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Up and Coming

Valley Stamp Club - June 6
Port Williams Community Centre.

Quebec City Stamp and Old Paper Show - June 6-7
Travel Lodge by Wyndham, Quebec City
https://svpq.ca/

NS Stamp Club - June 9
See page 2 for details

Royal*2026*Royale - June 12-14
98*th* Convention of the *Royal Philatelic Society of Canada*
Waterloo, ON
www.kwstampclub.org/royal-2026-royale/

Moncton Stamp Fair - June 13
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.

South Shore Stamp Club - June 27
New Life Christian Church, Elm St.
Bridgewater, NS

NSSC Stamp Fairs
July 26 , Sept 13, Nov 15
9 am-3 pm

East Dartmouth Community Centre
Live Auction at 1:30 pm

BNAPEX 2026 Valleyfield - Sept 17-20
Hôtel MOCO Valleyfield
Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, QC
https://bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2026-Valleyfield/

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

Constance Hayward Cover

by Michael Peach

It is aways interesting to find a cover to someone that you knew. Constance "Connie" Hayward, a 1927 Acadia University graduate, lived in Wolfville after her retirement and was a member of the Board of Governors and the Senate of Acadia University. The Hayward family was a generous donor to Acadia. Our paths crossed several times when I was a professor at the University. For most of Hayward's civil service career she had been involved with displaced persons and refugees including with the Canadian National Committee on Refugees and Victims of Political Persecution and subsequently the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

The cover shown, actually an airmail letter sheet, was mailed from Moncton on February 18, 1947 to the International Committee on Refugees in London, UK, arriving on February 27. At the time, the postage was 10¢ and was paid with the 10¢ stamp from the 1946 Peace Issue. It was forwarded to Lemgo, Germany, a small Hanseatic and university town in North Rhine-Westphalia. This was in the British zone of Germany and part of the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) was based there. The cover went to Zonal Executive Offices, PW/DP, (Prisoner of Was/Displaced Persons) Division Lemgo through the Zone Post Depot on March 1, 1947. At this time, it would have been a displaced persons camp and later the Stornoway Barracks. Some of the information on the web about BAOR in Lemgo is still encrypted.

The diamond census mark was applied in London, probably on the incoming mail.

Census marks were usually applied in October to measure the traffic at a specific office.



CANADA POST DEPARTMENTAL HANDSTAMPS #31

by Gary Steele



Circle 23 mm.
No proof known.





Few people get a real glimpse into the inner workings of the early **FAM** (Foreign Air Mail) flights carrying mail to faraway places. The reason for this is the lack of handstamps other than on registered mail so sometimes we are lucky these were saved on other items by philatelists for the future.

This story begins on a **CANADA AIR MAIL** Bag Tag label **2 AMS. 150M-3-6-39** noted just below the reinforced hole ring for string.

In the upper right is a section for **BAG NO.** (empty) and just below the destination **FOR *Georgetown Br. Guiana*** with the departing location **FROM MONTREAL** note **'FROM'** doubled up on the tag and the imprint. Gross weight on the left appears to be changed to gram with the departmental steel circle handstamp **MONTREAL CANADA 10 MR 11 41 B. & F. DIV. 'B. &. F. Div.'** is British and Foreign Mail Division.

So, we have a rare tag going to a rare destination attached to probably hundreds or thousands of letters for further destinations.

The first stop is the New York, N.Y. Reg'y. Div. on Mar 12 1941, then a day later is Miami, Florida per the double circle purple handstamp dated MAR 13 1941. Note the important documentation four-line handstamp **RECORDED AT / MIAMI, FLORIDA / FOR ACCOUNTING / PURPOSES**.

Onward from there is noted a double circle San Juan, P.R. MAR 13 1941 Mailing Division handstamp, from hence the trail goes cold to British Guiana.

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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) released in the first week of the month.

E-Membership is C$10 per person or C$15 per couple.

Print Membership is C$15 and C$22.50. Foreign mailings available at a premium.

Send **membership applications** to…
NS Stamp Club c/o Jeff Parks
102 Birch Bear Run,
Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB: JUNE MEETING

The final club meeting for the 2025-2026 season will be on Tuesday June 9th. The evening will include a member's bourse/trading session followed by our year end social. If you have any stamps or stamp related material of any kind, you would like to offer for sale or trade with fellow club members, bring them along for this meeting. Always lots of fun and you may be able to acquire some stamps you have been looking for also. There will be tables set up for you to display your material. Bring some edible goodies to share with fellow club members also.

ODDS AND ENDS

by Jane Sodero

Congratulations to **Thomas Reyman**, a NSSC member from Arizona, who received his 50-year pin from the American Philatelic Society at the Annual General Meeting held in Boston.



Thomas Reyman with Mark Banchik, APS President – photo credit Carlos Vergara.

ORAPEX 2026

Orapex was held on May 2-3, 2026 at the Nepean Sports Centre, Ottawa. There were about 10 club members in attendance and three exhibitors with the following results:

Multi Frame
Large Gold -

John Hall

Canadian Gasoline Rationing Booklets of World War Two (90)

RPSC Award for Excellence - Material

APS Research Award

Jeff Parks

Canada: George VI 1949-1952 Definitive Issue (90)

BNAPS Best Researched BNA

Single Frame
Gold -

Gary Steele

Post Office Inspector Handstamps at the Canada Post Office (86)

RPSC New Exhibit Award

Auxiliary Markings Society Award of Excellence

The **Royal Philatelic Society of Canada** held their Annual General Meeting on May 24, 2026. The 2026-27 Board of Directors was confirmed at the AGM and the Executive was determined at a subsequent meeting. Congratulations to Gordon Smith, NSSC member, who was appointed Vice-President. The entire Board is:

President	Peter MacDonald, Ontario
Vice President	Gordon Smith, Nova Scotia
Secretary	Jean Wang, FRPSC, Ontario
Treasurer	John Sharp, Ontario
Directors	Mario Chevrette, Quebec
	Dianne Earl, New Brunswick
	Don Hedger, Ontario
	Alan Hills, Ontario
	Claude Lacasse, Québec
	Chris McFetridge, New Brunswick
	Phil Visser, Ontario
	Jean Wang, FRPSC, Ontario

Boston 2026

Boston 2026, held May 23 to 30, 2026, including over 4,000 frames of exhibits – there were exhibits for as far as the eye could see. No Nova Scotians participated however there were 29 stamp and literature exhibits from Canada included Fredericton's Mary Pugh who entered her G.B. George V Commemorative Stamp Issues. An American, Robert Foster, had an excellent exhibit entitled Nova Scotia Colonial Postal History which included very fine Nova Scotian material. At the time of publication, the results of the competition had not been finalized. In addition to the exhibits, seven Canadian dealers were at the show. As part of the show layout, panel walls were used to divide spaces. These panels featured images of stamps from around the world.



Photo credit: Jean Wang

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VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS - SUMMER 2026

compiled by Jeff Parks

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. Not all locations had announced programs for June yet thus TBA or TBD noted.

Auxiliary Markings Club:
June 9, 8 pm, David Handelman, "RRR and AR markings in the US".

British Empire Study Group:
June 11, 7 pm, Stan Brown, "Exploring Colour"

July 9, 7 pm, Dan Matthews, "Let's Plate with Penny Reds conducted"

Aug. 13, 7 pm, David Beech, "Philatelic Rarities at the British Library"

Learning About Stamps Online:
June 16, 9 pm, "Collecting, Handling, and Storing Self-Adhesive Stamps"

July 21, 9 pm, "Classic U.S. Plate Blocks"

Aug. 18, 9 pm, "The Philatelic Art of Dorothy Knapp"

North Toronto Stamp Club:
June , 8 pm, TBA

Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada:
June 17, 8:30 pm, Mike Walsh, "Media as a Philatelic Tool".

July 15, 8:30 pm, Paul Sarjeant, " Mis-Perforations in Britain's Line Engraving Stamps."

Aug. 19, 8:30 pm, Members present: "Show and Tell"

Postal History Society of Canada:
June, 7pm, TBA

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada:
June 8, 8 pm, Stamp Talks, Ann Miller, "The 1947 Southern Africa Royal Tour: stamps, covers, and stops along the way".

July 13, 8 pm, David Foot "Maralinga & British Atomic Bomb Tests in Australia, 1952-67"

Aug 10, 8 pm, Paul Sarjeant "Common Technologies for the production and perforation of Stamps: Part One"

June 15, 8 pm, Stamp Panel, TBD.

July 20, 8 pm, Summertime Show and Share

Aug. 17, 8 pm, TBD.

ODDS AND ENDS... CONTINUED

Boston 2026

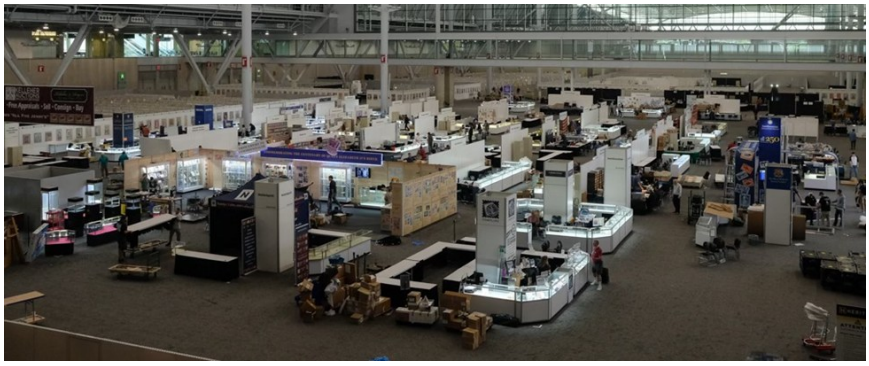


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Royal Philatelic Society of London:
June 2, 12 am, Nigel Mohammed, "The Britannia Stamps of Trinidad 1851-1883"

Society of Australasian Specialists / Oceania:
June 18, John Simpson "An Introduction to New Zealand Advertising Stamps of 1893"

July 16, Darry Kegan, "New Zealand Railway Charges"

Aug 20, Christopher Smith "Pitcairn Island: Funding Infrastructure Improvements via the Postal Service"

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West Toronto Stamp Club:
June , 8 pm, TBA