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Alberta Trefoil Guilds

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING PROVINCIAL TREFOIL GUILD ADVISER

Greetings Trefoil Guild Members

Over the last year our Guilds have been involved in many interesting and diversified activities. As 2010 drew to a close many were involved in celebrations for our 100th anniversary in Canada. Since then, as you will read in their reports, they have been as involved and active as their members choose to be. Many thanks to those of you who have taken the opportunity to share your adventures with us.



I am pleased to tell you that we have three new Guilds this year making a total of 31 and have 266 members in Alberta Council. Alberta Council includes Alberta, Yukon and NWT within its responsibility. Several people belong to more than one Guild so adding the actual numbers is a challenge, solved for me thanks to the Provincial office. Most of the Guilds have sent in a report. It is always interesting to read about different groups and their various adventures. Most of us are, of course, involved either directly or indirectly with the girls in Guiding by helping with registrations, selling cookies for them, being an active Guider, Commissioner or committee member, or helping out at camp. I spent a great weekend at a District camp in June working in the kitchen preparing food for 100 girls and Guiders. It was great fun although just a little bit tiring! Campfire was just as much fun as always.

Please keep your Guild rosters up to date so that members may be kept informed of events and activities which may concern them. Send changes of members and addresses to your iMIS home as they occur. Our Membership fees are due in September. They help support Guiding in all its various endeavors. If a new Guild is opened please inform the Trefoil Guild Adviser as iMIS does not do so and consequently new Guilds are left out of the loop.



This is my last report as your Trefoil Guild Adviser. Your new Adviser is taking over in September. I am pleased to tell you that Gail Armstrong of the Sounds Fun Guild in Parkland has agreed to take on the role. It has been an interesting and enjoyable five years for me. I wish Gail an equally interesting tenure. She has been a member of Girl Guides for many years as she tells us in her message.

My thanks to Carol Moeller, our Deputy Provincial Commissioner, and before her Margaret Utgoff, for their help, encouragement and support.

Thank you to Melissa Mandzuik at the Provincial Office for her help all year and for putting Gleanings together for us.

2013 will be Alberta's 100th anniversary so it is not too soon to start planning for it. That is also the date for our next National Trefoil Guild Gathering, this time in Regina.

Keeping the Spirit Alive

Helen Perry
Outgoing Trefoil Guild Adviser

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCOMING PROVINCIAL TREFOIL GUILD ADVISER

Hello Alberta, NWT and Yukon Trefoil Guild Members,

My name is Gail Armstrong and I have decided to take on the challenge of being your Provincial Trefoil Guild Adviser for the next term. Helen Perry's skill will be tough to follow but I will try my best. And I thank Helen very much for the leadership she brought us during her term.

I am married with two grown sons, and have been involved with Guiding at several levels since I was 8 years old. I have served as a Guider with Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers; on various committees including District, Division & Area Commissioners; and then Provincial Training Adviser. It was pleasant to take a few years off but I quite enjoy the 'Trefoil' level and I feel that with previous committee experience I can fulfill the requirements of this position. I look forward to communicating with all of you as the need arises and hope to get to meet many of you as the years go on.

Please feel free to contact me at gearmstrong@shaw.ca; or call me at (403) 948-3965 in Airdrie, AB.

Yours in Guiding,

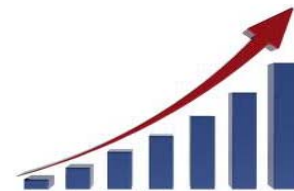
Gail Armstrong
Incoming Trefoil Guild Adviser



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

A year of celebration is behind us and Alberta's 100th Anniversary in 2013 is on the horizon – has your Guild started plans to celebrate?

Guiding Membership increased in Alberta last year by 2.37 per cent - a second consecutive year – I know Guilds across the province are increasing their membership and new Guilds opening.



Thinking back over the year made me a bit nostalgic and I started to remember my Guiding career; making my Brownie promise – many years ago: “I promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and the Queen and my country, to help other people every day, especially those at home.” (I cannot seem to remember the new promise – which I know is not new anymore.)

I remember there was a particular emphasis on knowing how to make a *sit upon* – mine, thanks to the assistance of my mother, was a brown cushion – with a fairy embroidered on it – it was my pride and joy for the rest of my Brownie career.



Each of you, I know, have stories of your own; moments when Guiding touched you or transformed you; when it taught you something you thought you would never try (like scuba diving, horseback riding, nite trekking), or gave you something you needed.

Perhaps it was useful skills you learned, like how to prepare a meal on a tin can stove, or others not so useful – like how to abandon your leaders in the dead of winter when playing flashlight tag – it took me a quite some time to realize the Pathfinders were not going to come to look for me and had, in fact, returned to the lodge!

However, perhaps what Guiding Members learn lies in the lessons of community, compassion, finding joy and self-respect in giving to others, in honouring diversity; in the blissful experience of belonging, feeling accepted and welcomed, having a friend.

All of these add immeasurably to girls and young women as they mature and are the rich fabric of Guides, expressed in our cherished traditions, and in our outlook as a youth movement.

From the beginning, a century ago, Girl Guides has been a place for equipping, challenging and developing young women; inviting and nourishing them; or drawing out talent and praising uniqueness. These principles lie at the heart of our organization.



It's a time to reflect on how much further GGC has to travel; a time to pledge ourselves anew to giving our very best to our young girls, encouraging them to be strong, to take on the world, to like themselves, to use their gifts in generous service.

Alberta Council thanks you for what you do, and how you do it; for your commitment, dedication and fine spirit of volunteerism and for your inspiring contribution to our Guiding community.

Carol Moeller
Deputy Provincial Commissioner

PARKLAND AREA "WILD ROSIES"

While our group may not meet as often as others, we do keep in touch with each other often. Our main activity every year is hosting the Round Up, which we hosted once again this year. A great time was had by all.

Leslie Rathgeber
Wild Rosies, Parkland Area



4TH EDMONTON TREFOIL REPORT

4 Trefoil, unfortunately had a quiet year in Guiding. We only met as a group three times this year. Some of us attended and participated in the following three events:

- 🌐 GM Guelph 2010 as Core staff.
- 🌐 Trefoil Gathering May 28 in Red Deer
- 🌐 Camp Advisers and Trainers conference April 8-10/10



Two of us went to the Girl Guide Camp (Tangletrees) April 29 and 30 to assess and see what jobs we could carry out at the camp.



All of us went out to the camp June 10 to 12/10 we did some clearing of trails and campsites. Two of us are attending "Soar Camp" in BC in July; as well as NS Heritage Explosion Camp in August as Core staff. Being Trainers we gave some Training sessions during the year. Let's hope next year will be a more active year.



Pauline McLaughlin, member of # 4 Trefoil Edmonton

MAD HATTERS TREFOIL GUILD – CYPRESS HILLS AREA

Mad Hatter's Trefoil Guild Annual Report 2010-11

I really can't believe that another year has come and gone, and what a lovely one it has been.



In early September, we met for a wiener/marshmallow roast at the Girl Guide/Scouts Canada Hall in Redcliff. It was lots of fun testing both our fire-building and marshmallow roasting skills 😊

Our guild continued to meet monthly for a coffee and dessert meeting. This time of fellowship is wonderful. It is so enjoyable to visit with 'old' Guiding friends.

We did not have many other planned activities over the past year, but certainly continue to enjoy our monthly get-togethers where we are treated to yummy desserts and wonderful conversation.

Yours In Guiding

Valarie Westers
Mad Hatter's Trefoil Guild President

Just a reminder!

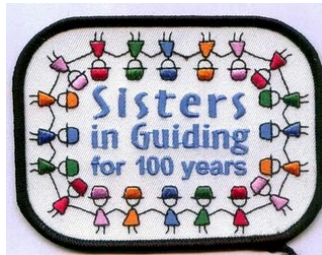
Annual Trefoil Guild Membership fees are due now. If you are over 75 and your birthday is in iMIS then National will waive your fee. Provincial and Area fees are still due.

TWILIGHT ROSES TREFOIL GUILD – PRAIRIE ROSE AREA

Hello Everybody!

The Twilight Roses Trefoil Guild has had a very interesting year. We have grown to 13 lovely ladies. This year we thought that we would have themes for each of our meetings which has been quite exciting.

We had a fun Christmas Potluck meeting at the end of November where we donated to the Food Bank, and a Thinking Day/World Centers meeting in February where our coffee treats were from around the world.



We have decided to be a member of Friends of the World Centers. One of our members, Evelyn Christensen, has been travelling to Costa Rica with World Vision and Uganda with Crossroads to do a variety of "work" to help the people of these countries.

One of our new members, Robin Wenzel, gave a report of her travels with her unit to Casa Loma in Toronto and area. We have really enjoyed hearing all these wonderful reports. It is really great to see what can be done if you want to do it. What a great world we live in and in our organization we actually develop the strength and confidence it takes to do these remarkable adventures.

One of our members Jacquie Schnider became the International Director of Toastmasters, and I received the Honourary Lifetime Achievement Award in Guiding presented to me by my own daughter Prairie Rose Area Co-Commissioner at the time, Amy Wiens... needless to say it was a very proud moment for me and quite the tear jerker for my daughter (and me too). Thank you to all that were involved with that. We had a nice representation of our Guild at the Lifetime Achievement Members Banquet this spring in Red Deer.



Have a great Summer!

Yours in guiding

Mary Larsen of the Twilight Roses Trefoil Guild

HAPPY CAMPERS TREFOIL GUILD – CALGARY AREA

The Happy Campers really haven't done much this past year. We are still finding the way to our "campsite" (we are planning to be site reps for lasg in Calgary Area) and hope to get into the groove sometime this Fall.

Yours in Guiding,
Joanne Hansen



2ND EDMONTON TREFOIL GUILD

Catered to a training session September 24 & 25 and set up and served refreshments for the Edmonton Area Girl's Awards Night in November.



Delivered our annual donations to Hope Mission of knitted scarves, toques, mitts and gloves as well as quilts and afghans. Later we took to the centre Christmas bags and stockings, filled with personal care items and treats for men, women and children in need. Our Kids Kottage donations consisted of 66 pairs of socks, 34 items of underwear and 57 toothbrushes. We made 6400 Pink Ribbons for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Participated in some of Edmonton Area's new service ideas; giving slippers for Ronald McDonald House – 72 pairs, Xmas cards & stamps for the Bissell Centre, and items for the Food Bank. We also assembled two "Birthday Party in a Box" kits, one each for an 8 year old girl and boy, handed in during the Hike for Plenty event in March.

Gave support to the 7th Sparks and 4th Brownies by buying 10 cases of cookies from the units.



Sent a message of appreciation and support, along with a case of spring cookies, to troops while they were stationed in Suffield, Alberta.

For our Pen Pals in England - we sent a 100th Anniversary crest, & others, with greetings to the Seaton Trefoil members and told them of our recent activities.

Attended the Edmonton Area Awards Dinner in May where we were very happy to see Steffie Fossbakken receive the Distinguished Service Award. A fully decorated camp blanket, bag and camp accessories were donated as a door prize for this event.



We were special guests at the Northeast District 1st Annual Daughter & Guest Banquet May 30 where our guild donated a decorated camp blanket, bag and accessories set to be given as a door prize.

To celebrate our annual achievements we had our year end luncheon at Tony Roma's restaurant in June.

Submitted by Hilary Whyte

YELLOWKNIFE TREFOIL GUILD REPORT –NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AREA

We didn't do anything, well, except for Deleigh being the district Treasurer and leading a unit, Barb being an excellent District secretary and the others still being involved with units. (I was still the designated voting member at meetings!) However, at the end of season meeting the other day, letters of resignation were handed in because terms were up and for health reasons and Deleigh said. "Now we can go and play with Pat and DO Things!" I am looking forward to next fall. We are planning to organize a coffee/tea evening to try to attract some young professional ladies to become leaders. Good for the girls and must mention that Guiding experience always looks good on resume's. Have a great summer and see you next fall!

Submitted by Pat Weber



OLD CROWS TREFOIL GUILD – CALGARY AREA

Old Crows is a diverse group with a broad range of family and career commitments as well as a strong bond between members. Despite our different paths we were able to gather together many times this past year in fellowship and community service.

Our biggest undertaking this year was a 100th Anniversary Tea held last September in our Cochrane Scout/Guide hall. There were many stories told and interesting items on display. So much to talk about and far too little time. Another special Guiding event was held in December when Cathy Mantika held a tea at the Guide Centre to honour one of our members, Barbara Graham, for her 70 years of Guiding. Unfortunately other commitments prevented many of us from attending the tea but our good wishes were certainly with her.



The biggest service project we undertook this year was to sew and stuff 35 heart-shaped pillows for the Cardiac ward of Foothills Hospital. These pillows, when hugged to the chest, help to ease discomfort of post-surgery cardiac patients when they cough. We solicited donations of polyester stuffing from local quilting groups and Addies (a local quilting store) was generous with fabric. They were well received at the hospital.

Once again the Old Crows were asked to provide centerpieces for the local Seniors' Tea. The theme for this year was "Vibrant Leaders in our Community". Pat Carlsson came up with a brilliantly simple design: miniature hats made from plastic cups, styrofoam plates, fabric and trims, placed on the tables with a tag "Hats Off to our Vibrant Leaders..." They were a great hit, in fact one was later seen worn as a 'fascinator' to another event. The tea featured a slide show presentation of some community volunteers including several of our Trefoil members, acknowledged for their years of Guiding.

Socially our Guild enjoyed several events but we were greatly hampered by the difficulty of getting us all together in one place at one time. In September, we assembled for a pot-luck dinner at the home of one of our members. In December, we enjoyed a hearty luncheon and exchanged gifts at a pre-Christmas get-together. Some of our members were able to meet at Tea Parties at the Perrenaud Ranch, a historical ranch house north of Cochrane which is now an Arts Centre. We attended a session at the library on Chinese tea ceremonies, hosted by our local Tea and Other Things shop, where we have also met for tea and a visit.



Other commitments also prevented many of us from attending the Roundup in Red Deer this May. Fortunately Melva Blood and Barbara Graham were able to represent us. Sorry to miss the fun, ladies! (And the fabulous food, if it was up to the usual standard.)

We've got no end of ideas for things to do in the future, so I'm sure we'll have something to crow about next year as well.

Submitted by Margaret Peach

SILVER WILLOW TREFOIL GUILD

We still have only five members, with another two prospects either getting settled in to a new job or to a new community.

Gale Richardson leads a multi-unit in Mirror, Alberta, and Joan Amundsen leads a Trex unit from Ponoka and Lacombe.

We were fortunate enough, to be able to attend the Area Dinner together where Gale received her 50 year pin as a member. She has been a real trooper!



Two of us enjoyed attending the Trefoil Roundup in Red Deer. It was our first time and was surprised at how many faces we knew from years back! It was so good to reconnect and laugh about old times at trainings and camps etc.



A real highlight for Joan and I this year was to be involved with Cookie Day in Lacombe. The Sunny 94 station took a box of cookies for each team of four radio personalities, and in one day raised over \$2,000 through their efforts in challenging each other to raise as much money as they could! It was phenomenal the way the community and businesses supported the teams with donations and money in a very fun way, to obtain that box of cookies. It grew like topsy and the station want to do it again next year. The money raised will assist girls who need help with membership fees, uniforms and camps.

Guiding certainly gained much free publicity and the whole community had fun. Joan and I were asked to come to the station to witness the girls and leaders thanking the staff.

I was happy to be able to assist my daughter's Spark Unit attend an area day camp at Camp Sherbino. Those little ones are such a pleasure and sure keep you hopping.

As members, we keep in touch by e-mail and phone and occasionally bump into each other. We love to Keep The Spirit Alive.

Submitted by: Sheryl Paquette

MISSING LINKS TREFOIL GUILD – CALGARY, ALBERTA

I am enjoying London so far, Pax Lodge is a busy place to live and work.

Our Guild doesn't keep in touch physically unfortunately because we are all over the world now, but through Facebook and the internet.

Working here at Pax Lodge has meant that I have met many Trefoil members from all over Canada as they come to stay and visit London.

Tirian Eynon



“SOUNDS FUN” 2ND PARKLAND TREFOIL GUILD REPORT – 2008-2009

Our Guild now consists of 8 members from two separate towns; one member is a senior and doesn't make to meetings, one member moved to B.C., but still keeps in touch. Our meetings are held alternate once a month or five weeks alternating location. We always have a short meeting, which keeps us in touch with what's happening within Guiding around us. Activities include a regularly challenge: service projects, skill development activities; to learn about or do something new; refreshments and most of all to have fun.



We always sell 10 cases of cookies for each campaign with profits being donated to girls who need help paying membership fees, camp fees and sometimes helping buy uniform. Also at each meeting we have small gifts for a draw – each twoonie adding to our WFF annual donation for the year.

In October we learned about ‘stamping’ and made enough Halloween greeting cards for the Meals on Wheels organization. In November we completed our 100th year challenge, which was to create a list of 100 activity suggestions that all Trefoil Guilds can use. We had a great time brain storming these ideas, and we are working on some of these but you can rest assured we have definitely not done them all! Keep in mind we're always looking for new meeting ideas, too!!

In December we had a tasty evening of sharing wine/beverage and cheese/snack ideas with each of us bringing samples of our favourites. This season we had decided to create and place a ‘GeoCache’ to be placed somewhere in Airdrie, and at this meeting we brought our items to pack in the cache. One of our members researched where to place the cache and then went out (on a nicer day) ‘hide the goods’...In the spring we will refresh ourselves on using the GPS's and we'll go and search our stash; and maybe some others too. In January, we took up the GOTA/TDOTA (for Guiding on the Air and Thinking Day on the Air) challenge. Then we bought ourselves the GOTA crests.



February saw us playing some games, had a variety of snacks, and sampled “blender drinks” as researched by one of our members. (...Amazing what you can find on Google). In April, we visited an elderly member at her Seniors Residence, had a mtg, snacks and we took up ‘water colors’, with each of us creating our own 4”x6” painting. So much fun.

Both of our Life Members attended the provincial luncheon which was an excellent event. 5 of us then attended our Parkland Area Dinner in May. The Provincial Trefoil Gathering was held in Red Deer on May 28th, and three of us attended this annual event; a great day was had by all. Our wind up meeting was held at one members home in Airdrie, with each of us bringing an international dish to share, and we made some plans for the 2011/12 year. All in all we have definitely tried new activities and have greatly enjoyed each other's company.

Report submitted by Gail Armstrong, Guild Contact Member

7TH EDMONTON TREFOIL GUILD REPORT

We only just got started in the spring of 2011, and have really only had one meeting (after a "let's get this organized" session over tea initially). We hope to get involved in some service projects, and to plan activities (we tried to do a family BBQ in July but the date didn't work for us in the end). All our members thus far are younger than a lot of Guild members - some of us are moms to small children, so maybe one day when they're old enough we'll be leading Sparks units. In the meantime, Trefoil Guild is a good way to keep in touch with Guiding!

Submitted by,
Jennifer Walker



PURPLE MARTINS (3RD EDMONTON) TREFOIL GUILD

The past year has been one of fun, friendship, food and service.

The final 2010 celebration for us was the Edmonton Area Homecoming, an event that brought together friends new and old.

Our sixth Annual Potluck luncheon for all Trefoil Guilds in the Edmonton Region was held in The Edmonton Area Guide Centre, our last event to be held there before Edmonton Area moved its offices to the third floor of the Provincial Guide House. The highlight of the day was the presentation of an Honorary Life membership to Birgith Hedegaard, a member of the 1st Edmonton Trefoil Guild.



Service included supporting Santas' Anonymous, Kids Cottage, Wings, Area campsite projects and helping when needed at Area.

We saw the World Wildlife Photographic exhibition, went to the East of 60 Brunch Theatre in Devon where we ate wonderful food and laughed, adding years to our lives, went ice skating and had Christmas, St Patrick's Day and summer solstice parties

There was a Chinese theme to many of our activities. We walked through an amazing ice sculpture festival which included the work of many international sculptors including a group from China, celebrated both Chinese New year and an early Thinking Day with the 1st Edmonton Guild, and had lunch at a Chinese Restaurant before visiting a natural area in Edmonton.



It was an active year, one in which we fed mind, body and soul .

Margaret Campbell



BOGGS (BEST OF GIRL GUIDE SISTERS) TREFOIL GUILD

Our origin was as the Best of Groves Guiding Sister in Spruce Grove; then expanding to include Stony Plain and surrounding rural area becoming BOGGS; **Best of Girl Guide Sisters**. We are recognized by our purple vests and purple aprons; we also wear red hat pins.

The blessing is given and everyone enjoys a special pot luck meal the first Tuesday of the month. Sometimes only desserts are on the table - even purple and pink topped cupcakes! YUM! This has helped us survive the awful cold weather outside!



Fall is a busy time for BOGGS. We don our purple aprons, organize and serve lunch and/or refreshments for Tamarac Awards Day honoring the girls receiving awards. Helping Spruce Grove District with their annual Strawberry Tea/craft sale is another of our girl activities; lots of pie cutting, ice cream scooping, coffee urn filling, punch making and socializing. "make new friends and keep the old". This fall we will join STARS Trefoil Guild in St. Albert for the Awards day.



World Friendship Fund game was completed... you pay \$ for what you score - 75% to CWFF and 25% to Slave Lake was the donation breakdown.

Spring's arrival was celebrated after the very long winter, with "Kim's game" - objects relating to Spring were reviewed, remembered, and written {working with your sisters was allowed, sort of} then awards of tasty treats were given.

Spruce Grove Food bank sees us volunteering: every second month we help with preparations for the next days to come. Donations of egg cartons, bread tags, coupons, etc. are part of this project. {no more Birthday bags should be taken in...120+ bags were donated re: the Birthday Challenge in Tamarac Area} Thanks everyone for a job well done!



Creating "tray favors" for the residence of Westview Extended Care is another of our projects.

This past year St. Patrick's Day cards with lots of green glitter, special drawings of `mugs of beer and Leprechauns` and piles of sticker was a happy time with lots of socializing and laughter.

To celebrate Canada Day, we were instructed in the making of red and green play dough (yes glitter was added) the dough was put into plastic cups and Canadian flags were implanted. This craft was done in record time; everyone pitched in. What Team Work!

Brunches with the East of Sixty Production in Devon are our "social outings"; these take place in the fall and in March. A yummy smorgasbord and a very lively "live" performance are the order of the day.



Cookies are important to us. We purchase them to offset our registration fees; this also helps Tamarac Area to increase their number of cases ordered.



March 12, 2011 we attended Tamarac Area Annual General Meeting and Guider Social, donated to the silent auction, and won a Pizza Party because 9 of our 11 members attended. So.... BOGGS invited the STARS ladies, our Area Commissioner and three retired Guiders to join us for our “prepaid pizza party and yearend”. Dessert pizza ended the meal. Secret Sisters gifts were exchanged including gifts for our special guests.

BOGGS Trefoil Guild extends an invitation to everyone (including you) to attend the monthly meetings; the first Tuesday of the month at a members’ home... Call for directions!

Friends, Food and Fun is our speciality.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Klann

BOGGS Trefoil Guild Secretary



NORTH STAR NOMADS – CALGARY AREA

I can’t believe this is our 5th Annual report, time to plan an anniversary celebration!



The North Star Nomads had another wonderful year of activities and togetherness. We have continued our volunteer work at the Calgary food bank and find that very rewarding. We celebrated another daughter getting married and 2 daughters that have graduated from University, wasn’t it just yesterday that they were Sparks and Brownies?



We had a lovely Christmas celebration together as well as some birthday celebrations, one of which was an exciting murder mystery, pot luck dinner. Wendy sang at a Samaritan’s Purse fund raiser so of course we were all there to support her. We now call her Shania Twain.

The North Star Nomads volunteered at District Carnival, the Community Stampede breakfast and we made Halloween quilts. We slept over at Guide Centre with the Sparks and enjoyed teaching the sparks “God Bless my Underwear”, which we learned from Girl Scouts at Our Chalet last year. Some of our members enjoyed a “Chocolate Cooking Class” it was very, very good to be able to sample all of our hard work.

At the Calgary Area dinner we were pleased to celebrate some life memberships with close guiding friends. Shirley received 20 year pin, 1 year late and Joanne received her 40 year pin!



Submitted by

Joanne Deaver & Cathy Forsyth

WESTROCKERS TREFOIL GUILD – CALGARY AREA



WestRockers Trefoil Guild Logo Created by Betty Schofield

The WestRocker's Trefoil Guild has just returned from a delightful visit to the museum at Blackfoot Crossing near Cluny. It was a great day for a drive, and for a walk around the historical site of the Treaty 7 signing. What a beautiful area. The museum is well worth visiting too, we recommend it.

We are still having monthly meetings or activities, on differing days; this works very well for us. We enjoyed a few big and special events this year. The first one was our participation in the Calgary Area Centennial Homecoming. Eighteen West Rockers attended the event on October 3rd and several were on the organizing committee. They did an outstanding job. Others greeted guests at the door; made and served tea and goodies; assisted Brandis Purcell with the singing; made and put up displays; or circulated around making everyone feel welcome.



The West Rockers were again out in full force for the annual Thinking Day event In February. All Calgary and surrounding area Guiders were invited and many came to join us and enjoy the fellowship, food and singing with the Calgary Glee Club. \$107 was collected for the World Friendship Fund.

Our next big and unusual event this year took place on a particularly rainy day in May when we hosted eleven Trefoil Guiders plus two husbands, former Scouters, for a pot luck supper at my home. There were thirteen WestRockers

attending with two extra husbands, making a total of twenty eight. What fun we had and inside fifteen minutes we could all have formed one Trefoil group.

The food was plentiful and good and lots of laughs and chatter. Small gifts were exchanged and all joined in the singing of popular old Guiding campfire songs. Everybody agreed it was an evening to remember.

Other service projects this year have included making sandwiches for the Calgary Drop In Centre; collecting clothing and other goods for CUPS; plus learning about the Alex Youth Health Centre which looks after disadvantaged youth, and donating lunch items and money to that worthy cause. Also this year we have enjoyed a tour of the Titanic exhibition at the Calgary Science Centre, a choir concert at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer; as well as a Christmas Party with the traditional crazy gift exchange. Several members went to Red Deer for the Provincial Trefoil Gathering; always a fun time with great food. The West Rocker's Trefoil Guild does like to eat! We look forward to the next activity and the lunch with it. Greetings to everyone.



Respectfully submitted by - June Martin



LLOYDMINSTER TREFOIL UNIT - WOODSMOKE AREA

There are 11 people in our group. We get together the 4th Monday of the month. We take turns hosting and planning the meetings. Our aim at the meetings is to have fun and enjoy each other's company. We also help out the units if they need extra help, and with the extracurricular activities, such as at the 100th anniversary, our annual Tea, Craft and Bake Sale, and camps, whether at sleepovers, day camps, or at Dilberry Lake at Happy Haven. We attended Remembrance Day Services, as well as sold cookies in the fall and spring. See our monthly activities listed below.



September – Welcome back with supper at Marlene Aschenbrenner's.

October – Camped for the weekend at Colleen Cowan's summer farm at Loon Lake, and did some willow weaving.

November - We went to Susan Richardson's- a local artist and took a lesson in painting, and came home with a Christmas decoration.



December – Attended the District Christmas party and supper and gift exchange and Christmas craft evening.

January - Card games and socializing

February – Valentine's party and played W11 games

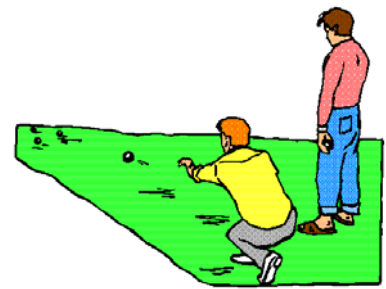
March - Craft night for the tea and planned and helped out at the Tea, Craft and Bake Sale.

April – Manicures and pedicures with the Lakeland College students

May – Organized and helped out at the Spark Brownie Revel which we hosted June 4, 2011.

June – Windup barbeque and lawn games at Barb Marling's.

We hope to have a good 2011-1012 year again. If there is anyone outside our District who would like to join us, please feel free to do so. The more the merrier. Please call Rosemarie @ 306-825-3177 or Barb @ 306-825-4757.



Rosemarie Schlekewy

1ST EDMONTON TREFOIL GUILD

We still have our meetings very 2nd Wednesday. We are few in members, we have not received any new recruits, but we still enjoy our meetings. We have started to meet in our homes, it makes it easier. We had our Thinking Day again with 3rd Edmonton Trefoil. It was very good and we always enjoy their company. We still manage to do a few charities and still help when we can. We donated scarves, touques, and mittens to Woodcroft and also still make blankets. Vi Chan and Clara MacDonald received their 45 and 60 year pins at the Area dinner. And Margret Grove reached another milestone her 96 birthday. We had our Christmas dinner at River Cree as usual we had a good time. We do not contribute the way we use to but we still like Guiding and will carry on as long as possible.

Joan Hawkins



ROUND-UP 2011

Round Up 2011 held at St Leonard's on the Hill Anglican Church, Red Deer on Saturday 28 May starting at 11.30 am



Once again the Wild Rosie's hosted us very ably for our annual pot luck lunch.

The weather was wonderful. We had 34 members from 12 different Guilds. Maybe because of the fine weather we had less people come than last year when the weather was a fright. In adversity perhaps we want to show our mettle and drive somewhere when it's fine we stay home to enjoy it!

We played a game to mix us up a bit which increased the volume of conversation considerably. We recited the Promise and sang Grace and then had lunch. This was a delicious meal of much variety and many great flavours provided by us all. I am happy that the trifle was there for dessert.

We bring our own dish bags just like camp. The food is nothing like I have ever had at camp! Not a hotdog or chicken noodle soup in sight.

After lunch Carol Moeller, our Deputy Provincial Commissioner, gave us a talk of how Guiding is faring and a slide presentation of last year's centennial celebrations. We saw photos from all over the Province and Territories that make up Alberta Council. What a great celebration it was.

This was followed by Rosalyn Schmidt giving us a presentation and slide show about the National Trefoil Gathering in Kamloops in June last year. Our next National Gathering will be held in Regina in June 2013.

Thank you to both of them for excellent presentations.

Several Guilds talked about their latest adventures and several had photo albums too.

We chose Saturday 26 May 2012 for our next RoundUp.

This was the last Roundup for me as Trefoil Guild Adviser. Carol presented me with some beautiful flowers and a lovely little angel .

It has been great fun.

Yours in Guiding
Helen

