numbers of the BC Guide House street address -1476-and hit submit

(The nice part of using the street address... if (or when) you forget the password, you can easily find it on the "contact us" page on the website)



The BC assessors are a provincial team and you are welcome to choose an assessor in your Area or somewhere else close by. Please note that at this time, there are more assessors in the interior and on Vancouver island. Any of them would be able to help with your assessment, and they often have a slightly lower workload.

New Signs For Creina

Submitted by Iris Symon

At the last Camp Creina meeting, Donna Sainsbury displayed the two signs, made by Klitsa Signs, Courtenay, that have been made for display at Camp Creina. Both, beautifully etched into cedar slabs, will be on display at Camp Creina soon - one is the Donation display board, to be hung inside the new bunkhouse at Maple Lodge; the other will be hung at the (former) main campfire circle (below Maple Lodge & Khenipsen), newly renamed to honor the Brunt family who have donated so much time and energy to Camp Creina over the past 30+ years!



Provincial Camp Workshop

Submitted by Iris Symon

The Provincial Camp Workshop "3 R's of Camping" was held October 12-14th at Camp Kanaka, (Lougheed). Pacific Shores Area had the biggest group of attendees, made up of Camp Advisers, camp enthusiasts, presenters and the Provincial Camp Committee. It was a very WET weekend, but everyone had an interesting time and came away with some additional information or skill.

Attending: Elenor Hurst, Kevin Breakey, Gail Temmell, Cindy Popplestone, Susan Zutz

2nd row: Susan Stephens, Lynda Willey, Maureen MacKay, Susan Lehmann, Rae Ann Bond, Iris Symon, Colleen Cooper, Wendy Jackson



'T'S NOTHING PERSONAL'

During my 14 years of Guiding, I have noticed and experienced first hand how friendships are built, and then torn apart in Guiding. Everytime I hear of a friendship gone bad because of Guiding, it makes me sad. I have become good friends with alot of ladies I have worked with over the years, and I truly treasure the sisterhood of Girl Guides because I do believe in it. Sadly, some Guiders come into Guiding thinking it may fill a hole or void in their own lives - and if it does, that is a good thing. Some too, come into Guiding with more of a control issue--they want something to call their own. But what happens when that "void" rears it's ugly head and becomes much more in that Guiders life and now rubs off on the girls and other Guiders in that group? What if it becomes soo much, that friendships are broken between Guiders?

While printing some new Guider forms, I read the Code of Conduct while I waited. I think this is a very useful tool that we all need to look at more than the one time we did when we signed it years ago. It states "refrain from words, actions and behaviour --in any medium --that demonstrates disrespect from other Members, volunteers, employees or family members of such individuals". I look back and see that even recent action on MY behalf (albiet venting to co-commissioners and close Guiders) could be lumped in here, and I am guilty! Are you?

I guess it is a sign that we are all human. It happens in our own personal friendships and with our own families. I guess I look into my rosy glasses too much and wish we could look upon our Guiding sisters as a real support -- and not bring our own personal struggles into the mix. Or, if they do become part of the mix-- to realize that and to step back for the better of the group, or simply cry upon your co-Guiders shoulder. It would make you feel better, and feel closer too! Your Guiding Unit is not your own 'personal property', and it is shared leadership meaning one Guider should never be alone.



COMMUNICATE -- this has been one of the biggest hurdles I think that brings us all to the frustration of the personal issues in Guiding. ASK questions when you don't know or when you need help, TALK to someone you trust in Guiding, and make yourself available to ANSWER questions when asked. Guiding brings many, many rewards--why not reap what you sow? We would all be on a beach somewhere if we took our Guiding rewards and cashed them in.

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Area Council Welcomes new Advisers

Pacific Shores Area Council would like to give a warm welcome to our newest Advisers! Everyone please join us in welcoming:

Susan Zutz, Coastal Rainforest District
Link Adviser

Mary Savy, Comox Valley
International Adviser

Sharon Wood, Hurford District
Program Adviser



A big thankyou to these three very dedicated guiders who will be bringing their special and unique qualities to their positions. We are privileged to have you on the Council.

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