



# NEWS FOR YOU

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Greetings !

I am your new Advisor to our Newfoundland and Labrador Trefoil Guilds . It doesn't mean that I know more or do more. It just means that I am supposed to go find it for you , represent you, assist you, represent our province in discussion with other provinces, co-ordinate with other Guiding groups, share with you, hear what you are doing - the list goes on. For every job I have ever done (paid or unpaid) the job description just scratches the surface of what one will actually do. The same goes for Guild Presidents and executive members. The duties lead you to interesting places and to interesting people. I plan to enjoy it... I hope you will, too.

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As I sat down to type this message a leaflet of paper fell off my 'well organized' shelf. It listed the principles of positive thinking. The principle that caught my eye was "Enthusiasm leads to action". As September signals the commencement of Guild meetings this is probably the right message with which to start. Let us plan to enjoy our coming year and start with gusto!

A person is never too old to have fun. Guiding is about learning, doing, being with other females, helping and enjoying our time together. Fun is a great part of a successful group. Think about what you remember about your Guiding days of your youth and what you like to remember. I am betting fun heads up that list.

As the Trefoil Guild, we are 'about' continuing the Guiding spirit on a different tangent from the girl units and administration of them. We still follow the Guide Law and attempt to carry them into our daily lives. Let's do it with enthusiasm ! We may be getting older, but the wisdom and experience we bring to the movement is invaluable. Let us set the pace.

So, for our new season in Guiding let us move into gear and put a positive spin on our gatherings, coffee sessions or meetings.

Go ladies!

Cheers,  
Jane  
Provincial Guild Advisor

**ENTHUSIASM LEADS TO ACTION!**



## Around the Province .....

**Sou'wester Guild** celebrated Thinking Week by having a bake sale, attending district functions and collecting money for the friendship Fund.

As well as selling Girl Guide cookies during the winter, they held a pot luck lunch at the lodge and learned how to do scrap booking. They even started a scrapbook for their guild.

Five members attended the provincial gathering at Max Simms Camp bringing with them items for the back packs for the homeless.

They also found time for a relaxed meeting at Pizza Delight and finished for the summer with several ladies attending district events.

**The Killick Guild** members were busy. They collected items for the CBS Food Bank, bras for breast cancer, put together a basket for Naomi House, made bookmarks for a GGC training conference and brought along items for the back packs for the homeless.

They are currently working on a quilt to be donated to a women's shelter.

This group also had fun outings. They had dinner at the Press and Bean and a visit to the Anna Templeman Center where they designed and painted their own silk scarves. For a Christmas treat they had dinner at Belbin's Steak House and followed up with a murder mystery at the LSPU Hall.

Some members attended Thinking Day activities at the Village Mall and CBS Area dinner.

One of the highlights of the year was a St. Patrick's Day party at Meadow Creek Retirement Home. Some Sparks and Guides joined Guild members supporting them in their program. Everyone dressed in green and enjoyed the activities of dancing and singing, and it ended with a "green" snack. The evening was enjoyed by all !!!

A BBQ in June finished their busy year.

The newly formed **Can-ta-ka-ye Guild** had a busy first year. Their activities included contributing Christmas gifts to the Happy Tree and providing 'goodie' supplies for the GGC eastern trainer's conference. Some attended the St. John's Area Annual Meeting and Dinner and also the annual BP Brunch. Always supportive to the movement, some also attended the annual provincial meeting and dinner. In early June, Can-to-ka-ye sent members to the provincial gathering at Max Simms Camp bringing along items for the back packs for the homeless.

They send their best wishes for the coming Guiding year.



**Crossroads Guild** started the new year by meeting at Sinbad's for dinner and planning their annual Thinking Day Tea. In early February, the Girl Guides invited the Guild members to tea. Members were thrilled to meet with the Guides, be served tea, share memories with them and learn about their program and activities. The Guild's own tea was held the next week on Thinking Day. Friends of Guiding and various charities were invited. Presentations were made to the hospital, the district and Cara House.

A campfire theme program was held at a member's house for the miserable month of March. It was nice and cozy with the fireplace lit and members close and snug inside...singing and later sipping tea and munching goodies. Ongoing projects were discussed and plans made for future meetings. Members were reluctant to depart that evening.

In May, members headed off for a literary evening. Several Guild members (also members of a Writer's Guild hosting the event) did readings of their poetry and prose. This was a different type of evening for this Guild and one they plan to repeat!

The Guild purchased a composter for the back of the hut so that all members could participate in recycling when using the building. The garden in the front was dug up and flowers planted (Grow Guiding, quite literally) and set with plants that hopefully will bloom in the colours of Guiding.

One member, who lives in a senior's apartment complex and has limited mobility participated in a project of raising funds for World Centers. She completed the project on her own and within the residential complex. She proudly brought her certificate for participation to the final meeting.

Although all members brought in items for the backpacks for the homeless, five actually attended Max Simms camp for the annual gathering. Later on in this month they shared in a potluck district dinner.

**Fireside Friends** have had a busy year. In November they went glow golfing at the Avalon Mall.

Then in December, Christmas dinner was hosted by Dorothy Adams and catered by Joan Osmond and Liz Dawe. Their service project was helping a single parent family in distress. The group provided Christmas presents and treats. They also donated gloves and mittens to the Salvation Army.

The AGM was held at Girl Guide Headquarters on March 24<sup>th</sup> after their first attempt at holding an AGM was cancelled due to inclement weather.

A winter fun day and cookout were held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Camp Carey, Torbay!

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, they participated in a workshop offered by Future Set staff at MUN, where the group assembled robots.

The guild hosted the tenth provincial Trefoil Guild Gathering at Lions Max Simms Camp on June 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>. Planning for this occupied the group with general and committee meetings ongoing throughout the year. The work paid off, since the gathering was a success, with sixty-six guiders attending. Camp planners were especially pleased with the great response to the service project of backpacks for homeless young people. The bags were presented to Choices for Youth in July, with Tonimarie Wiseman and NTV in attendance. Dinner was held at Smitty's to celebrate a job well done.

The second annual summer camp was held at Trefoil Trails from August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and was attended by eight members.



## NEW MEMBER PROCEDURE

For new Presidents or those who are not quite sure of the procedure for new members joining the Trefoil Guild, the papers required are as follows:

- Application (A1) - given to the incoming member
- Application for Certificate of Conduct - also given to the new member for her to bring to the RCMP or the RNC.
- Volunteer Agreement (A2)

The President is responsible for completing the following:

- Screening Checklist (S 1)
- Interview Form (S2)

AND

- Sending out and receiving /or making direct contact with the references offered by the incoming members. This can be done by e-mail if necessary.
- Sending Certificate of Conduct (or copy), and other papers to Provincial office.

It is very important that incoming new members complete the Police Reference Check (PRC).

In the past, those who were quite elderly have been exempted as it was expected that their participation would be limited. That is no longer true. These ladies are proving to be some of our most active members. So ladies get those PRC's completed!

Exemptions are available, however those requesting exemptions cannot hold office and are to have absolutely no contact with girl members.



All forms are available on the Girl Guide Website. [www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca)



# REMINDERS



Members age 75 years and older, and who have their birth date recorded, do not need to pay the membership fee.



***Violet Explosion*** application deadline is Oct. 31, 2006. Please get them to:

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## IR 1:Image Release

Every member ( adult and girl) must complete and submit one of these forms this fall

It is very important that everyone include their date of birth on the registration form.



## CHALLENGE

Submit for our next newsletter how your Guild demonstrates Newfoundland and Labrador flavor. This might include a description of your campsite, a photo, a poem, etc.



Anyone having special Guiding celebrations to advertise, please e-mail Jane ([jabussey@hotmail.com](mailto:jabussey@hotmail.com)) or snail mail to:

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