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Guiding Nova Scotia's Future

'Guiding Nova Scotia's Future' is a conference series created for Rangers and young adult guiders aged 15-20, which focuses on leadership development and the increased community engagement of young women. Generously funded by the D250 Legacy Fund, it is planned as three events over six months. The first conference segment, called 'The Big Picture: Who Does What?', took place Nov. 11th to 12th, and was mainly about civic processes. The participants consist of about a dozen girls from across the province, including myself.

On the morning of the 11th, the group met up for the first time at a hotel in downtown Halifax. After depositing our luggage, we walked to Grand Parade to attend a Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph.

At Pier 21, we had the opportunity to experience what an interview with an immigration official would have been like in the 1930s. That decade was especially difficult for immigrants; unless you fit into a very specific criteria, you were most likely turned away. Factors like alcoholism, a criminal record, your religion, race or nationality could all effect your chances of getting into Canada. Nowadays, criteria has more to do with your skills and what you can contribute.

Afterwards, we discussed some requirements and responsibilities of citizenship, and tested our wits against twenty sample questions from the official citizenship test. Questions ranged from giving the date that Nunavut became a territory, to naming the document that made Confederation legal. Apparently, most tourists at Pier 21, Canadian or otherwise, don't pass this sample test!

During the evening, we had a short tour of City Hall, and councilor Tim Outhit gave us some insight into how municipal government works.

Three members of 'Equal Voice', a national group promoting the election of more female representatives, gave us a presentation. Canada now has fewer women in parliament than most of Europe, parts of Africa, Australia, Afghanistan, and Iraq! As far as scientists can discern, however, this is not because of biased voters; many women simply don't see themselves as eligible candidates, or don't feel that they could balance that sort of career with family life. This might be because of the lack of women role models in the field: about 75% of Canada's elected politicians are men. A boy might grow up with dreams of being prime minister, but a girl is not so likely to have those same aspirations, despite being just as capable.

Saturday dawned bright and clear, and after packing up we headed to Province House, where we had a tour. Late morning, a number of female elected officials joined us on the floor of the legislature: MLAs Kelly Regan, Marilyn More, Denise Peterson-Rafuse and Diana Whalen. MP Megan Leslie and Becky Kent, a current Deputy Speaker of the province of Nova Scotia, also came by. They answered questions about their jobs, and each shared some of the personal history that led them to where they are today. They came from an array of backgrounds; one had traveled extensively, one had gotten her start by becoming the first woman elected to a Nova Scotian school board, and one had been a regular stay-at-home mom. Some had been actively engaged in their communities long before now, while another had been shy as a youth, never dreaming of becoming involved in politics.

We ended with a brief reception, where girls could chat informally with the speakers.

Our final stop was George Wright House, a century-old building that had been left to the Local Council of Women by the owner, a millionaire philanthropist who perished in the sinking of the Titanic. There, university professor Bill Murray led us in an art activity, designed to show the importance of both creativity and confidence in leadership. It was lots of fun, and we all ended up with some neat creations!

Altogether, it was a stimulating weekend. Part of the group's next step will be putting various plans into action to share what we learned across the province; we discussed possible ideas for doing so, and suggestions included making a powerpoint presentation, activity sheets, a puppet-show for younger girls, designing a new Girl Guide badge, and yes- writing an article.

We'll get together for our second event in February, exploring non-government organizations, and for one, can't wait.

Submitted by Georgia Atkin

-Provincial Youth Recognition Event Team Members needed

Did you know that a Provincial Recognition Event is held annually to acknowledge the accomplishments for the girl and youth members who have completed their Lady BP Award, Canada Cord or Chief Commissioner's Gold Award? At the same event we also recognize the youth members who have received the NS Bursary.

Did you know that this year's event is being held in Halifax on May 26th and as always girls from across the province are invited to attend?

This event cannot happen without dedicated women, like you, who volunteer to help make this day a reality for these members.

This year we are looking for a Chair and Committee Members to make the necessary plans for this event and for volunteers to help on the day of the event. We know there are very talented Guiders across the province who will make great contributions to this committee and encourage all interested to consider volunteering on the committee. Much of the planning will be completed via email and conference calls.

Can only volunteer for a couple of hours and want to still be a part of the event? Why not consider volunteering to help on the day of event?

With the Support of the Deputy Provincial Commissioner – Youth Support and using established plans and vendors, the Chair and her team would coordinate:
the communication of the event to girls and Guiders,
applications / registration process,
order pins / awards / certificate and booklets
photography services and floral / decorations needs.
work with the venue for set up for the day's events.

If you would like more information, please see <http://www.girlguides.ns.ca/join-prov.html> Youth Recognition section for Chair and Team responsibilities.

If you are interested in being a part of this event, please forward completed volunteer application found at: <http://www.girlguides.ns.ca/join-oth.html> to Miriam.Macdonald@girlguides.ns.ca by Feb 15th 2012

Provincial Cookie Adviser

Application deadline: Feb 1st

The Provincial Cookie Adviser, is a member of Provincial Finance Committee who works with the Area Cookie representatives to, promote and support all activities relating to cookie promotion and sales.

Working closely with the Chair of the Provincial Finance Committee, the National Cookie Adviser and Area Cookie reps, she promotes the spring and fall cookie campaigns to units to increase awareness and sales. The ordering of the cookies and supplies as well as coordinating the delivery of provincially sponsored workshops/events also are responsibilities of the Provincial Cookie Adviser.

Providing support to the Area Cookies Reps via email communications, conference calls and an annual conference as well as participating in National Cookie Network conference calls are key components of this position. Attending Provincial Networking Advisory Conferences, budgeting, creating and submit articles, on a regular basis, for inclusion in Coastlines and for posting to the Provincial website fall to this portfolio as well.

If you are interested please see the completed Position Description on our website (www.girlguides.ns.ca) under Join US, Provincial Committee Responsibilities – Finance section for a complete description.

Volunteer Applications are found at : <http://www.girlguides.ns.ca/join-adv.html> and should be forwarded to ggcns@girlguides.ns.ca attn: Office Manager

TREFOIL NEWS



Amherst Trefoil Guild

The Guild was formed in 1984 and the first President was the late Mrs. Dorothy Fage. There were 18 members who joined at that time. We celebrated our 25th year in 2009. Through the years we have participated in the annual Girl Guide coffee morning held each year by the Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders of Amherst. Members have assisted at Camp Cumberland when assistance was requested. The Guild has raised funds by selling tickets on decorated baskets. Three years ago our Trefoil Guild had a plaque made and names of the deceased members of our Guild have been engraved on it. This plaque is at Camp Cumberland. Assistance is given to members of the Guiding movement in Amherst if needed and requested by the. Our Guild meets the last Thursday of each month except for the summer months usually in the form of a dinner meeting. Meetings are also held at the home of members. Janice Beal is our President - a former Girl Guide leader.

*Respectfully submitted by
Catherine McKay - Publicity.*

Nickie Eisenhauer

On December 28, 2011, at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Dartmouth Trefoil Guild members and the Nova Scotia Guiding family said farewell and Godspeed to Nickie Eisenhauer.

Nickie was a member of the Guiding family for 61 years having joined as a Guide in St. Stephen, New Brunswick. Nickie served Guiding in New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. In Nova Scotia she served on the Provincial Program Committee, the Archives Committee, was an Area Commissioner for Pictou, a District and Division Commissioner in Dartmouth and a member of Lunenburg, Pictou and Dartmouth Trefoil Guilds. She served as President of the Lunenburg and Dartmouth Guilds and at the time of her death was Vice President for the Dartmouth Trefoil Guild having just finished serving as chair of the Program Committee.

Nickie was appointed Nova Scotia Trefoil Guilds Coordinator in 1993 and retired from that position in 1998 after a very successful National Trefoil Gathering which was held at Mount Saint Vincent University in June of that year.

During her Guiding and Trefoil years she was awarded the Queens Golden Jubilee Medal, a Certificate of Merit and in 2011 she was presented with the Provincial Mayflower Award, the highest honour in Nova Scotia Guiding.

Whatever job Nickie chose to take on, it was sure to be done with great detail. She could be counted on to do any task well and always did her best to instil a sense of teamwork. She consistently supported the Aims and Ideals of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides de Canada. Her loyalty was unswerving.



Presentation of Mayflower award to Nickie Eisenhauer along with Holly Thompson and Bev Woodward



Trailblazers Trefoil Guild 2012 Auction and Meeting

Basic points on building a Girl Guides of Canada Web Site

Our Guide colour is Pantone Reflex Blue. Use blue on your site. Avoid using colour combinations that are strongly associated with other organizations. Refer to the *Visual Identity Manual* for guidelines. Have your web site approved by the Provincial Public Relations Advisor.

Whether your Web site is for a unit, a council, or some other Guiding entity, include the following:

- Logo
- Name of Council
- Other distinguishing name if appropriate (such as "Arts Team")
- List of contents (name of each section)
- A safety pledge, or surfing rules, for girls
- Statement of copyright
- Contact information (e-mail address and your full mailing address and contact information)
- An index, or site map, or list of contents
- Links to related sites, such as the Provincial and National sites.

Girl Guide sites can have many purposes, depending on the needs of your audiences. Here are some items that can be posted to your site:

- Newsletters
- Application forms for events
- print and submit
- download, save and submit as an attachment
- Scheduling calendar for events and deadlines
- Conference outlines
- Trainings.

If you need any assistance please contact the PR Advisor for help at pr@girlguides.ns.ca

Cindy O'Hearn
PR/Communications Advisor

Super Hero Capes

At NS 2011 Heritage Explosion back in August campers made Super Hero Capes to be distributed to women's shelters across the province. This was done as a service project and everyone did a fantastic job on the capes. The Executive Director for Byrony House attended the closing ceremony at camp to accept the capes on behalf of the women's shelters. Laurie Ehler recently sent an email thanking us for the capes.

Email from Laurie Ehler, Executive Director.

I was able to share the beautiful super hero capes with all of the transition houses across NS and the feedback was amazing. All were thrilled to be able to take some back to the children and all said it's a project they want to continue within their shelters. I thought of you all recently when I watched a little girl run around with her cape tied on tight feeling very powerful as a four year old. I had a big smile on my face watching her and thought, wow if only the girls who made them really knew the joy they brought to someone.

I just wanted to take a moment to share this with you and once again thank you all for thinking of us for this project. We were very happy to be a part of it.



The 3rd Carter Rangers, completed the "Girls for Safer Communities" Safety Audit in their home of Mount Uniacke Nova Scotia. The initial audit was done during the day, and then reviewed at night in the cover of darkness on a very chilly evening in December. The main concerns which will be forwarded the municipality by the Rangers will be signage, sidewalks, lighting and emergency contacts.

More Learning Opportunities

A message for all Guiders – if you are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) particular learning topics, make sure you let the Women in Science and Engineering(WISE) Atlantic office know.

WISE Atlantic was established this past October with the primary goal to encourage young women to consider careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and to work towards the retention of women as valuable contributors to these fields. WISE Atlantic delivers and supports innovative outreach, research, networking, and advocacy initiatives. This office will be running a summer camp (August 13-17th), science luncheon (May 26th) and can deliver mobile science labs so young girls will be exposed to science and engineering with professional mentors. The announcement for WISE Atlantic and further information can be viewed by clicking here.

Visit www.WISEatlantic.ca, or call 457-6294, for more information and opportunities to incorporate STEM into your learning needs!



Lest We Forget Workshops



Halifax Public Libraries in partnership with Libraries and Archives Canada is offering free World War I research workshops to community groups within the Halifax Regional Municipality. Lest We Forget workshops, delivered by library staff, will provide participants with a unique and hands-on

learning opportunity that will enrich their understanding of Canada's role in WWI, and give them an intimate look at the lives of local soldiers and nursing sisters who served at that time. Participants will have access to a variety of military service records to research their individual soldier/nursing sister. More information below:

Who: Workshops are delivered by library staff. The minimum group size is 5 participants. Youth and adults are welcome. Minimum participant age is 12 years old. Workshops are delivered in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Participants from outside HRM are welcome if they can travel to an HRM workshop location.

Where: Workshops can take place at your location, or at a branch of Halifax Public Libraries.

Equipment: A laptop, projector (and portable screen if required) will be supplied. Table space that allows participants to work with their individual soldier files is required.

Cost: FREE. Workshop materials will also be provided.

When: Workshops are 2 hours – can be shortened to 90 minutes if required. Workshops can be booked throughout the year (with the exception of May 30/12 – June 19/12) and throughout the week including evenings and Saturdays.

To book your group workshop, or for more information, contact Cindy Campbell (Halifax Public Libraries) at teen@halifax.ca



Women in Science and Engineering Upcoming Activities

Community Seminars - Grades 7-12
Thursday, February 2 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.
Keshen Goodman Public Library

Thursday, March 29 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Spring Garden Public Library

Wednesday, May 23 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Woodlawn Public Library

Webinars are held monthly, and are listed on the website.
WEBINAR - Choosing a career in Science, Mathematics or Engineering (STEM)
February 6th, March 15 and April 16, 2012, 4:00 P.M.
Grades 7-12

Girl Guides
Programming opportunities for leaders and groups, contact WISE Atlantic and we will make arrangements

Science Workshops: Target junior and senior high school students
Saturday, May 26th, MSVU
Science Luncheon Retreat at CBU in Spring
March 31, 2012

WISE Atlantic Mobile science lab
Thursday, January 19th
Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary

Summer Camps: Grade 7 and 8
St Andrews, New Brunswick
July 29 - Aug. 4, 2012 (15 year olds)

MSVU Science Camp:
Biology based with hands-on activities
August 13 - 17, 2012
Various Role models participating (chemist, water engineer, Forensic scientist; computer scientist)



www.WISEatlantic.ca

GUIDING AROUND THE PROVINCE



The St.Croix Brownies (Hants District) had a great time at Camp Mockingee during their Christmas Camp weekend Dec 2, 3, & 4th. The girls went for an hour long hike, cooked milk carton hot dogs, made tie-dyed T-shirts, crystal snowflakes, had an outdoor campfire on Saturday night, and opened Christmas presents Sunday morning. Erin Foley (Pathfinder) & Kourtney Gallant (Ranger) also participated at camp working on their program, they baked a cake in a box oven, had tin foil dinners and made Christmas centre pieces.



The 2nd Windsor Sparks unit (Hants District) made and presented a banner to the Windsor Legion for Remembrance Day.

Mr. Smith (President) of the Legion dropped by to a unit meeting to present a certificate of appreciation and Canada Pins to the girls. The Windsor Legion also donated \$100.00 to the 2nd Windsor Sparks unit.

The girls are very proud as their poster was on display at the Legion.



On Oct 15, 2011 Camp Cairdeas celebrated 20 years of Area Camps which were lead each year by Marie Langley who was presented a carnation for each year from a sparks, brownies, girl guides, pathfinders, rangers and leaders. We had an opening flag ceremony, enjoyed a bbq and cake and ended with a campfire and fireworks. Marie is now retiring but will return each summer to visit.