

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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Meetings : Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax, N.S.

Next Meeting : Tuesday, March 12th, 1985

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585. Program for the Next Meeting -- Ron Lewis :

The March 12th Meeting of the NSSC will feature as it's program a talk on Nova Scotia Postmarks by our Corresponding Secretary, Hugh Rathbun. If you travel the Antique trail at the various malls and the Lord Nelson Hotel, then you'll probably have seen Hugh sorting through the numerous envelopes/postcards that the various dealers have for sale. I'm sure Hugh has over the years come up with many different/unique/odd/etc types of cancels that he'll tell us about and probably let us see at the meeting. All members are urged to once again make themselves available to gain another bit of postal history/information that one of our members is willing to share with us all.

WANTED

EXHIBITION ENTRIES

WE SUPPLY THE FRAMES - YOU SUPPLY THE PAGES

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO MEET THIS ADVERTISEMENT - IT COSTS NO MONEY, JUST YOUR TIME . SEND YOUR ENTRY FORMS (SENT WITH LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER) TO BOB VAISON, PO BOX 3295, SOUTH POSTAL STATION "A", HALIFAX, N.S. B3J 3H5, NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 29th, 1985, OR EARLIER IF POSSIBLE. MORE EXHIBITION INFORMATION WILL BE FOUND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS COMMERCIAL.

586. Exhibition Watch -- Bob Fear :

The second meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club's 1985 Exhibition Committee met at the home of it's Chairman, Bob Fear, on Thursday, February 7th . All the Chairpeople updated their planning endeavours and the following information is listed to ensure that all members are kept in the picture with regards to this year's show ;

- Entries ----- Bob Vaison stated that he had received entries from 4 members for a total of 27 frames which is a good start at this point in time. Bob also stated that his request for Court of Honor entries has not received positive response as yet but he hopes this improves.
- Juniors ----- Marilyn Murphy stated that the juniors are actively working on their entries and she expects the same number of frames as last year. She also stated that the juniors under Hugh and Margaret Bignell will also be providing entries as they did last year. Members are reminded that the juniors still hold an auction at our annual Exhibition and they are always thankful for any lots we seniors can donate. Members are requested to give what you can to Marilyn at the next club meeting.
- Bourse ----- Gary Coolen announced that he sent notices to 56 dealers and has received confirmation from two so far. We are hoping for the best even though the cost of a spot has increased to offset the " no admission charge " decision.
- Advertising - Hugh Rathbun announced that we have received \$315 worth of advertising so far but we need/should have at least another \$200 worth so if any members can help Hugh out let him know. Lets all try to sell a spot.
- Program ----- With the anticipated/hoped for increase in attendance this year due to the weekend dates with no admission charge, a total of 750 programmes will be printed.
- Judging ----- Due to his hospital visit at any time, Claude Michaud has resigned from his position as Chairperson of Judging/Awards and Marilyn Murphy and Ken MacDonald will either co-chair it or decide on who will take over the committee.
- Publicity ----- Doug Allen announced that Hugh Rathbun has produced an attractive poster which Doug will produce and set up in different areas. Dartmouth Cablevision will feature our Exhibition on one of its programs beforehand with Doug, Bob Vaison and your Editor starring ? " Perforations " of course will provide its usual effective coverage (did you see the February 15th issue ?) as Rob Matthews has done over the past years.
- Banquet ----- Once again the banquet will be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel and the cost has been held at \$15 a ticket for the third straight year. The date is Saturday, April 13th, 1985, 6.30 for 7PM. The menu will feature the

Nelson's famous chicken dinner with all the trimmings and the guest speaker will be the noted Dealer / Auctioneer from Bathurst, Gary Lyons. The deadline for reservations of tickets is April 1st - APRIL POOL'S DAY.

587. Exhibition Thoughts -- Doug Casey :

I would suggest that some members might not enter frames in an Exhibition because either the material they possess is relatively inexpensive or their material is mounted in prepared albums and they do not want to remount on blank pages. Another reason might be that they don't know what portion of their collection to present. Finally, there might be difficulty in deciding on a theme.

However one thing is certain ; all collectors are interested in their subject and enthusiastic about it. Why not draw upon your resources and make a frame or two (eight to sixteen pages) showing the major points of their theme or subject, or perhaps some possible areas of interest to others or even show some of the possibilities for collectors in their chosen areas. It just might interest other collectors into taking it up and offer possibilities for exchange and trading.

Above all, while the possibility of winning an award might be attractive for the exhibition of material by the person I am describing, the impetus should come from simply wanting " to show ".

588. Nantucket Quaker Whaler's Stamp -- Moran Wagner :

Ed's Note ; The following is a letter sent to Judge
Rene J. Marin from Moran Wagner.

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08 February 1985

Judge Rene J. Marin
Chairman of the Board
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Dear Judge :

Over three years has elapsed since I first proposed to Canada Post my recommendation for a Nantucket Quaker Whaler's stamp to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Whaler's arrival in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, in 1786.

It was most gratifying to learn recently from Mr J.M.

Forrestall, M.P. Dartmouth-Halifax East, that the Canada Post Advisory Committee will be considering the Nantucket Quaker Whaler suggestion for the 1986 stamp program to be announced in late August or early September.

To further enhance our chances for a commemorative stamp in recognition of the Whaler's historical event, one that would be remiss by not informing the Advisory Committee that Dartmouth Nova Scotia will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary as a city in 1986. The 200th Anniversary of the Whaler's and 25th Anniversary of Dartmouth is coincidental and undoubtedly will attract additional visitors to our beautiful city, commonly known as the "City of Lakes".

Dartmouth is fortunate to have a national and international renowned artist. Therefore if selected for a stamp, it would bring added significance if an artist of fame and esteem in Dartmouth was commissioned to design it.

Trusting the here to fore information will give assistance to the Stamp Advisory Committee in concluding their deliberations for or against my proposal for a Nantucket Quaker Whaler stamp. Hopefully the Committee's selection of commemorative stamps for 1986 will portray historical events etcetera within the established guidelines and that we in the philatelic world will be justly proud.

Moran Wagner

Member of the Philatelic Society of Canada and
Nova Scotia Stamp Club

IN MEMORIAM

The Club wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of the late E.R. (Ed) Richard of Bridgewater who was Club #420 and well-known in the Metro area.

589. Questions & Answers -- Phil-A-Telic :

Last month, Phil sought information from Club members on behalf of another Club member regarding the changing of gum with the Christmas 1976 issue. That information would still be helpful if anyone knows the answer

But to follow up on another concern about gum, the question is often asked how to remove obstinate gum. A fellow Club member sent me some information that came from a book entitled "Introduction to Stamp Collecting". It is from this book that most of the following comes; Some stamp gum does not dissolve in plain water but may yield if a little vinegar or dilute acetic acid is added. Another "gum problem" occurs when mint stamps stick to one another or to an album page. If the stamp is subjected to high humidity for a few seconds it can be separated with a loss of somewhat less than half the gum.

A quick freeze in a deep freezer or the freezing compartment of a refrigerator has been suggested to assist in separating stamps from paper. Another long familiar method is to use an electric iron to melt the stamp gum, causing the stamp to curl so

that it can be lifted off the paper. Any other suggestions from Club members would be welcome. Send your questions and ideas to PHIL-A-TELIC, 5890 Pine Hill Crescent, Halifax, N.S. B3H 1E5

Ed's Note : When this column started I thought it would provide a good avenue for members to have their questions answered, especially those who didn't like to voice them at a Club meeting which was another idea looked at by the Executive. It has failed though as Phil has just about done all the querying himself as well as looking up the answers. Surely somebody must know something about the query on gum, especially one of our numerous dealers who are Club members. Either we don't know or don't want to bother to take the time to write an answer to Phil. Which is it ?

ADVERTISING

COMMONWEALTH COLLECTORS : Am looking for GB QEII booklets and panes. Will exchange for Papua New Guinea (mostly FU, some M) sets and singles. Expand your collection, and help me with mine : Call Marty at 463-0687.

TRY A NEW EXPERIENCE - Buy quality stamps at affordable prices from HOUSE OF STAMPS, Box 398, Station "M", Halifax, N.S. B3J 2P8. I deal mostly in Canada and Provinces, but have a good selection of Commonwealth and USA.

GERMAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Any Club members that are interested in forming a German Philatelic Society are asked to contact Doug Casey at 422-2918. You don't have to be a specialist, just somebody that collects or is interested in collecting German stamps. At the present time there are groups in Central and Western Canada and the USA so its time to start one in the East. Remember to call Doug at 422-2918.

590. Membership :

The following has been accepted as a member in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club ;

805 Dave Bamber

The following have applied for membership in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club ;

Mel Boone, PO Box 284, Slemon Park, PEI, COB 2A0
Mel collects Canada Used, Canada First Day Covers and Newfoundland used.

Michael Reitelman, Michael collects Canadian Mint single NH, Israel single tab mint and Canadian First Day covers.

Clarence H. Nickerson, 6 Harris Road, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3J3
Clarence collects Plate Blocks, Strips, Single unused.

Wayne E. Peters, 6297 Young Street, Halifax, N.S.
B3L 1Z9 Wayne collects everything but
mainly Canadian, Christmas, Easter, Church,
and Wildlife Seals.

591. Executive Meeting -- Notes :

The February meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive was held on Monday, February 25th, with the following items of business being brought forward ;

- New Edition ; Our corresponding secretary, Hugh Rathbun came in a bit late announcing that he and his wife Jane, were happy to announce the arrival of a 8lb 10oz girl, Heather Inez, at 1.40AM, Saturday, February 23rd. All the best to Mother, Daughter and Father.
- Aluminum Frames ; Peter Ineson announced that he has researched this subject to the bottom line which is - Aluminum frames will cost between \$200-\$250 each. After much discussion it was decided to wait until the next Executive meeting for a final decision. Aluminum frames are out from the Club's point of view but Canada Post may come up with something for the October Show.
- Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award ; Marilyn Murphy passed the signed copy of the Terms of Reference and asked for comments. The Terms were accepted and passed to the President for his keeping. This award will be available at this year's show, and the Terms of Reference will be featured in next month's Newsletter.
- Catalogue Auction ; Gary Coolen announced an interim report ; Sales \$ 2,174.55, Club's share \$ 217.45, about 70% of the lots sold, only 15 members provided the 220 lots, 4 of which had never entered material in an auction before.
- April program ; As April's meeting is our annual business meeting we usually don't have a program but this year, as Alice Moore agreed to give a talk on recent Canadian errors it was decided to start the meeting at 7.30 so we can do the business meeting, Alice's talk and our regular auction. More about this in the next Newsletter.
- Claude's hospital visit ; The President announced that Claude Michaud was supposed to go in the hospital on the 26th and be operated on the 28th of February. Once again, Club members wish Claude the best and a speedy recovery.
- Postal Museum Closing ; The Executive agreed in total that a letter should be written to all responsible members of Parliament etc outlining our disgust at the closing of this very important part of philately.
- Canada 85 ; The President announced that a final decision on Canada 85 will be made at a Board of Directors Meeting on March 15th and that he has advised the local Canada Post personnel that a definite decision will have to arrive at the Club no later than April 1st in order for use to even attempt to participate.