

## BC Flag Collection



The BC International Committee has a collection of flags of member countries of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). BC Rangers started this collection in 1966 with the presentation of approximately 35 flags at the provincial Annual General Meeting in 1967. Many of the original flags were hand-made by Guiding members from across BC. Additionally, the International Committee has a collection of table-top mini-flags that can be borrowed as a set, as decorations for events.

Flags are added to and removed from the collection as Full and Associate Members are accepted or removed from WAGGGS.

Members of BC Guiding can borrow all or part of the flag collection for use at Guiding events. Requests for one or more flags can be made by filling out the request form found on the BC Girl Guide website and submitting it to the Provincial Office. Requests for more than 15 flags must be approved by the International Committee, so be sure to allow enough time for your request to be processed. Arrangements can be made to pick up the flags from the Provincial Office or have them delivered to you, at your own expense.

The BC International Committee is constantly updating and replacing the flags in the collection. Many of the original flags are made of cotton and have become fragile, so they can't be used outside where they might get wet or damp. Sometimes, countries change the design of their flag, so those flags need to be replaced as well. An individual, unit, or council can sponsor a flag or replacement flag for approximately \$50.

A current list of flags that need replacement can be found on the BC website. This is a great way of honouring a member of Guiding, a family, or a relative with ties to a specific country. If you are interested in sponsoring a flag, please contact the International Committee at [bc-international@girlguides.ca](mailto:bc-international@girlguides.ca). We would love to see your name added to the sleeve of the flag as a donor! Flags that are removed or replaced from the collection are kept in the provincial archives.