

The Log Jam

Summer 2018

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

Area Commissioner's Report Barbara Wood

How quickly life can change and I can only thank Johanna Scott and Margaret Slater, Deputy Area Commissioners, for all their work in keeping Pacific Shores Area functioning in my absence. It certainly makes one stop and realize the importance of keeping at least one other person informed of everything you are doing so that, if something unexpected happens, there are others that can pick up where you left off. So often one Guider ends up planning and organizing everything for a meeting, so what happens if they get sick? So often one District Council member agrees to run a District Event, so what happens if they end up with a family emergency? In my case, I was fine one day and totally out of commission the next day and unable to advise Johanna and Margaret of any historical context on how to deal with all the complexities of running the Area.

I am thrilled to be able to take back my role as Area Commissioner for the balance of my term and to have the opportunity to, once again, thank each of you for all you have done for your Units, your District Councils, your Trefoil Guilds, your Area and your Province. As you celebrate at your advancement ceremonies, take a moment to congratulate yourself on everything you have done to help each individual (girls, Guiders, and yourself) to become 'everything she wants to be.'

During the Area Guider Gathering you recognized our Lifetime Members and our Guiders who have provided 50 or more years of service. You also celebrated the achievements of our Canada Cord recipients, our Chief Commissioner's Gold Award recipients and our bursary recipients (as well as bursary recipients from the Last Bastion Trefoil Guild). We also had the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of our past Area Council members. These talented and dedicated women, whose terms ended in 2017, provided invaluable guidance and direction to our Area. My thanks to Waters Edge District, Johanna Scott, Margaret Slater, Ann Henkelman and Laurie Douglas for putting on such a great event. You also welcomed Tara Decker, Deputy Provincial Commissioner, to join this special celebration. On a personal note, I was humbled to receive my Fortitude Award and touched by the thoughtfulness of having a video of the presentation prepared.

Treasure the memories that you have created during this Guiding year. Enjoy a wonderful relaxing summer, recharge your Guiding batteries, and get ready to welcome even more girls into our organization! My thanks to each of you for everything you are doing to grow our Area and for sharing your talents and creativity.

Hike for Hunger



Hike for Hunger – 1st Komux Guides, Pathfinders and 1st Comox Valley Rangers participated in their Annual Comox Hike for Hunger. We raised 3500 lbs of food!

2nd Parksville Guides visit Saysutshun



Hiking Up Hill

1st Cowichan Guides did the ALL UPHILL hike to the “Inukshuk Village” Cairns up Mount Tzouhalem for their meeting April 25th. 5 km round trip singing Guiding songs all the way. Guider Susie Potts was VERY pleased she stopped to take pictures and missed the dreaded “Baby Shark” song LOL.

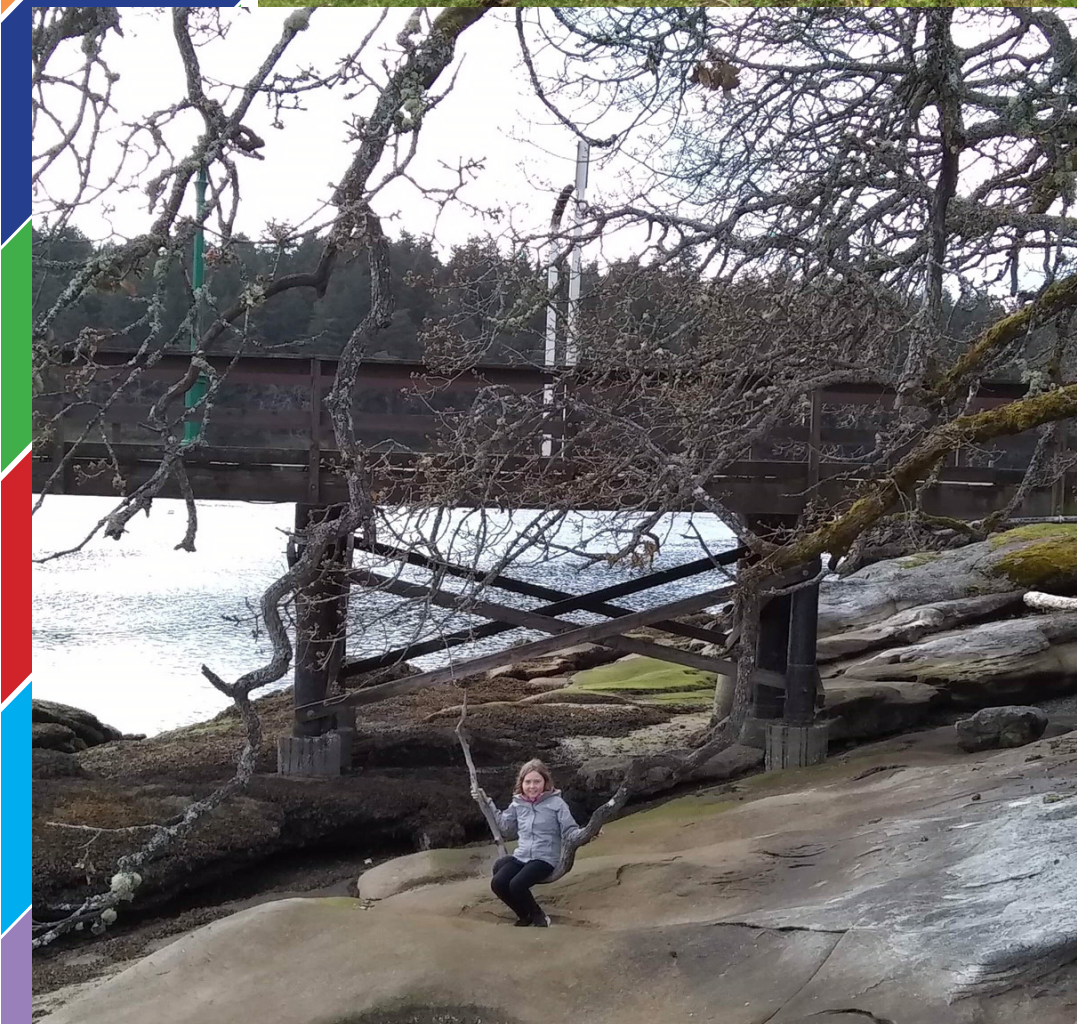
On the way back down the hill, the sky was starting to light up in the most glorious of pastel colours and I caught two of the girls chatting on the main roadway lol. This is Guiding in my eyes.



2nd Parksville Guides went to Saysutshun (Newcastle Island) on Earth Day weekend. We explored our environment, learned some history, had a picnic, and got a surprise catamaran ride back to Nanaimo when the water taxi broke down.

(Note: Saysutshun is the original First Nations name for the island and so the one I have practiced listing first. They received control of it back from the provincial government several years ago)

Girl  Guides
Everything she wants to be.



The Area Guider Gathering

held this year in Crofton and hosted by Waters Edge District



What happens when 12 people sitting on 12 chairs have to move 1 chair to the left if their answer to a random question is YES? Not everyone will answer yes so not everyone moves. The result is people sitting on each others laps, empty chairs and much laughter. This was the entertainment at Guider Gathering this year. Waters Edge claim to be a fun district, and if this game is anything to go by

This is the day for awards presentations:

First up, Canada Cords



Province was represented by Deputy Provincial Commissioner Tara Decker. Tara hails from the Okanagan and the highlight of her day was flying over from the mainland on a float plane!! She was thanked with this whimsical floral arrangement.

This year's Canada Cord recipients in Pacific Shores Area were:

Alenor Boyd (Malaspina Strait)
Jenna Kowell (Malaspina Strait)
Misty MacDonald (Malaspina Strait)
Chyanna Nivens (Malaspina Strait)
Sydni Piccinin (Malaspina Strait)
Isabelle Nivens (Malaspina Strait)
Breanna Brosko (Comox Valley)
Abigail Ogilvie (Comox Valley)
Marina Barker (Comox Valley)
Goldie-Lynn Beckett (Comox Valley)
Rachel Hamilton (Nanaimo Piper)
Morgan Gaudet (Nanaimo Arbutus)

Mariann Seward (Waters Edge)
Alicia Sloan (Waters Edge)

Canada Coprd Recipients were unable to attend:

Hanna Hobson (Malaspina Strait)
Alexa Trevisanutto (Malaspina Strait)
Lacey Forbes (Comox Valley)
Anet Scaria (Coastal Rainforest)
Jaiden Gray (Nanaimo Arbutus)
Casi Little (Waters Edge)
Ara Risling (Waters Edge)
Rory-Lynn Bradshaw (Waters Edge)

Chief Commissioner's Gold Award:



Rebecca Griffith (Broughton Strait)
Danielle Lacasse (Broughton Strait)
Owl Mulholland (Campbell River)
Erin Hobson (Malaspina Strait)

Laura Snelling (Waters Edge)
Teah Whitefield (Waters Edge)
Hope Caldwell (Waters Edge)

Catherine Chinn (Malaspina Strait)
Sarah MacDougall (Hurford)
Mikaela Hitchen (Nanaimo Piper)



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Heather McNeill was presented with her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Pin. Heather successfully completed the requirements of the Gold level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program in Service, Skill, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey. The Official Certificate Presentation will take place at a later date with a member of the Royal Family or Official Representative (Governor General of Canada)

Heather started in Guiding as a Brownie, and went through all the levels, earning her Lady BP Challenge in Guides, her Canada Cord in Pathfinders, her Commonwealth Award and her Gold CCGA too. After Rangers, she had been a Pathfinder Guider, and is still a member of Link.

Two Guiders were presented with The Award of Fortitude:

Nancy Bothamley was on hand to receive her award.
Photo left, Kevin Breakey pins on Nancy's Award of Fortitude pin.

Barbara Wood also received the Award of Fortitude
which was presented to her by Johanna Scott and Margaret Slater on May 11th in Victoria
(two weeks after her release from hospital)

This award is presented to a member of Guiding
who has overcome great adversity, frequently a very serious illness.

Bursaries



Pacific Shores Area Bursaries were presented to Sadie Tucker and Breanna Snyder. (photo left)
Acting Area Commissioner Johanna Scott made the presentations.

Hailey Urbanoski and Jenna McColman, Received the
Last Bastion Trefoil Guild's Bursaries.
(photo right)

Nancy Bothamley and Kathy Brown presented the Last Bastion bursaries.



Acknowledgement of Long Service



Velma Bercier,
President of the Cowichan Trefoil Guild
and Chair of the Duncan Guide Hall
50 years

Lee-Ann Knight
Member of the Boomers Trefoil Guild
50 years

Sally Pilyk
Member of the Dogwood Trefoil Guild
60 years

Yvonne Walmsley
Member of Cowichan Trefoil Guild
55 years

Connie Wray
Member of Salt Spring Island Trefoil Guild
55 years

Angie Blake
President Alberni Valley Trefoil Guild
50 Years ... but she has 53 years

Peggy Hartman
Member of Alberni Valley Trefoil Guild
55 years ... but she has 59 years

Mary D'Isendoorn
Member of the Lunchkins Trefoil Guild
and the Internet Trefoil Guild
60 years

Guiders completing various area positions were presented with Gold Thanks Pins



The following were presented with Gold Thanks Pins:

Marina Rispin .. outgoing Area Treasurer
Cindy Popplestone .. outgoing Property Advisor
Patti Salewski .. outgoing Registration Assistant
Joan Morgan .. outgoing Financial Reviewer for District Books
Karin McCune .. outgoing Commissioners for Campbell River District
Christine Boyd .. outgoing Commissioner for Malaspina Strait District
Margaret Slater .. Co-Commissioner for Comox Valley District and Training Advisor
Noreen Keen .. outgoing Commissioner for Nanaimo Arbutus District
Wendy Jackson .. outgoing Camp Advisor
Ann Henkelman .. outgoing Trefoil Representative
Morgan Darbyshire .. outgoing PR Adviser
Gloria Millar .. SOAR Liaison
Marjorie Colebrook .. SOAR Liaison

Rosa Hosack ... Book of Honour

Rosa has 52 continuous years as an Active Guider, and is still going strong. Rosa is a true Guider at heart, and at the age of 93, a wealth of Guiding and Music knowledge to any Guider or Girl Guide.

Since moving to Parksville in 1970, Rosa became a Guider in the Arrowsmith Community. She has held many positions within the Guiding movement; Grandma Spark, Brown Owl, Guide Guider, District Commissioner, Music Adviser, Area and Provincial Music Trainer and Mentor.

Rosa has always championed her Units and District, encouraging the girls and Guiders, by giving them opportunities to broaden their knowledge and experiences.

Rosa has always fostered affections for music and singing, inspiring Guides and Leaders alike to sing to their best ability. She taught us about the importance of music and ceremony in our Units. It is really heartwarming that she can still give, unabashedly and wholeheartedly, joy found in the love of music and singing.

In honour of Rosa's contribution to our District, our Council created the Rosa Hossack Challenge. Rosa designed the crest and the requirements for the Challenge, still available today for our Guiding members to earn.

Rosa is a founding member of the Fun Seekers Trefoil Guild. She attends as many events, luncheons and outings as she can muster, spreading the joy of singing and Guiding. Rosa looks forward to events to connect with Guiding friends across Canada. Rosa loves attending Provincial and National Trefoil Rendezvous'.





STOP ... Girl Guide Cookies are Here!!

1st Wellington Brownies,
(left)

Nanaimo Piper District
Blitzin' at
Country Club Mall.

1st Powell River Brownie
Londyn Waterton
and 2nd Powell River Spark
Talia Chapple
selling cookies at Save On Foods. (right)
Malaspina Strait District



1st Wellington Brownies
(Nanaimo Piper District)
had a great tour and a great
evening
with the firefighters
of Nanaimo Fire Rescue
Station No. 1.

