

Hello British Columbia Trefoil Guild Members!!

The World of Trefoil Guilds - Ladies who want Friendship and Fun.
& Ladies who are Girls at Heart!!

Welcome to the Winter Edition of our Bulletin.



A Winter Holiday Message from Darlene...

No matter how you celebrate this time of year, do it with family and friends near and dear to you all. Looking forward to seeing how Guild's celebrate the diversity of our Guiding Sisterhood.

So, from my family, we wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Hoping you all have a fabulous 2022.

I would like to extend a huge **"Thank you and we will miss you!!"** message to Marion Weir. Marion is moving to Alberta; so, our loss will be their gain. As we move forward towards a new Guiding normal, I'm sure we will continue to hear from her or about her Guiding projects. Personally, I will remember Marion for the SOAR's I attended. I know her Area (Fraser Skies) will miss her dearly.

Marion, from myself and all Trefoil Guild Members, we thank you for all you have done and accomplished for BC Guiding. All the best in all your future endeavours. Much love and happiness being sent to you from all of us!

New Information as we finish off 2021!!

Important info on the Return to In-Person Protocols

Darlene (in consultation with the Safe Guide Adviser) sent an email to all Guild Leads and Contacts which was a friendly reminder to all Trefoil Guilds that as Trefoil members, we agree to abide by all of GGC's Code of Conduct & organizational policies which include Safe Guide and our supplementary safety document in response to the pandemic,

the Return to In Person Guiding (RTIPG) procedures. Just like Safe Guide, there is no opting out of the Return to In Person Guiding procedures.

Email sent Dec. 24, 2021. If you would like a copy, please let me know and I will resend it to you.

Payment of membership Fees – 2021/2022 Guiding Year

I have confirmed that every Adult Guider must “take action on the form, either pay or indicate otherwise”; by stating if you meet what conditions. Honourary Life Member, over 75 with Birthday in iMIS; hold an exempt position, etc. will not pay. Others are not Unit Guiders or who do not plan to assist at Girl Facing Activities 8 times a year will need to pay their \$60 Membership Fees.

In some fashion, you must complete the form. Online or via paper.

Some cancellations may have happened already, so if you pay today, you may still show as cancelled. Please do not panic, we will get you reinstated as soon as we can. That may be into January/2022 with Christmas and the possibility of the office closing down for the Holidays.

**** Details are noted in email sent about cancellations on Dec. 14th, 2021.

Further to this

Guilds need to advocate for themselves. Most of us are associated or closely related to a District. We need to tell them that we are available to assist. Assist in whatever way works for the Guild Members.

When the Membership Fee change was announced, those sorts of asks were to be done by Area and District Councils. Both Link and Guild Members were going to be ask to help the Unit Guiders. Some cannot take on a Unit Guider role by themselves (even have been told Guild Members are too old to be Unit Guiders); but so many want to help. **BUT** - No one asks. We may **NOW** be the ones who do the asking. Please help out Units, and if you do, your Memberships may be covered.

We both have asked our Membership Adviser, to perhaps have BC Council communicate out and do something about those types of messages.

Screenings, PRC's and PRC Exemptions Updated info

As a reminder, any completed PRC Exemption forms are to be sent to screening@girlguides.ca for processing. No longer need to be sent to Area Commissioners or the Provincial Office. The Screening Team will complete the necessary follow up. Once approved and recommended, the exemption for the Guider will be inputted into iMIS.

We believe the Guider will receive notification this is being done.

PRC's do expire. Your Area iMIS Specialist should be able to advise of your expiry dates. National does send out emails to Guiders, with information on how to renew them. If assistance is needed, please ask your Guild Lead or myself. We are both here to assist.

Vaccine Declarations

The follow is from the Vaccine Status email that came out mid Oct/2021... *Question - I'm attending and/or organizing an adult-only in-person event (e.g., Planning meeting, Trefoil Guild, training etc.). How do I know everyone in attendance will be vaccinated?*

It is understood and expected that all GGC members will abide by our vaccination policy. This means that anyone attending in-person activities is fully vaccinated or has a GGC-approved medical exemption. You are encouraged to remind those attending of this policy.

As of Nov. 5, 2021 - I had been in touch with National – GGC Member and Unit Support - memberunitsupport@girlguides.ca and there was a glitch in the system. Guilds should not have been showing red or green. This has been fixed. All Guilds can meet if comfortable and follow both GGC Protocols and local Guidelines from your Health Authority.

Member Information Management

Guild Leads cannot update a Roster. You cannot “access” the Roster, just view it. To make changes, your Area iMIS Advisor can do it for you, you need to supply her with the changes.

However, each GGC Member has access to MembeZone, and can change her own Profile. How it works log into MemberZone, click on “My Profile” and will be able to edit your personal changes. Each Guild Member can do this the same way. If there are a lot of changes, it may be easier for the Advisor to update the whole Guild at the same time.

A reminder to Guild Leads, continue to check your Guild Rosters on Memberzone. Also, it’s a good way to see who has a significant Membership Pin coming up for presentation. September is a good time to present Membership Pins. Work with your Area Awards Advisor to ensure we honour our long time Guiders.

Membership Pins/Awards

If Membership Pins are presented, please forward the presentation date to your Area iMIS Advisor for entry into iMIS. Please either submit an A.4 or a simple email listing the name, iMIS number and pin year given. This then will show that the Member has received it; the Member’s iMIS Award/Profile can be updated to show that the pin was presented.

Reminder about the release of Personal Information

I recently had a discussion about the sharing of personal information contained in iMIS Reports. As a reminder to all GGC Members; it is incumbent on all Member to safeguard any actual reports or information on an iMIS report. We do have procedures should personal information get lost or stolen; is in Memberzone, under Admin – Privacy.

We all need to be cautious when sending out these reports via email. When finished with the reports (i.e., when doing updates, etc.) all Guiders should be deleting them from their computers. I know we assist each other to ensure that the information in iMIS is correct; we also need to ensure it is not inadvertently shared with non-Members or stolen from hacked computers.

LET’S SING (a program activity for all Members; perhaps a Guild Meeting activity)

I recently received the following comment; *“Has anyone reported on the continent-/world-wide zoom singing that has been taking place, kept us “sane” and introduced us to many new songs, song-writers and friends?”* So; I thought I’d pass on the following information in case anyone wants to join the fun.

Let's Sing has been relocated and upgraded. To access it, you need to go to the National website / Members' Zone / Guider Resources or use this link:

https://www.girlguides.ca/web/MZ/Guider_Resources/Let_s_Sing_/MZ/Guider_Resources/Lets_Sing.aspx?hkey=d1525fba-c331-4981-b456-74924edb650f

All the audio files are now (on) private YouTube links with the words and audio together - wonderful technology. National knows there may be more songs to be added to Let's Sing.

Please feel free to share this information but keep in mind that a person needs to be a member of GGC.

I am also aware of singers in the province, who would be willing to join you in a Zoom Meeting to sing with you and your Guild.

New and Exciting News

On November 21st, we launched our Trefoil Guild FaceBook Group. You can request to join by answering the Membership questions and agreeing to follow the rules. **I wish to thank Joanne Senetza and Laura Byman, who are assisting with the Administration piece of the Group.** We continue to remain conscious of the postings; as they must not contravene the Return to In-Person Guiding Protocols. If photos do so, we will be removing them. Any questions about this, I refer you to my email of Dec. 24, 2021.

Information Being Requested

Do you know the email of the National Trefoil Guild person, they may know of a Guild which is meeting online only? This inquiry was referring to the Internet Guild. I've had some enquiries about joining the Internet Trefoil Guild. All inquiries can be sent to 1CITG@e-guiding.com. Our Registrar would then be in contact with you.

This is from their Guild Lead, Dana Weatherell.

Memory Book for BC Trefoil Guilds

Just a reminder ~ should a Guild Member pass away, would you please share with me their name and if an obituary can be forwarded to me, I'd appreciate it. The Provincial Trefoil Liaison position has historically been keeping a Memory Book to share at future TG Rendezvous.



Gone Home News

Some sad news to report in this edition.

Beryl Fleming - Upper Vancouver Island Trefoil Guild, Campbell River, BC

Patricia Leake - Blue Heron Trefoil Guild, Delta, BC

Peggy Akenclouse, Louisa Russo, Donna Sawyer and Marjorie Shaw - 1st Victoria Trefoil Guild, Victoria, BC

Joan Fullerton and Colleen Dickson, Tillicum Trefoil Guild, Vernon, BC

Jacqueline Dawn Neun, Silver Tips Trefoil Guild, Powell River, BC



Promoting Trefoil to Guiding Challenge **** something to think about – some pieces are available online****



The purpose of the Promoting Trefoil to Guiding Challenge is threefold:

- to create awareness about Trefoil Guilds within Guiding, to help you connect with your fellow Girl Guide members, and for you to have some fun in Guiding.

You must complete at least four activities within each category (for a total of 12) in order to achieve the Promoting Trefoil to Guiding Challenge (but you're welcome to complete more!). Once you have completed them, email bc-trefoil@girlguides.ca to order a crest. We encourage you to do bulk crest orders with your Trefoil Guild/District/Area.

Don't forget to share your photos (with valid image release forms), We look forward to seeing what you get up to!

Sharing and Learning (Complete a minimum of 4 activities) 1. Tell three other Guiding members about your Trefoil Guild. 2. Attend a Guiding conference. 3. Complete an adult training session either in person or online. 4. Do some research on International Guiding and Trefoil Guilds (or their equivalent) around the world. Then visit a Pathfinder or Ranger Unit and share what you learned. 5. Invite current and retired Guiders to visit (and potentially join) your Trefoil Guild. 6. Plan or help with a District or Area-wide event for other Trefoil Guild members. 7. Help with cookie selling at a Unit/District event. 8. Provide IM'ing at Provincial events, i.e., Pathfinder Summit or Ranger Revolution.

Connecting with Each Other (Complete a minimum of 4 activities) 1. Brainstorm within your group and make a list of activities that you want to do as a Trefoil Guild for the year. 2. Connect with another Trefoil Guild in your Area. Consider doing a joint activity. 3. Create a closed or secret Facebook group page for your Guild and use it to stay in touch, plan activities and share pictures. 4. Organize a breakfast party with your Guild – PJs, pancakes, cheesy movies. 5. Participate in a cookie exchange – everyone brings a dozen cookies, with the recipe, and you all leave with an assortment of different cookies and new recipes. 6. Together, try something new that you've always wanted to do but never had the time— go karting, laser tag, rock climbing, kayaking ... the possibilities are endless. 7. Write a blog post about your Trefoil Guild and submit it to GirlGuidesCANBlog. 8. Post a selfie in uniform on Facebook or Instagram, and use the caption to describe one of your favourite Trefoil Guild memories. 9. Find a creative way to display the things you have done in your Trefoil Guild and send this to bc-trefoil@girlguides.ca to be included in the BC Bulletin.

Back to Basics (Complete a minimum of 4 activities) 1. Go camping with some of your fellow Trefoil members. 2. Offer to share a passion (gardening, crafting, scrapbooking, etc.) with an age-appropriate unit. 3. Participate a service project that helps those in your community. 4. Participate in or plan a campfire or singalong event. 5. Do a park clean up or spend some time volunteering in a community garden.

Encourage your Guild to earn this great BC Challenge. It is a lot of fun and will help us to retain Guiders and maybe even recruit some new members. Crests will be available at the BC Guide House. Crests will be \$3.00 for BC members. (\$3.50 for those outside BC)

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Note; currently the Provincial Office is closed, so if you complete the challenge, please hold off on requesting and paying for the crests. Once the office opens, I will determine how best to move forward.

Thanks, Darlene

Ps; I would like to see photos and hear about your success!!!



Congratulations to Margaret Lidkea – 1st Victoria Trefoil Guild Member – Victoria

Decades of dedication earn educator place on Oak Bay Wall of Fame

Friends of Uplands leader recognized for nearly 30 years of work

Longtime educator Margaret Lidkea appears on Oak Bay's Wall of Fame in honour of her decades of educating the masses on environmental concerns in the community's natural spaces. For nearly 30 years she's dug, hacked and replanted alongside young and old, teaching them all about how to restore parks.

It started in late 1992 upon her retirement as a teacher, when Lidkea garnered permission to take groups of young people through the park, helping them learn about invasive plants and why they were a problem.

"It's important for me that kids understand why we're doing what we do, and then they can go home and tell their parents. ... It's important for people in general to understand that we need to take care of our wild spaces. The population of the world is having such a huge impact on everything," she said.

The Oak Bay Wall of Fame, a photo gallery hanging in Oak Bay Recreation Centre, honours people instrumental in developing Oak Bay's parks, facilities and programs. Lidkea's impact on park restoration, is second to none, noted Mayor Kevin Murdoch.

To read the full article, google Margaret Lidkea, Oak Bay, Wall of Fame



Rendezvous 2022

UPDATE ON IN-PERSON RENDEZVOUS

Due to the fact that Overnight and multiple night events probably won't be permitted by April 2022, the organizing Committee (in consultation with the Provincial Commissioner and myself) have made the decision that the in-person Rendezvous will be cancelled.

However, I have been in touch with the Victoria Trefoil Guilds, including KNOTs Trefoil Guild who is taking the lead, and we believe we have something special in mind for Rendezvous 2022.

Stay tuned for details!!! I'm sure you will be pleasantly surprised with what we are thinking of!!



Due to the complications of COVID across our county and the different levels of recovery which have impacted planning and facility bookings, the National Trefoil Guilds Gathering, originally planned for 2022, will be held in 2024 in Manitoba. This date, however, will be dependent on Guiding and our country being open for cross-country participation. Stay strong, everyone, and Keep the Spirit of Guiding alive!

Trefoil Guild Reports: what you've been up to!!

Blazing Sages Trefoil Guild – Kamloops

We have started a “Winter Walk with Friends”, this is open to all of our members. Whoever shows up, they go for a nice walk along the South Thompson River in Kamloops. This is done every Sunday afternoon (weather permitting).

A few of our members attended a “Winter Planter Workshop” at Lyons Landscaping. They had fun, learnt a lot and we found out that we have some talented ladies in our unit.



In November 2021 the Blazing Sages Trefoil Guild of Kamloops, participated in a service project called "Women Helping Women" to collect purses and other goods for homeless women and others struggling. Blazing Sages members collected a large number of purses and items to fill them such as scarves, warm hats, jewelry, sanitary supplies, soap and other personal items. We will happily be delivering all these items to Emerald House Emergency Shelter in Kamloops, which is managed by the Canadian Mental Health Association. Good work Ladies! Your spirit of generosity is so much appreciated.



Some of the ladies will be attending “Wild Lights” at BC Wildlife Park in Kamloops on Dec 29th.

Happy New Year and all the best in 2022 from the Blazing Sages Trefoil Guild.

Bulkley Valley Trefoil Guild – Smithers

Our Guild did get together and wrap the small shampoos, conditioner, etc. that you get in hotel rooms. We pack them into Christmas mugs, wrap them and donate to the Christmas Community Hampers! Sorry no photos this time!!

Generation Gap Trefoil Guild – Comox/Courtenay

Our Guild has gathered on several occasions this fall. We met for lunch at a local cafe to plan some activities. It was such fun to once again renew our friendships and make plans for some activities.

We enjoy going for simple hikes but wanted to do something more for our community. We decided to try the Sisterhood Challenge although technically not for Trefoil Guilds. There are lots of options. We got together in December to make Christmas cards to give to women at our local transition center. They can send or give these cards to anyone they choose. We also collected items we know some of the homeless women in our community would appreciate. One of our members made scarves and we purchased toques, gloves, socks, toiletries and even some chocolate.

We plan to get together in January to make cards/tray favours for Valentine's Day for a senior's center and perhaps do a little snowshoeing.

Kanaka Trefoil Guild – Maple Ridge

Kanaka guild's outing to Lafarge Lake in Coquitlam to see the lights.



The Legends Trefoil Guild – Richmond, Surrey, Delta, Vancouver and Langley

After many months of Zoom meetings, The Legends were finally able to meet in person at our local Girl Guide campground, Woodward's Landing. Two meetings were held outdoors in the back yard of our Richmond Guide House in the heat of the summer....so good to be back together again.



We were delighted to present Bev Sloan with her 70-year pin.... a real inspiration to us all.

We've been able to have a couple of indoor meetings this fall, went bowling one evening,



and also had a crafting afternoon where we made owl ornaments for our winter tree. Over the next month or two the Legends will be knitting warm toques to pass along to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Moonlighters Trefoil Guild – West Kelowna

The Moonlighters Trefoil Guild, in West Kelowna have been meeting once a month. In September we met outdoors at the Gellatly Nut Farm. Pat, one of our members, showed us plants native to the Okanagan and spoke about different ways in which they were used by the indigenous people. Very interesting. In October, and November when the weather got cooler we met at Wing's Restaurant for lunch. It's always nice to get together and have a visit. Come January we will meet again for lunch or something, weather permitting. Merry Christmas to everyone and all the best for the New Year.

North Shore Energetic Wanderers Trefoil Guild – North Vancouver

Training through Guiding has allowed us to cope with COVID and all its regulations these past few months. Our group has continued to thrive and was able to celebrate our 20th anniversary with a walk, bring your own lunch and awarding of “years in Guiding” certificates to our 24 members with a grand total of 874 years of service. Joining us for this special day was Darlene, our BC Provincial Trefoil Liaison adding friendship and laughter as we all renewed our promise together.

Another highlight was to explore the progression of the various modes of transportation throughout the Lower Mainland; very interesting facts were discovered as archives were uncovered.

Supporting a drive for Diapers for the local Harvest House, some members were allowed to help with the sorting of food bank donations and we closed the year with a bring your own pot luck Christmas lunch, and a determination to continue to cope in spite of COVID.



Look ~ it's me Darlene

HISTORY OF THE PLUNGER BELONGING TO NSEW TG

Starting with 16 members over 20 years ago, the North Shore Energetic Wanderers Trefoil members in Lion's area became a united group of Guiding friends. Since our beginning we have absorbed 10 more members who have either joined the GGC or ended their time as a unit Guider and were able to join in on our twice a month activity out of doors.

When we had our twice a year official meeting, it became a very noisy time with everyone wanting to have their say in the necessary discussion and decisions. Being a strong vocal group, there were often interruptions or side discussions when someone was trying to put their point of view.

So, I decided that those who wished to have their say, would "Take the Plunge" (as I named our talking stick plunger)"and nobody would interrupt them until they had finished their contribution to the discussion. This worked very well and we have continued this ever since.



Peninsula Pals Trefoil Guild – Victoria

The first photo is of the group after they had tidied up the Trefoil Garden at Heritage Acres.



Our "Bring a heritage item to share" outing was a huge success the theme of which everyone wants to repeat in the Spring. The idea of everyone bringing a heritage item was so good that we thought other Trefoils might want to use it. We learned so many things about our members and their ancestors we didn't know before!

One such item is pictured here:

A photo of the baby scales Wendy's grandmother, a nurse, took on horseback to weigh babies in the Caribou.



River City Girls Trefoil Guild - Powell River

We accepted the challenge to outdoor gatherings. We enjoyed our lunches and conversation and exploring Powell River. We visited some of the parks in the region and hiked some of the trails in the area. We took ourselves to Craig Park and tried Disc Golf. But on our first rainy day, we visited the Royal BC Museum Living Language Exhibit at The Tla'amin Nation Governance House followed by lunch at a member's home.

To celebrate 100 years of Guiding 2021 in Powell River, some of us were interviewed by the Pathfinder unit with a write up in the local Community Living magazine. The exhibit in the mall displayed the uniforms of the past and many of our mementos.

In 2021, we have celebrated Jean Baldock 65th year in guiding and in January/2022 we will wish her Happy 102nd Birthday.

Have a wonderful Christmas Season

Silver Tips Trefoil Guild – Vernon

Silver Tips took a break in August and September to avoid the intense heat and smoke of Kelowna's summer. But by Oct. 1st we were ready to venture out again, and we gathered in Ben Lee Park to celebrate "International Day of Older Persons," and "Balloons Around the World Day". We were instructed to decorate a balloon by drawing on it, painting on it, sticking things to it, or hanging things from it. And that's what we did. It was amazing how many people wished us Happy Birthday as they walked by!



We shared thoughts about the **good things** about getting older, and sang that wonderful old song “My Get up and Go has Got up and Went.”

Chorus How do I know my youth is all spent?
My get up and go has got up and went.
But in spite of it all I'm able to grin
And think of the places my get up has been!

Later in the month a few members of Silver Tips were joined by Pat from Moonlighters and Lynne from Sparkling Spirits and they headed north to visit Davison Orchards in Vernon.

A short trip in tractor-pulled, wheeled-apple boxes, soon had us amongst the pumpkins.

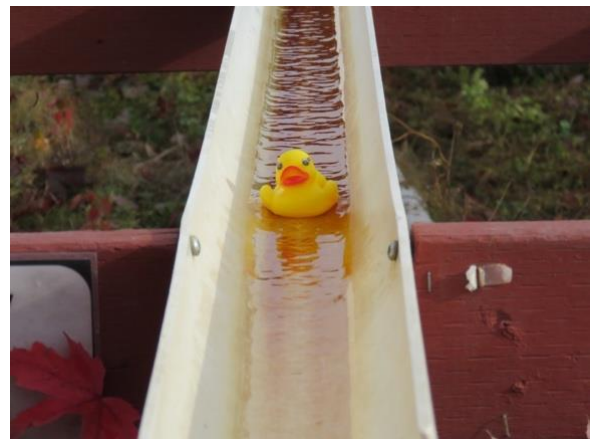


Of course, we had to follow GGC rules and mask up, but we also had to follow the Davison Orchards' Pumpkin Patch Rules!!

There is nothing like a Pumpkin Patch to bring out the “kid” in an older person, and it wasn't long before Lynne was celebrating victory at the bean bag throw . . .



and then racing ducks against a four-year-old. Really? OK, it wasn't just Lynne, we all had a go and the little fellow was in his element — he'd never had so many Grandma's to play with before!



Of course, you can't visit a farm without going to see the animals — Riyoko opted for the cows while Margaret chatted with the goats.



Pat settled in on a little pony and Margaret decided to ride the "big feller." Getting up there required a little

help...



but success was achieved



Alas, more help was needed for dismounting. It was actually suggested that the photographer come and help but she thought it more important to document the moment digitally.



Truly this was “Lend a Hand Brownie” in action.

Well done, Bev!

On Friday 26th November, we moved our meeting back indoors with all the protocols — COVID Self-assessment check list; attendance sheet; masks; distancing; no food; and no drinks — in place. As several members noted: “it just doesn’t seem like a Guiding meeting without something to eat and drink — we always have food at Guiding events!”

After our business meeting, we caught up on each other's news, and then spent time reminiscing about our Trefoil activities over the past 12 months — with photos to help jog our memories! We were encouraged by how much we had been able to do despite the pandemic. Where there’s a will there’s a way!

The local Women’s Shelter had let us know that they needed “sweaters, coats, boots and toiletries and a few mitts/gloves, hats and warm socks.” They added that they would “take any good used clothing.” The ladies came armed with all sorts of donations, and two car-loads of clothing and toiletries were delivered to the Shelter after the meeting.



On December 17th we gathered together to celebrate Christmas. Now, the GGC regulations say No Eating and No Drinking — but nowhere does it say “No Fun” so we went for it, and came prepared with decorated masks.



We played a Christmas trivia game — e.g. How many presents in total were given in the 12 Days of Christmas? What is Frosty the Snowman’s nose made of?

We had to “finish the phrase” from various Christmas Carols — “Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile, and on . . .”

We listened to parts of carols being sung backwards — words and tune — and tried to figure out which carols they were.

Then we put our thespian skills to the test as we listened to a recording of the 12 Days of Christmas and acted out the daily presents.

A Partridge in a Pear Tree



Three French Hens



Five Gold Rings



Six Geese a-laying



Nine Ladies Dancing



Oh, err, um, what comes next?



The year 2022 is what comes next, and Silver Tips would like to wish all our Sisters in Guiding a Very Happy, and a Very Healthy New Year — and the opportunity to eat together again!

With a smile and a song, 🥰🎵 Sheila for Silver Tips.

Sparkling Spirits Trefoil Guild - Kelowna, BC

Despite constantly changing COVID restrictions, Sparkling Spirits have managed to “sparkle” regardless of various impediments. For instance, a planned late summer Picnic in the Park had to be cancelled because of smoke-filled skies, and our visit to the Gellatly Nut Farm was replaced by a ZOOM meeting. But we did manage to get together to pick apples in early October, donating over 250 lbs to the Gospel Mission.



In response to a need expressed by our local guiders, (and ourselves, to use up leftover craft supplies,) we’ve kept our hands busy while our tongues wagged in preparing craft kits for Guides, Brownies and Sparks units. In November, we prepared cut Unicorn heads for Guides to sew, and began preparing Snowy Owl paper craft kits (we have an order for over 70!)

We had to cancel our Christmas Pot Luck at our last meeting, but did collect our annual donation to the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper fund. We plan to resume meeting in early January for “The Order of Good Cheer”, and hope to host a regional “English Garden Country Tea” at Camp Arbuckle in early June, pending the ever-evolving public health situation.



Too-Many-Hats Trefoil Guild – Prince George

December meeting - Gnome craft. Photo note: mother & daughter in join picture.



Tillicum Trefoil Guild – Vernon

Our Guild had a in person meeting in October, we planned to meet at a lakeside park but when we arrived, we found it to be too cold by the water. Our Guild like most Guiders are planners and don't often do "spontaneous" but we decided spur of the moment to head to a local farm market. We were able to sit outside and enjoy the beautiful weather and a spectacular view.

In November we had a well spaced-out indoor meeting where we took part in the "Sisterhood Challenge: Joy".



Our December meeting was a Zoom Christmas Happy Hour. Our members are spread around our area so we decided that winter meetings would all be on Zoom. We had Christmas poems, games, & songs.



On December 17th Life Member Joan Fullerton, third row, middle photo passed away. Joan spent most of her Guiding years in Ontario and only moved to the Okanagan a few years ago. She will be sadly missed. Joan was the second member we lost this year.

2nd Vancouver Trefoil Guild (The Splice Girls) - Vancouver

2021 has been a trying year for everyone, but as Girl Guide members we have risen to the challenge. After a spring of Zoom meetings, getting outside was much easier than we thought it would be. It was no problem when we were enjoying nice weather with a local park or one of our backyards as our location. We live in a beautiful city, and have so much to be thankful for. When the weather turned, we moved into carports, still obeying all the protocols. Who would of thought a cold, blustery day could be so cozy around a propane campfire with hot apple cider and cookies, or tucked into a sundrenched carport, cuddled in our blankets? We missed those of our group who were unable to attend, but it was so lovely to see smiling faces 2 metres apart, and sharing so many laughs! For our Christmas lunch we booked a local lawn bowling club, and each of us brought our own food, and we shared something special from our families' traditions. Not the same as our usual potluck meal, but still wonderful to be together. We would like to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday season with hopes for a brighter 2022. Enjoy every moment.

1st Victoria Trefoil Guild – Victoria

1st Victoria Trefoil has been very active this Fall.

We have been responding to requests for assistance at meetings and day camps from girl units. September brought us a new Guild Secretary, Judy Maquarrie and Treasurer, Shelagh Mason Ebenal.

As a Guild 1st Victoria has been active with service projects. This Fall the members re-shingled the former Kingswood Chapel, now know as Reflection. Each of us wrote several postcards to currently serving Canadian Military Personnel.

We had a wonderful visit to Butchart Gardens.

On a personal note, our Guild planted camas bulbs in remembrance of those members who have 'Gone Home' - Peggy Akenclose, Louisa Russo, Donna Sawyer and Marjorie Shaw.



October saw us having a Halloween gathering in costume. What fun!

For four weeks in November, we participated in the Sisterhood Challenge. Thanks to Aryne, Lizzie and Ashley for creating it! We made an email chain-letter of responses.

Members Sharon and Sheila sang in the Nov. 6 Songfest online.



With great pride and admiration, we announce fellow Guild member Margaret Lidkea received a Wall of Fame award from Oak Bay Municipality for her years of service and education regarding native and invasive species in Oak Bay parks.

(Congratulatiions Margaret; from all your fellow Trefoil Guild Sisters**) See article above.**

It is with heavy Guiding hearts we prayed for those GGC members involved in a tragedy in London Ontario.

1st Victoria Trefoil ended this year with a fun Holiday meeting. We brought our own lunch and individually wrapped treats for one and another, made greenery crafts and saw a funny skit.

See you all in 2022!



2nd Victoria Trefoil Guild – Victoria

For close to two years, we have been meeting monthly on Zoom. Finally, the day arrived when we felt comfortable to meet in person. On September 27, 2021, we met for lunch at Moxie's, one of our favourite restaurants in downtown Victoria. What a grand reunion we had, to see each other in the flesh. Of course, we did discuss recent happenings in Guiding, supporting those who have had troubles with registering vaccine status, PRCs, membership. All is now sorted out.

At this stage in our lives, we meet for a social get together to keep in contact as retired Guiders. Most of us were active Guiders for decades, serving together on councils and in districts, with units and at camp, even travelling internationally. Several of us have physical infirmities which precludes more active get togethers.



Photo standing from left: Judith Williamson, Molly WhanTong, Sharon Fitch, Beth Jasper

Sitting from left: Valerie Boyer, Olive Brown, Mary Porterfield

We send best regards to our Trefoil sisters in BC.

Some Guilds continue to take time off; remaining safe with Covid – BC Guilds

Serendipity (North Vancouver), New Guild - Suncoast Sisterhood Trefoil (Sechelt)

Reminders

Planning winter or holiday celebrations

Check out [Guiding is for Everyone](#) and [A Guide to Making Winter Celebrations Inclusive](#) for tips on planning inclusive events. You can find ideas for tweaking your event if your preparations are already underway. It's important to remember that ensuring everyone feels included means that you're not celebrating religious holidays. By making the winter celebrations you are planning for your unit inclusive, you will be creating a safe space for all girls. If you've read the resources and still need assistance, email us at inclusivity@girlguides.ca.

Upcoming Events

#shineyourguidinglight with us on February 22, 2022

Last February 22, BC Girl Guides lit up over 100 landmarks across the province in Guiding blue to celebrate the sisterhood of Girl Guides on World Thinking Day. This socially-distanced, outdoor celebration ensured that the Guiding light could glow brightly in every area of BC, with the generous support of many municipalities, community groups, and other organizations.

We're excited to share that this much-enjoyed initiative is returning for a second year, with new event features. Stay tuned to the [Guiding Lights Across BC page](#) and on social media as we begin to share 2022 event information ahead of February!

We'll be reaching out to all of last year's locations and new 2022 sites to request a lighting. We ask that members do not directly approach any organizations about lightings. To suggest a new landmark, submit your ideas using the [BC Guiding Lights form](#) so we can make sure the location receives an official invitation from BC Council.

I've been asked about having another Thinking Day Program Activity. Planning is underway. If you have suggestions or ideas, please let me know.

Remember

If you have a question or topic for the Bulletin, please email me. If you have questions or concerns related to Trefoil Guilds, please email me.

Need from You!!

Please keep doing what you can do to continue Guiding. We will be stronger once we get through Covid and develop a new normal.

I have truly enjoyed my virtual meeting with various Trefoil Guilds. I'm up to being involved in others. I will be heading to Arizona for Feb and March; however, will be available by computer.

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Yours in Guiding, *Darlene*

