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**Medal Awards****Certificate of Merit**

Lorraine Rasmussen - Great Works of Art on Post Cards

**Bronze Medal**

Brainard Fitzgerald - The Valley Apple, it's Blossoms, it's Story

Jim Graham - Perforated Stamps with a Maritime Connection

John Hall - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

**Silver Medal**

Doreen Fitzgerald - The Chatauque Lake Local Post

Brainard Fitzgerald - Cacheted First Day Covers of Canada's Coronation Stamp of 1937

Carl Munden - The Oval Duplexes of Newfoundland and Their Look Alikes

Michael Peach - Registered Inland Mail - Victorian Britain

Michael Peach - Postal Stationery Registered Envelopes:

Postal Union Usage - Victorian Britain

Michael Peach - British Postal Stationery of the Victorian Era - Later Usage

Ron Smith - Fancy Cancels Used in New Brunswick during the Small Queen Period

**Vermeil Medal**

Raymond Corbett - Edinburgh Penny Post: Head Office Delivery Time Marks

Doreen Fitzgerald - Through the Lens of Paul Yates

Ron Smith - Fancy Cancels Used by Prince Edward Island Post Offices 1873-1897

**Gold Medal**

Jack Forbes - Cyprus - Air Mail Usages Paid with King

George VI Definitives

John Hall - Canadian Fiscal War Tax Stamps of World War I

Rob Lunn - Internal Mail and Postage Rates of Pre-Confederation Prince Edward Island

Sean Weatherup - Cancellations of the Railway Post Office Halifax to Yarmouth

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**Club Awards**

**Peoples Choice Award** - John Hall - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

**Dave Cooper Memorial Trophy** - Nova Scotia Stamp Club Team

– Rev. Raymond Corbett, Doreen and Brainard Fitzgerald, Michael Peach

**Ken C. MacDonald Postal History Award** - Sean Weatherup

- Cancellations of the Railway Post Office Halifax to Yarmouth

**George MacKenzie Aerophilately Award** - Jack Forbes

- Cyprus - Air Mail Usages Paid with King George VI Definitives

**J.J. MacDonald Award** - Sean Weatherup

- Cancellations of the Railway Post Office Halifax to Yarmouth

**Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award** - Hugh Rathbun

*Club President, Sean Weatherup's introduction to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award for 2013.*

I would like to announce this year's recipient of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award. The parameters of the award read "For outstanding contributions to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club and/or the advancement of philately in Nova Scotia". This year's recipient works diligently on both sides of this line, year after year. It is a great pleasure tonight to honour Hugh Rathbun.

Hugh is a constant presence at our regular club meetings. You will always see him off to the side with another member or two, sharing some treasure he or the other has discovered. You turn around and 10 minutes later he's off in another corner with someone else. He is a quiet presence, but if he has your ear you are sure to learn something you didn't know earlier that day. Hugh's knowledge of the postal history of this province is, while not complete, as thorough as any else's you may meet in these parts. And Hugh is continuously expanding this knowledge. How many of you here tonight have had a conversation with Hugh that starts out "the other day I saw" or "I just read the other day"... This actually happened today at the BNAPS meeting. As you are all aware Hugh travels far and wide visiting the Post Offices within the province, keeping up with the latest hammers they may be using. He is probably on a first name basis with a majority of Nova Scotia Postmasters. Well today at the BNAPS meeting Hugh informed everyone of a new post office opening in a Shoppers Drug Mart in Halifax. It wasn't enough for Hugh just to know this. He went in a spoke with the folks and now we all know that their hammer isn't right and there will be a new one forthcoming.

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Hugh's expertise is recognized far and wide. Hugh is the latest member of the NSSC to have an exhibit published in book form by BNAPS. Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia: Communications of the 1700's and Postal Markings of the 1800's.

He continuously brings the past to the present. Each year Hugh produces covers commemorating some event of note, and lately has been producing picture postage for these covers. But he isn't stuck in the past. Not that long ago he focused on the new letterboxes of the day; and this year he has come up with a terrific cover and stamp combination paying respect to the Halifax Moosehead's 2013 Memorial Cup Victory. Last month he produced a series for the BNAPS convention showing Prince Edward Island Post Offices. His territory is expanding folks...

We could attribute all these accomplishments to the Advancement of Philately in Nova Scotia, but all this leads to Hugh's personal contribution to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. Each year Hugh generously allows the club to sell his covers at our shows and help us raise a good deal of revenue, and I am sure public interest in our club. The fancy cancels we used on our show covers are also due to Hugh. Hugh is the club liaison with Canada Post and each year for so long as I remember, he procures suitable designs to cover the event.

Hugh works tirelessly at all of this and I am sure if any of us were to try to walk in his shoes we wouldn't last a month.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you Hugh Rathbun, this year's recipient of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award.



President Sean reading the citation to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award as 2013 recipient Hugh Rathbun looks on.