

# The Log Jam

Summer 2016

## Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area



### Words from Barb Wood, Area Commissioner

I find it hard to believe that I am writing to you as Area Commissioner. I am so honoured to have been selected, to have the pleasure of working and playing with such a wonderful group of talented women on Area Council, and to have had the opportunity to meet with so many Guiders, girls and parents through my attendance at several District year end celebrations. I look forward to meeting with even more of you during my term.

Deanie Patten's last event as outgoing Area Commissioner was celebrating with Guiders and girls at our annual Pacific Shores Area Guider Gathering and AGM on April 30th. This year's event, hosted by Comox Valley District, was held at Crown Isle Resort in Courtenay. This beautiful setting provided an opportunity for all of us to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. This gathering was specifically designed to honour our twenty-six 2015 Canada Cord and six 2015 Chief Commissioner's Gold Award recipients and to acknowledge the accomplishments of our five bursary recipients. Congratulations to each of you!

This special occasion also gave us a chance to acknowledge three exceptional individuals: Deanie Patten and Pat Mahon were both awarded the Fortitude Award –this award is presented to individuals who have shown great courage and endurance in adversity; and, Patti Salewski, who was presented with the Book of Honour Award – this award is presented as a lasting form of recognition to honour outstanding members of Guiding who keep the spirit of Guiding alive by living the Promise and Law. My personal thanks goes out to Deanie who continues to mentor me as I move into the Area Commissioner position and who is delighting in the extra time she has on her hands!

In addition, we were very fortunate to have our outgoing Provincial Commissioner, Dawnette Humphrey, join us. As a past Pacific Shores Area Commissioner, Dawnette holds a special place in our hearts and, as always, inspires us to celebrate each Guider's and girl's achievements during the year and encourages us to 'continue to share our talents and abilities to build girls into strong women that will truly make a difference in the world.'

Congratulations to the many Pacific Shores Area girls selected to attend Pedal Haida Gwaii, Amazing Race BC 2016, Pathfinder Paddles, BC to Peru 2016, and Sangam, as well as those attending other summer camps (such as, More Seaside Fun and GM2016). Have a fabulous time and bring back lots of memories to share with all of us!

## More from Barb Wood

I want to thank each of you for your contribution to Guiding within Pacific Shores Area. To the Unit Guiders, I know how much time and creativity you put into running your unit meetings and although I know your reward is sharing in the smiles and laughter of the girls participating, I want you to know that your efforts are truly appreciated. You are the heart of our organization. To all of our Guiders on Area and District Councils, our District Guiders, and our Trefoil Guild members, thank you so much for the many hours you put into supporting all of the Unit Guiders and the girls. During my term I am hoping to bring closer ties between each Guider in Pacific Shores Area and our Area Council. I encourage each of you to bring forward your creative ideas to Area – ways that we can help provide meaningful and exciting programming, ways that we can assist Unit Guiders and District Commissioners in supporting each other, and ways that we can work together more efficiently and effectively. My best wishes to all of you for a wonderful summer filled with moments of joy and laughter!

## Awards -WE LOVE OUR GUIDERS!

I must say it was an overwhelming amount of awards this year. Congratulations to those receiving Gold thanks, New Guider or Unit Guider awards this year. Your work doesn't go unnoticed and without you, our Units would not be possible. Then there are those most dedicated ones, who have shown over and over how much they love Guiding. I apologize in advance if I have omitted anyone, and will correct any error in the next issue, but I am pretty sure this list is complete!

Bronze Merit were awarded to -- Teri Wilson, Barb Baldwin, Jessica McIntyre, Nicole Guizzo, Mayra Funes, Seija Laine, Caitlin Morris, Susan Potts, Karen Turner, Kym Whitefield, Sandra High Bronze MERIT (not to be confused with Bronze Unit Guider) means dedicated service to Guiding.

Silver Merit were awarded to -- Diane Dennis, Michelle Bennett, Sue Lehmann Silver MERIT (again, not confused with Silver Unit Guider) means excellent service to Guiding.

Gold Merit were awarded to -- Johanna Scott, Kevin Breakey, Janice Frueh, Kelly Phillips, Carol Smith Gold MERIT (again, not confused with Gold Unit Guider) is for outstanding service to Guiding.

Our own Pacific Shores Area awards went to Barb Wood, Donna Nolan, Genevieve Singleton, and Bonnie Kent

ACL Administrative Community Leader award went to Noreen Keen, Kris Kjellbotn, and Samantha Hackett

BC Guider Appreciation award went to Lynne Macara

Team awards were presented to many Guiders! Amanda Gilmore, Kari Rose, Nancy Quist, Donna Nolan, Cindy Popplestone, Carol Smith, Kate Boyd, Erin Gatt, Donna Lewis, Christine Boyd, Caitlin Morris, Lola Sinclair, Kathryn Turner, Kathleen Bouch, Tracy Harvey, Nancy Harvey

...and now for some ***REAL BIG AWARDS!***

Patti Salewski received her name in the Book of Honour. This is a Provincial level award and given to someone who has made a significant contribution to Guiding. Patti is a Unit Guider but most noteworthy our Area Treasurer for several years, mentoring many treasurers, correcting our errors and keeping our financial house in top notch order. Her picture and profile are in a special book that travels all over BC, and she received a pin to mark this HUGE accomplishment.

Not one, but two Fortitude Awards were given this year. Neither Guider would have ever wished for such an award with what they faced health wise -- but we are so happy they are both on the mend and getting back on track! Congratulations to Deanie Patton and Pat Mahon. This is a National

Award and well deserved!

I would also like to thank my committee members -- Julie Duddridge, Lorna Tetrault, Pat Mahon and Ann Henkelman. I will give your inbox a break.

A reminder that awards can be given at any time throughout the year. If you have any questions feel free to ask your District Awards Adviser, or if you don't have one, your commissioner. Recognition is so very important for Guiders, it makes us all feel special and needed. And without any of you Guiders, we would not have met one another or given our best to the girls!

Have a great summer break!

Laurie Douglas  
Area Awards Adviser

## **A Number of Girls were Recognized at the Guider Gathering.**

**Canada Cord Recipients** - 12 - Alexis Bishop, Ryanna Darbyshire, Leigh Hanika, Emma Hender, Charlotte MacKell, Jenna McColman, Chelsey Murday, Gloria Ober, Linda Scott Jolly, Breanna Snyder, Aila Thompson, Sadie Tucker

**Chief Commissioner Gold Awards** - 4 - Darcy Darbyshire, Grayce Hilton, Emily McComb, Hannah Taylor

**Bursary Recipients** - 3 - Grace Telfer, Darcy Darbyshire, Virginia Lefaux

**Several girls were not able to attend that presentation** -so we should make mention of them too -- they were--

**Canada Cord** -- Jaidyn Twamley (Coastal Rainforest), Cassidy Anderson (Waters Edge), Marissa Caron ( Nan-Piper), Samantha Chouinard (Nan-Piper), Sierra Clark (Comox Valley), Jacqueline Halabura (Nan-Piper) Erinn Hobson (Malaspina strait) Kira Keir (Waters Edge) Hailey Urbanoski ( Nan-piper) Charlotte Walford (Malaspina strait)

**Chief Commissioners Gold Award** -- Cassidy Anderson (Waters Edge) Stephanie Peeling (Nan-Arbutus)

**Pacific Shores Bursary** -- Nyree Mc Gonigle (Hurford) (also recipient of 2016 BC Council Bursary) , Hayley Reeve-Hamilton (Nan-piper)

## **Deadline for the Fall Log Jam Friday September 30th**

**Send your submissions:**

- \*stories about your summer adventures at camp, at home or off in foreign lands.
- \*ideas for greater Guiding adventures
- \*achievements by your girls or Guiders

**to Lreeve@telus.net**

**Words** can be sent as Word, Pages, or text documents.

### **Photos MUST be JPEGs.**

There is an increasing problem with photos being too small to use. We need photos in their original size. Yes, I know that means you can't send a whole bunch in one email but a whole bunch in one email creates other production problems.

**PDFs will not be accepted.**



# Rally in the Valley

On May 29th 1st Maple Guides from Campbell River made the journey over to Langley for Rally In The Valley. Fiona and I took 4 of our 3rd year Guides over for a day of fun filled with lots of laughs, singing, new friends and of course TRADING! We surprised the girls with a limousine to take us from the ferry to the event and back, they all thought it was pretty cool to be riding in style. The girls spent their trip home looking through all of the goodies they had traded and swapping stories from the day that will truly turn in to memories that will last a lifetime.



*1st Komux Sparks*  
planting the "Mile of Flowers" in Courtenay.



They also found time to have fun at the playground.



And were given a tour of  
442 Squadron by 2 female pilots.





# Komux Sparks go Camping



No, a  
crab on  
your  
finger  
does not  
make  
you  
crabby!!!



The 1st Komux Sparks camp at Elkhaven Lodge on Denman Island was a first for all the girls and a couple of the Guiders. We got to experience a little more rustic camping than first planned as the power (and consequently the water) was turned off for our last 8 hours of the camp, but true to Guiding, we were prepared!

The nature and free play were a greatly enjoyed by the Sparks - and the leaders who got to watch them enjoy the great outdoors and each other's company.

Denman Island potter Patti Willis did a clay project with us and we are looking forward to seeing our fired projects when they are done.

The weather even held out and stopped raining just as we arrived!

The favourite activity for the girls was the campfire - particularly eating S'mores.



## The Dogwood Trefoil Guild



Relaxing at the Morden Mine

The Dogwood Trefoil Guild of Ladysmith has been having a lovely spring and start to the summer. In December we collected items for women in need and submitted our collection to our local resource centre to be given as gifts to the needy women. January was our finger foods and regular meeting. February was TD so we had a meeting at a local restaurant with a beautiful presentation by members of our group discussing the MG of this year. March was a sleep over in Thetus at our member Virginia's lovely b&b. Amazing food, crafts and camaraderie and of course a meeting. April was a visit to Pike Point in Nanaimo with a BYO lunch picnic and meeting. May was a meeting at the Morden Colliery at Cedar. An interesting discussion re the industry and what it has meant to the local development followed by a meeting. June was a trip to Victoria. This way one of our members who now lives at a facility there can still participate. The meeting was at the market in the old Hudson Bay building with lunch at the market followed by a visit to the olive oil shop. This was followed by a shopping session of course. 3 of us drove to Vernon. 3 of our members went to the Gathering. We have an active group with generally 8-9 people participating in the various informative and fun activities. We are also growing our membership by activity talking to interested past Guides as well as new people we meet.

## Guiding In Uclulet



Guider Jan Rodgers, Seija Kennington and Guider Faye Kennington.

Seija Kennington of the 1st Ucluelet Girl Guides received the Lady Baden Powell Award at our year end beach celebration on May 30, 2016. In addition to meeting the award requirements, Seija has earned nearly all of the Interest Badges for Guides. Seija helps the community by volunteering at the Ucluelet Aquarium on a weekly basis.



**1st Wellington Brownies** created these cookie crafts recently. We delivered a basket of cookies (and Happy Spring Bookmarks and Cards) to the seniors of Berwick on the Lake on May 2nd when they conduct our "Campfire" there with the **1st Nanaimo Sparks**. We loved the girls enthusiasm in creating these cookie decorations.