



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction  
Seaside Book and Stamp

**September 9** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**September 12** Annual General  
Meeting, RPSC Slide Show

**Sept 15-17 Novapex 2006**  
Atlantic Canada's Premier  
National Exhibition,  
Dartmouth Sportsplex, Dartmouth

**Sept 29 - Oct 1**  
**Royal\*2006\*Royale**  
Calgary, Alberta  
Calgary Philatelic Society

**October 7** Moncton Stamp Fair  
Park House Inn, Moncton

**October 10** Club Meeting  
Auction, Stamp Designer Karen  
Smith -Trivium Design

**October 14** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**October 14** Brunpex  
The Fundy Room  
Crown Plaza Hotel  
Highfield & Main Streets, Moncton

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## **Demon Perforations, or....**

...what to do with all those shoebox accumulations.

Flowers have been a topical collecting interest even before that philatelic term was invented. The settings are innocuous. The colours are eye-catching. And, most importantly, the plants are usually easily grown on one's garden plot. Hence the eagerness with which new floral series are anticipated.

Canada has many a stamp with these organic themes. The latest offerings are the present set of definitives. My recent acquisition of a large box of definitives at the stamp club auction may have caused some smiles from my friends, but the pleasure of searching through heaps and heaps of modern stuff paid off - if you are, like me, a definitive deviation devotee. Or, as my wife puts it when soliciting entires from friends and relatives, "He has pages and pages of the same stamp which all look the same to me. But, he tells me, they are all different. I call him "Flyspeck Kirchmeir"."

Pardon the digression.

Modern defectives rarely have tagging shifts or missing phosphor. The best one can hope for is a slight displacement to the left, right, top or bottom, leaving an unphosphored edge next to the glowing strip on one side. On the other edge, the phosphor is very narrow. These are sometimes called errors, but are rarely a product of printing misplacement. If a stamp is to be called "missing tag left" or something similar, then there should be no phosphor at all on that margin.

My delight at my latest find therefore came as an encouraging surprise. The



50c lily has a missing tag on the left. Unfortunately there is not enough of a postmark to determine from which part of the country they originated. Circular Date Stamps, where are you?

Another small variation has the "50" touching the flower. And a third oddity to look for is the one that has the numeral and "Canada" in a much darker tone.

There are many "peak" numbers and a few perforation varieties. According to Robin Harris ([www. admin-ware.ca](http://www.adminware.ca)), the perfs do not seem to be at a hard and fast standard.

Ahhh!! That shoe box. Investigating hundreds of floral offerings leads me to compile the following lists. No claims are entertained that this is the definitive list of this definitive. Three areas are of interest: varieties in tagging, printing and perforations.

### *Tagging varieties*

V1 Missing tagging on left.

### *Printing varieties*

V2 Black 2mm above third lily, from left.

V3 Top of fourth lily, from left, touches the die cut.

V3a Stem of fourth lily, from left, is cut by die cut.

V4 Stem of fourth lily, from left, has the tip of its petal cut on the right and it appears on the left margin.

V5 Red dot below first "a" of Canada.

V5a Red dot .75 mm above right tip of right lily.

V5b Red dot, faint, 2 mm below tip of right lily.

V5c Red dot 3 mm to right of right-most stem in lower margin.

V6 Blue line and dots in lower margin.

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## Demon Perfs... Continued

V7 Blue colour shift in third lily from left, in lower part of bloom.

V7a Blue colour shift on the top rims of the forth and fifth lilies from the left.

V7b Blue colour shift on all lilies, on the left side.

### Perforation varieties

Several perforation varieties have come to my attention. But first some definitions. All the perforations are horizontal. The Peaks are the main determiner when counting the die cut differences. Counting includes the edge Peak if it is complete.

Peak [P] : is the complete paper extension in the die cut.

Valley [V]: is the complete paper depression in the die cut.

In the following lists, the first numbers are the P and the V; the second set are the perforations.

### P/V Perfs

7P x 7P	6.5 x 6.5	9P x 9P	8.0 x 8.0	10P x 9P	8.25 x 8.25
7P x 8P	6.5 x 6.5	(cont'd)	8.0 x 8.25	(cont'd)	8.25 x 8.5
			8.0 x 8.5		8.25 x 8.75
	6.5 x 7.5		8.25 x 8.25		8.5 x 8.25
8P x 7P	7.5 x 7.5		8.25 x 8.5		8.5 x 8.5
	6.75 x 6.75		8.25 x 8.75		8.75 x 8.0
			8.5 x 8.0		8.75 x 8.75
8P x 8P	6.75 x 6.25		8.5 x 8.5	10P x 10P	8.0 x 8.5
	6.75 x 7.25		8.75 x 8.75		8.25 x 8.25
	7.0 x 7.25				8.25 x 8.75
	7.75 x 7.25	9P x 10P	7.75 x 8.25		8.5 x 8.25
	8.25 x 8.25		8.5 x 8.5		8.5 x 8.5
8P x 9P	8.0 x 8.5	10P x 9P	8.0 x 8.5		8.75 x 8.5
	7.75 x 8.5		8.25 x 7.75		8.75 x 7.75
9P x 9P	7.75 x 8.25				

Should this list appear to be too long, collecting only the perf variations that differ by 0.5 is acceptable. This is based on *Scott* and *Unitrade* standards, not to mention *Linn's*.

**Nova Scotia Stamp Club**  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada  
<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>

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.

Dues are C\$15 per person (US\$20 US, US\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple payable to :

Nova Scotia Stamp Club  
102 Birch Bear Run  
Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

## Stamp Oddities

Normally, early commercial postcards came preprinted with the stamps, however in the Orange Free State, postcards sold between 1889 and 1899 were affixed with a regular issue adhesive stamp and then overprinted with a coat of arms. Stamps with this overprint could have only come from a postcard.



The examples shown here depict portions of cards with an 1891 Halfpenny stamp on postcard dated 1896 (above) and an

1893 1-1/2 penny overprint on two pence dated 1896 (right). Note the different Coat of Arms styles.



## Royal\*2006\*Royale

The annual philatelic show of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada is to be held in Calgary, Alberta, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. The unique attractions of the show include a once only view of the BNA and GB highlights of the Queen's personal collection, 12 frames of selected material, some never seen in public before. In addition we have a strong seminar program and "stampless others" program including watching eagles in the mountains and a tour of an internationally famous equestrian centre.

We have arranged for 300 frames of competitive exhibits. More details can be found on the show's website at [www.Royal2006Royale.com](http://www.Royal2006Royale.com), so take a look and make plans for a fine early fall show in Calgary.

Donald C. Wilson, Exhibits Chairman,  
Royal 2006 Royale

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## Cover Story

by D.A. Cooper, Sr.



## RATE COVER

This airmail cover was paid at the rate of 7 cents. The prior rate of 6 cents was raised to 7 cents on April 1, 1943. It was mailed from AULD ONT NO 6 45 per split ring. It has an in-transit backstamp from AMHERSTBURG, ONT PM NO 6 45. Both communities are in Essex County, Ontario, about 8km apart with Amherstburg being 19 km south of Windsor. The Auld Post Office was open from 1906 to 1948 and then the area was served by Amherstburg as RR#4.

What may make this cover unique is the franking. The 7 cents was paid with a complete booklet of six 1-cent stamps Scott# 249B plus a single.

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**NOVAPEX 2006 - SCHEDULE**Friday 15 September 2pm - 8pmSaturday 16 September 9:30am - 5pm

11.00 am NS Postal History Group –  
Nantucket Room

2.00 pm GB Collectors Club on NS –  
Nantucket Room

2.00 pm Guided Tour of Exhibits –  
Marilyn Melanson

3.00 pm Judges Critique – Nantucket  
Room

7.00 pm for 7.30 Awards Banquet –  
MacAskill's Waterfront Restaurant

Sunday 17 September 9:30am - 3pm

10.30 am AAPE Seminar – Nantucket  
Room

11.30 am Judging Seminar – Nantucket  
Room

12.30 pm Guided Tour of Exhibits –  
Dave Cooper and/or Michael Peach

2.00 pm Seaside Book and Stamp  
Anniversary Auction – Nantucket Rm.

# NOVA PEX 2006

**Novapex 2006 Awards Banquet**  
**Saturday, 16 September, 2006**  
**MacAskill's Waterfront Restaurant**

7.00 pm Reception – Cash bar

7.30 pm Dinner, choice of menu

**Appetizer:** Seafood Chowder *or* Caesar Salad**Entrée:** Poached Salmon *or* Chicken in Filo *or* New York Striploin

**Dessert:** Cheesecake of the Day *or* German Torte  
 Tea or Coffee

Come and enjoy a great evening.

Tickets \$35.00 available from John Eldridge, Registration Desk  
 and Seaside Book & Stamp



## Classifieds

Looking to acquire or purchase 1949 Halifax Bicentenary (Sc 283) stamp on Cover or FDC, pre-2002 Novapex Covers (except 92,82,77,71) and Joe Howe stamp FDCs, covers and Festival (other than 1st annual) covers. Contact Jeff Parks at webnews@nsstampclub.ca or page 2 for address.

## Annual Member Dues

Membership fees are now due. Invoices have been included in this mailing for those of you that have not yet submitted. Membership cards are enclosed for those who have. If you have received neither than a) you have paid ahead a year and last year's card should reflect that or b) Hey, I'm human I've made a mistake (contact me). The address is on page 2 (cheques payable to NS Stamp Club) or they can be paid at the meeting. Please be prompt, members not paid up by Dec. 22/06 will be cut from the roll after a every effort has been The approved 2006/07 rates are as follows:

Member	\$ 15.00
Family	\$ 22.50
United States	\$ 20.00 (US Funds)

## Cover Box

Covers are available at the monthly meetings. The "Worldwide Covers" are a bargain at 50 cents each, or 5 for \$2. The Canada and the USA covers are a real deal at 3 for a loonie (\$1)!! All proceeds go directly to the club coffers.

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## Notes from the June Meeting

The last NSSC meeting of the season was held on June 13th. The topic of the night was Fakes & Forgeries. David Harvey presented material on Nova Scotia stamp forgers and Carmichael Wallace discussed Cape of Good Hope triangles, real contrasted with fakes from a few of the well known forgers of the day with surprising parallels between these stamps and the Nova Scotia fakes.

The usual monthly draw was held and the lecture was followed by a small auction. The evening and season was brought to a close with reminders about Novapex and a social event replete with sweets and coffee. The next regular meeting of NSSC will be held on September 12 and the program will consist of the Annual general Meeting and an RPSC slide show "Waterfalls on Stamps".

## My Summer Project

Well my summer project - scanning/archiving club newsletters - has not gotten finished as planned. However thanks to the generosity of Harry Steele I now have a complete set of newsletters to scan starting from the mid 1970s. I am still in need of earlier newsletters prior to 1973. If you have any of these please let me know. Ed.

## Newsletter Articles

If you have an item (article, cover, show & tell) for the newsletter please contact Jeff for details. Give me an image of an item and I will put a story around it.

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the October issue is Sept. 27, 2006.** Ed.

## Publicity Table - Sunnyside Mall

As part of the publicity for Novapex 2006, we will be having a table in the Sunnyside Mall on the Saturday, September 9. We will be looking for help at the table as well as ideas for publicity. Please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662.

# NOVA PEX 2006

**NOVAPEX 2006**

**Sept 15-17, 2006**

**Dartmouth Sportsplex**

Only days away now, Novapex 2006 will be a regional/national show, a first for the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. Exhibits will be judged at the national or regional level. It is the first national exhibition in the east since Royal 2004. There are in excess of 160 frames with many out of province exhibitors. Some out of province dealers are coming as well. **Please make a note of the date, and help to make Novapex 2006 a great success and an event to be remembered.**

## Sell Your Material at NOVAPEX!

A new feature at NOVAPEX 2006 will be a club table where members can sell their material. This is a wonderful chance to offer your goods to a large audience. Let's make this table as exciting as a new dealer coming to town.

1. Prepare your material for sale. Each cover, packet, bag, box, etc. should have a price and your seller's code, which will be the three initials of your name. The code is necessary so that you get credit for the sale. Some description or identifying information on the items should increase sales.

2. Write up an inventory list. After the show, this list will be returned to you along with any unsold items. The sold items will be checked off.

3. Pass your material to Hugh Rathbun at the September club meeting, or contact Hugh at 861-2071 to make other arrangements.

4. In lieu of charging for the table, the Nova Scotia Stamp Club will receive 10% of sales.

5. The material will be carefully watched at all times. However, the club and individual members will not accept liability for stolen or lost items. Any member who can help at the table for an hour during the show is encouraged to contact Hugh.