



# THE NOVA SCOTIA POST

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## UP AND COMING

**Valley Stamp Club** - April 11  
Port Williams Community Centre.  
Presentation: Elizabeth Sodero  
"Mourning Covers"

**Moncton Stamp Fair** - April 11  
10 - 3pm, 100 War Veterans Ave,  
Moncton, NB

The Fundy Stamp Club will hold a Silent  
Auction which will run from 10 a.m. to 1  
p.m. and a Live Auction at 1:30 p.m.

**NS Stamp Club** - April 14  
Show and Tell. Auction.

**South Shore Stamp Club** - March 21  
New Life Christian Church, Elm St.  
Bridgewater, NS

**NSSC Stamp Fair** - July 26 9am-3 pm  
East Dartmouth Community Centre  
Live Auction at 1:30 pm

**NSSC Stamp Fair dates for 2026**  
Sept 13  
Nov 15

Check out the status of other events at  
[www.rpsc.org/shows.php](http://www.rpsc.org/shows.php)  
[www.csdaonline.com/shows](http://www.csdaonline.com/shows)

## Brainard Fitzgerald (1947-2026)

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Club Member **Brainard Fitzgerald** on April 2 at Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville, NS. Many of you knew Brainard; he had a passion for all things postal related, for learning, and for education. He taught thousands of students over the years at Horton High School. There will be a gathering for Brainard at the Port Williams Community Centre Thursday April 9 (3pm).

<https://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/191311>

## NEW AGAIN - CONCORDE 2026 - ROYAL MAIL

by Michael Peach

The first flight of the supersonic air liner Concorde, a joint British French project, occurred in 1969. Royal Mail issued three commemorative stamps (Fig. 1) and La Poste a single stamp (Fig. 2).

The first commercial flights were flown on 21 January 1976. The flights departed simultaneously at 11.40 a.m. from London's Heathrow airport and Paris' Charles de Gaulle airports. As supersonic flights in American air space were first approved on 4 February 1976, British Airways initial destination was Bahrain and Air France's flight went to Rio de Janeiro.



Fig 1: Concorde 1969 Royal Mail

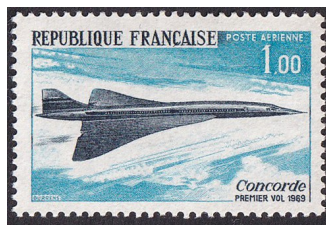


Fig. 2: Concorde 1969 La Poste

Subsequently flights from London to New York took about 3½ hours. Due to high maintenance costs and low bookings Air France and British Airways discontinued Concorde service in 2003.

Royal Mail marked the fiftieth anniversary of the first commercial flight with a set of eight first class stamps illustrating the history of the Concorde and a miniature sheet with four first class stamps (Fig. 3). The miniature sheet is of particular interest. The three stamps of the 1968

Concorde set have been reissued with a new value and the Queen's profile has been replaced by King Charles'. The stamps were not reissued in the more usual stamp on stamp format. The additional stamp, lower right on the sheet, was one of the designs submitted by David Gentleman in the original competition.

France issued a stamp to mark 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first flight in 2016.



Fig. 3: Concorde 50 th Anniversary of service



FQP STATE OF PHILATELY SURVEY

The Fédération Québécoise de Philatélie (FQP) has launched the General Statement of Philately in Canada, a national consultation and reflection initiative aimed at better understanding the current state of our hobby, its challenges, and opportunities for future development.

The objective of the survey is to paint an accurate and up-to-date portrait of philately, identify its challenges and prospects, and formulate concrete proposals for its development and promotion.

The FQP is funding and leading the project, in collaboration with the research cooperative L'Escabeau, with the goal of gathering input from as many stakeholders as possible: clubs, collectors, dealers, volunteers, exhibitors, and enthusiasts.

You can assist this important project by passing this notice on to as many collectors, members and dealers as you can.

The first step is to [register to receive the survey questionnaire](#). Registered participants will receive the survey later. Please add your voice and encourage others to add theirs.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3RIX5O4A3vgfK4VDtBVxPbZkzAtVEJSST9JS4-pnHvJkQ/viewform?usp=sharing&oiid=108063284240405118082>

## Dear Presidents, Group Leaders, and Chapter Chairs,



Thank you for your continued support of **États généraux de la philatélie** — a landmark initiative that will shape the future of philately across Quebec and Canada for the next five years.

We know many of you have been asking: **when will the questionnaire arrive?** We're happy to share that the wait is almost over!

**REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN**

We are currently in the registration phase and working hard to reach our goal of **600+** participants. We're close — but we need your help to get there. If you haven't registered yet, now is the time. And if you have, please encourage your members to do the same.

**QUESTIONNAIRES LAUNCHING END OF APRIL**

The questionnaires are fully written and currently under review and translation. We plan to officially launch them at the end of April. The response period will remain open through the **Royal Philatelic Society of Canada** show weekend in **Kitchener**, giving everyone ample time to participate.

**HOW TO REGISTER & SHARE**

- Visit the **FQP website** for the registration in link
- Direct links have been shared on **Facebook** and in specialized philatelic groups
- Published in **Canadian Stamp News**
- Or contact **Sébastien** directly by email, phone, or Messenger

**WHO WE ESPECIALLY NEED TO HEAR FROM**

- **Active online philatelists** — your reality represents today's hobby
- **Former collectors** — your perspective helps us understand what we can do better
- **Non-collectors** — their point of view is essential to understanding the broader picture

Please share this message widely within your club, chapter, or group. **Every voice counts, and a strong, representative response** is what will make this initiative truly meaningful.

With warm regards,  
**Sébastien Crête**  
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**Together, we can make this happen.** 🙌

Stamp Oddities

The Republic of China (ROC) was founded on Jan. 1, 1912, replacing the imperial Qing dynasty. The ROC government now governs Taiwan and nearby islands, while, since 1949, the People's Republic of China controls mainland China.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen (1866-1925), considered the Founder of the ROC, served as its 1<sup>st</sup> provisional President (1912-14) and later as Premier (1919-25) of the Kuomintang. Sun is revered in both Taiwan ("Father of the Nation") and in the People's Republic of China ("Forerunner of the Revolution") for his instrumental role in ending Qing rule and overseeing the conclusion of the Chinese dynastic system.



2nd Issue

He is depicted on many Chinese stamps. The first definitive issues were recess printed in 1931 by De La Rue & Co. of London, in which the portrait of Sun is flanked by Corinthian columns. The two rings inside the sun emblem (commonly, the "Double Circle Issue") was an error, but existing stocks were allowed to be used.



The second issue (1931) corrected the inner ring in the sun symbol to a single solid circle. Subsequently, there were twelve definitive issues, the twelfth (1948) is easily recognized because it is the only one in which Sun's portrait appears on a plain background.



12th Issue



The first commemorative issue was the 1912 issue commemorating the revolution. Issues continue to be released in China and Taiwan (left) and other countries (below) commemorating Sun's birth, death anniversaries and accomplishments.



## VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS - APRIL 2026

compiled by Ann Miller

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 are for the ATLANTIC time zone. Association headings contain a link to their website.

**Auxiliary Markings Club:**

April 14, 8 pm, Jonathan Humble "The postal markings of Hawaii 1900-1950" Link available [here: https://www.postal-markings.org/](https://www.postal-markings.org/).

**British Empire Study Group:**

April 9, 7 pm, James C. Johnson Jr., "Mr. Farley and Mr. Roosevelt: when temptation overcomes".

**Collectors Club of New York:**

April 15, 6:30 pm, Steve Berlin, "Mail robbery during military conflicts".

April 22, 6:30 pm, Bill DePaolo, "The Prexie coils: new discoveries, usages and rarities".

**Learning About Stamps Online:**

April 21, 9 pm, Paul Sargent, "Partial pre-cuts of Britain's imperforate line engraved stamps". Link available [here: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6466666666](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6466666666)

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ftJ6MnFaR\\_6jYHdiuxaN5q](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ftJ6MnFaR_6jYHdiuxaN5q).

**North Toronto Stamp Club:**

April 16, 8 pm, Jeri Danyleyko, "Ghost towns of Ontario" Toronto Postcard Club.

**Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada:**

April 15, 8:30 pm, Ken Pugh, " Dr. Robert Bell of the Geological Survey of Canada".

**Postal History Society of Canada:**

April 21, 7pm, Brian Copeland, "Registered Mail from Manitoba and the NWT in the Victorian Period".

**Royal Philatelic Society of Canada:**

April 13, 8 pm, Stamp Talk, Garfield Portch, "The steamboat mail of Lake Ontario".

April 20, 8 pm, Stamp Panel, Leigh Hogg, David Oberholtzer, Jean Wang, and Jona Mejico, "Canada's National Show - It's in our Veins."

**Royal Philatelic Society of London:**

April 7, 11 am, Malcolm Gascoyne, "De La Rue Ltd., Part II."

**Society of Australasian Specialists / Oceania:**

April 16th, Gary Watson, "Empire mail scheme 1938-1940". Contact Steve Zirinsky [szirinsky@cs.com](mailto:szirinsky@cs.com).

**West Toronto Stamp Club:**

April 7, 8 pm, Learning Workshop, Chris Green, Garfield Portch, and Ken Snelson, "Interpreting postal history".

April 21, 8 pm, Discussion Group, member Show and Tell, "The oldest item in my collection".

## A CPR OFFICE IN BUCHAREST

by Jane Sodero

This cover from Bucharest to London illustrates part of a major Canadian immigration scheme in the late 1920s. On the surface we see a business corner cover bearing a 1930 10 lei stamp of King Carol II of Romania which paid the 10 lei UPU letter rate to London in 1931. The addressee was to be found care of Ryley & Co. which was a shipping agent in London. The company sending the letter was Canadian Pacific Railway from its Bucharest offices - but why did the CPR have offices in Bucharest and as seen on the cover, other offices throughout Romania?

In September 1925, the Canadian government made an agreement with the national railway companies to facilitate immigration from Europe to fulfill rising labour needs especially in the agricultural sector. The Canadian National Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway promoted Canada as a destination for Europeans – many from eastern Europe, who had been displaced following WWI. In addition, the railways provided sea and land transport and helped with immigration paperwork. To facilitate the immigration process, the CPR opened several offices in Europe including one in Bucharest.

Most of the people who immigrated to Canada through this scheme settled in the prairie provinces although many ended up working for the railways instead of in agriculture violating the terms of the agreement. These violations in addition to a change in government and the beginning of the Depression led to the cancellation of the agreement by the Bennet government which defeated MacKenzie King's liberals in 1930. Between 1925 and the end of the agreement, over 185,000 people emigrated to Canada from Eastern Europe.

Reference: <https://pier21.ca/research/immigration-history/railway-agreement-1925#fn-3-ref>

