



## Welcome to SVI News!

The SVI News is sent to every adult member and Ranger in SVI Area. It comes out after Area meetings and in between Lamplighter issues. It contains information that is time sensitive or that Guiders need to know. All issues of the SVI News can be found on our website ([www.svigirlguides.bc.ca](http://www.svigirlguides.bc.ca)) under "Guiding in SVI).

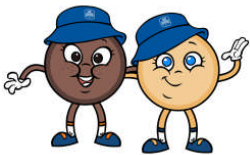
## Children's Art Tax Credit

The program offered by Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada is eligible for the new Children's Art Tax Credit (CATC) in order to claim this non-refundable tax credit taxpayers will require a receipt containing specific information which Area Council has created to fit the format needed to ensure parents receive credit. Included with this SVI News issue is a word document that you use in your newsletters or emails to inform the parents about the Children's Art Tax Credit.

## Volunteers needed to review books

The Area Finance Committee is looking for individuals with a strong math background who would like to volunteer for short periods of time, twice a year to help review district, campsite and area level unit books. If you know someone who might be interested have them contact Wendy Smylitopoulos at [svicommissioners@gmail.com](mailto:svicommissioners@gmail.com)

## The Great Cookie Debate!



Come down to Spirit Square (Victoria City Hall) from 1:00 – 4:00 pm on September 24<sup>th</sup> and check out this public Guiding event. Invited dignitaries and special guests

will be present to participate in the debating of the merits of our Girl Guide Cookies. We will also have displays and hands on activities available from many segments of Guiding – camping, program, international etc. Media and the public will be invited to experience what we are all about.

**Please join us!**

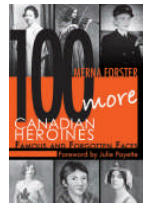


## Milnes Landing Camp cleanup

September 24th, 10am to 3 pm.  
Some chores are: cleaning cabins inside & out, sawing & stacking wood, and levelling area around cabins and driveway with rakes, shovels and picks.  
Bring your own tools if possible.  
Hope lots of adults show up for a great day !

## 100 More Canadian Heroines: Famous and Forgotten Faces

Our Members have been invited to Emily Carr House, Sunday, October 2, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
To see a special presentation by Merna Foster, local author and historian, who is launching a new book that includes the first Chief Commissioner of the Girl Guides of Canada. The publication is 100 More Canadian Heroines: Famous and Forgotten Faces, featuring a foreword by astronaut Julie Payette. There is no entry fee for this special event. RSVP to [mail@heroines.ca](mailto:mail@heroines.ca)



## International Night

Thurs Nov 3 at Guide House, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Come and join us to hear about this year's past trips Arielle McKenzie who travelled to Honduras and the Trex group which ventured to Seattle. Learn about upcoming for 2012 trips. Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, Trex - come together as a Unit. Trefoil and Guiders are always welcome.



## Thrifty Foods Smile Card Program

If you are looking at different ways of fundraising check out the Thrifty Smile Card Program Application on the SVI website; remember to complete your FR.1 as well.

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 20, 2011: SCOUTS & GUIDES NIGHT AT ARCHIE BROWNING



Continuing the tradition of the past several years, the Cougars invite all members of the Scouts & Guides organization to be our guests at a Cougars hockey game vs. the Comox Valley Glacier Kings on Thursday October 20, 2011. Game time is 7:15 PM

As in the past, we have chosen October 20<sup>th</sup> because Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> is a provincial Pro-D day, meaning no school the following morning. Admission to the game is free to all Scout Canada and Girl Guides Canada members who come in uniform (leaders included).

The admissions desk opens at 6:15 PM. The team warm-up is at 6:50 PM with puck drop at 7:15 PM. The first fans to arrive will receive a free program and Frisbee for the 1<sup>st</sup> intermission Frisbee toss. You will be met at the admissions desk by one of our volunteers and escorted to your seats. We ask that you stay in the assigned area until the Cougars photographer has been around for a photo opportunity early in the first period. After that, you are free to move to any seating area in the arena.

**We are looking for staffing for the PR table at this event. Please contact Area office if interested [svigirlguides@uniserve.com](mailto:svigirlguides@uniserve.com).**

## Pacific Opera Victoria

Pacific Opera Victoria has added GGC to their Dress Rehearsal Program! This means units can attend these performances for only \$10.00. Included is a flyer with all the information.

**Fort Rodd Hill** has service opportunities in their Gary Oak Restoration program. Contact [frh.volunteer@pc.gc.ca](mailto:frh.volunteer@pc.gc.ca)

## One by One Challenge

Includes is a copy of the new BC Membership challenge; which can be completed by individuals, units, Trefoil Guilds and Link groups.

This challenge and our own SVI Community Connections Challenge work very well together to get Guiding out into the communities and to talk to people about Girl Guides.



## Cookie News

Included in this issue is an updated version of the flyer *Where does the money go?*

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