

The Log Jam

November 2013

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

Commissioner's Letter to Pacific Shores Area

Hello Everyone and welcome to the first edition of the newly re-launched Log Jam . This is OUR very own news letter where we can read about what's happening in Pacific Shores Area. This is your forum to share those wonderful stories about camps and sleepovers, enrollments and special events. The Waters Edge guiders want to know what the Broughton Strait girls have been doing, the Coastal Rainforest District is interested in the projects that Hurford District is involved in. All over our Area there are girls having fun, creating new friendships and having the kinds of adventures unique to guiding .

At the BC Council meeting this fall I was asked the question: how is our Area doing in terms of membership growth? I was proud to say that Pacific Shores Area is going strong. Our girl membership has grown slightly compared to the same time last year, but what's really exciting is that we have 23 new guiders this year! I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome these wonderful ladies who have made the decision to join this incredible organization for girls and women. There is so much opportunity for growth within the guiding movement. I know that for me, guiding has rewarded me in ways that I never expected. I have given to it, but I have received so much more in return.

I heard one of our Guiders say just recently when welcoming a new guider "There's no need to try and re-invent the wheel". She was referring to the numerous resources that are available at our fingertips from GG of C to aid guiders in delivering the program to their units in safe, interesting and exciting ways. That mixed with enthusiasm mixed with a mentor's support makes for an awesome new leader!

This year is going to be busy with patrols going to SOAR and two groups planning International trips plus 3 more trips on the horizon for 2015. I'm hearing a lot of buzz about unit camps and District events. It's going to be a great year! Remember to share it with us in LOG JAM!

As I embark on my new journey as your Area Commissioner I want to say how honored I am to be associated with all of you. You are truly AMAZING. Thank you for all you do for our girls.

Deanie Patten

Kathy Brown

Kathy Brown, Guiding member of 47 years, is a role model, a true friend and "Sister in Guiding." Her unselfish enthusiasm and sharing of her amazing musical and financial talents are exceptionable.

Amazingly positive, she thrives on challenges, is unceasingly dependable, organized and consistent.

As area financial advisor, part of the area Guide store management team and in her numerous Camp Creina positions, her financial records and reports were always excellent and above the expected.

Using her excellent communication and organizational skills, she relates to all with respect and genuine caring. A calm catalyst, inspiring everyone to do their best, she empowers her team to find solutions. Wrinkles and bumps are calmly and concisely handled in her very unique way.

With Kathy present, it does not take long for her voice to be heard leading a group of girls or Guiders in song. Kathy's music camps are a BC legend. Her wonderful campfires, planned and spontaneous, touch the hearts of many a girl and Guider.

Kathy was the driving force in the success of two provincial Trefoil Rendezvous events hosted on Vancouver Island. Not only did she plan these events in every detail, she took the time to conduct pre-event music camps - a great joy to Trefoil Guild members who attended.

Pacific Shores Trefoil Guilds thank Kathy, she exemplifies the true spirit of Guiding.



Awards

Please be sure to check out the Award info page and see if there are Guiders who are deserving of any of these Awards. The Awards Committee is here to help you reward our Guiders. Contact Lee-Ann Knight Awards Adviser. lee-ann.knight@shaw.ca





The Awards Committee wishes you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to working with you in 2014.






BC Awards Committee Quick Reference of Awards Available



*For complete details of each award please see
Guiding Essentials-section 5 &/or Adult Member Support-Module 6-Awards and Recognition

PIN	AWARD	COUNCILS CONCERNED	REQUIREMENTS	TIMELINE
	New Unit Guider Appreciation Pin	Unit → District Presented by Unit Guider's council and only presented once	Presented to each Unit Guider in the first year of service to GGC in a Guiding Unit. Transitioning Members are eligible. No award application is required.	
	Thank You – Merci Silver Pin	Presented in consultation of council concerned	Given to non-Members and volunteers to show thanks and appreciation.	Up to 1 month
	Thank You – Merci Gold Pin	Given by any registered Member in consultation of council concerned	Good Service to Guiding. Letter describing service to Guiding. It may be given more than once. This may be awarded to any registered Member.	Up to 1 month
	Letter of Commendation	Given by any registered Member in consultation with the awarding council	Appreciation when appropriate. One detailed supporting letter describing service to Guiding. This may be awarded to any registered Member.	

	Team Award	Unit → District → Area (in consultation)	Extraordinary Teamwork for an event or project. Two detailed supporting letters from Members not part of the proposed team.	2 – 3 months
	Commissioner & Administrative Community Leader Award (ACL Award)	District → Area (in consultation)	This award is presented to commissioners who lead by example. Two detailed supporting letters	Up to 2 months
	<u>Unit Guider Award</u>			
	Bronze (1-3 years)	Unit → District → Area (in consultation)	These awards are presented to Unit Guiders who help girls achieve greatness.	Up to 2 months
	Silver (4-10 years)	Unit → District → Area (in consultation)	The years of experience are cumulative. The bronze can be received by a Unit Guider in her first year.	Up to 2 months
	Gold (11+ years)	Unit → District → Area (in consultation)	Each requires: Two detailed supporting letters.	Up to 2 months

Next Log Jam Deadline February 12, 2014

The Log Jam has traditionally been published quarterly and I hope to get back to that schedule. I'm just not sure yet, how the year will be divided. Next deadline has been set as Wednesday February 12th, 2014. I hope to have great input from all of you. With print media it is so hard having to decide what must be cut when the available copy exceeds the available space. On line, there is little limit to the amount of stuff that can be included.

While I have been doing layouts for print media for over 3 decades, this is my first layout for digital media. Hopefully, the photos are the proper resolution, and the type the right size for easy reading.

Please send only one photo per email. Text can be sent in either plain ext format, or as a word document, or, if you have a Mac like I do, Pages works great too. Please don't send text as a PDF ... but forms and tables (like the Awards listing) above are great as PDFs.

Lynn Reeve

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Chocolaty Mint Success

Third Year Pathfinders (Nicole Scherr, Clementine Nixon, Holly Gordon and Sarah McDougall) from 1st Oceanview Pathfinders in the Hurford District of Girl Guides of Canada had a great time selling Chocolate Mint Girl Guide cookies Saturday and Sunday October 19 and 20 at Thrifty's Longwood. People were generous and eager to get home with their treat on a foggy day. Thanks to the staff at Thrifty's for letting the girls come inside out of the cold. Funds from the sale of these cookies will go toward a trip to Europe in 2015 to visit 2 of the World Centers, a great honor for any Guide.



1st Wellington Pathfinders Visit Gabriola



The 1st Wellington Pathfinders spent the Remembrance Day Weekend on Gabriola. The Nanaimo/Piper Sparks came to the Pathfinder meeting the week prior and they made thankyou cards for the Vets which were handed out on Gabriola. Three Gabriola Guides joined the Pathfinders for one night. They all went to the Remembrance Ceremony on Mon. Nov. 11 where they handed out programs, laid a wreath and recited a poem for the Vets.

While the 1st Wellington Pathfinders were on Gabriola Island they did a service project with 3 Gabriola Guides. They stayed at the Rollo Seniors Center where they cleared out a lot of brush behind the building so a trail for the seniors could be started. They spent an hour and a half and did an incredible amount of work during that time. The fellow who got them working on this project was totally amazed at how much they accomplished. Note in the picture as the girls were leaving the piles of brush on either side of the trail.

