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UP AND COMING

[NS Stamp Club](#) - October 8
Museum of Natural History

[Moncton Stamp Fair](#) - October 12
100 War Veterans Ave, Moncton, NB

[CANPEX 2024](#) - October 19-20
National level exhibition and market
The Hellenic Community Centre
London, ON

[South Shore Stamp Club](#) - October 26
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. It is incumbent on each member to ensure that your dues are up to date.

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.

BALDWIN RAILROAD STAMPS

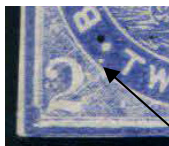
by Michael Peach

A 1909 article in the *Philatelic Journal of America* lists twenty pioneers of the trade in foreign postage stamps (Anon, *Philatelic Journal of America*, December 1910, vol. 30, pp. 30-31). Included in the list of twenty are two dealers in Saint John, N.B., G. Stewart Jr. and E.A. Craig.

Early in 1865, Edward A. Craig and Robert J. Melvin went into the stamp and coin business in Saint John, N.B. As seems to have been the custom of small dealers at the time, besides selling genuine stamps they marketed fantasy stamps, now called labels. They were preparing and marketing stamps for the factitious Baldwin Railroad Postage. The name Baldwin was apparently derived

from H. Baldwin who had an express office on the European and North America Railway, an ambitious plan for a railway from Portland ME to Halifax NS, only parts of which had been completed. The stamps were engraved by Thomas Gregory and printed by J. and A. McMillan in Saint John. The two pence stamp was valued in the old New Brunswick currency and printed in three colours on five different coloured papers with a total of one hundred stamps of each combination printed.

Craig and Melvin went out of business in November 1865 and sold the remainders as well as the dye to Samuel Allan Taylor, previously of Montréal and then in Albany. Taylor used the dye to print additional stamps. The Taylor stamps can easily be recognised by a fault in the lower left-hand frame and an extra (white) dot between the B and T.



In 1866 George Stewart, Jr., an early stamp dealer in Saint John, exposed the stamps as fakes in his *Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette*. Taylor, however, continued to sell the stamps and created his own fake PAID stamps in four different colours.

CRAIG & MELVIN, Wholesale and Retail
Dealers in British, American, Foreign, and Colonial Postage Stamps, Rare Coins, and Curiosities of all kinds.
We would announce that we have on hand a large lot of the *obsolete* issues of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Canada, including the celebrated CONSELL STAMP, *warranted genuine*. We are also *Sole Agents* for the sale of "BALDWIN'S RAILROAD POSTAGE," an obsolete Local of considerable rarity. As our stock is rather limited, there being only a few extant, Collectors had better send in their orders at once. The set of *fifteen varieties* we sell for \$1.50 N. B. currency. Samples mailed on receipt of 25 cents.
Our stock of Foreign Stamps is large, and we will sell as cheaply as any in the Trade. We will mail our MONTHLY PRICE LIST to any address on receipt of 10 cents. All descriptions of COINS and CURIOSITIES bought and sold. Foreign Stamps sold on COMMISSION. Communications answered by return post. *All letters must be prepaid and addressed*
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EDWARD A. CRAIG,
ROBERT J. MELVIN.



ROYAL*2024*ROYALE

Held September 20-22, 2024 in Fredericton, Royal*2024*Royale was well attended by NSSC members which a large number exhibiting. The show, held at the Fredericton Inn, was opened by the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, Brenda Murphy, who also visited the bourse and exhibits. Club member Jane Sodero had the opportunity to speak about her Kayak Hunter exhibit with Her Honour who asked several interesting questions about the use of the stamp including a discussion of the use of the Free Frank for the Governor-General. A reception that evening at Government House provided another opportunity to meet Her Honour and guests were invited to visit three levels of the historic building which is filled with New Brunswick art and furniture. Several of the attendees were prepared to settle in the library.



Library — Bill Longley photo



Dining Room — Grégoire Teyssier photo



Hooked rug featuring Government House — artist unknown

Moncton and works in graphic design. She has designed three stamp issues for Canada Post – the 2023 Holiday Winter Scenes; the 2024 Endangered Frog stamps and the



2024 Sarah McLachlan stamp. In fact, since the McLachlan stamp was only issued a few days before the show opened, Saulnier could not reveal to show organizers that she was the



designer. Saulnier spoke about the artists who she worked with and the various changes and adjustments which were made during the design process.

In addition to the regular show activities, there were other special things happening at the show including Robert Lennox aka That Dad Guy on YouTube who was filming parts of the show and interviewing organizers and participants. His video can be found at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIzJb33wLpc

Saturday evening was the Awards Banquet which included the exhibit awards as well as the signing of the RPSC Roll of Fellows. Particular mention should be made of John Hall who received Large Gold medals for his exhibits *The Marketing of Canadian War Savings Stamps and Certificates in World War Two* and *The Canadian Fiscal War Tax Stamps of World War One* as well as several special awards. As well, Ann Miller, with her first exhibit at a National-level show, received a Vermeil for her exhibit *Princess Elizabeth Stays in Malta (The Malta 1950 "Royal Visit" Issue)* as well as several special awards including the RPSC Novice Award.

The NSSC award winners are listed below and the full Palmares can be found at rpscopyal.com/agenda/.

Three philatelists were asked to sign the RPSC Roll of Fellows: Bill Longley, Ken Snelson and Jane Sodero. Jane and her mother, Elizabeth (2003), are the only members of the same family to

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E-Membership is C\$10 per person or C\$15.00 per couple.

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BNAPEX 2024 KINGSTON

by Jane Sodero

A small but mighty contingent of NSSC members attended BNAPEX 2024 in Kingston, Ontario. Held on the campus of St Lawrence College, show attendees were treated to a St. Lawrence River cruise on Friday evening in addition to the Awards Banquet on Sunday evening and a jam-packed schedule of meetings and seminars by the various study groups in between.

Club member John Hall brought home the Reserve Grand Award for his exhibit: *The Canadian Fiscal War Tax Stamps of World War One*. Other awards for NSSC members are listed below. The full palmares can be found at bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2024-Kingston/documents/BNAPEX2024-Palmares-v3.pdf

In addition to the exhibit awards, John Hall was also inducted into The Order of the Beaver. This prestigious honour is given to BNAPS members who meet "established criteria in the categories of: Distinguished service to BNAPS; Service to organized philately in general; Advancement of philatelic knowledge through exhibiting and/or writing and/or Regular attendance and participation at the annual BNAPEX conventions". The other inductees this year were Bill Longley and Hugo Deshayé. NSSC members who were previously inducted into the Order of the Beaver include: Jack Forbes (2022); Gary Steele (2018); and Jean-Claude Michaud (2016).

John Hall receiving the Order of the Beaver (L).

Sean Weatherup receiving his award at BNAPEX (R).

**BNAPEX Awards won by NSSC members****Allan Steinhart Reserve Grand Award****Wilmer Rockett Revenue Award – Best Exhibit of Revenues**

The Canadian Fiscal War Tax Stamps of World War One – John Hall

William G. Robinson Award – Best Exhibit of Railway Post Office Postal History

Halifax-Yarmouth Railway Post Office Clerk Cancels and Related Paperwork– Sean Weatherup

Multi-Frame Medal Awards: Gold

John Hall - The Canadian Fiscal War Tax Stamps of World War One

Sean Weatherup - Halifax – Yarmouth Railway Post Office Clerk Cancels and Related Paperwork

Single Frame Medal Awards: Gold

Derek Smith - New Brunswick Postage Rates, "Cents Issue" Period - 1860 to 1868

ROYAL 2024 CONTINUED

have been appointed Fellows of the RPSC.

All in all, the show was extremely well organized by Diane Earle and Rob Lunn and their incredible team from the Fredericton Stamp Club. Friend-



Jane Sodero, Charles Verge, Bill Longley

ships were made and renewed. Dealers were busy and treasures were found. Let's do it all again at Royal*2025*Filex in Montreal April 25-26, 2025!

PALMARES**Large Gold Multi-Frame**

John Hall The Marketing of Canadian War Savings Stamps and Certificates in World War Two (91)

Loic Detchevery Cancellations of the Canadian Province of Nova Scotia on Saint-Pierre and Miquelon Stamps (90)

John Hall The Canadian Fiscal War Tax Stamps of World War One (90)

Michael Mather London Cancels – Development During the Victorian Period (90)

Gold Multi-Frame

Sean Weatherup Newfoundland's Commemoration Issue of the 350th Anniversary of Annexation by Great Britain (87)

Gordon Smith The Postmarks of Port Hood (86)

Gary Coolen International, Imperial and Commonwealth Reply Coupons of Canada and Newfoundland (85)

Vermeil Multi-Frame

Ann Miller Princess Elizabeth Stays in Malta (The Malta 1950 "Royal Visit" Issue) (77)

Jane Sodero First Day Covers and Use of Canada's 1955 Kayak Hunter (75)

Vermeil Single Frame

Gary Steele Cover GEMS of the 1937-1938 Definitive Issue (78)

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MEMBER DUES

by Jeff Parks

[Editors Note: Due to an oversight the vote did not occur at the September meeting and is rescheduled for October. The original article is reprinted in its entirety.]

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 October 8, 2024. A quorum of 15 members will need to be in attendance.

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Large Silver Multi-Frame

Elizabeth Sodero The Social Aspect of Mourning: Covers and Collateral Material (74)

Elizabeth Sodero Small Covers and Cards (73)

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Awards**Award for Excellence – Presentation**

John Hall The Marketing of Canadian War Savings Stamps and Certificates in World War Two

Award for Excellence – Novice

Ann Miller Princess Elizabeth Stays in Malta (The Malta 1950 “Royal Visit” Issue)

American Philatelic Society Awards**Pre-1900 Medal of Excellence**

Michael Mather London Cancels – Development During the Victorian Period

1900-1940 Medal of Excellence

John Hall The Canadian Fiscal War Tax Stamps of World War One

1940-1980 Medal of Excellence

John Hall The Marketing of Canadian War Savings Stamps and Certificates in World War Two

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Awards**Gold Award of Honour**

Elizabeth Sodero The Social Aspect of Mourning: Covers and Collateral Material

Jane Sodero First Day Covers and Use of Canada’s 1955 Kayak Hunter

Women’s Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award

Elizabeth Sodero Small Covers and Cards

Novice Award

Ann Miller Princess Elizabeth Stays in Malta (The Malta 1950 “Royal Visit” Issue)

American Topical Association Awards**First Place**

John Hall The Canadian Fiscal War Tax Stamps of World War One

Second Place

Ann Miller Princess Elizabeth Stays in Malta (The Malta 1950 “Royal Visit” Issue)