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Portage Inlet District's 23rd Victoria Guides Jenny (Bluejay), Marie (Snowflake), Elizabeth, Carrie, and Jennifer selling mint cookies at the community booth in Tillicum Mall.

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From the Commissioners' Desk...

Introducing Sheilagh Finnigan

I would like to introduce Sheilagh Finnigan - the **new SVI Area Deputy Commissioner**.

Sheilagh was in Guiding in Victoria as a girl and has been a Guider since the mid 90's. In addition to her role as a Guide Guider, she spent time as District Camp Adviser and District Treasurer for Shoal Bay, and served as secretary for the SVI Area Camp Committee. Because of her love of camping she attended three SOAR's: in 1998 with me as Patrol Guider, in Merritt in 2004 as Core Staff on Duck's Ranch, and again with me in Parksville in 2007. She was also chosen to lead a Provincial trip to New Brunswick and a National trip to Our Cabana in 2001. For Guiding's 100th birthday in 2010 we took an Independent adult trip to Our Cabana to be part of the Butterfly Session. While there, she taught stretching exercises to seniors, took out-trips to Taxco, met girls from across Mexico who came to celebrate the anniversary with us and witnessed the amazing butterfly sanctuary. She leaves in mid-February to spend Thinking Day 2013 in India at Sangam with a group from Ontario that we met in Mexico.

Sheilagh has two daughters that went through the Guiding branches and have fond memories of their Guiding adventures. In her "real" life she has been a nurse for 38 years. We often sang the song, "Make New Friends" in our units and at campfires and I want to say that Sheilagh is an old friend that is definitely pure **gold!**

Thanks for years of great Guiding and I look forward to many more!

**Submitted by Sharon Doty,
SVI Area Commissioner**



**Above: On the steps of Our Cabana
Top: at the El Rosario Butterfly
sanctuary in Angangao**





Hats Off...

...To **Sheila Fowler** for organizing the Winter Warm-Up Area Training Day. Sheila tracked all the registrations, dealt with the facility rental and room assignments, followed all the administrative details, did the opening and closing, lead the Training Team and answered their diva demands, all the while keeping a smile on her face, making coffee for 80 and leading sessions too. Thanks Sheila!

...To **Darcy Wyllie** for her help with Winter Warm-Up - tracking and entering the registrations received at the office, supporting the trainers by copying many, many handouts and helping supply resources from Guide House. Thanks Darcy!

...To the **Training Team** for organizing, planning and producing the Winter Warm-Up Training Day. It takes at least four hours of planning to produce one hour of training so we owe them a big round of applause for all of their hard work. Your SVI Area Training Team members are **Sheila Fowler**, Area Training Adviser, and trainers **Wendy Smylitopoulos, Marsha Richie, Doreen Keizer, Rose Kwiatkowski, Brenda Fraser, Chloe Faught** and **Sherry Fortais**. Thank you ladies!

...To **Amanda McIntyre** for completing her Master's Thesis in Environmental Psychology at the University of Victoria, this past December.

DITTY BAGS FOR SALE!!!

The 1st Victoria Trefoil Guild is sewing ditty bags to benefit a wide variety of good causes in SVI. All monies raised are donated to local campsite improvements, BC Lones and the Canadian World Friendship Fund as well as events like the Uplands Park Broom Bash. The washable ditty bags are made from nylon netting and are available in a wide variety of colours, including orange, purple, green, and blue. They are extremely well constructed - double thickness with double stitched seams and a strong drawstring. They are a bargain at only \$4.00 apiece and are a great and colourful addition to your camping gear. Contact Brenda Jagdis at bjagdis@hotmail.com to place your order.

GUIDER SHIRT FOR SALE

Guider shirt - ¾ length sleeves, size 5X \$25.00

Call Trudine at 250.478.5484 or email tandwcampandcomish@shaw.ca.



2012 Canada Cord & Chief Commissioner's Gold Award Recipients: Ceremony held January 20th 2013

Back Row, Standing: Kayla Curtis, Maryna Ell, Emily Hutcheson, Samantha Jones, Danielle Green, Sara Herbert, Rachel Goddard, Brianna De Luz, Samantha Charchuk, Sheilagh Finnigan (SVI Area Deputy Commissioner), Sarrah Boyer, Ai Horton, Meghan Jackson, Madeleine Picot, Marina Dunn, Amanda Winkel, Lara McIntosh, Megan Penman, Jessica Svendsen, Morgan Taylor, Mackenzie Rampton

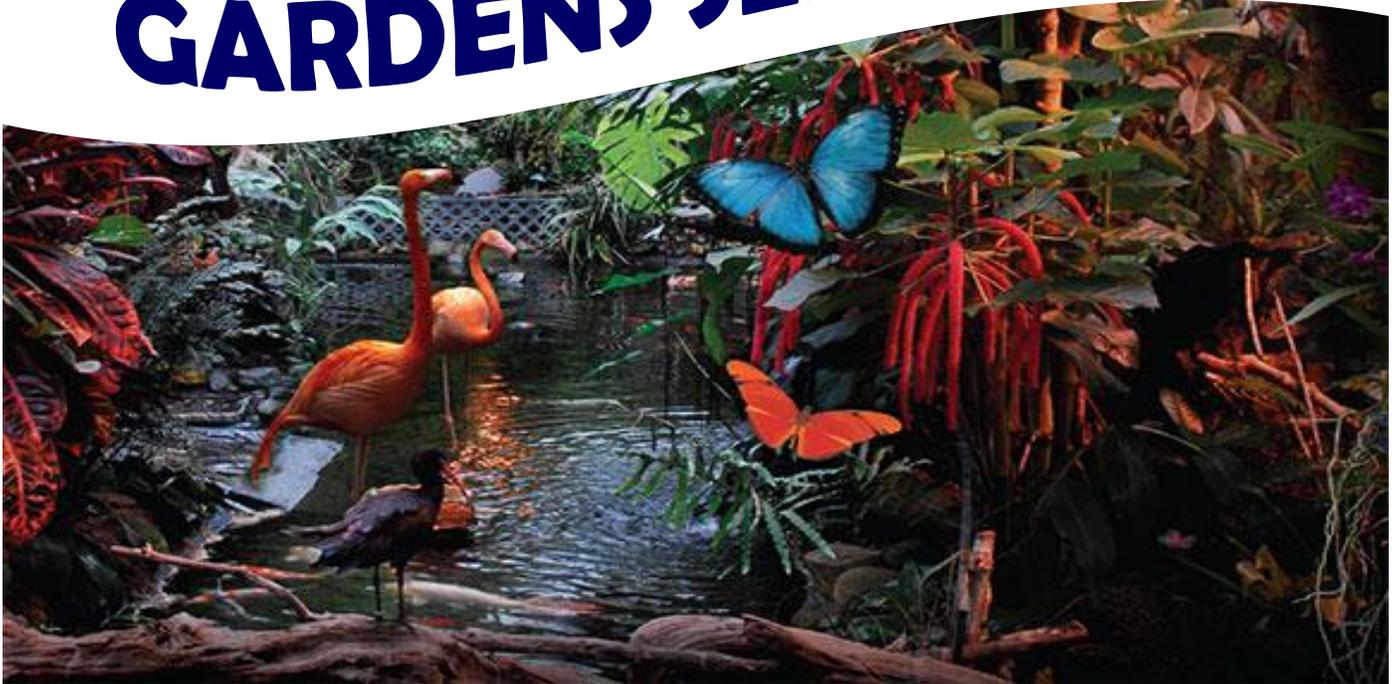
Middle Row, Seated/Kneeling: Samantha Quesnelle, Georgina Stevens, Miranda Bergenstein, Daphne MacGregor-Greer (BC Prov Commissioner), Gina Hering, Cassandra Herbert, Jessica Scott

Front Row, Floor: Shelby Thornton, Valerie Stephen, Isla McCullough, Kaleigh Woolford, Naomi Dawson

Missing: Tabitha Baatz, Courtenay Hall, Hajer Mustafa, Sarah Schlatter



THE 1st EVER BUTTERFLY GARDENS SLEEPOVER



It was with great excitement that the 1st Keating Guides embarked on a 'quest' to learn about the diversity of a complete ecosystem that includes tropical butterflies, plants, animals, birds, fish and even reptiles, as they ventured through the 'jungle' at night. As they now know, the night time experience is very different than that of the daytime. A new and unique adventure is now possible through the recent development of a sleepover program at the Victoria Butterfly Gardens in Brentwood Bay. While the girls wandered through the gardens (by flashlight) in the evening, they gathered information about the different types of critters, plants and animals that inhabit the

gardens, how important they are to each other, and why we need to be concerned about endangered species. They earned their Ecology badge, and even completed some of their 'Beyond You' program work. In the morning, they ventured through the gardens again and the girls could see how the behavior of some of the animals (and even some of the plants!) had changed. There was so much to learn.

As a special treat, the management very kindly offered a 15% discount in the gift shop when parents came to pick up their girls. What a bonus! A great time was had by all, and we look forward to doing this again in the future. Where else can we



visit a tropical ecosystem without having to get on a plane!

For more information, phone 250.652.3822, email info@ButterflyGardens.com or check out their website at www.butterflygardens.com.

**Submitted by Sharon Lohr,
Woodwyn District**





Life Cycle of a Butterfly

The average life span for most butterflies is about 4 to 6 weeks.

We purchase approximately 400-700 chrysalis each week from butterfly farms in order to maintain a minimum of 3000 butterflies inside the gardens.

All butterflies in our exhibit area are bred on breeding farms or in our own gardens.

Our butterflies are tropical. The minimum temperature in the greenhouse is 81°F (25°C) and the humidity is 70% to duplicate their natural rainforest environment.

Butterflies are more active on sunny days.

As you stroll through the gardens... look for tags on host plants!

Eggs - Caterpillars - Chrysalis - Adult -

A diagram showing the four stages of a butterfly's life cycle: EGGS, CATERPILLAR, CHRYSALIS (or Pupae), and ADULT. Arrows indicate the progression from one stage to the next.

MY GIRL GUIDE HISTORY

by Marjorie
Shaw



Marjorie with her coveted 'mauve' Enrollment pin.

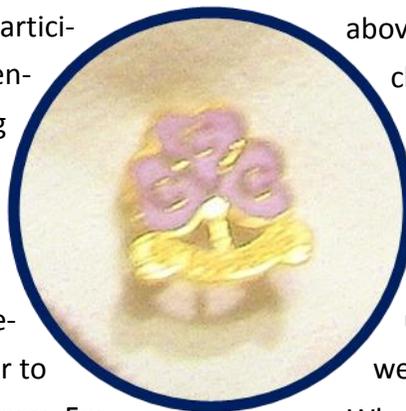
As a result of a fall when I was 11 years old I became a patient at the Queen Alexandra Solarium, in Mill Bay, BC. I was there for four months and during that time I heard about Guiding for the first time. I became enrolled as a Girl Guide and was very proud of my pin, which was mauve enamel edged in gold, with the letters "CGG", also in gold. We had meetings in the playroom, and all the beds were rolled in for us. We were not able to participate in any physical activities but enjoyed doing knots in bed and singing campfire songs. Our captain was Miss Ebbs-Canavan, one of the teachers at the Solarium.

When I returned home someone from Girl Guides visited my mother to arrange for me to join an active company. For some reason, I had to become re-enrolled, hand in my mauve pin (which was for handicapped girls), and receive a new regular gold coloured pin. I have always regretted that I had to hand in the pin I was given when I originally enrolled, and have been un-

able to find another one, or even any mention of them in Archives.*

Even with a built-up shoe and on crutches for 18 more months, I managed to be quite physically active. My sister remembers that on crutches I could out-run her on her roller skates. In 1932 at age 12, I was re-enrolled in the 2nd West Victoria, Lady Douglas Company. We met on Langley Street, above the old BC Electric Building. We had to climb two or three flights of stairs to our meeting room. Our captain was Miss Lizette Ryan, the telephone operator for BC Electric. Because she was an employee we were able to meet there until the building was condemned and we had to move.

When I joined Guiding, Guides were 11-15 years old and Rangers were 16 years old +. As there were no women in WW I, the leaders had not had military experience. The Company used flags, saluted, marched in a horseshoe and had uniform inspection but the meetings were not run on a strict



military model. We learned good self-discipline and discovered how capable we were. We went on hikes to Ten Mile Point, Arbutus Cove, Mount Tolmie, Thetis Lake and Goldstream. As few people had cars in those days, we would go as far as we could by streetcar and then walk the rest of the way. We hiked and camped in dresses, dark stockings and large hats. My hat was "old fashioned" and I wished I had a newer smaller one!

There were no actual Guide camps back then. We camped in fields at Margaret's Bay (towards Cordova Bay), at Cadboro Bay (by Dawe and Lauder Roads) and at a seaside field in Saseenos, Sooke. We cooked over an open campfire, used matches sparingly and carried pots and kettles to make porridge and stew with vegetables included. We brought milk to make hot cocoa and worked in patrols with assigned duties similar to today. We used latrines that were already dug as we were there towards the end of camping season. I can only remember sleeping in a tent for one night when it rained and we had to move under canvas. We didn't have sleeping bags, but had a bedroll made of one or two blankets with a flannelette sheet inside held together with large blanket pins and a rubber groundsheet to keep us dry. The ground was pretty hard! When camping at Saseenos, we would walk along the road and visit the agate farm, which had very lovely polished fancy stones for making jewelry.

We attended a wonderful garden party one summer for the Victoria Girl Guide Association at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton at St. Charles St. and Rockland Ave. I also attended a big rally at the Bay St. Armory which was a space large enough to hold all of us. Instead of going on to Rangers, I stayed as a Company Leader until I was 18, helping

Miss Ryan as there was a lack of consistent Lieutenants. Our Commissioner at the time was Miss Hilda Leighton (after whom the new SVI Award "The Spirit of Hilda Leighton" is named).

When I went to Guide camp in the summer of 1934 at Margaret's Bay I met a Guide from the 3rd East Company named Peggy Lowe. We went to grade nine at Victoria High School the following September and were in the same class. We continued through high school together and remained very special friends until her death in 1991. We were both members of the 1st Trefoil Guild.

In April, 1935, at age 15, I was chosen to represent the Victoria Girl Guides at the planting of an oak tree in Beacon Hill Park by Lord Baden Powell. He and Lady Baden Powell were on an official Guiding/Scouting visit to Victoria. After Lord Baden Powell threw in his shovel full of soil, I followed suit as did a Boy Scout. It was a very exciting occasion! Fifty years later in 1985, to the day and hour, the same Boy Scout and I unveiled a plaque by the oak tree to commemorate the event.

After high school I started work and was not involved with Guiding again until my elder daughter, Daphne, became a Brownie in 1955. In 1958, I became Lieutenant for Muriel Watt of the 10th Victoria Company. Later that year I became Commissioner for the East District following Miss Dora Stocken. The committee decided to change our name to Bowker District in honour of the pioneering Oak Bay family after whom the newly built Bowker Hall had been named.

As a new commissioner in 1959, I attended the All-Canada Commissioner's meeting in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec. I travelled across Canada by train with Hilda Hobbs, who was also new, picking up commissioners from across the country as we

went. We were the first commissioners from Victoria to attend a national meeting. I thought it would be great fun and being my first trip across Canada and my first long train trip, it was all very exciting. While there at Macdonald College we attended the National Annual Meeting and met many members of the National Council.

In 1960 my younger daughter, Brenda, became a Brownie in the 38th Victoria Brownie Pack that met at Bowker Hall. After serving six years as District Commissioner, during which time Camp Shirley was purchased, I became Gonzales Division Commissioner in 1964. During that time we were visited by Princess Margaret and Princess Mary. I was on the organizing committee for these visits – and a re-organizer of this visit with Princess Margaret for the girls! When Princess Margaret visited, the Brownies,

Guides, Rangers and leaders were assembled in Beacon Hill Park along Dallas Road. The motorcade drove by so fast the children did not have a chance to see her, so we were all invited to meet her on the lawn of the Empress Hotel several days later. This time, the Princess walked amongst the girls and spoke to many of them. When Princess Mary (who was a

member of Girl Guides at the time) visited, we were all invited to Government House where we were lined up on the lawns so the Princess could stroll up and down the lines and speak with the girls.



She is a life long Guide - about to turn 93 on Thinking Day!

Lady Baden Powell visited Vancouver in the 1960's and a group of us went over to a lovely tea held for her in a beautiful home in Shaughnessy. She was so vivacious and friendly, and had the ability to make us feel she knew each of us personally. I think she managed to speak to every Guider and girl present that afternoon. She taught us how to shake three hands at once by piling each hand on top of the other.

While District and Division Commissioner I assisted in and planned Thinking Day church parades, Area

Empire Day and a large rally at the Bay St Armory – the only place large enough to hold all of us. The Thinking Day church parades were big events with the girls carrying flags down the middle of the street from Bowker Hall to the church service and then returning to the hall for a mother/daughter luncheon.

I had to learn how to drive while I was Commissioner so that I could visit girls at camp. I went to every one my District or Division held and tried to support the camp theme on my visit. I remember baking a Christmas cake to bring out on one occasion. When one camp was short staffed, my husband and children came to help pack up. My husband was also part of the work crew that dug latrines for Camp Shirley!

When I retired as Gonzales Division Commissioner after a six year term, I joined the 1st Victoria Trefoil Guild. Eventually they changed their evening meetings to noontime meetings and I could not attend as I was still working. When I retired as a legal secretary in 1985 I became an active member once more. In 1986 I became treasurer of the Guild, and held that position for 18 years until the fall of 2008. Several years ago I started recording the history of the 1st Trefoil members and it is a work in progress. I am also a member of ISGF, International Scout – Guide Federation (previously IFOFSAG) and attended the General Assembly in Denmark in 1989, which was very well organized. Being there made me aware

of the magnitude of the organization, and the fact that so many countries around the world were joined in the same sisterhood. I was able to attend another ISGF meeting in Vancouver several years ago. I understand and believe that this was the ultimate goal of Lord Baden Powell.

On my 90th birthday, February 22, 2010, I was honoured and surprised to be the recipient of a Silver Merit award. I will always treasure this highlight of my Guiding life. Becoming a Girl Guide was the best thing that ever happened to me. I believe it has molded my life and I have tried to live by the Girl Guide Promise and Law ever since I was enrolled at the Solarium. I have met so many women who are truly Girl Guides. I used to tell my Guides at their enrolment, “once a Guide always a Guide. Be proud to be one.”

***In a touching footnote to the story Marjorie’s daughter, Brenda Jagdis, had a mauve Enrolment pin commissioned by the GGC National pin creator for her 90th birthday in 2010.**



Activity kits made for Jeneece Place (article opposite page).



WOODWYN DISTRICT BROWNIES & SPARKS SUPPORT JENEECE PLACE

Many of you have no doubt heard about the accomplishments of 19 year-old Jeneece Edroff, the amazing local teenager who has worked tirelessly to fundraise for children's charities over the past seven years. In 2009 she began to campaign for a "Home away from Home" for the families of children needing medical care to be built on the grounds of Victoria General Hospital. Her dream was fulfilled and on January 23, 2012 Jeneece Place opened its doors. Since that day it has played host to over 300 families, the overwhelming majority from Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

My daughter Amy and I decided to work on a service project and decided we would put together little activity packages for children staying at Jeneece Place. We made sample crafts, gathered the supplies and packaged them into individual baggies, making 12 of each. Amy enjoyed it so much that I decided to bring it to our Spark/Brownie unit.



We put together another five sets of craft packages. We then invited Jeneece, who at age three was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis type 1, and Christina (the Coordinator of Jeneece Place) to our unit to tell us about themselves and their project. The girls enjoyed the visit and asked lots of interesting questions. It was fun to watch the expressions on their faces when I wrote \$1 on the board (which they can relate to at their age) then added \$1,500,000.00, which is the amount Jeneece, known as 'the Penny girl', has raised to date during annual coin drives.

Our unit presented Jeneece with over 100 craft packages for their activity rooms. Our crafts included a bunny plane, an airplane note holder, a ladybug, a poinsettia craft, a skiing pinecone snowman, an angel and a beaded dragonfly. For more information about Jeneece and Jeneece Place go to:

<http://childrenshealthvi.org/how-we-help/jeneece-place>.

**Submitted by Tara Bussanich,
Woodwyn District**



HARBOURS DISTRICT SNOWFLAKE BALL



The Sooke Legion was transformed into a winter wonderland for the Harbours District Snowflake Ball. Girls put on their prettiest dresses and enjoyed an afternoon of crafts, games, stories, dancing, cupcakes, cookies and punch. Snowballs flew at the games and story station. Extra-large cookies were individually decorated with amazing designs in blue and white. Elegant masks were decorated with gems, glitter foam and feathers.

(toothbrushes and toothpaste for every kit), and Shoppers Drug Mart, Peoples Drug and the Prestige Hotel for soaps, shampoos, razors and other items. Our Guiding families donated socks, mittens, hats and scarves and every child's kit contained a brand new small stuffed toy.

Admission to the ball was a donation to the Sooke Food Bank – 120 pounds of food were dropped off after the party. This kicked off the Girl



Jigsaw puzzles were transformed into silver snowflakes as the girls enjoyed the company of all the other girls in the District. After the crafts and games were complete everyone settled down for a cupcake and punch, the highlight being the light up punch fountain! Once the snacks and craft tables were cleared away the lights were dimmed, glow sticks distributed and a lively dance followed.

The girls also took this opportunity to work together to assemble 110 hygiene kits that are being distributed in Sooke through the Sooke Transition House, Sooke Crisis Centre and Worklink. Girl Guides would like to thank the following generous donors from our community: Dr. Chris Bryant

Guides' annual food drive, where each girl is challenged to bring one food item to her Girl Guide meeting each week between now and Thinking Day.

All in all the Snowflake Ball was a resounding success. It was a great bridging event, we were able to 'lend a hand' and 'connect to care' as part of the SVI Community Challenge and we all got a chance to unleash our inner diva. As the ball came to a close one excited girl asked "can we do this again tomorrow?". It was a perfect afternoon.

**Submitted by Gillian Hurwood, Commissioner,
Sooke District**



Want to take your girls canoeing? Start by taking a course!

Below are the upcoming canoe courses being offered by the Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club (VCKC)—an inexpensive way to get some canoe skills. To take girls canoeing you need at least the Basic Tandem Paddler, Basic Solo Paddler plus some experience. The Advanced Tandem Paddler is highly recommended as well. To go canoe tripping, other courses are needed (like Canoe Tripping or Ocean Tripping).

When taking a canoe course, sign up through VCKC, then contact your Area Commissioner as you will be partially reimbursed for the course upon successful completion. What a fantastic way to gain experience that will benefit yourself and your girls!

Last year we ran a Basic Tandem and Basic Solo course for Guiders only. If you would like that to happen this year or next fall, please contact Chloe Faught (chloe.faught@gmail.com or 778-433-1696) and she will help arrange it. SVI Girl Guides are currently an associate member of VCKC which allows us to take courses and rent canoes/kayaks for minimal/no cost. If you would like this to continue, please use the services available and let us know you have done so or that you are interested in using them (contact Chloe or Susan szedel@shaw.ca for more information).

Happy paddling!

Chloe





Peninsula Shores Shoreline Cleanup: September 2012

Peninsula

Shores decided that the very first district event of the 2012/2013 Guiding year would be a shoreline cleanup. We weren't sure what the attendance would be as the units hadn't even started up yet. But we wanted to do a joint cleanup with another community group, the Brentwood Bay Power Squadron, so off we went!

It was a beautiful sunny day and we had three Sparks, 11 Guides (some still in their Brownie uniforms because it was so early in the year!), six Pathfinders, two Rangers, and seven leaders scour the beach at Tulista Park and all along the Bazan Bay shoreline in

Sidney. We collected a car tire, a long, soggy and stinky piece of carpet, rusty metal pieces and about 10 bags full of cigarette butts, food packaging, and plastic pieces. The girls were very intent on picking up every item they could find.

The Town of Sidney donated disposable gloves and recyclable garbage bags for our cleanup and the lovely Power Squadron members booked the picnic shelter so we could all have a snack out of the sun. The Vancouver Aquarium organizes the event twice a year, in September and May. They also provide data cards for counting all of the items collected and put the



information into a global database on the state of our shorelines. And look at the awesome crest we got for everyone – for free!!

2013 marks the 20th year of the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup! You can register for a cleanup and find more information at:

www.shorelinecleanup.ca.

Submitted by Tamara Fraser and Sheena McCullough, Co-District Commissioners, Peninsula Shores District



... SVI International News ...

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

It was with heavy hearts that the International Peace Arch Association, both US and Canadian sections, announced the cancellation of their annual "Hands across the Border Celebration".

The event has been hosted at Peace Arch Park in Surrey, BC and Blaine, Washington 90 times over the last 94 years, interrupted for two years by WW II and two years by major construction projects. Sue Head, international and Canadian president of the International Peace Arch Association, confirmed early in February that she made the "heartbreaking" call to end the tradition.

The Peace Arch celebration began in 1937 as a joint USA - Canadian Armistice Day. The land on which the Peace Arch sits was paid for by pennies, nickels and dimes collected by school children from both sides of the border in the 1920's. The Peace Arch itself was constructed with volunteer labour, using donated materials. The second Sunday in June every year, the International Peace Arch Association hosted this annual re-dedication of the International Peace Arch, celebrating the longstanding peace between Canada and the United States.

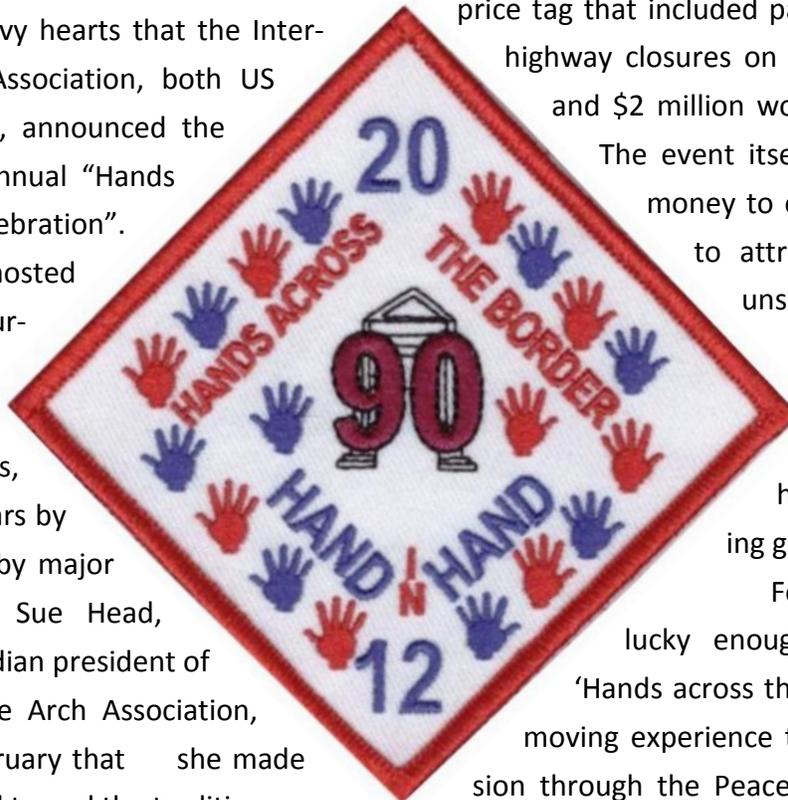
According to organizers, rising costs over the

past several years, along with diminished donations, have made the continuation of this event impossible. The association could no longer afford the \$10,000 price tag that included paying for portable toilets, highway closures on both sides of the border and \$2 million worth of liability insurance.

The event itself generated virtually no money to offset costs and attempts to attract sponsors have been unsuccessful. In addition the number of volunteers had stagnated and the heavy workload had taken a toll on an aging group of regulars.

For those of us who were lucky enough to have attended a "Hands across the Border" event, it was a moving experience to be part of the procession through the Peace Arch with thousands of others involved in Scouting and Guiding, Campfire Girls and CGIT (Canadian Girls in Training) from both sides of the border as well as Canadian and American military veterans, RCMP and Washington State Police, watching the two countries' flags raised simultaneously and hearing both anthems sung in full voice. It was fun too, exchanging traders, making new friends and moving freely back and forth over the border, even having one foot in each country at the same time. It will be sadly missed.

Submitted by Carol Gamey, Woodwyn District



HI-VANCOUVER JERICHO BEACH

Guiding Sleepovers



HI-Vancouver Jericho Beach is excited to announce its first exclusive Guiding Sleepover. The sleepover program enables up to 100 girls to learn about hostelling, experience staying at a hostel and also take part in the exciting and educational activities that have been created exclusively for the sleepover event. Girls will also earn the Discover Hostelling badge as part of the sleepover program.

WHEN WILL IT TAKE PLACE?

- 3rd year Guides and Pathfinders Program - Saturday, March 23, 2013
- Final year Pathfinders and Rangers Program - Saturday, April 06, 2013

COST: \$60 per girl

One free Guider per 7 girl members

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Dinner
- Activities for the evening
- Movie
- Sleepover
- Breakfast
- Morning activity on the beach and park, weather permitting
- Linen provided, please do not bring sleeping bags or pillows.

TIME: 4pm to 11am

HOW TO BOOK:

BOOKING DEADLINE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013

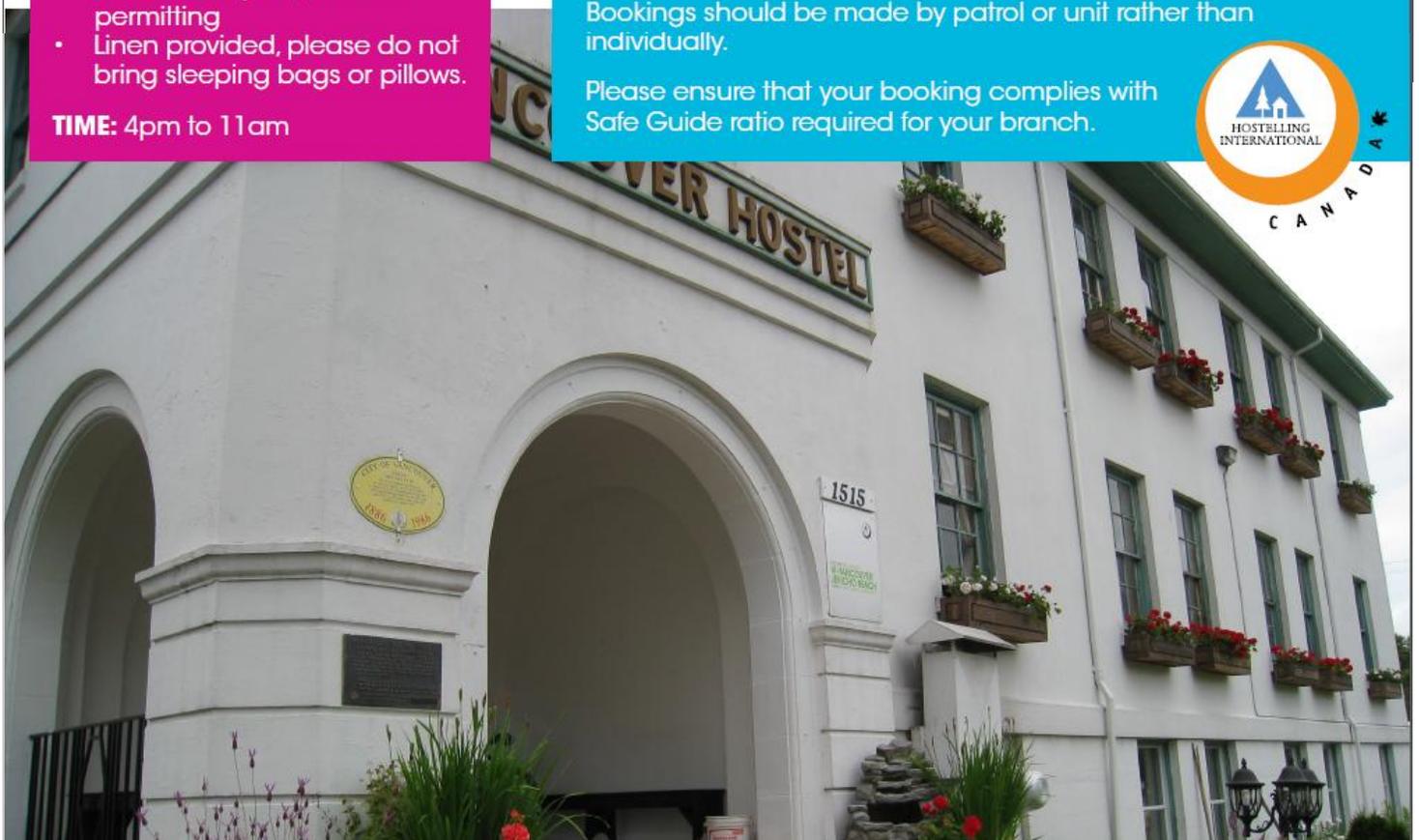
Please contact: Claire Healy at 604.684.7111 Ext 307 or email claire.healy@hihostels.ca to book in your group.

Bookings are accepted on a first come first served basis and a 50% deposit is required at the time of reservation.

Please note that spaces are limited. Further dates may be added dependant on requests.

Bookings should be made by patrol or unit rather than individually.

Please ensure that your booking complies with Safe Guide ratio required for your branch.



SVI International News Cont...

International Challenges

Côte d'Ivoire Challenge

The Cote d'Ivoire is a French country in West Africa. It is one of the world's top producers of cocoa and coffee and exporter of pineapples and palm oil.

This BC Challenge crest can be ordered through BC Province. The details are available on the BC Provincial website. Check it out! The Cote d'Ivoire Challenge Crest has been added to the BC crest order form on the website and can be ordered in the usual way.

Read about the challenge on the following page.

World Thinking Day Challenge

The World Thinking Day WAGGGS challenge is Child Mortality and Maternal Health.

Check it out on the WAGGGS website with the focus countries of Republic of Ireland, Jordan, Malawi, Pakistan, Venezuela.

www.worldthinkingday.org

Twinning Projects

The Grenada and Curacao activity packages are available online to print off on the National BC website.

The challenge itself will also be uploaded to the website shortly.



**FOR MORE
INFORMATION about
these challenges go to
the BC Province
website and look
under international
challenge.**

www.bc-girlguides.org

Côte d'Ivoire Challenge - BC International Committee

- Complete any two of the following, or come up with your own challenge activities to complete!
- You can adapt the challenges below to suit your branch and location.
- If one of your challenges involves raising money to send to Côte d'Ivoire, please make sure that your activity complies with the current National and Provincial fundraising policies. Please send any fundraised amounts to your Area in the same manner that you would send CWFF funds, but marked specifically as Côte d'Ivoire funds.
 1. Pretend you are planning a trip to Côte d'Ivoire. How will you get there? What will you do? Where will you stay? Put together a travel brochure about Côte d'Ivoire for other units at your meeting place.
 2. French is the official language of Côte d'Ivoire. Sing a French song with your unit, or learn the Côte d'Ivoire Girl Scout Promise in French.
 3. A maquis is a small roadside restaurant in Côte d'Ivoire. Try making some food from Côte d'Ivoire (look for recipes in the Côte d'Ivoire resource package) and serving it at your very own unit maquis. Donate the funds you raise from your maquis to CWFF for the Côte d'Ivoire partnership project.
 4. In many parts of Africa, including Côte d'Ivoire, girls and women must carry water long distances every day in order to provide what is needed for their families. Practice carrying a jug of water on your head. Can you do it? What can you do to make it easier? What do you think your life would be like without running water in your house?
 5. The literacy rate of Côte d'Ivoire is just over 56%, and children in Côte d'Ivoire only stay in school for an average of 6 years. Join or organize a literacy drive in your community, read stories to children, or hold a second-hand book sale and donate the proceeds to CWFF for the Côte d'Ivoire partnership project.
 6. Côte d'Ivoire is the world's largest producer of cocoa beans. Find out about some of the problems faced by cocoa farmers. Find and sample some Fair Trade chocolate. Learn what the Fair Trade symbol looks like and take a tour of your local grocery store to find some Fair Trade products. How can buying Fair Trade items (such as chocolate, coffee and bananas) improve the lives of people around the world?
 7. What are some of the animals that can be found in Côte d'Ivoire? Listen to or act out a West African fable about one of the animals that lives there. Find out about some of the reasons why some plants and animals in Côte d'Ivoire are facing extinction. Why was Côte d'Ivoire originally given that name?
 8. Some of the funds that Girl Guides of Canada is donating to Côte d'Ivoire will be used to provide uniforms to Girl Scout members there. Find out what the climate is like in Côte d'Ivoire and design your own uniform for girls your own age in Côte d'Ivoire, taking the weather into consideration.

Canadian World Friendship Fund

Pizza Challenge 2013

The CWFF Pizza Challenge is back!

*The participants of the 2012 Pizza Challenge raised over \$6,600—
help us meet or beat this goal!*

The BC International Committee is challenging each Unit to collect the most money per Unit member (including Guiders), for the Canadian World Friendship Fund. All you have to do is collect the money, **fill in the entry form, return it to your Area International Advisor by March 31, 2013**, and forward the money to your District treasurer.

There will be a prize for one Unit at each level of Guiding. The Unit in each branch that collects the most money per Unit member (including Guiders), will win up to \$100.00 to be used for a pizza party for the Unit. That means that a Sparks Unit, a Brownie Unit, a Guide Unit, a Pathfinder Unit and a Ranger Unit can each win up to \$100.00 for a pizza party. We will tabulate the results and inform the winning Unit by the end of April 2013 so that the winning Units can have their pizza party before the end of the Guiding year.

An additional prize of up to \$100.00 for a pizza party will be awarded to the BC Unit that uses the most original fundraising activity in this challenge. We will collect all of your wonderful ideas and share them on the Provincial website so that next year everyone has lots of CWFF fundraising ideas from which to choose. This means that even if you do not win this challenge, your ideas will still be on the website. If possible, please send digital photos of your girls enjoying their fundraising activities to bc.pizza.challenge@gmail.com. We will post a selection of those as well.

Every Unit that participates in this challenge can also order the **CWFF Pizza Challenge crest**, available from the BC Girl Guide website at: <http://www.bc-girlguides.org/resources/challengecrests/> Remember that every day is an International Day, so there is no reason to wait until February to start your efforts to raise funds!

Why do we collect money for the CWFF?

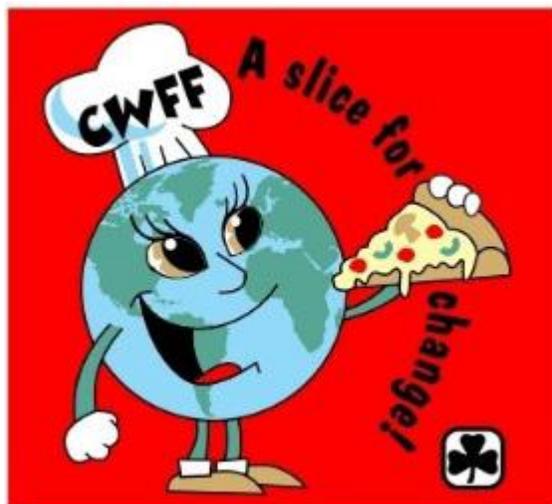
CWFF was started with funds that Canadian Girl Guides raised to help children affected by World War II. These days, CWFF funds are used for a variety of purposes. Some of the money is used to support international guests—Guiders and girls from other countries who are attending events, such as SOAR 2011, in Canada. This is often the only way that girls from less wealthy countries have a chance to attend events such as these.

A portion of the money also goes to the upkeep and operation of the Four World Centres. The World Centres—Pax Lodge in England, Our Cabaña in Mexico, Our Chalet in Switzerland and Sangam in India—are open to all members of WAGGGS.

Every year, Girl Guides Canada—Guides du Canada also puts aside money for Mutual Aid projects. In 2010, Girl Guides of Canada raised \$130,000 in CWFF funds, which provided support for our fellow Guiding members in Kenya, the Maldives, Georgia, Sudan and Zimbabwe. It also helped to provide disaster relief in Haiti, Chile and Pakistan. In 2011, through Mutual Aid, Canadian Girl Guides have assisted the people of Queensland Australia, Brazil, Sri Lanka and the Philippines, all placed devastated by disasters.

It is only with your efforts and your support that Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada can continue to support these projects and activities. **Enter the Pizza Challenge to win one of the six delicious prizes!**

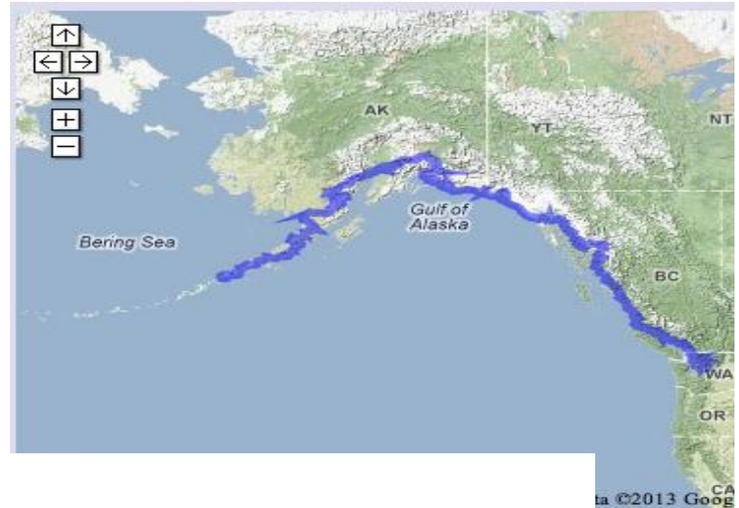
Have questions? Ask us at bc.pizza.challenge@gmail.com



You are invited to: The 2nd Annual Trex Canadian World Friendship Fund Fundraiser!

Watch the film "Journey on the Wild Coast," **eat** yummy food, and **find out** about Emily Carr Trex!

About the Film: From June 2007 to June 2008, Hig and Erin traveled 4000 miles from Seattle to the Aleutian Islands solely by human power – hiking, mini kayaks, and skis! This unprecedented expedition took them through some of the most rugged terrain in the world through the summer, fall, winter and spring. Their mission was to explore, study, and communicate the key environmental issues facing this coast; clear-cut logging in the rainforests, the wild salmon populations and other fisheries, mineral resources like metals, coal and oil, and global climate change.



Read more: <http://www.groundtruthtrekking.org/Journeys/WildCoast.html#ixzz2JPzDiMAo>

Date: Sat. February 23rd at Guide House

Time: 6:30 p.m. Trex Presentation

7:00 p.m. Movie starts

Cost: By donation – all proceeds to CWFF

Delicious food from WAGGGS countries available for purchase

RSVP: to Jessie @ ms.jl.king@gmail.com – 250.884.2527 by Feb 20th

... SVI Camping News ...

SVI Area Camp Properties

SVI Area is incredibly fortunate to have three wonderful campsites:

- Kingswood Camp is almost 28 acres bordering the public park/trail around Beaver and Elk Lakes
- Milnes Landing Camp is on the Sooke River estuary. It is 10 acres in size and includes the flat grassy estuary near the river
- Camp Jubilee is 160 acres, primarily forest, with two salmon bearing creeks.

Go to <http://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/camping.htm> for information and links regarding these camps.

Each of our SVI Area Camps has a dedicated committee, reporting to SVI Area Council, to look after the finances/administration, maintenance and development of the sites for the benefit of the girls and Guiders of SVI Area. Ultimately, the committees work for YOU, the Unit Guiders, to provide the facilities you need and want to take the girls to. These needs must be balanced with the reality of financial constraints.

Introducing the current members of these dedicated committees!

KINGSWOOD CAMP:

Chairperson – Garry Callander

Treasurer – Mae McSorley

Secretary – Barb Currie

Pitch and Purchase – Linda Callander

Member – Sheilagh Finnigan

Member – Mailis Beazley

***In addition Kingwood is very fortunate to have paid caretakers Chloe Faught and Chris McDonald.*

MILNES LANDING:

Chairperson - Eric Hurwood

Treasurer - Patricia Handy

Secretary - Barb Kerr

Pitch and Purchase - Sandy Shumka

Member - Melinda Degroot

Maintenance/repair - Wil Wilson

Maintenance/repair - Peter Wilford

Harbours District Rep - Dory Aubin

(Harbours unit meetings are at Milnes)

CAMP JUBILEE:

Chairperson – Sandy Hulko

Treasurer – Sandy Shumka

Secretary – Erlene Amero

...and more members needed

The Chairperson term is three years with the possibility of two more years, for a maximum of five years. Other members may have longer terms so long as they continue to fulfill the duties of their position. 60% of each SVI Area property committee must be GGC members; others may be non-member volunteers.

Camp Jubilee is in need of additional committee members. If you know of anyone interested in joining the committee, contact Jubilee Chairperson Sandy Hulko at alsan2@shaw.ca or Teresa Howden - Camp Properties Liaison at teresa-howden@shaw.ca. Ideal additions to the committee would be individuals who have some knowledge of maintaining outdoor camps and the structures on them. This does not mean you must do all of the actual work, but you do need to have an eye for what needs doing and knowledge of how to go about getting it done thriftily. If there are individuals with specific skills useful to camp maintenance, but who would like to just help out occasionally with specific jobs at any of the camps rather than join a committee, this would be fabulous too. Perhaps you like to chop wood, or deliver gravel, mow lawns, or assist with small construction jobs.

Whether Guiders notice them or not, maintenance and mi-

nor changes are ongoing at our camps at the direction of the campsite committees. A few examples from 2012: Milnes substantially repaired the steps/porch of the Lower Cabin; Kingswood replaced the roofs on the tent shed and the pump-house and refurbished the lower dining shelter with new siding, roof and tables. In the fall Jubilee built platforms for the four vitex (heavy plastic) ridgepole tents purchased in the summer and reroofed the gateway dining shelter. Cleaning, painting, hacking back brush, filling potholes, pumping lats, burning waste material, getting chimneys cleaned, testing fire extinguishers, replacing smoke detectors and light bulbs/tubes, replacing kitchen equipment as required - the list goes on and on and on. Committees seek advice/approval from SVI Area for major changes or new development.

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Right: Splitting wood at Jubilee



**Top to Bottom: New
shelter at Kingswood
Kingswood's new
benches
Jubilee's new tent
platform
Opposite: Time to eat
at the Jubilee cleanup**



All three camps rely on some volunteer labour provided by Guiding families at the twice-a-year camp cleanups. Each unit in SVI Area is targeted for one of the six camp cleanups per year. The roster (district/branch) for cleanup assignments is at the link at the bottom of <http://svi-availability.weebly.com/>. If a family has girls in multiple branches, please let them know that they are not expected to attend several cleanups; they may choose which one to attend. Families volunteering time and effort at camp are a huge help, but hopefully it is a great day out for the family as well. Make the most of it, bring your lunch, explore the camp and have fun!

If anyone would like to attend more than their assigned cleanup, that would be GREAT, the more the merrier!

Milnes: April 13th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Jubilee: April 13th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Kingswood: April 14th, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

To encourage better attendance at the cleanups, the camp properties committees are offering an incentive. The district with the largest number of adult participants, who stay at a cleanup, working for two hours minimum, wins the “prize” of a ½ day use of any one of the sites that is not booked between mid-June and the end of August. A slot will be awarded to one district for best turn-out in the spring and another in the fall. Last fall, Portage Inlet District had by far the best turnout at the three fall cleanups. Perhaps the ½ day (four hours) could be used for a picnic for your district’s guiders or a welcome back to a new Guiding season event late in August! Contact our SVI Area Camp Booking Agent, Mae at danmae@telus.net to book.

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To Unit Guiders:

What are your needs and wants at our camps?

Are there things that could be done to improve the camp experience with the girls? Are there changes that would entice you to camp more often at the SVI campsites? Put your GGC thinking hats on and let the campsite committees or Teresa Howden, (SVI Area Camp Properties Liaison) know if you have suggestions for improvements or procedures. Committees cannot improve things they do not know about. Often there are small, inexpensive changes or additions that would be very helpful to campers that committees could address now. If there are more substantial changes you would like to see, they are not impossible, but take time to come to fruition and likely require more thorough planning, possibly fundraising and assistance from the wider Guiding community. If we don't aim for these projects and start planning they will never happen so let's hear what you would like and how you would be willing to help us get it. GGC does move slowly and carefully, so patience is required. The committees do listen. At your request, SVI Area now has one central booking person for all three camps.

Please do your best to support the committee by paying fees/deposits on time, depositing your reimbursements promptly, and leaving the camp in tip top shape or informing the committee if you were not able to do so. If at all possible it is preferable to book the entire weekend and avoid cancelling camps at the last minute. As we strive to become sustainable, we cannot allow rentable times to slip by due to last minute cancellations or half-booked weekends as we did before.

THANK YOU!

Random Helpful Hints, News and Reminders from each SVI Area campsite:

The **DISCOVER SVI CAMPS CHALLENGE** (SVI Area Tri-Camp Challenge), running since spring 2011, started with 500 Crests for each campsite. The challenge has been most popular at Milnes Landing Camp with only 21 crests remaining. There are 200+ crests apiece left for each of the Jubilee and Kingswood sites. Information regarding this challenge is on the SVI Girl Guide website <http://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/camping.htm>. The SVI Camp Committee is discussing whether or not to continue the challenge at Milnes, and we will let you know soon.

JUBILEE:

- Do not use the pots stored in patrol boxes on fires. They are for camp-stove use only. Please use the pots in the labelled plastic garbage cans for fire cooking. Rubbing soap on the bottom of pots before using them in the fire makes it easier to clean them afterwards.
- Do not use the top of the padlock to pull open the KIRBY Panabode door. This damages the lock. Remove the lock entirely while pulling the door open.
- The first thing to do upon arrival at camp is plug in the phone. It may be plugged in at the small wood phone box between BRIDGES and KIRBY sites or at the telephone pole near the outhouses on the GATEWAY site then put the phone assembly in the green metal box there.
- KIRBY SITE: Four platform tents will be up and ready for use in April. Three were done in the fall.

(The tents were packed away for winter). The fourth platform will be completed in March.

- It is important to do a sweep of the lawn area to ensure easier and safer lawn mowing; remove rocks and sticks which damage the mower and slows down the job.
- From committee member Erlene: A tree planting program is currently under development for the site with the goal of improving site safety and enhancing the environment for campers and wildlife. Tree planting and forestry environmental education will be available for units camping for two nights or more. Please contact the Jubilee Camp Committee four weeks prior to your camp to arrange to take part. Tree planting and environmental education are great ways to take part in hands-on program activities.



Milnes' 1938 dedication.

- Our neighbour/property owner to the south of Jubilee (down the driveway across the road from the camp driveway) has approached GGC and generously offered GGC access via her property to the seashore. This is offered only to GGC groups camping at Jubilee. There is a procedure to follow: please phone the property caretaker George Pedneault a few days before your camp, at 250-642-3625 to inform him of the date/time that you intend to take a group of girls to the beach. He will verify that this an acceptable time. There are several gates to pass through on your trek. Please **securely close all gates** you open so that cows do not escape. We are to walk directly down the driveway to the beach. There is an out-house near the beach that we may use. Bring your own supplies (TP and hand-sanitizer).

MILNES LANDING:

- Milnes Landing will be celebrating its 75th anniversary July 21st, 2013. Party plans are just now taking shape. If you have an interest in assisting the committee with this event, or have a Milnes story to share, contact Eric Hurwood at jericoan@shaw.ca.
- It is normal for the heater in the upper cabin's main hall to take a while to heat up.
- Only one vehicle may drive down to the LOWER CABIN at a camp. This is to aid in slowing the erosion of the steep road. A cart is available (stored in the UPPER CABIN) to assist in getting camp supplies down to the LOWER CABIN or, upon arrival at camp, move most of the supplies to the one car that will be driven down the hill.
- The metal fireside benches for the LOWER CABIN are now stored in the basement.

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- Turn on both hot water breakers in the UPPER CABIN; one is for the kitchen, the other is for the bathroom.
- Turn on both water valves for the UPPER CABIN (outside kitchen window under wood lid)



KINGSWOOD:

- Kingswood Camp Committee contact is Camp Chairperson Garry Callander, at garryis@telus.net.
- Laminated maps of Kingwood are available for use while at camp. They are stored in the phone kiosk.
- Nylon mesh (window screening) to be used as LDU screens have been provided for the UPPER and LOWER tents sites. Please clean them after use. Directions are supplied.

**Submitted by Teresa Howden,
SVI Area Camp Properties Liaison**



Milnes' upper water boxes.

Camp Jubilee Committee invites Guiders, Friends, Parents and their Families to the **2013 CAMP JUBILEE SPRING CLEAN-UP**

When: Saturday April 13th, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: 9548 West Coast Rd, ~17.5 km past centre of Sooke
(turn right into the driveway just before crossing Kirby Creek if approaching from Sooke)



Many hands make light work and ALL help is appreciated to prepare the camp for the 2013 camping season. Come for whatever amount of time you like, and enjoy a day outdoors at our wonderful campsite. It is the perfect time to check out the camp if you are considering camping there.

There are a variety of jobs to choose from, something for everybody:

- Scrub off the winter dirt (dust, moss, algae) that accumulates on outhouses, dining shelter counters, and ramps that have become slippery over winter
- Clean gutters
- Chop & stack firewood
- Put the tents back up on platforms after winter
- TONS of clipping and pruning to do as Mother Nature tries to reclaim our camp
- Clear salmonberry patch in front of the new platform tents
- Load some demolition materials in preparation for taking to the dump
- Clear debris off the fields in preparation for mowing
- And we are still adding to the job list !



Bring your own mug & lunch. A snack of hot dogs & a hot drink will be provided by the committee. Please bring some of your own tools to use: work-gloves, rubber gloves, shovel, pruners, loppers, rake. The long grass can be quite damp. Wear suitable out-door clothing. Parents are responsible for looking after their own children unless a Guider has organized this event for their unit.

SEE YOU THERE !

Kingswood Work Party

Sunday April 14, 1-3pm, 2013

611 Linnet Lane (off of Old West Saanich Rd.)

Come to our spring work party and check out everything that has been done at Kingswood over the last year:

- **Fall 2011 - we built new lats for the Freeman King site.**
- **Spring 2012 - we rebuilt the Bill Reith Shelter including a new roof, gutters and paneling.**
- **Fall 2012 - New roofs were installed on the tent shed and well!**

Please bring shovels, wheel barrows, clippers and axes. There will be wood to chop, road gravel to spread and lots of clipping and broom pulling!

Treats and hot drinks provided by the Kingswood Camp Committee.





Milnes Landing Camp Work Party

The Milnes Landing spring work party will take place on April 13th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. We encourage all parents in **Raven, Straits, Bay to Bay, Woodwyn, Lakes, and Pacific**

Skies Districts to help us make this a clean, safe, and healthy camp so that their daughters can have a positive camping experience. A responsible adult must accompany all children attending.

Report to the upper cabin to sign in and pick a job. Please bring rakes, shovels, clippers, heavy axes, chain saws, wheelbarrows, and wedges plus gloves for outside jobs like chopping wood, stacking wood, filling potholes, cutting bush and sweeping the outside of cabins. For inside jobs, you need pails, gloves, rags and cleaning supplies. Jobs include taking inventory of the kitchen cupboards, cleaning the bathrooms, furnace room, windows, etc.; just like spring cleaning at home! Bring your lunch out and enjoy a picnic!



DID YOU KNOW.....???

Insurance Coverage When Renting Girl Guide Properties for Personal Use

In the past, Guiders have been able to use Guiding properties for personal functions such as birthday parties, reunions, weddings etc. having no particular additional insurance coverage –you simply paid the rental fee required by the local council or committee and assumed the Responsible Guider role. However, several years ago the rules changed, not just for Guiding but all organizations that owned rentable facilities. We now must follow strict guidelines when renting GGC properties for any function other than a sanctioned Guiding event or activity.

If you would like to rent any of our local facilities for a private function you need to be aware of the additional coverage required on your personal home insurance policy. The GGC requirements for third party liability are as follows:

- If the Facility is to be used for a family function and no alcohol is to be consumed at the Facility, the Limit of Liability must be a minimum of \$500,000.
- If the Facility is to be used for an organizational function and no alcohol is to be consumed at the Facility, the Limit of Liability must be a minimum of \$2,000,000.
- If the consumption of alcohol is allowed at the Facility, the Limit of Liability must be a minimum of \$5,000,000 and the policy must include a Host Liquor Liability Endorsement or Proprietor Liquor Liability if alcohol is being sold.

As an example, a recent non-alcohol family function lasting approximately four hours cost the policy holder about \$75.00. Once you have the waiver in hand from your personal insurer, the insurance application document must be approved by the Provincial Office. The specific wording required and the detailed document can be found on the national website:

forms.girlguides.ca/Shared Documents/insurance/license-agreement-for-the-use-of-ggc-property.pdf

Remember to allow plenty of lead time before your event. You will need to get your personal insurance coverage in order before you send off the GGC documentation to Province. Give yourself at least a month in order to avoid stress and subsequent panic if the paperwork is not forthcoming and your event date is looming. Once you have your paperwork in order, you can relax and plan your special occasion!

**Submitted by Lynda Ireland
for SVI Properties**

GUIDE HOUSE TIPS

When signing in to Guide House to host a meeting, be sure to enter your meeting attendance numbers in the right hand columns on the log sheet. In this instance, your meeting attendees do not individually sign in.

When delivering your long term storage materials to Guide House, please ensure they are "shelf ready" i.e.: paper only – no binders, clips, plastic etc. – in a well-marked envelope stating the contents, the date of contents and the unit/district name.

*Items sent to Guide House for shredding must consist of only your **confidential** material – banking and old chequebooks, expired financial records, phone lists, committee lists etc. Please no handbooks, notes, planning materials and other generic documentation. Shredding fees are charged by weight so we do not want to be paying more than we have to.*

Thank you

Submitted by Lynda Ireland, House Committee Chair



Girl Guides Have Their Own Garry Oak!

In 1993, Girl Guides in Oak Bay, Victoria (Bowker, Chatham and Shoal Bay Districts) started a Conservation/Restoration Project in Uplands Park and Anderson Hill Park. They learned about the Garry Oak meadow, now registered as one of the top three endangered ecosystems in Canada and became the first organized group to have permission from the Oak Bay Parks Department to remove invasive species. During the 19th Annual Broom Bash held last October over fifty Guides and their families, alongside volunteers from the University of Victoria and the Friends of Uplands Park, worked together to cut down the Scotch Broom, Ivy, Daphne and European Ash.

In 2000, Marjorie Shaw was asked to plant a two-year old native Garry Oak in Uplands Park to honour the 90th birthday of Guiding, 65 years after being chosen to represent Victoria Girl Guides at the planting of an oak tree in Beacon Hill Park by Lord and Lady Baden Powell. (See Marjorie's article 'My Girl Guide History' in this issue.) Unfortunately the tree did not survive, nor did other saplings planted over the years. On November 4, 2012 about sixty people including the 28th Victoria Girl Guides and the 1st Victoria Trefoil Guild attended the 3rd Annual Tree Appreciation Day at Uplands Park. An English Oak, mistakenly sold as a Garry Oak and planted by Guiding two years ago was removed to be planted elsewhere in the municipality. Working together the girls carried and dragged the biggest (of course) Garry Oak tree sap-



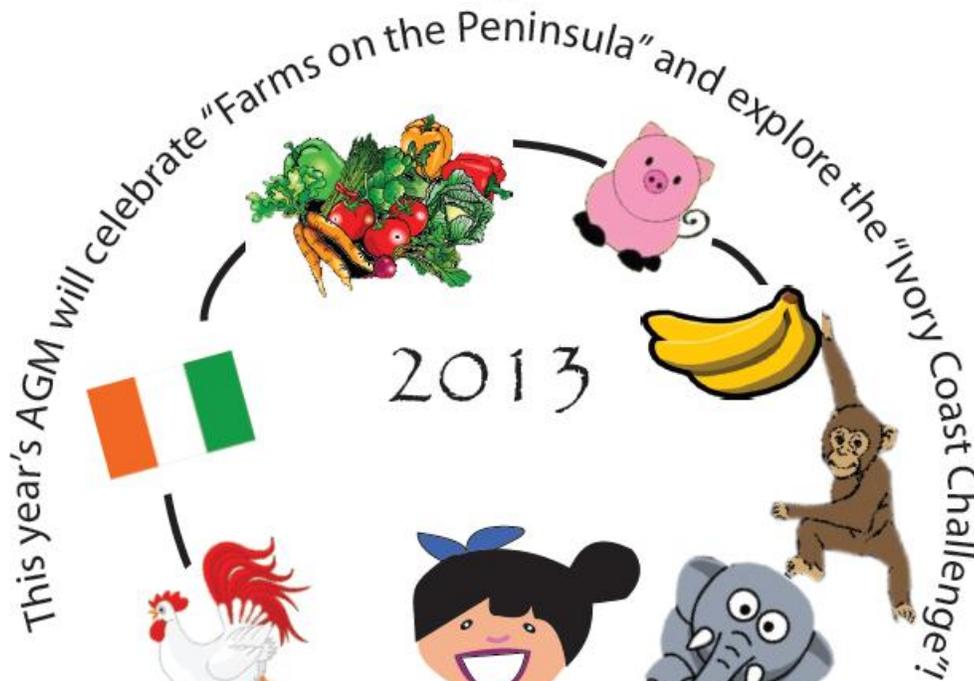
ling and replaced it in the same spot. They held it securely and packed dirt all around the roots. They then planted native wildflower bulbs, including Camas, nodding onion and Hooker's onion around the base.

The Girl Guides of Chatham District and the 1st Victoria Trefoil Guild look forward to the Girl Guide Garry Oak sprouting leaves this spring for the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Girl Guides in Uplands Park on Sunday, May 5, 2013.

THANK YOU 28th Victoria Guides! Let's pray that this oak will survive!

**Submitted by Margaret Lidkea,
1st Victoria Trefoil Guild and Co-Chair, Friends of
Uplands Park**

SVI ~ AGM ~ 2013 Farm-Fresh Ivory Coast Fusion



When: Friday April 26th, 2013
6pm to 9pm

Where: Presbyterian Church Hall
9296 E Saanich Rd Sidney, BC
[\(click here for map\)](#)

Cost: \$15 per person (includes dinner, dessert and a crest!)

AGM 2013 Registration

Please register (with payment) by April 12th, 2013 to: Guide House, 938 Mason St., Victoria BC V8T 1A2
(Make cheques out to "Girl Guides of Canada - SVI Area")



Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

District _____ \$15 enclosed

Dietary/Allergy issues? _____