



THE LAMPLIGHTER



Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner's Gold & Commonwealth Awards

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SVI Area Award Recipients

2016-2017 Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner's Gold, & Commonwealth Awards

Southern Vancouver Island Area congratulates the young women who worked diligently to achieve the Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner's Gold and Commonwealth awards in 2016-2017. A Recognition Ceremony was held on October 16, 2017 at the Olympic View Golf Club to honour these recipients with special guests being the SVI Area Co-Commissioners, Adrienne Blandford, Wendy Halpen and Gillian Hurwood.

Recipients

CC-Canada Cord, CCG-Chief Commissioner's Gold Award, C-Commonwealth Award

Taewyn St. Hilaire (CCG)	Caitlin Spivey (CC)	Jessica Connelly (CC)
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Girls who attended the event are pictured on the front cover.

Well done and congratulations to all! Girl Guides of Canada members in SVI wish each of you every success in the future.

**Submitted by Daphne MacGregor-Greer,
SVI Area Awards Adviser**

Hats Off!

...to **Gillian Hurwood, Brenda**

Lacharity, Sara Kissinger, Deb Buckle and **Jeannie Cosgrove** for developing and testing the new Google Booking Form on the website for Guiders to send to the camp booking person. The new system seems to be working well.

...to **Lynda Ireland**, for her many years of help with the Lamplighter as proof-reader - thank you for all the help!

...to **Sharon Lohr** for her years of leadership for Woodwyn District as district commissioner. As she finishes her term as DC, we would like to thank her for her steadfast leadership, and all she has done for Woodwyn - certainly going above and beyond.

...to **Gillian Hurwood, Wendy Halpen**, and **Adrienne Blandford**, our incredible SVI Area Commissioner team who have led SVI



over

the past three years.

Thank you for all you have done for all of us in SVI, we are all grateful for all of your hard work and leadership. You have worked tirelessly to help guide SVI through changes and ensure growth, exciting programs and activities, and fun! From all of us in SVI, thank you for all you have done.

...to Kingswood Trefoil Guild members, **Teri Craig, Araina Golding, Lynda Ireland**, and **Darcy Wyllie** who helped at the SVI Area Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner's Gold and Commonwealth awards ceremony on October 16.

... to **Tanya Skriver** who took the individual and group photographs at the Canada Cord, Chief Commissioner's Gold and Commonwealth awards ceremony.



Whale of a Night

Whale of a Night The 1st Cordova Bay Guides brainstormed ideas for badges last fall, and agreed on the Endangered Species badge focussing on Killer Whales. A bit of serendipity prevailed, and Leader Cricket connected with the Georgia Strait Alliance <https://georgiastrait.org/work/species-at-risk/orca-protection/> which provided a contact for Rachael Merrett, a marine naturalist who works with the whale watching industry. On April 9, the Bay to Bay District Guides and Pathfinders participated in “Whale of a Night”, becoming whales to learn what they need to survive and thrive.

The evening began with a presentation from Rachel and her co-worker Jasspreet, both enthusiastic and committed educators. We learned that the Resident Orcas (Pods J, K, and L) have a defined range in the southwest waters around Victoria. Their population in the 70’s was around 75 individuals and has gone up and then back down to around the same number today. There is also a Transient group of

Orcas, a larger population, which roam up and down the coast. The Residents eat Salmon and the Transients eat marine animals. Oh yes, they also speak different languages and do not interbreed, even though they are all the same species.

At various stations, the Guides and Pathfinders learned about marine jobs, how challenging it is to clean up beach pollution, and they made a poster that went to Ottawa with our Federal Science Minister. We brought “polluted” sand in tubs and in teams they “cleaned” it and separated into recyclable and garbage. The evening culminated with everyone playing a game to demonstrate how difficult it can be to find fish/marine animals for food, avoid humans (the Leaders) on the ocean – ships, sport fishers, oil tankers, whale watchers – and find a mate.

What can we do to help? Simple things we already do, reduce, reuse, recycle – especially plastic. Stop using plastic disposable straws (being discontinued by several companies and cities); use cloth bags; stay 200 meters away from the whales if you are on the water; and support organizations that educate people and monitor populations. Please contact cricketsvi@gmail.com for an outline of the meeting, and details on the Whale of a Nightgame. You are also welcome to contact Rachael through Georgia Straight Alliance, she is keen to engage youth.

Submitted by Colene Wood
1st Cordova Bay Guides



Left: Making the poster.

Above: “Cleaning the beach” again.



1st Keating Guides Cookie Blitz

The 1st Keating Guides were lucky enough to be selected by 103.1 Kiss FM for their Girl Guide Cookie Blitz! Matt & Vanessa from the Kiss FM Morning show joined the unit for an exciting morning of cookie sales at Thrifty's Foods. Matt & Vanessa were so much fun, and got right into the spirit of Girl Guide cookie selling. The girls had so much fun, and sold a lot of cookies. A big thanks to Matt & Vanessa and 103.1 Kiss FM for coming out to sell cookies with us.

**Submitted by Cheyenne Duguay
1st Keating Guides**





Above: The cookie selling Kiosk.
Right: Cookie selling teamwork.



1st Keating Guides...



The 1st Keating Guides got crafty for a cause on Valentine's day this year. The girls all made Valentine's Day cards, and wrote thoughtful messages inside the cards. They then gave the cards to Veterans in our community.

**Submitted by Cheyenne Duguay
1st Keating Guides**

...Make Valentine's Day Cards



1st Sooke Brownies & Team Canada Rugby Players

The 1st Sooke Brownies had a fantastic field trip to the Al Charron Rugby Canada National Training Centre in Langford, BC on March 8th. They were given a tour of the facility by the female rugby players on the National team. A couple of them played in the Rugby 7's team which won Bronze at the Olympics in Rio. After the tour the girls received hands on introduction to rugby with the athletes.

Submitted by Maki
1st Sooke Brownies



Top Left: Autograph time with Team Canada Rugby Players

Top Right: Huddle up - Hooray!

Bottom Left: Rugby practice - tackling!

1st Victoria Rangers Adventures



The 1st Victoria Rangers had a patrol of 4 girls and 1 leader attend the Ranger Revolution event in Vancouver the weekend of Oct 20th-22nd. We drove from Victoria to Vancouver and spent some time at the UBC botanical gardens and Granville Island before meeting up with the conference on the Friday night at 7pm. There we met 40 Rangers who had travelled from all over BC and 6 leaders who were all very keen to have an amazing weekend together. We enjoyed speakers from "Me to We", sessions on Kusafari, Immigrating to Canada, scholarship applications, STEM, an Amazing Race that took us on a tour of the





Granville and Broadway neighbourhoods, and a really fun painting session on the Saturday night. The food was amazing and it was great to be able to experience the Hi-Jericho Beach Hostel first hand, it is in such a beautiful location! Thanks to all the BC Program Team and Guiders who organized the weekend, it was inspiring for the girls and a great way to network with other Ranger Guiders for me!

**Submitted by Neala St. Hilaire
1st Victoria Rangers**



Top to Bottom: Me to We presentation; Hi-Jericho Beach Hostel; Quiddich in the rain. Right: Amazing Race around Vancouver Guide House and Granville Island.

1st Trefoil Guild, Victoria, B.C.

Clears Invasive Plants from Park with First Nations Cultural Heritage



1st Victoria Trefoil Barb Currie and Sharon Doty Hauling Gorse Cuttings

Seven energetic women from the 1st Victoria Trefoil Guild worked to help clear invasive ivy, gorse, and Daphne from Anderson Hill Park in South Oak Bay on a sunny October Saturday, with views of the stunning blue of the Juan de Fuca strait. The ladies worked on sections of the hill top area, which had probably been used (before British settlement in the area circa the mid-1800's) as a lookout by the local First Nations. It is surrounded by groves of Garry Oak trees with acorns for

grinding into an edible gruel as well as fields of wildflowers and other plants such as camas, chocolate lilies, yarrow, Saskatoon berry, and Oregon grape utilized in culinary and medicinal creations.

Since the spring of 1993 when the 1st Victoria Pathfinders started removing broom on the hill in coordination with Oak Bay Parks Department, the impact of First Nations cultures had been evident in depressions and large rocks from former graves and an indented rock, perhaps used for grinding acorns or collecting water. Girl Guides has been regularly active in the stewardship of Oak Bay's Uplands and Anderson Hill Parks, mainly through invasive plant removal.

Submitted By Christina Johnson-Dean



Above: 1st Victoria Pathfinders Heather Dean, Emily Ross, Cyrena Matheson (1993)



Left: 1st Victoria Trefoil Close up of Sharon Doty, Brenda Jagdis, Jill Croft, Sohad Kadhum, Barb Currie, Pam Lucco (2017)



Clockwise from Top Left: 1st Victoria Pathfinders Robyn David, Tracy Arnsdorf, Megan Smith (1993); Indented rock perhaps used for acorn grinding or water collection; 1st Victoria Trefoil with their pile of cuttings; Camas in spring in the meadow originally cleared by 1st Victoria Pathfinders in 1993.

1st Victoria Trefoil Guild - 30 Year Pin



The 1st Victoria Trefoil unit were very excited to be able to present Christina Johnson Dean with her 30 year pin! They awarded the in at Willows Beach after their Trefoil Breakfast. They then enjoyed a hike through Uplands Park to enjoy some of the hard work that GGC has done over the years clearing invasive species so that

natural species can thrive! Look at all of the beautiful Trilliums!

**Submitted by: Sharon Doty
1st Victoria Trefoil Guild**



**Above: Sharon presenting Christina
with her 30 Year Pin
Right: Enjoying nature**



Above:
First
Victoria
Trefoil
Guild



Left:
Trilliums



Fall Cookies

2nd Woodwyn Pathfinders

The 2nd Woodwyn Pathfinders have accomplished a lot of cookie activities this past fall. We included three main activities; making cookie blitz decorations, leading a Sparks cookie meeting, and baking our own Girl Guide Cookies.

For decorations to help attract customers during cookie sales, the girls worked on making a Cookie Stop Sign, a book with historical cookie box images and prices, and a Cookie Display Stand. They looked great when finished and they had many people take a trip down memory lane with the book of cookie boxes. There were many “I remember when...” comments from guiders and the public.





The girls planned and lead a Sparks “Cookie” meeting. We have 2 Spark units in our district, so the girls divided themselves into 2 groups, with each group leading one of the Spark units. The meetings included information on safe cookie selling tips, why Girl Guides sell cookies, learned about where the cookie money goes, as well as a game, a craft and some songs.



We also got together to bake Girl Guide cookies using the original 1927 cookie recipe. They turned out wonderful and after tasting a couple each, we ended up with enough for everyone to take a few home. While cookies were baking, the girls researched service projects and had a guest speaker from OneSite.

**Submitted by Tara Bussanich
2nd Woodwyn Pathfinders**



News from the SVI Training Team

A great combined OAL Basic and Residential was held on Nov 18 – 19, 2017. This was the first time in several years that both trainings have been scheduled on the same weekend and it was well received by those who wanted to do all the training at once. The trainers had planned the training so that either portion could be taken on its own and some Guiders took advantage of this option.

Some Guiders took the Basic portion and had previously done Tenting training so they completed all the Tenting modules and earned their yellow enrichment training pin.



Congratulations to:

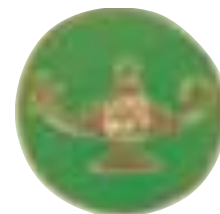
Brittany-Jean Campbell - *Camas*

Tiffany Johnson - *Camas*

Taiya Kristiansen - *Harbours*

Gail Ronayne - *Bay to Bay*

A total of ten Guiders took both portions of the training, completed all the Residential modules and have earned their green Residential training pin.



Congratulations to:

Brittany-Jean Campbell - *Camas*

Katie Duff - *Harbours*

Katie Gale - *Camas*

Sandy Huisman - *Portage Inlet*

Tiffany Johnson - *Camas*

Taiya Kristiansen - *Harbours*

Tanya Ko - *Straits*

Maki Morriss - *Harbours*

Emma Ronayne - *Bay to Bay*

Gail Ronayne - *Bay to Bay*

Submitted by Brenda Fraser



Above: The Guiders in the front row: Taiya, Tiffany, Brittany-Jean and Gail received the yellow enrichment training pin for completing OAL Basic and Tenting modules. In the back row are the staff for the weekend, QM Erlene and Trainers Jacky, Jenn, Araina, Brenda and Sheila.

Below: Participants networking and listening to presentations.





Clockwise from Top Left: Participants networking; Outdoor games; Camp ceremonies; Tin can chocolate fondue - who doesn't love fruit when it's covering in fruit.

