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The *SVI News* is sent to every adult member and Ranger in SVI Area. All upcoming events and programming material are in the *SVI News*. If you have information that you want included in *SVI News*, please contact the SVI Webmaster at [sviareawebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:sviareawebmaster@gmail.com).

All issues of the *SVI News* can be found on our website ([www.svigirlguides.bc.ca](http://www.svigirlguides.bc.ca)) under GUIDING IN SVI.

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FROM THE AREA COMMISSIONERS’  
DESK

Happy New Year SVI Area,

As of December 5<sup>th</sup>, Renee McCulloch and myself (Amanda Malthus) have stepped into the (very hard to fill) shoes of the outgoing AC Team Deb and Sharon. We are looking forward to this opportunity to lead SVI area and support all members in the coming three years. We have some ideas (big and small) and welcome anyone to contact us to share their own ideas, as well as questions, comments or concerns to us at [bc-sviac@girlguides.ca](mailto:bc-sviac@girlguides.ca). Our door is always open (figuratively speaking).

There are a lot of things coming up that we’re excited about. If you haven’t seen some of the projects that are going on with the Guide House Legacy Committee, take a look at the bottom of the news and if you have any ideas of things you would like to see, send them their way. They are always looking for more projects to help us to continue to improve things around SVI and utilize the money from Guide House to create a lasting legacy and facilities for years to come.

In the short term there were many Thinking Day festivities. The Thimbleberry Trefoil gathered groups at the Legislature and several Districts held their own events. Please feel free to send on pictures that we can include in the Area reports to Province. They are always a welcome addition.

In the meantime, we hope you had a wonderful Thinking Day and we wish you well with your planning of upcoming events and camps!

Yours in Guiding,

 Renee and Amanda

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AREA VACANCIES

- Training Adviser
- Properties Committee Chair
- PR (Public Relations) Adviser
- Lakes DC
- Camas DC

Please consider stepping up to fill one of these important positions. There are lots of Guiders who can mentor you in a new position.

AREA COMMITTEES & AREA COUNCIL

The newest Area Procedures are now on the SVI website: [SVI Area Administrative Documents](#)

We are currently hoping to have an in-person AGM this year, and are currently working out the logistics with new spending guidelines for adult events.

## AWARDS

There is a new way to submit an awards nomination for non-SVI specific awards. You can go to <https://ggcportal.smapply.ca>. You can still send in nominations via [SVIAreaAwards@gmail.com](mailto:SVIAreaAwards@gmail.com). Remember there are two Area scholarships (youth and adult) which are listed on the SVI website: <https://www.svgirlguides.bc.ca/awards>

Area scholarship deadline is **May 31, 2023**

**Please ensure that you contact Awards with the names of the recipients of the Canada Cord and Gold Trailblazer awards.**

Please contact either Shannon Wills or Ebony Bilawka, for information/questions about awards and recognition: [sviareaawards@gmail.com](mailto:sviareaawards@gmail.com)

## INTERNATIONAL

For all of your international questions please contact Wendy Halpen [sviareainternational@gmail.com](mailto:sviareainternational@gmail.com)

## TRAINING

Questions? Email [svitraining@gmail.com](mailto:svitraining@gmail.com)

Speak to your District Commissioner about the SVI arranged **First Aid courses** (Emergency & Standard courses will be offered) if you have a group of more than 12. Otherwise a code is available to give 10% off through Alert First Aid.

## PROGRAM

For any questions or inquiries contact Kelly Parkin at [sviprogram@gmail.com](mailto:sviprogram@gmail.com)

All but one of the Heritage boxes have been delivered to districts. Check them out if you are interested in incorporating the history of Guiding into your program work.

Rally in the Valley is May 28<sup>th</sup> in Holland Park in Surrey. [Register online now](#) for \$7 per person.

## PROPERTIES

**Kingswood Camp** - after two years of work, new **Orienteering maps & courses** are now available for Kingswood, with the kind help of Linda Hildebrandt from Vic Orienteering. Email Sheilaigh Finnigan at [ggckingswood@gmail.com](mailto:ggckingswood@gmail.com) for information. Laminated copies of six orienteering courses and eight compasses are available at Kingswood.

**New Geocaches** have been installed at Kingswood Camp by the 1<sup>st</sup> Victoria Trefoil Guild. Email [ggckingswood@gmail.com](mailto:ggckingswood@gmail.com) for information. The Area GPS units are available to use.

**Canoeing:** Guiders interested in learning canoeing or practicing canoe skills at Kingswood Camp, so that they can take the girls in their units out canoeing should contact Susan Zedel at [sviareaproperties@gmail.com](mailto:sviareaproperties@gmail.com)



## FINANCIAL - UNIFIED BANKING

Unit and District Treasurers are reminded to keep on top of transaction as the year-end reconciliation is completed in June.

Let the [sviub2020@gmail.com](mailto:sviub2020@gmail.com) email know if you have any questions as you use Unified Banking. Copies of the training PowerPoint sheets are available on the SVI website, if you need a refresher: [BC Girl Guides Financial](#)

## CLASSIC COOKIES 2023

**A reminder that cookies are now \$6/ box and \$72/case.**





## SVI AREA GUIDE HOUSE LEGACY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee is happy to report that several proposals have been approved by Area Council and we will hopefully be able to implement them soon. Here is the latest batch of projects that the committee is taking on:

- Purchase of battery powered landscaping tools to help with work around the various properties
- New flooring at Kingswood - McKevitt Lodge
- Fencing at Milnes Landing (down the driveway to the lower cabin)
- New kitchen and wood floor at Milnes Landing Lower cabin
- Mattresses at both Milnes and Kingswood Lodges
- Two new aluminum bridges on the Kory Marshall trail to replace the existing wood structures
- Looking into viability of tent platforms at Bill Reith or near the cottage (Kingswood)
- Looking into a gazebo for behind the Kingswood Cottage
- Investigation into construction upgrades of the pan abodes in order to have groups sleep in them
- Upgrading the Jubilee Kirby and Bridges outhouses to composting toilets.

All camps are receiving improvements, but we need assistance from the membership.

This committee is facilitating the ideas and proposal process, but it is not in the mandate of the Legacy Committee to necessarily put the projects into action. No amount of involvement is too small, be it help with planning, labour, professional expertise, or any other contribution.

**Please contact [sviarealegacy@gmail.com](mailto:sviarealegacy@gmail.com) for questions, feedback, ideas for the sports boxes or offers to assist. Use the link to the google doc to suggest a new proposal: [Legacy Fund Project Proposal](#)**

This is your chance to ask for those things at properties that you've always wished were available to you.