



THE NOVA SCOTIA POST

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UP AND COMING

[NS Stamp Club](#) - September 10
Annual General Meeting
Museum of Natural History

[Moncton Stamp Fair](#) - September 14
100 War Veterans Ave, Moncton, NB

[Royal*2024*Royale](#) - September 20-22
Fredericton, NB

[South Shore Stamp Club](#) - September 28
New Life Christian Church (new venue)
42 Elm St, Bridgewater, NS

[STAMPEX](#) - November 2
Michelin Social Club, Bridgewater, NS

Check out the status of other events at
www.rpsc.org/shows.html or
www.csdaonline.com/shows

Member dues are now payable.
BUT...there is a proposal put forward for a decrease in dues. See Page 4 for details.

NSSC 2024 - 25 PROGRAM

We now have program openings for the 2024-25 season. Topics may include anything of philatelic interest and of about 30 +/- minutes in presentation length.

Bring a Show and Tell item to any meeting without prior notice - assuming a philatelic theme, any theme and any topic is acceptable.

If you have a newsletter item that you want to share please let us know. Serials are welcome. Topics may include a "Cover Story": a short rightup on a unique or interesting cover; feature article: about a page in length that addresses a philatelic topic, theme, or you collecting interest. Original work only please.

NOVAPEX 2024 PALAMARES

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Medals – Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Sanctioned
Silver Medal

Small Covers and Cards - Elizabeth Sodero

Vermeil Medal

The Mails of the Kentville Sanatorium Post Office 1929-1971

- Doreen and Brainard Fitzgerald

Some Postal History of the Department of Munitions and Supply - Jim Graham

Princess Elizabeth Stays in Malta: Malta's 1950 "Royal Visit" Issue - Ann Miller

The Postmarks of Port Hood - Gordon Smith

The Social Aspects of Mourning: Covers and Collateral Material - Elizabeth Sodero

Gold Medal

Perforated Postage and its Uses: Canadian National Railway and Subsidiaries Montreal and Distributed Offices 1929-1966 - Jim Graham

The Business Mail of Clayton & Sons, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1882-1951 - Jeff Parks

London Cancels - Development during the Victorian Period - Michael Mather

Halifax - Yarmouth Railway Post Office Clerk Cancels and Official Paperwork

- Sean Weatherup

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors

Silver Pin Gordon Smith *The Postmarks of Port Hood*

AAPE Women's Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Medal

Elizabeth Sodero *Small Covers and Cards*

British North America Philatelic Society

Best BNA Exhibit Jim Graham and Best BNA Research Award Jim Graham

Perforated Postage and its Uses: Canadian National Railway and Subsidiaries Montreal and Distributed Offices 1929-1966

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Trophies

J. J. MacDonald Award – Best in Show

Michael Mather - *London Cancels - Development during the Victorian Period*

Ken MacDonald Postal History Award

Jeff Parks - *The Business Mail of Clayton & Sons, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1882-1951*

J. Doug Allen Novice Award

Ann Miller - *Princess Elizabeth Stays in Malta: Malta's 1950 "Royal Visit" Issue*

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award

Keith MacKay – *for outstanding contributions to the club and/or the advancement of philately in Nova Scotia.*

People's Choice Award

Ann Miller - *Princess Elizabeth Stays in Malta: Malta's 1950 "Royal Visit" Issue*

Non Competitive Exhibits

Marty Zelenietz - *My Hummingbirds*

Bill Burden - *Admiral Flaws – Scratching the Surface*

Bill Burden - *Small Queen Constant Plate Varieties*

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CANADA POST DEPARTMENT HANDSTAMPS #22

by Gary Steele



39mm x 27mm, proofed Nov 4 1939

Seriffed,

1st & 3rd line caps, 2nd line mixed, period after 'Canada.' & 'DELIVERY.'



'POSTOFFICE'
is longer than
'Ottawa. Canada.'



'POSTOFFICE'
is shorter than
'Ottawa. Canada.'

A copy of the proof of this handstamp is shown on the left above. To the right is a copy from the lower cover of a similar but not the same handstamp. There is no proof known for this handstamp.

The key difference between them is the length of the first line 'POST OFFICE' as compared to the second line 'Ottawa, Canada.' as it is longer in the proof and 1 cent postage due cover and shorter in the 1935 issue cover.

City Delivery is the distinction depending upon population size of a town or city between that and Rural Delivery. Surprisingly, not many cities used handstamps with the wording 'City Delivery'.

Several subsections with the words 'City Delivery' can also exist such as Branch, Directory, Evening, Head Clerk, Mail, Parcel Post, Registration,



Special Delivery and Superintendent.

With regards to the 1941 cover, a 1 cent postage due fee (simple deficiency) was charged as the item was sent by air mail from the United States. In earlier years, such as in the case of the cover from 1935, postage due stamps paid the separate Special Delivery fee of 10 cents that was required in Canada.

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Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

Membership is C\$15 per person (C\$20 US, C\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple.

Send new membership applications and renewal payments to...
NS Stamp Club c/o Jeff Parks
102 Birch Bear Run,
Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION 1874-2024

by Michael Peach

There is a significant postal anniversary in 2024, the 150th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union.

Rowland Hill's 1840 reforms in Great Britain had revolutionised the inland postal system and subsequently the principles had been adopted by several other countries. The international mail system was still chaotic. It was complex involving agreements and charges by the countries through which the mail passed. Each country had its own postal arrangements. On the initiative of Montgomery Blair, USA, and Heinrich von Stephan, Germany, international conferences were held in 1863 in Paris and in 1874 in Berne. The Berne conference resulted in the formation of the General Union of Posts (GPU) with 22 member countries which were mainly European but included the USA and Egypt. The Union was based in Berne. The name was changed to the Universal Postal Union at the 1878 conference in Paris.

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) is now a specialized agency of the United Nations and still based in Berne. There are currently 192 members of the UPU.

To mark this anniversary on 30 May 2024 the UN Postal Administration issued three stamps illustrating aspects of mail delivery: 68¢ (US \$) - a dove carrying a letter, 1.20 CHF (Swiss francs) a postal worker delivering mail, € 0.95 (euros) a plane carrying airmail. The UN stamps can be purchased from shops at UN headquarters in New York, Geneva and Vienna, where they can be used for postage, and online at www.unstamps.org.

GASS 2024

by Jane Sodero

The Great American Stamp Show was held from August 15-18, 2024 in Hartford, CT. The show is a combined show of the American Philatelic Society, the American Topical Association and the American First Day Cover Society as well as being the host of the Champion of Champions Competition. The four days of the show were jam-packed with meeting, seminars, meet and greets and there were over 70 dealers with extensive stock offerings. With 120 competitive exhibits, a panel of 12 jurors (including two Canadians – Charles Verge and Jane Sodero) judged the exhibits in all categories awarding traditional medals and picking Multi-Frame Grand and Reserve Grand and Single Frame Grand awards for each of the three sections of the show. The jury was also charged with selecting the Champion of Champions from 22 exhibits which had garnered a Grand Award at one of the World Series of Philately shows held across the United States or at a Canadian National show. There were two Canadians participating in the Champion of Champions competition: Jean Wang with her exhibit "BLOOD: A Modern Medicine" and Stuart Reddington with his exhibit "Line Engraved Issues of Great Britain 1840 & 1841". The top award winners are shown below. A full palmares listing can be found at: <https://stamps.org/Portals/0/Palmares/2024-Palmares.pdf>. Next year's GASS will be held on the outskirts of Chicago in Schaumburg, IL from August 14-17, 2025 – it is a show to be experienced!

Multi-frame Champion of Champions

Britain's Marvelous Machins Stephen McGill, INDYPEX '23

StampShow Multi-Frame Grand

America's Embossed Revenue Stamped Paper

(95 points) Roger S. Brody

StampShow Multi-Frame Reserve Grand

Hawaiian Stamped Envelopes 1884-1900

(95 points) Michael Beck

StampShow Single Frame Grand

Postal Stationery of Russian Levant Post Office

(91 points) Yavuz Corapcioglu

National Topical Stamp Show Multi-Frame Grand

All Aboard! A Grand Tour - American Style, 1915

(92 points) Dawn R. Hamman

National Topical Stamp Show Multi-Frame Reserve Grand

Coaching Ways and Coaching Days in Great Britain and Ireland

(92 points) Heloise Mitchell

National Topical Stamp Show Single Frame Grand

The Oceanographic Institute and Museum of Monaco: 1910-1960

(85 points) Francis Adams

AmeriCover Multi-Frame Grand

The Two Cent Hardings (92 points) James Hering

AmeriCover Multi-Frame Reserve Grand

The 5c Virginia Dare Stamp of 1937 (92 points) Mark Schwartz

AmeriCover Single Frame Grand

"Combo" First Day Covers of the Fourth Bureau Era

(74 points) James Hering



Hosted by The Fredericton District Stamp Club

PROPOSAL: CHANGE IN MEMBER DUES

by Jeff Parks

In June 2024, a proposal was put before the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive for a new membership fee structure. In the past most of your membership dues went to the cost of the mailing the newsletter (including printing, envelope and postage). In recent years almost 90% of the members have switched to notification by email of the newsletter being posted on the website.

A review of the membership dues is a Club constitutional requirement...

7. The annual membership dues for all classes of membership will be reviewed by the executive annually. A recommendation to change membership dues will be published in the earliest Newsletter possible and recorded for the reading of the minutes. Any change in the membership dues must then be approved by a majority vote of the attending quorum at the next regularly scheduled Club meeting.

<https://www.nsstampclub.ca/constitution.htm>

In August, the Club Executive, approved the proposal in time for Novapex. Since the proposal is to lower fees, the Executive felt that there was low risk to implement the change for Novapex while still fulfilling the need for publication and member vote on the issue as prescribed by the constitution.

The Proposal

The proposal provides two major changes 1) to reduce the Member and Family fees for those you receive the newsletter electronically, and 2) to remove a stated fee for US and International members with a note of cost recovery for a printed mail out by arrangement.

Electronic Newsletter (new)

Member \$10 CAD per year

Family \$15 CAD per year

Printed Newsletter (unchanged)

Member \$15 CAD per year

Family \$22.50 CAD per year

US and International (new)

Members outside Canada can receive printed newsletters by mail by making special arrangements with the club to cover the cost of mail outs.

The Vote

A vote on the proposal by the members will take place at the next meeting of the Club on September 10, 2024. A quorum of 15 members will need to be in attendance.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB****SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 7:30 PM**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:30pm at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History. Following the By-laws of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club, our Immediate Past-President is providing the following proposed list of Officers for the upcoming year (2024-2025). Members will have the opportunity to vote on this slate of Officers at AGM.

Proposed Officers of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club 2024-2025

President: Mike Pierce

Vice President: Mike McKinnon

Treasurer: Karen Galbraith

Secretary: Bob Boehner

Newsletter Editor: Jane Sodero

Past President: Jim Graham

Director: Rob Ferguson

Director: Sean Weatherup

One additional Director will be appointed by the Executive.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS - SEPTEMBER 2024

You can register for the event via the host's website. Most of the groups listed have past presentations available to view through their websites, or YouTube. Times listed for the ATLANTIC DST.

British Empire Study Group (BESG):

September 12, 7p.m., Mike Blum

"A Forensic Examination of the Cape Triangles"

September 26, 7 p.m. Steven Berlin

"The Devils Mail Part II"

Collectors Club of New York:

September 4, 6:30 p.m., Omar Rodriquez

"The Curious and Peculiar Postal System of Early Mexico and Its Amazing Stamp 1736-1917"

September 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Steve McGill

"Understanding the Machin Series"

North Toronto Stamp Club:

September 19 TBA

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC):

September 9, 8 p.m., Stamp Talk, Natalie Mitchell

"VGG Foundation Library"

September 16, 8 p.m., Stamp Panel

"Philatelic Reference Material"