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Up and Coming

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

BNAPS+2008+NOVAPEX

Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax

August 29-31, 2008

See the website for more details

www.nsstampclub.ca

September 9 Club Meeting

Annual General Meeting

Circuit Books; DVD presentation

Send in your ideas for guest speakers or offer up yourself.

Sept. 18 Friends of Philately

Bloomfield School, Halifax

October 9 Club Meeting, Auction

October 16 Friends of Philately

DUES.... NSSC members please note that Dues become payable on **July 1** - the beginning of our fiscal year - at the rate of \$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, but also helps to support such things as our annual shows. Please be diligent in paying. If you have already paid - thank you and your membership card will be mailed out in the next newsletter. If you are interested in joining NSSC, please find a membership application at the Exhibit registration desk or on our website.

Please note that the September newsletter will not be published at its normal time due to the preparations for BNAPEX/NOVAPEX. An enlarged newsletter will be published to outline the Novapex winners in late September.

BNAPEX+2008+NOVAPEX is Upon Us

by J.A. Forbes, Jr., Co-Chair

We're now about a week away from the Big Philatelic Event of the year BNAPEX+2008+NOVAPEX. This promises to be one of the best shows that we have ever had in the Halifax area -

- ✧ 280 Frames of stamps and other philatelic material
- ✧ 17 Dealers in our Bourse
- ✧ 200+ visiting collectors and families from Europe, the U. K., South America, the U. S. and most parts of Canada
- ✧ a bash at Pier 21 on Friday night
- ✧ Youth Collectors Day all day Saturday
- ✧ an Eastern Auctions Sale on Saturday night
- ✧ the Awards Reception and Banquet on Sunday night
- ✧ several seminars on different aspects and themes of stamp collecting

All these activities and preparations

have been accomplished by a dedicated group of NSSC members, chiefly with the intention of bringing interesting philatelic material and information to our region. By having this Show and Convention in our own backyard it is hoped that our local collectors will be encouraged to become ever more interested in this wonderful hobby, and to enhance their skills in such areas as exhibiting and specialization. Hopefully, everyone will be able to participate in the gathering on August 29 to 31.

As the old saying goes: "much has been done but much is still to be done". The committee hopes that everyone will continue to pitch in when requested, particularly in the significant job of setting up for the show on Thursday, manning the welcome desk, and helping to make our visitors feel welcome. Please help us to complete the preparations by pitching in for the final push. See you at...

BNAPEX+2008+NOVAPEX!!!

CLUB SELLERS TABLE

This is the third bourse in a row that the Nova Scotia Stamp Club has offered its members a venue for selling articles from their collections. Several hundred dollars have been raised for the Club coffers and you can have some of your philatelic items offered for sale at the show to a broader audience.

Instead of paying a fee for the table, the club sellers each pay 10% of sales to the club. Please submit your items to Hugh Rathbun (hrathbun@hfx.eastlink.ca) to have them displayed on the club sellers table.

Since material from 15 or more sources will be on the same table, it is important to clearly identify your material. Mark each item with the first three letters of your last name along with an item number. Also include an inventory list so that a record of your sales and a record of the unsold items can be maintained.

Material may be submitted up to the opening of the show. Set-up day, Thursday, Aug. 28, would be a good time to deliver it.

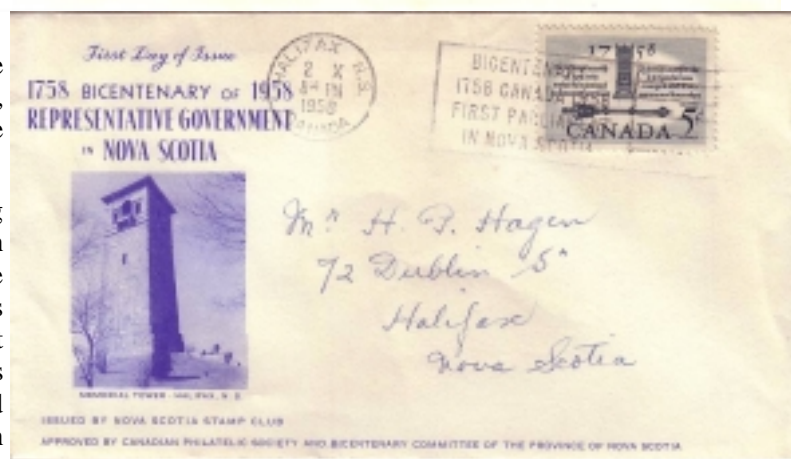


COVER STORY... This First Day Cover story is a reflection of the Democracy 250 theme of BNAPEX+2008+NOVAPEX.. In 1958, Canada Post issued a stamp (Scott 382) commemorating the 200th anniversary of democratic government which started right here in Nova Scotia. The stamp contains the Speaker's Chair and Mace, flanked by the year - 1758 - and bilingual text "*The first elected assembly of Nova Scotia marked the beginning of our democratic government*". The cachets contained themes of scrolls announcing the anniversary, a scene of the first elected assembly, the historic Town Clock, but most prominently are elements or images of the Memorial or "Dingle" Tower. In 1908, Sir Sanford Fleming donated property to the citizens of Halifax for use as a park and proposed the construction of a tower to commemorate the 150th anniversary of representative government in Nova Scotia. The proposed tower was to serve as a memorial to the development of parliamentary institutions in the British Empire.

The plan was accepted by the City of Halifax and the local Canadian Club undertook a fundraising drive to raise money for construction. Donations were received from throughout the British Empire and plaques commemorating the contributions, as well as stones from all of the countries of the Empire were placed on the interior walls.

The items shown here include an unused meter strip depicting the tower and announcing the anniversary. There have been many covers identified with this stamp - all reflecting some aspect of the 200th anniversary, however, these two covers show the tower. The first cover on the right is from RoseCraft and shows the Tower in a graphic and a quote by Walter Hines Page. The second, with a picture Memorial Tower, was issued by the Nova Scotia Stamp Club and approved by the Canadian Philatelic Society and the Province of Nova Scotia.

If you have a chance to visit the park during the show - drop by and see the Tower. Be prepared! it is a long walk to the top of the Tower but the view of the Northwest Arm and surroundings is well worth the trip.



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 :

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Advertising rate for the newsletter or website is \$25 (CDN) per year.

Young Collectors Day

Saturday August 30, 2008 (10 am - 3pm) will be "Young Collectors Day" at the BNAPEX/Novapex. There will be a "hands on" area for young collectors to learn about the hobby of postage stamp collecting.

Prizes, draws and giveaways of stamps and stamp related material will be available. As well, Democracy 250 has donated special gifts for our young collectors.

Help Needed

Help is required to set up the exhibit frames and in other areas (registration, club table, etc.) on Thursday August 28 at the Lord Nelson starting at 9 am. If you can lend a hand please contact Neil Bowlby at 465-6496 or by email: bowlby@accesswave.ca.

NORAD Cancel In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD), a commemorative NORAD stamp cancellation is now available from the main Winnipeg post office (266 Graham Avenue), and at the Ottawa Station B post office (59 Sparks Street). More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

