



"Rendezvous in a Box"  
2022 Edition

BC TREFOIL GUILD NEWSLETTER



## Hello British Columbia Trefoil Guild Members!!

Welcome to a Special Bulletin showcasing our Rendezvous in a Box – “A Walk Down Memory Lane” ~ A Trefoil Guild Event!!

COVID 19 has prevented us here in BC to physically gather together for our Annual Trefoil Rendezvous for the last 2 years. This year, a way to possibly enjoy Rendezvous differently, has been designed, by giving those of you who wish to participate, the choice of activities from Rendezvous in a Box - “A Walk Down Memory Lane”. We had a booklet with activities you can do as an individual, as a small group, or even join together with another TG Guild. Activities just like you’d do at the Provincial Rendezvous; service projects, indoor and outdoor activities, crafts, videos to watch and even a campfire in which to join.

All of this is suggested to happen sometime in the month of May during your meeting time together as a whole Guild, small groups of Guild Members or as individual Members. Some participated into June 2022. Others have reported that Guild Members are very busy this time of year; but will keep it in mind for another time.

*I hope you enjoy viewing how Guilds around BC celebrated  
“Rendezvous in a Box”.*

### Blazing Sages Trefoil Guild - Kamloops

On June 4 we had 15 ladies attend Down Memory Lane Rendezvous. We started out with an icebreaker game about Guiding facts – new and old. We opened our day with the Guiding Horseshoe. I must say we did a wonderful job on the horseshoe. We had a Kim’s game with 20 misc Guiding items. We had a wall with Past and Present pictures of ladies in our Area – was so nice to see all of them. We set up a silent auction and this ran all day. We collected \$185.00 from it and it was our fundraiser for CWFF. We also collected 15 pairs of old eye glasses. We had lunch (hot dogs and veg’s) and had the original Girl Guide cookies. The cookies were baked by one of our members and the ladies had to decorate them for dessert. After lunch we had a scavenger hunt. We had to collect items in the building and we made a balloon bouquet and a plate with the Trefoil drawn in sand. It was so awesome to see the ladies running around collecting items, many smiles and laughs. We then played Jeopardy, with misc Guiding categories. Oh, the ladies were very competitive and we found out about some Guiding history of our Area that most of us didn’t know.

To finish up the day, Dorothy Lind came and did the campfire for us. Thank you, Dorothy, you did such a wonderful job with the campfire.

The Blazing Sages would like to thank the ladies that put “Rendezvous in a box” together, it was a lot of work but I am sure that everyone had a great time putting their own “Down Memory Lane” together for their Guild.



The Scavenger Hunt



Playing Jeopardy

**Blue Genes Trefoil – Salmon Arm**

Four of our gals got together in Blind Bay on Shuswap Lake to share memories and enjoy the “Down Memory Lane” campfire. It was wonderful to see each other in person again!



Two of us (plus dog) took a hike in the Highlands overlooking Blind Bay.



It was a beautiful day to sit out on the deck and sing along with the PowerPoint campfire.



“Put your hand in mine, now our friendship’s begun!” 🎵

### How Did We Get Here? Trefoil Guild- Surrey

After so many months apart, How Did We Get Here? Trefoil Guild were keen to participate in several Rendezvous in A Box (RiaB) activities throughout the month of May. We held a Planning Meeting via Zoom in mid-April and decided to embrace the theme of “A Walk Down Memory Lane”. The activities we planned were done with this in mind.

Our Guild was formed in August 2011 and at that time our members all lived locally either in Langley or Surrey. Over time we gained members in Revelstoke and Penticton and over the course of a bit over a decade, a few of our members have moved away to Lake Country, Hope and New Brunswick.

Our very first activity as a Guild was to gather for dinner at a local restaurant. It seemed fitting that our first RiaB activity should be dinner out. Eight of us met at Royal Oak Restaurant in Surrey and enjoyed a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship and laughter around the table.



After dinner we went for a pleasant stroll a short distance away at Godwin Farm Biodiversity Preserve.



Our second RiaB activity was to gather in memory of Seanna Fekete who sadly passed away in July 2020 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. A purple lilac has been planted in Seanna's memory in the Memorial Garden at St. Andrew's-Newton Presbyterian Church. We decided to meet at the Memorial Garden to remember our Purple Sister on what would have been her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Lianne Duina-Smith brought a bag of crests and Guiding pins to share that had been given to her by Seanna's family after her passing. Joanne Senetza brought a photo album that Seanna had given her. One Christmas Seanna had made each member of our Guild a photo album of our various Guild Purple Shenanigans. Seanna loved to collect and trade crests and pins and she also loved to take photos. We felt it was a nice tribute to a very special person.

In 2012 during the Queen's Jubilee our Guild enjoyed High Tea at Seanna's home. We dressed up in fancy dresses and wore fascinators. Judy Morris bought a pair of white gloves for each of us.



For our third RiaB activity we decided to hold a Virtual High Tea over Zoom so that our members who no longer live locally could participate too. We invited Darlene Kent to join us and were very happy that even though she was feeling under the weather that she joined in on our High Tea. Claire Pallen led us in several very fun High Tea games which had us all laughing and chatting while nibbling on goodies and drinking tea. There were even prizes for the game winners which Claire has mailed off to Lianne for distribution.



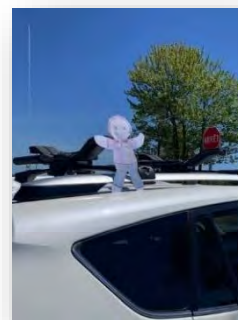
Our last RiaB activity was to meet for a Picnic Supper at Fleetwood Park in Surrey. We each brought our own supper and were delighted that the weather was excellent. The last time we met at this park was in September of 2020 when we said a fond farewell to Carol Fitchett who was moving to New Brunswick. After supper we took a nice stroll through the gardens and then briefly played on the playground.



Our Guild has always enjoyed participating in the Rendezvous Service Projects. And this time was no exception. After a short discussion on the Service Project options, Claire mentioned that pre-COVID her Guild in Vernon created Birthday Party Boxes for low-income families who might not be able to afford a birthday party for their children. This Service Project appealed to our Guild. Sheila Tymoschuk offered to find an organization locally who would accept our donations. Sheila connected with Boys and Girls Club – Surrey Branch and they were very grateful to receive our donation of nine Birthday Party boxes which were dropped off by Sheila, Lianne and Janice Kaczmar. We enjoyed putting together the Birthday Party boxes and are considering doing it again in the future.



At our planning meeting it became apparent that several of our members were going to be on vacation during the month of May but they still wanted to participate in RiaB. We decided to create "Travelling Trudy Trefoil", similar to Flat Stanley, to go on adventures with our Guild members. Christine MacDonald drew Trudy Trefoil in uniform, shared her with our Guild and the fun began. Trudy Trefoil has been camping, kayaking, on a ferry, on a plane, in a camper, travelled on the Juan de Fuca Trail, made it across the country to New Hampshire, drove across the border into Washington State, participated in a road trip to Quebec, joined in birthday celebrations in Arizona and popped up in Hope, Lake Country, Revelstoke and New Brunswick. She also attended our local activities and is happy to join in Purple Shenanigans wherever her Purple Sisters want to take her. Here's just a small sampling from Trudy's photo album:



Our Guild enjoyed completing several of the Scavenger Hunt items. Joanne took on the task of compiling our Guild history – to the best of our knowledge, amongst our 17 Guild members we have accumulated a whopping **584** years of service, and have held more than 65 unique positions in Guiding. We've been Guiders at every level; District, Division and Area Commissioners; Advisers and Deputy Advisers of all types (Camping, International, Membership, Program, PR & Training) and at all levels from District to Provincial; we've been secretaries, treasurers, quartermasters, first aiders, mentors and trainers; we've sat on countless committees and have been represented at every SOAR from 1995 to 2017 as Site Guiders and Core Staff, right up to SOAR Steering Committee members! One of our members was even on the National Selections Committee; another was an invited Canadian trainer at Our Cabaña.

How Did We Get Here? Trefoil Guild enjoyed our time together participating in RiaB activities. We spent a good bit of our time reminiscing about the things we have done together as a Guild and remembering the Guiders we have met at a number of the B.C. Rendezvous and National Gatherings. It was nice to have an opportunity to reflect on the various events we have assisted with such as the Fraser Skies Snowflake Ball, those we volunteered at like the B.C. Summer Games and Run For A Cure and those we participated in, especially Relay For Life. Our Guild definitely had a delightful stroll down Memory Lane while participating in RiaB events.

Thank you to Darlene Kent and the Rendezvous In A Box Planning Committee for creating the opportunity for B.C. Guilds to get back together for some Guiding fun.

### Kanaka Trefoil Guild – Maple Ridge



Riley, from our Guild baked the 1910 cookies for us .... Very tasty, not as sweet as cookies of today.

Sitting around a fire pit with "typical" campfire food.





### LA Lakers Trefoil Guild – Coquitlam

We had a great meeting in May reminiscing.

Lots of good memories - We used old photos and crests to prompt our memories!

- we named 9 PC's, 9 Lougheed Area commissioners
- Recalled locations of 5 Rendezvous, names of the 18 provincial areas, and the 10 current areas
- Places we had camped at
- We forgot to add up the years of Guiding – but according to my records it would be 581 years!! - For 16 members

Sorry no pics.

### Last Bastion Trefoil Guild – Nanaimo

Our Guild held a Campfire where they played the Campfire PowerPoint in an afternoon meeting.

### North Shore Energetic Wanderers – North Vancouver

Travelling by bus, sea bus, and sky train, our group decided to explore a new neighbourhood in which to enjoy the scavenger hunt from Rendezvous in a Box. Laberge Lake in Coquitlam was chosen and proved to be a fun place in which to play games, enjoy the climbing apparatus, identify nature, plant a commemorative circle and complete as many as possible of the challenges while remembering so many times of our Guiding life together. We concluded our outing back in our own area of Lions with the local suggestions for exploration and so ended a really fun day out down Memory Lane.







Travelling in their neighbourhood, they found house numbers to show the Guiding dates of the past and today .....



### Lions Area Trefoil Guilds – North Vancouver

Ming Berka planned a Down Memory Lane Campfire for Lions Area Guilds to gather together to sing, share memories and eat treats. This included Jill baking the 1910 cookies!! “So happy to see friends and eating goodies....as well as singing!”





**South Okanagan Trefoil Guild - Penticton**

The South Okanagan Trefoil Guild Rendezvous in a box started with a Show and Tell of Guiding items and memories from each member.



This was followed up by a Reverse Kim's Game (with items from the 4 World Centers).



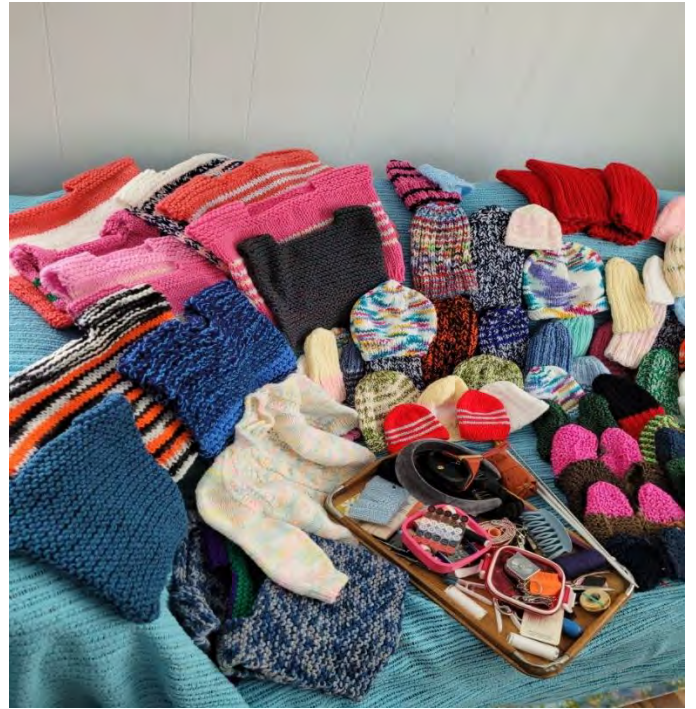
We went to the park for a scavenger Hunt.



We also colored pages from the "box", played cat's cradle and twirled buttons on a string. Used our 2<sup>nd</sup> language skills including reading and listening to French on TV. We had a Wine and Cheese party in the park, individually wrapped cheese and cracker plates, and wine optional. Lots of good conversation was enjoyed by all.

For our Service Project, and our ongoing Canadian Food for Children (CFFC) regular knitting project of hats, mittens, slippers, pneumonia vests, sweaters, blankets etc. We added a gift for the moms, sewing notions, hair accessories and other useful bits and pieces.

This was a lot of fun..... but really wish for Rendezvous 2023 to be “in person”.



### WOW Trefoil Guild – Prince George

Some members of our Trefoil went to Ispah campsite along with two other guilds and other Guiding members. Here are some pictures from it. We have also planned a walk around the lilacs and a picnic up at UNBC. We had planned to discuss our history in Guides. Unfortunately, the weather hasn't cooperated. Maybe next week.





**Violet Energy Trefoil Guild - Surrey**

Our Guild came out of hibernation, and became active again using the Rendezvous in a Box activities.

## *Thank you's to those who put the project together....*

When I first suggested this project; a Team of Guiders quickly came together and it took off. It was a pleasure to work with each and every one of them. Saying **"Thank you"** does not do justice to the time, energy and dedication each of these Ladies put into this project.

Sincere thanks go to *Lianne Duina-Smith, Tamar Dewey and Wendy McCormick.*

The second piece of our box was the Campfire PowerPoint. My sincere thanks go out to *Dorothy Lind, Kathy Brown, Ming Berka, Sheila Mackenzie-Brown, Shelagh Walsh and Vicky Ford.*

In the end, I shared the whole package with my counterparts across the country. Once again, BC Guiders are taking the lead in the world of Trefoil.

I personally had a wonderful participating with my own Guild and with a few others around the province. My participation pieces for the How Did We Get Here? TG Zoom call.



You all have done so much to allow us here in BC to celebrate the Spirit of Guiding and the Purple World of Trefoil Guilds. I will never be able to thank you for all you have done. You each are a wonderful example of the Sisterhood of Guiding.

Hoping everyone enjoyed our new way to celebrate the BC Provincial Rendezvous. It's wasn't as nice as in person; but I think we did showcase Trefoil Guilds in BC.

Questions? Comments? Thoughts? Contact Darlene at [bc-trefoil@girlguides.ca](mailto:bc-trefoil@girlguides.ca)

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