



THE LAMPLIGHTER



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Spark Spree Fun! Girls Show Off their Bear Masks.



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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

Summer is ending and another Fall full of unit start ups is upon us! Where has the time gone? Wendy and Adrienne spent 3 weeks in South America with Pathfinders and Rangers and, as this is being written, Gillian is just returning from a 3 week trip to the UK with her Mom.

Many questions have come up lately to our email about the lack of experienced Guiders in the units that are willing to take on the 'Contact' Guider role, so we thought it timely to spend a bit of time on this topic. For those who may be new to Guiding, changing branches or are a seasoned Guider in a unit, this question seems to be a constant. First of all, the term Contact Guider is exactly what it says; 'Contact'. This term does not mean 'In Charge'. The Contact Guider does not have to be the most experienced in your unit! The definition is the Guider in a unit that is willing to have her email address in iMIS, so the correspondence from District, Area, Province or National will go there rather than to all of the Guiders in the unit to streamline the email communication for the unit. The term 'In Charge' as in 'Guider In Charge' or 'GIC' is an outdated term and has not been used officially for decades. Women today are busier and more involved with multiple outside activities. We are accustomed to working on teams and sharing responsibility in our work and home lives. Guiding is no different. We share the leadership responsibilities; the work and the fun associated with Guiding. We all have our strengths and weaknesses and like to share our strengths and pass off the things we don't feel as comfortable with. Your weakness is someone else's strength on your team.

Please keep in touch with your District Commissioner and make every effort to attend District meetings. You will find the camaraderie and support you need from other Guiders and the meetings will help keep you grounded and 'in the know'.

We wish you a fabulous start to this Guiding year!!

**Adrienne, Gillian and Wendy,
SVI Area Co-Commissioners**

Hats Off!

...To the dedicated team who organized the Spark Spree. The event wouldn't have been possible without the help of the following people in SVI Area: **Jim Cosgrove, Tom Kwaitkowski, Jill Wark, Gillian Hurwood and Trevor Hurwood** for setting up the larger shelters; all the Guiders who agreed to be First Aiders for the day; **Barb Kerr** for taking on the property management aspect; **Jacky Stevens & Sherry Fortais** for registration and name tag preparation; **Rose Kwiatkowski** for her puppet of Leo the Leopard Seal, **Lauren Dye, Linda Callander, Lynda Ireland, Suzanne Iverson, Sheilagh Finnigan and Jan Norman, Wendy Kluge, Gillian Lightbody, Diana Hocking, & Ann Scarfe** of the Peninsula Pals Trefoil Guild for craft preparation; **Erlene Amero** for the original idea and encouragement; **Trudine Wilson** for supplies from her craft shed; **Brenda Lacharity & Val Stephen** for encouraging the Emily Carr Rangers to take a major role in planning and fulfillment of the event; Rangers: **Sophie Cheng, Mikayla Edmunds, Lily McCartney, Lily Seffler, Faith Ayotte, Alanna Lacharity, Hannah Norris, Harriet Cawsey, Stephanie Milburn, Mya Rivers, Maryna Ell, Mattie Duddridge, Danielle Luzzi** for preparation and/or leading stations and especially to Danielle for her crest design; **Sohad Kadhum** for taking so many great photos; **Sandy Arts** for the lively sing song at the Spree; **Linda Funk** for being the home contact person; **Darcy Wyllie** for



handling the unit submissions; **Mary Porterfield** for depositing all those cheques and writing cheques for expenses. Outside agencies also contributed to the success of the day: **Country Grocers (Royal Oak)** for the registration bags, and **Mount Newton Centre** for the collection of stuffed penguins.

Most of all, thank you to **Jeannie Cosgrove** for her overall organization, and thank you to all of the Spark Guiders who gave up their day so their unit could experience the full meaning of the sisterhood of Guiding in SVI Area.

...To all of the amazing Guiders who organized the Annual Gathering of Members held at the Peace Lutheran Church in Sidney, on April 8th. The Peru themed event was filled to capacity, attended by guiders from throughout SVI. The evening featured Peruvian decorations, crafts, and a delicious Peruvian inspired supper. In Particular thanks to: **Rose Kwiatkowski** for shopping and cooking, **Marilyn Maggiora** for stepping up to the stove when called, **Sara Kissinger** for handling the colour party with assistance from **Pat Sinnott** & introducing Fred the

Moose, **Linda Funk** for creating the lovely centrepieces, **Linda Colye**, for shopping and clothing distribution, **Sheilagh Finnigan** for cooking, clothing distribution and keeping us informed about AGMs, **Laureen Dye** for the llama craft and signage, **Denise Howden** for the invitation and CWFF signage, **Angie Zemanek** for making the llama connection, **Linda Callander** for helping with set-up, **Carol & Charlotte Whitehouse** for registration & CWFF and tracking down the empanadas, **Darcy Wyllie** for keeping track of the registrations, **Susan Christman**, **Susan Plato-McLean & Michelle Winsor** for coordinating the Pacific Skies independent trip to South America girls and working so hard in the kitchen, **Sohad Kadhum & Sherry Fortais** for taking photos, **Sharon Doty** for her slide show and display of Peruvian fabrics, **Danita Duguay** for her display of Peruvian items, **Neala St. Hilaire** for leading the singing, **Maryna Ell & Christina Martinusen** for their wonderful presentation on their 2014 Nationally selected trip to Peru, **Daphne McGregor-Greer** for coordinating the awards portion, **Jeannie**

Cosgrove & Merlane Quon for cooking and coordinating the event and the **AC Team** for the slide show and their guidance in all things concerning the AGM.

...To the following Guiders for their help with the Lady Baden-Powell recognition event. First thanks go to **Vickie Macllroy & Sandy Budden** of **Lakes District** whose initial volunteering ensured that the event would happen, Woodwyn Guiders, **Sharon Lohr**, who donated her work time so we could afford for the girls to visit Butterfly World, and **Carol Gamey** as registrar at the event. Also, thanks to **Lynda Ireland** for printing up the certificates, **Erlene Amero** and **Linda Callander** for set-up and craft mentoring, **Wendy Halpen** for representing Area Council and awarding the certificates and crests to the girls, **Jeannie Cosgrove** (Area Program Adviser) who coordinated the other volunteers, juggled the initial registration and planned the stations and lastly, all the **Guide Guiders** who supervised the games and gave up their evening so the Guides could be recognized for their efforts.

You may begin to notice a common theme in the Hats Off column these days; it takes **a lot** of people to organize these events and activities. We appreciate every single one of these wonderful people who continually step up to help ensure that these activities continue to happen as everyone comes to expect them to. Thank you to all of you for what you do, above and beyond your 'regular' Guiding roles.



Opening Ceremonies

Spark Spree 2016!

After the success of a Brownie Revel (Rainbow Revelry) in 2015, the Program committee decided to host a Spark Spree. Milnes Landing was selected as the venue to help support Area properties and introduce the camp to Spark Guiders who might not have visited Milnes Landing before.

Since penguin crests were left over from the Brownie Revel, the theme for the Spree evolved into *Polar Adventures* with the Upper site designated as the North Pole and the Lower site as the South Pole. Area Rangers were invited to participate in the planning and leading stations at the Spree.

The event began with an opening ceremony, after which the Sparks were split into two groups, with one going to the 'North Pole' for activities, and the other group going to the 'South Pole'.

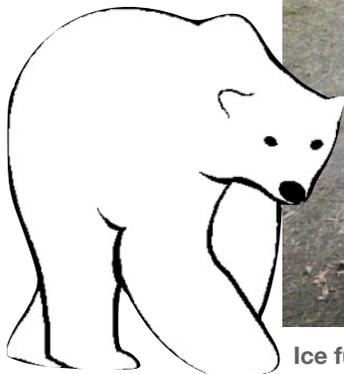




Game of Polar Bear says!

The stations at the 'North Pole' included:

- Bear’s Den – The girls were read storied about Polar Bears, and learned some interesting Polar Bear Facts
- Polar Bear masks – The girls made masks and then played “Polar bear says...”
- Bear Hunt – The girls searched the ‘icebergs’ for polar bears and took ‘photos’ with pretend cameras and then played Ice Tag
- Northern Lights –The girls learned about the Aurora Borealis and then created their own lights in blocks of ice. They also played Shine & Flare: Go, Go, Stop.



Ice fun! Brrrr!



Pin the penguin on the map!

The stations at the 'South Pole' included:

- Penguin Waddle and Bubbles – The girls placed 'penguin eggs' between their knees and tried to carry them like penguins. They also had the chance to play with bubbles!
- Goldfish craft – Since penguins eat fish, the girls made a goldfish windsocks and then had fun playing with them
- Antarctic Games – Included a round robin of pin the penguin on the map, bowling with penguins, and a 'snowball' fight
- Fish Pond – The girls 'fished' for penguins made by the Rangers from corks, identified their penguin from ID sheets and then became penguins being chased by a seal puppet





The event also included a polar themed sing along, with "Penguins Attention" being a very popular song. The day

ended with a closing ceremony before the girls were picked up by their parents. The actual count of participants on was 163 Sparks with 45 Guiders plus 33 support Guiders & Rangers for a total of 241 attendees. The weather was perfect, and fun was had by all. Definitely a success!

Linda as a Penguin





Above: Good friends.
Left: Goldfish windsocks.





Top: Story time in the 'bears' den.' Bottom Photo: Cork penguins from the fish pond.



Two active games: Leopard seal chase (above) and a sun game (below).





Making Polar Bear masks! Rawr!



Hard working Rangers at a planning meeting.



Guides Spruce Up South Valley Park!

On January 30th, three SVI Guide units, the **1st Marigold Guides**, **1st Portage Inlet Pathfinders** and **27th Victoria Guides** worked with the District of Saanich to improve the habitat in a local park. The 1st Marigold Guides, Portage Inlet Pathfinders and 27th





Victoria Guides from the Portage Inlet District planted 26 trees in South Valley Park to improve the habitat for wildlife and provide important shade for the stream.

As part of a local residential development project, the 1st Marigold Guides have been working with the District of Saanich for the past three years to remove blackberry bramble that had invaded the park. The work of pulling the bramble cleared enough space for trees to be planted.

Thanks to a \$1500.00 grant from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, the District of Saanich, and Novus Plant, twenty-six girls had the full tree-planting experience,

including digging holes in the mud, hacking the roots of the trees and ensuring the trees were securely planted in the ground.

“It’s nice to see improvement made to correct the damage done by non-native species,” Eric and Sherry, local residents.

“To give back to the community and the environment – this project is a great and fun way to do this,” Tracy, Guider with 27th Victoria Guides. The girls, ranging in age from 9 to 14, enjoyed ‘being good to nature,’ “being with my friends,” but “not the puddles.”

The best part according to Alyssa (13 yrs) with Portage Inlet Pathfinders was “giving more oxygen to the Earth and helping slow down global warming”.

"The District of Saanich was integral to the success of the work by Girl Guides on our park", says Natasha with 1st Marigold Guides and the organizer of the project. "The community came together to improve the natural environment so everyone can enjoy it."

The District of Saanich will maintain the trees by adding mulch and watering the trees during the summer drought.

If your unit is interesting in volunteering at a Saanich park, contact Jenny at jenny.eastman@saanich.ca.

For more information, please contact

**Natasha Staffeldt-Jost,
(Guider name: Autumn)**

1st Marigold Guides, Portage Inlet District



**TD Friends of the
Environment
Foundation**

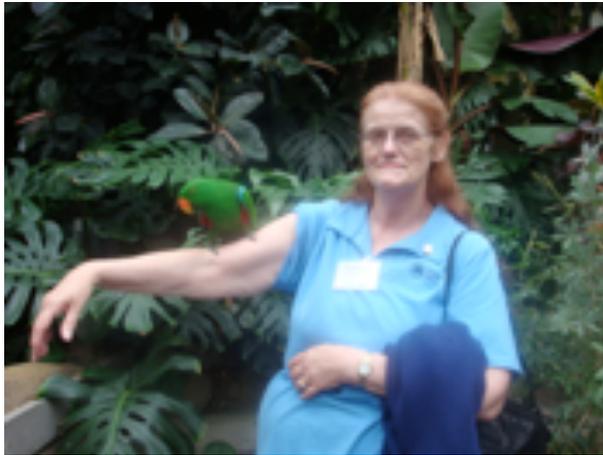


SVI Area Celebrates Lady Baden-Powell Challenge Recipients

The gorgeous butterflies, rare tropical birds, and giant koi at the Victoria Butterfly Gardens were joined by very special guests on Sunday May 15th, 2016! Dozens of SVI Area Girl Guides came together to celebrate their three-year accomplishment: earning the Lady Baden-Powell Award.

In celebration of this event, 36 of our 44 Lady Baden-Powell recipients from 12 units joined in an evening of learning, fun and recognition. We gathered outside the Butterfly Gardens' front door and, once everyone arrived, with clipboards in hand the Guides excitedly tackled a scavenger hunt within the tropical jungle.





As they scavenged for the wild and wonderful facts that answered the questions that they were posed with, the girls learned more about some other inhabitants of our planet.

Once the fun-filled fact-finding missions were complete, we walked over to the park beside the Volunteer Fire Hall on Keating Cross Road. We immediately saw, dotted throughout the park, countless carnival games. The Guides quickly scattered in the hope of tackling each and every carnival game. The multitude of games included a bean bag toss, bocce ball, a team challenge, and basketball. The girls encircled one table where they made DIY bumble bee first aid kits. (I was so busy having fun that I forgot to take photos of the games!)

Before we knew it, it was time to celebrate with cake! Everyone enjoyed a slice of the cake as well as fruits and vegetables.



With our sweet tooth satisfied, we gathered in a circle. Certificates and crests were awarded to each girl, who was called up individually to receive the award she worked so hard to earn. Many times, in larger gatherings, all recipients receive their awards en masse, so it was so special to take our time and recognize each Guide individually. Proud smiles were on everyone's faces!



The evening flew by and, before we knew it, it was time to say our “thank you’s” to the many organizers and be on our way. I had spent the weekend at our Chatham District camp and had only a brief time at home before leaving for this celebration. It was well worth the quick turnaround and, I know, the Guides in my unit wouldn’t have missed it for the world!

Thank you to the Lakes and Woodwyn districts, as well as Jeannie Cosgrove, who spearheaded the event. Please make sure to read the “Hats Off” tribute to the many individuals who worked so hard to make this event such a resounding success. Somehow, they even arranged for fabulous weather!

Thank you!



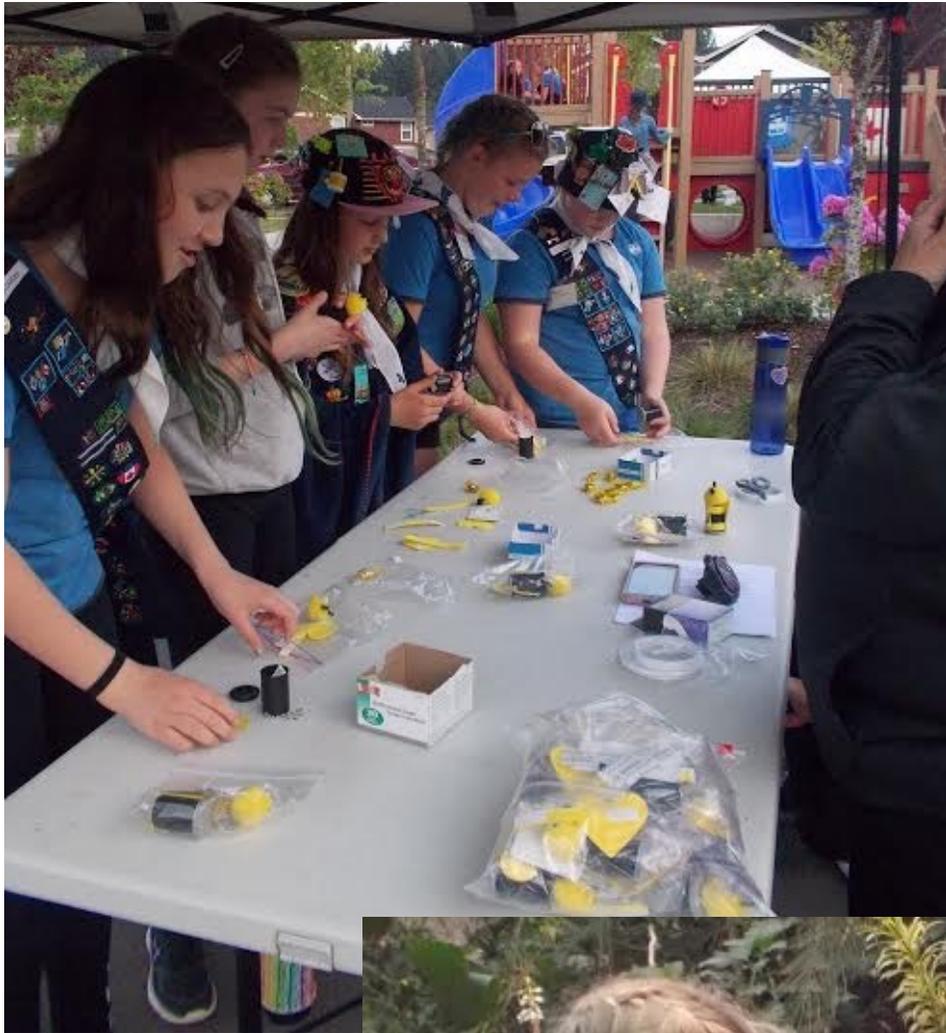
**Written by Sarah Bonner,
4th Victoria Guides, Contact Guider**

More photos from the event on the following pages....



Above: 1st Harbours and 1st Streams. Below: 1st Keating with Wendy and JC.





Left: 'Bee' prepared craft.
Below: Scavenger hunt.





Top Left: Butterfly on backpack. Top Right: Girls from 27th Victoria Guides play lawn darts. Above: Little E the parrot visiting with the Guides.



Top: 1st Keating Guides.
Left: Girls hoola hoop!



Laura (above) on the zip line at Wild Play. Julia (below) having fun.

Peninsula Rangers

The Peninsula Rangers finished out the Guiding year last June with a number of fun activities. From horseback riding, to trying out the high ropes course at Wild Play in Langford, to working on their rock climbing skills at the Boulder's climbing wall at Stelly's, it was a busy few months for the unit.





Kyra (top left) and Michaela (bottom left) at the climbing wall. Top Right: Girls tackling the 'big' wall at the gym.

We ended our Guiding year with a farewell dinner, to say goodbye to our graduating girl members. While sad to see them go, we are so proud of what these young ladies have accomplished in the past 3 years with Rangers, and even more proud to watch what they will continue to achieve as they approach a new set of adventures that lie ahead of them.

**Submitted by Danita Duguay,
Ranger Guider, Peninsula Shores**



Woodwyn District Advancement Ceremony



Left: Sparks moving to Brownies.

June 15th, 2016 - We were so fortunate that the rain stopped, the clouds parted, and the sun shone down on us for this

very special occasion where we recognize all of the girls who have completed their program and are ready to advance to the next level of Guiding. Special thanks to the ladies who helped plan, organize, and set up to make this event happen: Lauren Dye, Fiona Mosher, Jeannie Cosgrove, Carolyn Pennell, and Liz Bennett. Hats off to Peninsula Shores too, for loaning us their wonderful 'Thing' costumes, and to Fiona for scoring all the great props for our feature wall.

Our theme this year, was "Oh, the Places You'll Go", as we all continue to grow as individuals, try new things, and venture forth in the world. As the girls arrived, they were



invited in to make a great hot air balloon craft, created by Laureen. The girls and their families were then asked to find their spots in the semi-circle with the designations of each branch of Guiding along the arch. Once we sang 'Oh Canada' following the colour

Above: Brownies waiting to move up to Guides.
Right: Guides advancing to Pathfinders.

party, we acknowledged the years of service for each of our Guiding members. The honourable mention this time for our attendees, with 43 years of service goes to Carolyn Pennell! We always want to



acknowledge our leaders too, for all the time and efforts they dedicate to Guiding. We also like to thank their families for sharing them with us! We certainly couldn't run these units without the amazing leaders we have.

Starting with the Sparks, the advancing girls were escorted by our lovely Cat in the Hat (Cheyenne Duguay), up to Thing 1 (Sharon Lohr) and Thing 2 (Fiona Mosher), for congratulations, then on to their new branch – Brownies. With our advancing Brownies, there was one girl in particular who we wanted to receive some special acknowledgement, as she had earned all 73 of her interest badges! Karley Walker had worked extra hard over her 2 years as a Brownie to achieve this feat! This was quite an achievement, and noteworthy enough to warrant a visit from the local Municipal newspaper. We also wanted to acknowledge the Guides who had earned their Lady Baden Powell award with their extra efforts – Amy Bussanich, Emma Bartleman, Paige Hoffmann, and Quina Young.



Following the ceremony, the girls and their families enjoyed some pizza, juice and freshly popped popcorn. Special thanks to Marti Redman for acquiring the popcorn machine! The girls also enjoyed the Dr Seuss cut-out photo board! We hope all our Guiding families have a wonderful summer, and a well-deserved rest!

**Submitted by Sharon Lohr,
District Commissioner,
Woodwyn**

Above: A Spark is welcomed to Brownies by Thing 1. Right: A young Thing 1 and Thing 2 showing off their smiles.

Below: Cat in the hat leading a spark up to Brownies.





Above: Mini llama and Mary.
Right: PC elect, Leslie Bush



SVI Area AGM

The International and Program committees hosted the Annual Gathering of Members on April 8, 2016 with the Twinning challenge of Peru as the theme. Attendees were greeted at the entrance to the church grounds by a llama from Millstream Miniature Llamas. After confirming their registration, members were invited to buy tickets for carnival-type games in the foyer, which raised \$182 for the Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF).



The carnival activities provided a filler while Area Council completed a ten minute Annual General Meeting to vote on specific business motions. A buffet dinner, with Peru as the focus, was served to 93 people. The meal was prepared by an AGM team, assisted by Pathfinders and Guiders planning an independent trip to South America in the summer of 2016.

There were rave reviews of the Peruvian-style chicken and unique salads. The dinner was followed by an impactful powerpoint presentation from Brentwood Bay's Jessica and Rob Appleton on behalf of the Spectacled Bear Conservation Society, a Canadian non-profit organization founded by their daughter Robyn, a doctoral candidate at the University of British



Top: A table of Camas members.
 Middle: Colour party and friends.
 Bottom: Bay to Bay table.

Columbia. Spectacled bears are an endangered species in northern coastal Peru, and the society has been working hard to fulfill its mandate of research, education and community outreach.

Leslie Bush, now BC Provincial Commissioner, brought greetings from Province followed by what has become an important part of the AGM, the recognition of Guiders who have been a part of our organization for twenty years or more. Daphne MacGregor-Greer read a brief Guiding bio for each of the 17 recipients, with the highlight: the awarding of two 65 year pins. Guiders were then invited to play more carnival games, complete the twinning challenges at their tables or bid on the Silent Auction items, which raised an additional \$285 for the independent travellers.

The Awards Committee concluded



Top: A mixed table. Middle: Leslie, Wendy and Gillian. Bottom: Puno table.



their portion of the program with the presentation of nine Guider awards, the most significant being the Honourary Life Membership to Araina Golding. Fred the Moose from BC International was introduced by Sara Kissinger of the Area International Committee, followed by an excellent presentation by Rangers Christina Martinusen and Maryna Ell, who travelled to Peru on a nationally

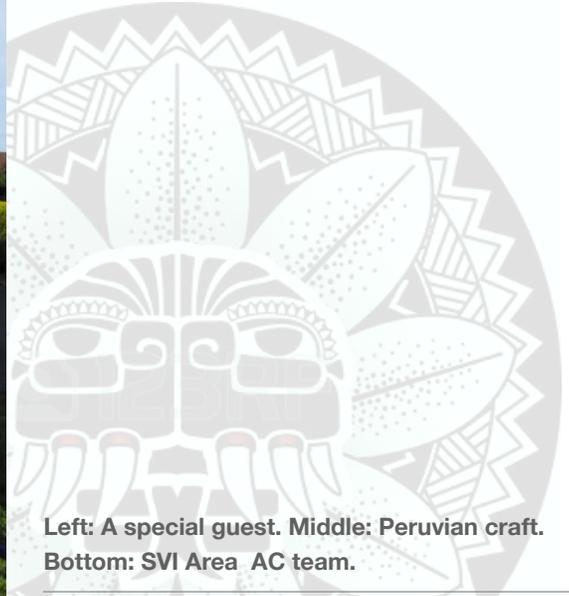
selected trip in 2014. (Check out their delightful article in the Fall 2014 edition of *The Lamplighter*).

By the time the evening came to a close the attendees had eaten a delicious meal, donated money to the CWFF, earned the WAGGGS twinning crest by learning about Peru but most importantly, once again celebrated the sisterhood of Guiding in South Vancouver Island.



Top: Suzanne and Sohad. Middle: Lynda and Nancy. Bottom: The registration table.

Submitted by Jeannie Cosgrove and Carol Gamey



Left: A special guest. Middle: Peruvian craft. Bottom: SVI Area AC team.



AGM Awards

Congratulations to the following members who were presented with membership pins for 20 or more years of service to Girl Guides of Canada at the AGM on April 8, 2016. Certificates signed by the Provincial Commissioner were also presented for membership over 25 years. There were several members who were not present who will be presented with their pins and certificates in their districts or trefoil guilds.

20 Years - Jennifer Bouchard, Denise Howden, Jennifer Ordze

25 Years - Mary Lelonde, Marilyn Maggiora

30 Years - Linda Callander, Brenda Fraser, Sara Kissinger

35 Years - Rose Kwiatkowski, Janice Taylor

40 Years - Sheila Fowler, Gail Graham, Marion Graham, Ann Scarfe, Darcy Wyllie

65 Years - Marjorie Shaw, Pat Sinnott

The following Guiders were recognized at the SVI AGM for their special contributions to Guiding.

Gold Thanks Pin: Carol Gamey, Teresa Howden, Sandra Hulko

SVI Spirit of Hilda Leighton Award: Karen Borden, Joan Ruskowski, Pat Sinnott

Silver Merit Award: Erlene Amero

BC Guider Appreciation Award: Laureen Dye

Honourary Life Award: Araina Golding

Many thanks to all Guiders in SVI Area who dedicate countless hours to Guiding and Girl Greatness! Remember, any Guider may nominate any other Guider for an award Submitted by Daphne MacGregor-Greer, Area Awards Adviser



Photos of award recipients, clockwise from top left: Marjorie Shaw (65 year pin); Pat Sinnott (65 year pin); Sandy Hulko and Teresa Howden (Gold thanks pin); Joan Ruskoski (Spirit of Hilda Leighton Award); Garol Gamey (Gold thanks pin).





Photos of award recipients, clockwise from top left: Pat Sinnott (Spirit of Hilda Leighton Award); Erlene Amero (Silver Merit Award); Laureen Dye (BC Guider Award); Ariana Golding (Honourary Lifetime Award).

Submitted by Daphne MacGregor-Greer, Area Awards Adviser

Even MORE Awards!!!

Congratulations to the following members who have been presented with membership pins in their districts and Trefoil Guild for 20 or more years of service to Girl Guides of Canada.

Certificates signed by the Provincial Commissioner have also been presented for membership over 25 years.

20 Years

Samantha Harder - Chatham District
 Brenda Lacharity - Raven District
 Margaret Lidkea - 1 st Victoria Trefoil Guild
 Mary Luco - Bay to Bay District
 Catherine Schofield - Woodwyn District
 Sheryl Woodward - Pacific Skies District

25 Years

Kathy Barnes - 1 st Victoria Trefoil Guild
 Elizabeth Kallrath - 2 nd Victoria Trefoil Guild

30 Years

Marsha Richie - Kingswood Trefoil Guild

35 Years

Leslie Simpson - Chatham District

40 Years

Donna Cavan - Straits District
 Barbara Kerr - Harbours District

50 Years

Sharon Fitch - 2 nd Victoria Trefoil Guild
 Mary Myers - Portage District
 Wendy Smylitopoulos - Kingswood Trefoil Guild

55 Years

Judy Macquarrie - Chatham District

60 Years

Gail Hogarth - Purple Shores Trefoil Guild

70 Years

Marjorie Shaw - 1 st Victoria Trefoil Guild

NB. (Marjorie Shaw appears to have received her 65 Year and 70 Year membership pins in the same year! She did receive them both. This was because her iMIS profile was brought up to date!)

These Guiders and girls have been recognized in their districts for their special contributions to Guiding.

Gold Thanks Pin:

Chatham District - Julena Batinovic, Sophie Cheng, Maggie Doughty, Lori Henderson, Sohad Kadhum, Margaret Lidkea, Judy Macquarrie, Brandi Newton, Nyssa Temmel, Taewyn St. Hilaire

Pacific Skies District - Sheryl Woodward and Tanya Wyllie

Woodwyn District - Brenda Matthews

The following Guiders have also been recognized in their districts:

Team Award:

Chatham District - Caitlin Davies, Anna Dzioba, Caryn Fischer, Lesley Ruzicka, Neala St. Hilaire

These Guiders planned and carried to completion the first-ever district camp which over 100 girls of all branches attended.

Bronze Merit Award:

Anna Dzioba - Chatham District

Leanne Hunze - Straits District

Gold Merit Award: Deborah Buckle, Bay to Bay District

BC Guider Appreciation Award: Eva Herbert- Straits District

Many thanks to all Guiders in SVI Area who dedicate countless hours to Guiding and Girl Greatness!

Submitted by:

Daphne MacGregor-Greer, Area Awards Adviser

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Meggin Crisp, the recipient of the Col. Karen Ritchie Memorial Scholarship, and a BC Council Bursary!

Isabella Lee recipient of the Humber Glen Trefoil Guild Scholarship, and a BC Council Bursary!

See the Summer/Fall 2016 article of the Pipeline for the full article “Announcing BC’s 2016 Bursary, Grant and Scholarship Recipients.”

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Shelby Thornton, our SVI Area Education Award recipient!

Did you know that a girl member may be nominated for an award?

A girl may be presented with a:

Gold Thanks pin

Team Award

Letter of Commendation

Valour Award

Fortitude Award

Please give some consideration to girls in your unit who might be candidates for any of the above awards.

Camp Clean Ups Fall 2016

It's time to help our camps out this fall. This year camp clean ups will be:

Camp Jubilee, Sunday, October 16, noon to 3:00 pm. The new bridge is in and the sites need help. Bring gloves, clippers, tools, gas weed wackers and anything else you think may be of use. There will be a camp closing just before the clean up so please watch for girls in the parking area.

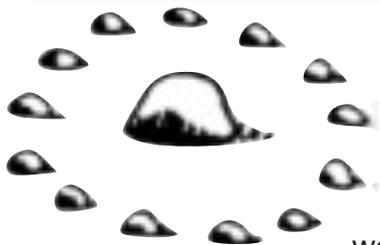
Milne's Landing, October 16, 10am – 3pm. There is always lots of general maintenance to do to keep the two lodges running and in good order. Please bring tools, rakes, gas weed wackers and work gloves.

Kingswood, October 16, 1pm – 3pm. Meet at the lodge to sign up for a task. There are some clippers and tools available at the site, but it is always helpful to bring extras. Please come out for a few hours to help keep the camp tidy.

	Fall 2016 Milne's: Oct 16, 10am – 3pm <u>Kingswood</u> : Oct 16, 1pm – 3pm Jubilee: October 16, noon – 3pm	Spring 2017 Milne's: April 23, 10am – 3pm <u>Kingswood</u> : April 23, 1pm – 3pm Jubilee: April 23, 10am – 3pm
Milne's	<u>Camas</u> District Brownies and Guides Raven District Brownies and Guides <u>Harbours</u> District Brownies and Guides <u>Penninsula Shores</u> District Brownies and Guides	Straits District Brownies <u>Woodwyn</u> District Brownies Bay to Bay District Brownies Chatham District Brownies Lakes District Brownies Pacific Skies District Brownies
<u>Kingswood</u>	All Rangers in SVI-if available <u>Camas</u> District Sparks Raven District Sparks <u>Harbours</u> District Sparks <u>Penninsula Shores</u> District Sparks	Straits District Sparks <u>Woodwyn</u> District Sparks Bay to Bay District Sparks Chatham District Sparks Lakes District Sparks Pacific Skies District Sparks
<u>Jubilee</u>	<u>Camas</u> District Pathfinders Raven District Pathfinders <u>Harbours</u> District Pathfinders <u>Penninsula Shores</u> District Pathfinders	Straits District Guides and Pathfinders <u>Woodwyn</u> District Guides and Pathfinders Bay to Bay District Guides and Pathfinders Chatham District Guides and Pathfinders Lakes District Sparks Pacific Skies Guides and Pathfinders



Emma, pictured here with her friends from 27th Victoria Guides.



GONE HOME

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Emma Smith, a long-time girl member from Portage Inlet, who lost her fight with cancer in June. The fundraising event held on her behalf was featured in the Fall 2015 issue of *The Lamplighter*. Emma bore her illness with great maturity and courage. Our hearts go out to her family and her Guiding friends from 27th Victoria Guides and 1st Portage Inlet Pathfinders. Special thanks to her current and former leaders, Tracy McLeish-Schmit, Alicia Goluza and Carrie Hartig, who had the grim task of preparing the girls for the inevitable when it became clear that Emma would not win this battle. Tracy wrote this tribute, which is a fitting way to say goodbye to a remarkable young lady: *“Emma was a very caring, gracious, and adventurous individual with a huge heart. She loved being part of the Guiding movement and was the epitome of what we try to instill through the Guiding law! I will be forever grateful that I was fortunate enough to have Emma as part of my life – she taught us adults a few things about graciousness, humility and perseverance”*.

Rest in peace Emma.