

# The Log Jam

Summer 2019

Chapter 1

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

## A Few Words from Area Commissioner, Barb Wood

Thank you all so very much for giving me the honour and privilege of serving as your Area Commissioner. These past three years have flown by and I have each of you to thank for being such an important part of creating special Guiding memories for me that will last a lifetime. As you know, my goal, at the start of my term, was to bring the face of Area to Units, Districts and Trefoil Guilds. I treasure every moment that I got to spend with everyone that I met along this journey.

Special thanks go to all of the members of Pacific Shores Area Council for your contribution to the success and development of our Area. Area, and I, also owe a great debt of gratitude to our Deputy Area Commissioners – Johanna Scott (who reviewed the Criminal Record Check lists and, with the planning committee from Campbell River District, hosted a wonderful 30th birthday celebration for Sparks at our Area Guider Gathering); Margaret Slater (who kept our day-to-day financial records accurate and assisted with the Financial Review and the Compliance Report – with the assistance of our Area Treasurer, Roanna McCormack); and Noreen Keen (who, with the help of her outstanding planning committee, put on spectacularly successful Rally on the Shores). Most importantly, their guidance and support helped to make this Area a place where girls and Guiders can become ‘everything they want to be.’

In 2018-2019, our membership increased due to the time and effort each of you has put into supporting our girls by providing exceptional programming, a safe space, and a caring, supportive and inclusive environment. All of you are incredible women who have given time and effort to enhancing your Units, Districts, Area and Trefoil Guilds. In the process you have enriched my life and the lives of your girls and your sisters in Guiding! As you move forward, remember to share the load, to ask for help if you need it, to support one another, and, most importantly, to take care of yourself.

Your new Area Commissioner will have her own goals to pursue and I encourage each of you to consider coming out to join Area Council and join in the fun of planning and participating in new and exciting adventures.

As Winnie-the-Pooh stated, “How lucky I am to have had something that makes saying goodbye so hard!”



Head table: Provincial Commissioner Leslie Bush, Area Commissioner Barb Wood, Deputy Area Commissioners Johanna Scott, Margaret Slater, and Noreen Keen; Ann Henkelman; and Member of Parliament for North Island-Powell River Rachel Blaney

## Guiding Gathering

The Eagles Lodge in Campbell River was full of green, red, blue, purple, and PINK for the Pacific Shores Area annual Guiding Gathering on April 28th. The hosting District, Campbell River, were very recognizable by their pink shirts proclaiming “I promise to share and be a friend”. The theme for the event was “30 years of Sparks”.

39 Pathfinders in Pacific Shores Area earned their Canada Cords in 2018. 17 Rangers in Pacific Shores Area earned their Chief Commissioner’s Gold Award in 2018. Both groups were recognized with a letter from the Prime Minister and a rose from Area.

Leslie Bush, Provincial Commissioner, brought greetings from Province. A resident of Prince George, Leslie spoke of how much better our winter weather always sounded ... but after spending hours on the dock in Tsawwassen the day before because of high winds, she conceded that maybe their cold and snow wasn’t so bad after all. This was Leslie’s last official engagement as Provincial Commissioner as her term ended just 6 days after this event.

Rachel Blaney, Member of Parliament for North Island-Powell River, spoke about the need for more women representing us in Ottawa. She mentioned that the Centre Block of the Parliament Building (currently undergoing major renovations) has a shortage of women’s bathrooms and what they have are small. When the building was built, there was no need for women’s bathrooms as women didn’t even have the right to vote never mind run for elected office. She also offered to let anyone interested to shadow her for a day just to see what sort of things an MP did as part of their job.



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## 2018 Canada Cord Recipients

Stephanie Addison (Nanaimo Arbutus District)  
 Molly Caverley (Nanaimo Piper District)  
 Erin Clothier (Hurford District)  
 Jennifer Green (Mountain Valley Trail District)  
 Hannah Hitchen (Hurford District)  
 Stryder Howe (Malaspina Strait District)  
 Elizabeth Huot (Nanaimo Piper District)  
 Caitlin Ingram-Reid (Mountain Valley Trail District)  
 Teagan Kropp (Mountain Valley Trail District)  
 Katrina Kuylowich (Mountain Valley Trail District)  
 NaLa Lisch (Comox Valley District)  
 Katiana McCune (Campbell River District)  
 Makayla McGaghey (Comox Valley District)  
 Ella Page (Hurford District)  
 Natalie Prowse (Comox Valley District)  
 Caity Sayers (Nanaimo Piper District)  
 Megan Sitko (Comox Valley District)  
 Hanna Thomson (Hurford District)

unable to attend:

Angelica Allen (Blue Herron District)  
 Sofia Amato (Malaspina Strait District)  
 Charlotte Bennett-Peters (Blue Herron District)  
 Akiva Berry (Mountain Valley Trail District)  
 Abbigail Boettger (Malaspina Strait District)  
 Samantha Caron (Nanaimo Arbutus District)  
 Petra Dobek (Nanaimo Piper District)  
 Nicole Gent (Blue Herron District)  
 Augusta House (Mountain Valley Trail District)  
 Alexa Huisman (Comox Valley District)  
 Jocelyn Maguire (Nanaimo Arbutus District)  
 Jennifer Mahon (Mountain Valley Trail District)  
 Joy Morgan (Malaspina Strait District)  
 Amy Nowell (Blue Herron District)  
 Gabriella Oloriz (Blue Herron District)  
 Emma Phillips (Blue Herron District)  
 Amy Ruegg (Malaspina Strait District)  
 Sierra Sampson (Comox Valley District)  
 Brandy Sisson (Trillium District)  
 Emily Swain (Coastal Rainforest)  
 Mya Zroback (Malaspina Strait District)



## 2018 Chief Commissioners

### Gold Award

Alexia Bishop (Nanaimo Arbutus District)  
 Marissa Caron (Nanaimo Piper District)  
 Emma Hender (Mountain Valley Trail District)  
 Charlotte MacKeil (Mountain Valley Trail District)  
 Breanna Snyder (Comox Valley District)  
 Haileigh Toews (Hurford District)  
 Hailey Urbanoski (Nanaimo Piper District)

unable to attend:

Carlie Aston (Blue Heron District)  
 Sarah Caldwell (Blue Heron District)  
 Sophia Fava (Blue Heron District)  
 Desiree Karlsen (Mountain Valley Trail District)  
 Kira Keir (Blue Heron District)  
 Jenna McColman (Nanaimo Arbutus District)  
 Chelsea Murday (Comox Valley District)  
 Kachina Small Wolf (Blue Heron District)  
 Madeline Swain (Trillium District)  
 Sadie Tucker (Mountain Valley Trail District)





were presented to Guiders ending their term  
in a variety of roles

Jessica McIntyre - ended her term as DC for Hurford District  
Seija Laine - ended her term as C0- DC for Waters Edge District  
Kim Whitefield - ended her term as Co-DC for Waters Edge District  
Caitlin Morris - ended her term as Co-DC for Waters Edge District  
Nadine Gough - ended her term as Co-DC for Broughton Strait District  
Kelly Phillips - ended her term as DC for Comox Valley District  
Ann Henkelman - ended her term as Membership Advisor  
Skip Marshall - ended her term as Co-Camping Advisor  
Jill McCormick - ended her term as International Advisor  
Marion Davis - ended her term as Properties Co-Advisor  
Jeannette Brooks - ended her term as Area Fundraising Approver  
Carolyn Wood - ended her term as Medical Specialist on the Special Needs Team



## Bursary Recipients

**Last Bastion Trefoil Guild Bursary** .. Patricia Hitchen  
**Pacific Shores Area Bursaries** .. Megan Griffith, Stephanie Lacasse, Breanna Lecompte, Chelsea Murday (unable to attend)

## Long Service Awards were presented to the following

Trish Crumpton 50 years member Boomers Trefoil Guild  
Betty O'Rourke 50 years member Fun Seekers Trefoil Guild  
Jaqueline Laing 55 years member Upper VI Trefoil Guild  
Peggy Hartman 60 years member Alberni Valley Trefoil Guild  
Diane Askey 60 years member Upper VI Trefoil Guild

Sheila Carter 50 years  
Donnella Smith 55 years  
Maureen Lawrence 65 years



Mary D'Isendoorn (left) is a life member with 61 years in Guiding. Iris Simon (right) *only* has 37 years.



## Busy girls in Kelly Creek ... Malaspina Strait District

Kelly Creek Multi-branch unit did a shoreline beach cleanup on April 24th at Palm Beach, Powell River. (left)

The Kelly Creek Sparks and Brownies made pizza box solar ovens in Powell River, BC. We talked about energy conservation and renewable energy options. (Below)



## Ladysmith Sparks meet an Owl

1st Ladysmith Sparks, Blue Heron District spent an afternoon at The Raptors in Duncan. Getting up close and personal with the beautiful Daneyars (Dani), Great Horned Owl and Owl Handler, Brooke.



## 2nd Parksville Guides had a Cheezy Time at Little Qualicum Cheese Works



They posed for a group shot on the tractor: laughed at the silly signs, and then .....  
got to sample the various types of Little Qualicum cheese!!



# Geocaching



Iris Symon and Susan Stephens from the Boomers Trefoil Guild introduced geocaching to 4th Wellington Guides, 4th Nanaimo Guides and 3rd Nanaimo Pathfinders at a bridging meeting at Bowen Park April 24th.



A couple of Cookies from 1st Randerson Ridge Guides were seen selling cookies at Quality Foods, Northridge, in Nanaimo.



## Building Forts



BC's Provincial Commissioner-elect Diamond Isinger shared a link on the unofficial Guiders' Facebook page that led to a fun STEM activity: building forts made out of newspaper tubes. I happen to work at a newspaper with an unending supply of newspaper, so I grabbed a couple of bundles, downloaded the instructions and brought it to our unit. Guider Alyson and parent helper Shannon helped the girls assemble their tubes and make their forts while I was knitting with the group that wanted to keep knitting.

(The link that Diamond originally shared is no longer working, but I found instructions at this link: <https://modernparentsmessykids.com/play/> Allison Waken of All For the Boys blog has also pinned her newspaper fort post with photos and instructions on Pinterest.)

The forts are made with newspaper pages rolled into tubes and stapled at the joins.

## KNITTING 101: Girl-led fun with knots

Two of our Guides, Danica and Madison, are knitters. It's no secret to my unit that I am also a knitter, and we have talked about the craft, especially Madison and I. One day she asked me if it would be OK to teach the unit how to knit. She said Danica also knew how, and they would both like to take on that challenge.

I picked up some sets of used knitting needles at a couple of thrift stores, and we have a stash of yarn in our Girl Guide supplies. A parent helper also knits, so Shannon and I were able to help Madison and Danica teach the rest of the unit how to knit.

One other Guide, Jenna, is into macrame; I brought some macrame cord from my personal supplies and asked her if she would like to do that instead. She ended up helping two other third-year Guides start a small wall hanging.



When it was time to wrap up our meeting, every single girl asked if we could please knit at the next meeting as well, because they didn't feel they had enough time. We left an hour in the next meeting to knit and knot as well.





On March 14th, 2019 the 1st Komux Guides, from Comox Valley District, Pacific Shores Area, took a trip to Vancouver. The purpose of the trip was a bridging with other Guides, Brownies and Pathfinders at the Vancouver Aquarium for a sleepover. They also visited the Telus Science World. It was a great trip and amazing experience for the girls and guiders alike.

## 1st Komox Guides



# 1st Wellington Brownies .. Nanaimo Piper District ..

1st Wellington Brownies built and painted a small garden planter for their succulent. All the materials were provided by the Home Depot. The girls also received their own Home Depot Apron and a Certificate of Completion. This was a fantastic evening encompassing our Girls First, Build Skills - "How To", as well as allowing our 2nd years to complete the Key to I Can. A Big "Twit Twit Twoo" to Shannon and Madi who ran the Workshop.



***There will be more LogJam coming!!!***

This is Summer 2019 Chapter 1.

Chapter 2 should be along  
in about a week!!