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Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

June 10 Club Meeting
Closing Social; Auction

June 14 Burnside Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel

June 14 Eastern Auctions
Lord Nelson Hotel

June 14 Crowther-Brayley Auc-
tion, Dartmouth Sportsplex -
contains some postal history
and postcards.

June 19 Friends of Philately

The Nova Scotia Stamp Club and
the Atlantic Chapter of BNAPS are
planning the philatelic event of 2008
in Nova Scotia.

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Yousuf Karsh 1908-2002

by Michael Peach

Yousuf Karsh was a prominent portrait photographer who made his home in Ottawa. He was born in Mardin, Armenia-in-Turkey in 1908 and came to Canada in 1924, where he lived with his uncle, photographer George Nakash, in Sherbrooke, Québec. His uncle realizing his potential as a photographer, arranged for him to apprentice with portrait photographer John Garo in Boston. After returning to Canada in 1932 he opened his studio in the Château Laurier, Ottawa. He was discovered by Prime Minister MacKenzie King, who introduced him to various visiting dignitaries. His 1941 portrait of Winston Churchill, taken in Ottawa, brought the photographer



was the basis for the 1952 low value definitive series, 1 – 5c, and another for the 1953 Coronation stamp, and the 1957 Royal Visit stamp. A Karsh portrait was used for the domestic rate definitive stamp with the Queen's portrait during the years 1988 (37c) to 2001 (47c). In the millennium series the



international fame, when it was used on the cover of Life magazine in December 1941.

The centenary of Karsh's birth was honoured by Canada Post with the issue of three stamps on 21 May (see page 2). The stamps show Karsh at work (52c), Karsh's portrait of Audrey Hepburn (96c), and the famous Churchill portrait (\$1.60), that was also shown on the 8c 1965 stamp marking his death. One of his 1951 portraits of Princess Elizabeth, before she became Queen,



work of Karsh is featured on the Portia White (December 1999) and the Father Moses Michael Coady (January 2000) stamps, both native Nova Scotians. Further Karsh portraits were shown on several other stamps: the 1951 William Lyon Mackenzie King 4c stamp, the 1967 Georges Vanier stamp, the 1969 Stephen Leacock stamp, the 1994 Jeanne Sauvé stamp, and the 2003 Morley Callaghan stamp.

His work has appeared on the stamps of many countries. The Churchill portrait



Karsh Continued



has been used extensively. In 2005 Sweden issued a domestic rate stamp with a Karsh portrait of Dag

Hammarskjöld, Nobel Laureate and former UN Secretary General, to honour the centenary of his birth. Karsh portraits of the Queen were used in 2002 on stamps marking the 50th anniversary of her accession to the throne. A 1984 portrait of the Queen is shown on the 45p British stamp and an early portrait of the Queen on the 45c stamp Australian stamp.

His last portraits were taken of Nelson Mandela and William Clinton. The Karsh Photographic Studio closed in 1992 and in 1997 Karsh left Ottawa, along with wife Estrellita, a medical researcher, for Boston, where he died in 2002.



Nova Scotia Stamp Club
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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.

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

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COVER STORY... Toponymy is the study of place names. Many places in Nova Scotia have had more than one name over the years - starting with native names and then European names. Names were given by settlers to remember their homeland, by bureaucrats to honour the elite, or as a way to exemplify a distinguishing attribute or industry of the area. The cover below is addressed to Newport. Brooklyn and Newport were both officially approved for the area in 1951 representing the Dominion Railway station (Brooklyn) and the Post Office (Newport). Brooklyn was confirmed as the community name under the NS Civic Addressing Project in 2005.

The Halifax Fire Insurance Association was founded in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1809. It was acquired by Nationale-Nederlanden in 1959. In January 2002, the company was renamed ING Insurance Company of Canada and is currently known as ING Insurance, now the largest insurer in Canada.

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Where in the World!?

by Jeff Parks

Mayotte (Mahoré) is a part of the Comoro Islands group, located in the northern end of the Mozambique Channel between Madagascar and the coastal African countries of Mozambique and Tanzania. Mayotte, a 144 sq km volcanic island surrounded by a coral reef, is an overseas administration of France but it is claimed by Comoros. The islands were ceded to France in 1843 and Mayotte was the only island that voted in 1974 (64%) and 1976 (99%) in favour of retaining its link with France. The matter has been discussed in the United Nations General Assembly ever since.



Mayotte was the first of the islands to fall under French influence and it became the French administrative and postal center in the archipelago. Between 1911 and 1975, Mayotte's postal history is the same as the other Comoros: part of the Madagascar colony, then part of the Comoros Archipelago overseas territory. After the 1970s votes the postal history diverged again. Stamps of France were used from 1976 to December 1996.



Since January 1, 1997, Mayotte has been philatelically autonomous and issues its own stamps. Postal operations are managed by an overseas subsidiary of La Poste.

The first stamps to arrive (1861) in Mayotte were the Imperial Eagle series, common to all French colonies (above). In the 1890s, French colonies began using the allegorical common design stamps with the country name printed on the bottom. Mayotte began using these in 1892 until 1912.



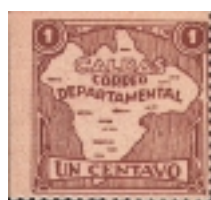
From 1912 to 1950, the island became part of the Madagascar colony. Old stamp stocks were overprinted with 5 and 10 centimes (left). By 1950, the stamps of the Archipelago of the Comoros ("Archipel des Comores") were used in Mayotte and the other islands of the group.

After the independence vote, a shortage of stamps for Mayotte was due to the supply being stamps being held on Grande Comore. These stamps had been overprinted by the independent regime and no new stamps were available until the Metropolitan France stamps arrived. Since 1997 stamps of France are no longer valid.



Stamp Oddities

1956 marked the year of Italy's admission into the United Nations. To commemorate the event Poste Italiane issued a stamp depicting the world on a equidistant, azimuthal projection, presumably centered on Italy. This projection is neither conformal nor equal-area, but both directions and distances measured from the center are true. Two images were printed in the stamp design - one in blue green and one in red. When the stamps were viewed through special glasses a 3 dimensional effect was evident. The glasses were supplied with an Italian ministerial bulletin that described the printing process. The stamps were printed in two denominations - 25 and 60 lire.



In 1925 two local stamps were issued by the Department (a state or province) of Caldas in Colombia. There is a local issued by Colombia with a map of northwest Colombia for the semiofficial service between Bogota and Cali in 1933.

The oldest map to appear on a stamp is the sixth century Medaba map. It is a mosaic which forms the floor of the chancel of the church in Madaba in what is now Jordan. This sixth century map is pictured on stamps from Argentina, Israel and Jordan. Other early maps on stamps by Claudius Ptolemy and the Peutinger Table are not based on originals but on later reconstructions.



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The Founding of Quebec - the fifth in the 400th anniversary series of French settlement in Canada was released on May 16. This was also a joint issue with France.

Philatelic Association of Nova Scotia

reprinted from the *Halifax Philatelist* June 1888

May 24th 1888 Meeting. The President being in town, a special meeting was called for this evening, but owing to its being a public holiday and other causes there was only a small attendance. Meeting opens at 9:30, President in the chair. Members present Craig, Smith AE, Smith EF, Francis, Kaye, Curry, Mathers, Larsen T, and King. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Ex Supt. gave in his report. The rest of the evening was taken up in looking over part of the collection of the President, which he had with him. Meeting adjourned at 11pm. DA King, Sec

DUES.... Yes it is that time of year again, as we say good by to another stamp season, it is time to remind one and all that your annual dues become payable at the end of July. Still the same amount - \$15 per individual and \$22.50 per couple. Most of the money goes to producing the newsletter and offsets some of the cost of the website. Please be diligent in paying early so I don't have to hound you come December. And thank you for continued support of NSSC.

Joint Meeting - June 3, 2008

There will be a joint meeting of the BNAPS committee and the NSSC executive on **Tuesday 3 June at 7.00 pm**, primarily to discuss publicity for the upcoming show. Details will be forwarded to those involved. If anyone in the membership has media contacts please let one of the committees know.

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Estate Planning

One of the biggest questions asked by a collector is: What happens to my collection when I'm gone? This question has been asked of RPSC and some recent articles and thoughts on the subject are offered on their website. You will find *Estate Planning and Advice for the Disposition of Collections* by Joel Ruimy, where he provides 10 tips for sensible philatelic estate-planning. Other articles and topics are being added as they are available. For more information visit :

www.rpsc.org/estateplanning.htm

Novapex 07 souvenir postcards with the stamp and show cancel, the cost is \$2 each plus shipping, are still available. Contact the Newsletter for your copy.

Newsletter Articles

You awake early. All is quiet in the house. You make a morning coffee (or tea) and easy yourself in the big comfortable chair on your deck and watch the sun as it rises over the trees in the back (or front) yard. It is going to be a great day; things to do; places to go.

The next day it rains...a great time to sit down and catch up on all that writing you were going to do for the newsletter.

A 3/4 length typed page and several figures (scanned from your own stock or borrowed from the internet) is sufficient to have your place on the front page. Shorter articles will find their own corner. How about writing a serial or theme based column. It doesn't take much material to fill 4 pages - I do it every month - thanks to those who contribute - like you!!!

If you have an item (article, cover, show & tell) for the newsletter please contact Jeff for details at:

webnews@nsstampclub.ca

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the September '08 issue is August 30, 2008 - right in the middle of BNAPEX!!.**

One Frame Competition 2008

The NS Stamp Club is aiming to repeat last years success of the team one frame competition. The team from the members of the British Collectors Club of Nova Scotia (BCCNS) were the eventual winners.

Teams are already being organized again this year. Exhibits can be entered either in the BNAPS part of the show (BNAPS members only) or the Novapex part. Entry forms can be found on the web,

<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/pdfs/novapex08entry.pdf>

Several teams have already been formed. NSSC has one team and now we are looking for another. We hope that you will be able to participate. John Creighton is organizing the NSSC teams, so speak to him about getting on the team. You can contact John at 823-3419 or through the newsletter.

"Post Offices of Pre-Confederation Newfoundland"

Are available on CD only from Carl Munden. Price CDN \$35.00. This project was completed using MS Word and may not be compatible with a Mac.

Multimedia Equipment Needed

We are looking for several multimedia items to borrow for the BNAPEX+2008+NOVAPEX stamp show at the end of August. If you have one of the items listed below, please contact Michael Peach at 832-1662

1. Slide Projector
2. Digital Projector
3. Screens

The *American Society of Philatelic Pages and Panels* has just announced it's Annual Auction. The auction will end on July 18/08. Details can be found at the following URL.

<http://www.asppp.org/auction.htm>