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Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

October is

Stamp Collecting Month

October 14 Club Meeting, Auction; Show and Tell one page exhibits, Slide show (Stamp Boxes),

October 16 Friends of Philately

November 1 South Shore Stamp Club Exhibition & Bourse Days Inn, Bridgewater

Nov. 11 Club Meeting
Sambro Lighthouse – Kathy Brown, Circuit books

Nov. 20 Friends of Philately

December 9 Club Meeting
Christmas Seals, Anything Goes Auction, Christmas Social

Welcome back to another exiting year of collecting fun. We started the year off with a BANG - a very successful combined BNAPS and NSSC exhibition and bourse. You will have noticed that the newsletter is a little late (or early depending on you perspective). It was decided that it would have been impossible to get out a September issue at the same time as gearing up for BNAPEX+2008+NOVAPEX so a short August newsletter was made available electronically and this combined Sept./ Oct. issue will be a little larger than normal. If you didn't get the August news, drop me a note and I will slip it in a future mailing.

Malak Karsh 1915-2001

by Michael Peach

Malak was a brother of Yousuf Karsh, the famous portrait photographer. He was born in Mardin, Armenia-in-Turkey in 1915 and immigrated to Canada in 1937, where he apprenticed with his brother. Malak specialized in industrial photography and pictorial journalism. He was best known for capturing the beauty of springtime in Ottawa through his photographs.

In 1941 he opened a studio on Sparks Street in Ottawa. He married his assistant, Barbara Holmes, and the couple had four children. To distinguish him from his brother, he used Malak as his professional name. In 1952 he was



instrumental in founding the famous Ottawa tulip festival.

Maintaining the Karsh family tradition, some of his photographs have been used on Canadian stamps. Several of these were taken in the Ottawa area. Three of the four 1973 "Keep Fit" Winter Sports stamps, skating, snow shoeing and skiing, and the 1977 Parliamentary Conference stamp were based on Malak photographs. In the 2001 tourist



attraction series, the \$1.05 stamp showing the Tulip Festival was appropriately a Malak photograph. In the 2002 Tulip stamps, two of the stamps, Ottawa, with Ottawa's Parliament Buildings in the background, and Monte Carlo, depicted scenes from photographs by Malak. The 2001 Christmas stamps showed Christmas lights and nostalgic winter views. The work of several



Karsh Continued



photographers, including Malak for the 60c stamp "Skating the in Suburbs", provided images from which various elements and details were selected, scanned, and digitally re-combined. The 65c stamp in the 2003 tourist attraction series has a Malak photograph of Gatineau Park in the Ottawa area.



The last Canadian one dollar bill was released in 1974, as part of the "Scenes of Canada" series. It was a Karsh family effort. Malak's 1963 photograph of floating logs on the Ottawa River, called "Paper and Politics" was put on the back, and brother Yousuf's portrait of the Queen appeared on the front. The bill was replaced by the Loonie in 1987.



Soaking Self Adhesives

I have found that most self adhesive stamps can be "soaked" off by using hot water and a little patience. However the USA stamps do not come off as easily.

It was recently noted in the July American Philatelist, and later by Peter Butler in Canadian Stamp News, that it is possible to soak off USA stamps by using *bestine*. Bestine is a rubber cement thinner, and chemically it is the hydrocarbon heptane. It can be purchased in Craft stores such as Michaels.

For a stamp on paper, the paper is trimmed and using an eye dropper, a few drops of bestine is put on the paper surface. The entire piece is quickly moistened, and within a few seconds the stamp can be peeled off from the opposite side of the paper. The bestine readily evaporates when the stamp is placed face down on a suitable surface such as a paper or a drying book. There may be a small residue of gum on the stamp, but on dusting the stamp with talc the stickiness disappears.

Some concerns were raised at the September club meeting about removal of the stamp colours. Bestine is a hydrocarbon type solvent and may dissolve some of the dyes. It should be noted that in *Philatelic Terms Illustrated* there is a similar caveat about the use of benzine for the detection of watermarks. The stamp is placed face downwards on a small black plate and a drop or two of benzine is splashed on it. It is not advisable to use it on modern stamps printed by lithography or photogravure, because benzine acts as a solvent for these inks.

Sound too good to be true? Try it out from the paper side, so that the solvent does not penetrate through the stamp in to the colours. I tried this with heptane, and the stamp was easily removed from the backing paper, however there was a sticky residue on the stamp as well as on the paper. The solvent partially dissolves the adhesive, but does not remove it.

~ Michael Peach.

Watercutter's list of United States stamps that are problem soakers (through June 2008)

Scott No.	Description	Year issued	Problem	Solution
1552	10c Dove Weather Vane stamp	1974	gun stains; does not soak	watermark fluid to remove stain and remove gum
3052E	33c Pink Rose stamp with "2000" date	1999	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
3290	33c Sonoran Desert stamps	1999	difficult to soak	can take hours in water
3317-20	33c Aquarium Fish stamps	1999	difficult to soak	can take hours in water
3398	33c Adoption stamp	1999	difficult to soak	can take hours in water
3409-13	World Stamp Expo souvenir sheets	2000	holograms can come off	leave stamp, sheet on paper
3506	34c Great Plains Prairie stamps	2001	difficult to soak	can take hours in water
3537a-40a	34c Santa stamps	2001	do not soak	leave stamp on paper
3655-56	37c Lewis and Clark stamps	2004	inside portrait ink can flake off	take care in soaking
3863	37c Summer Olympic stamp	2004	ink flakes off and cracks	leave stamp on paper
3945-48	37c Constellations stamps	2004	ink flakes off and cracks	leave stamp on paper
3980	39c Liberty and Flag coil with rounded die cuts	2006	difficult to soak	can take hours in water
4000	39c Madonna and Child by Chacon stamp	2006	ink flakes off and cracks	leave stamp on paper
4120	39c Ella Fitzgerald stamp	2007	ink cracks	take care in soaking
4132	\$1.68 International Polar Year souvenir sheet	2007	ink cracks	take care in soaking
4128	(41c) Liberty Bell forever ATM stamp	2007	later version with shiny surface does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4180-83	41c Vintage Mahogany Speedboats stamps	2007	does not soak	leave stamps on paper
4194	41c Purple Heart stamp	2007	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4197	41c James Stewart stamp	2007	ink flakes off and cracks	leave stamp on paper
4199	41c Gerald R. Ford stamp	2007	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4200	41c Jury Duty stamp	2007	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4201	41c Menden v. Westminster stamp	2007	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4203-04	41c Polar Lights stamps	2007	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4206	41c Madonna and Child by Luini stamp	2007	ink flakes off and cracks	leave stamp on paper
4215-18	(41c) Christmas Knits ATM stamps	2007	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4220	41c Kwanzaa stamp	2007	does not soak	leave stamps on paper
4232-35	42c American Flag stamps by Ashton Potter	2008	does not soak	leave stamps on paper
4248-52	42c American Journalists stamps	2008	does not soak	leave stamps on paper
4253-57	27c Tropical Fruit pane stamps	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4264	42c Purple Heart stamp	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
3432A	76c Edward Trudeau stamp	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4265	42c Frank Sinatra stamp	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4266	42c Minnesota Statehood stamp	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4268	54.80 Mount Rushmore stamp	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
C145	94c St. John U.S. Virgin Islands stamp	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4270	42c Lower All Heart stamp	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4271	42c Silver Heart stamp	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4272	59c Silver Heart stamp	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper
4333	42c Charles and Ray James stamps	2008	does not soak	leave stamp on paper

50th Anniversary of NORAD Stamp Cancellation

By Karen Christiuk, Communications Advisor
1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters



The North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) has worked with Canada Post to develop a unique stamp cancellation to celebrate the 50th anniversary of NORAD.

“A stamp cancellation is a mark placed on a stamp by a postal authority to show that it has been used,” explains Capt

Steve Neta, Public Affairs Officer for 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters. “Stamp cancellations are of interest to collectors and to anyone who wants an inexpensive souvenir of NORAD. It’s also a unique way to celebrate five decades of NORAD—the longest-standing military agreement between Canada and the United States.”

The circular design of the stamp cancellation features the 50th anniversary of NORAD logo, showing the crossed flags of Canada and the United States. The anniversary slogan “Guarding what you value most,” appears underneath the logo in English and French.

Throughout 2008, Canadians can bring their postage-stamped mail to the main Winnipeg post office at 266 Graham Avenue, or to the Ottawa Station B post office at 59 Sparks Street, and request that their envelope be cancelled with the NORAD anniversary cancellation mark. The two post offices were chosen because the Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters is located in Winnipeg, while Ottawa is home to the National Defence Headquarters.

“The NORAD stamp cancellation is one of several activities taking place in Canada and the United States to mark the 50th anniversary of NORAD,” says Capt Neta. “Some other larger events have included a public celebration in Winnipeg and a time capsule ceremony at the main NORAD Headquarters in Colorado Springs. Canadians should also keep their eyes out for the commemorative NORAD display at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, the Abbotsford Air Show and the Halifax International Air Show.”

For more information about the 50th anniversary of NORAD please see www.norad.mil/50

For information about “Collecting Cancels” please see <http://www.canadapost.ca/personal/collecting/default-e.asp?stamp=cancels>

2Lt Jordan Woodman gets a NORAD 50th anniversary stamp cancellation from Canada Post employee Paul Pelletier at the main Winnipeg post office.



Stamp Oddities

When sheets of stamps are printed with no margins on one or more sides, or when panes are cut along narrow gutters the resulting stamps have a straight-edge. Canada and the United States have both printed stamps in this format. These stamps differ from booklet panes by the numbers of the stamps on the sheet (usually at least 25). In the 1960s Canada Post experimented with several commemorative issues with straight-edge margins. These unpopular stamps, despite their relative scarcity, have been faked such that the imperforate edge simulates perforations to gain higher value.

The British American Banknote Company was awarded a contract to print certain values of stamps in 1968. Suggestion of using straight-edge stock to distribute to post offices had been considered for many years. The Philatelic bureau of the PO would receive the normal specially produced marginal inscriptions. The advantage would be lower paper cost and better post office housekeeping, according to Canada Post.

The firm would arrange the printing cylinder to provide the desired condition - stamps were 24 x 20 mm. Each 10 x 10 stamp sheet (100 stamps) would therefore require 248 mm including an 8mm selvage. The total with of cylinder was 744 to accommodate 3 sheets. Any side trim was cut off where perforations and marginal inscriptions would normally be.



To make the philatelic version cutter wheels were removed and perforating pins added. The straight edge on the top remained.

After three years the experiment was suspended and printing returned to normal production with a 768 mm cylinder. The result of this experiment was a standard production procedures for the three company printing Canada’s stamps.

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Novapex 2008 Awards

GOLD

The Penny Post of Edinburgh and District 1173 - 1840

– Ray Corbett

Postal Stationary Wrappers of Victorian Britain

– Michael Peach

Great Britain Underprints 1982-7 – May Pugh

Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Leanna Johnson)

Official two-ring Numeral Cancels on Large Queens

– Graham McCleave

An Overview of Letters, Initials, and Place Name Cancels on Small Queens: a.k.a. Alphabet Soup – Ron Smith

Henry Hechler and the 1885 Northwest Rebellion

– Lorraine Rasmussen

\$1.00 Chateau de Ramezay – Gary Steel

Centennial Issues 1967 - 1973 High Values – John Eldridge

La France Libre dans la Philatelie de St-Pierre-et-Miquelon

– Jean-Jacques Tillard

Zemstvos - An Introduction to the Russian Rural Post

– Orville Osborne

Hungarian Council Republic Issue 1919 – Fred Fawn

VERMEIL

The Circular name Stamps of Scotland – Ray Corbett

1893 Advertising Stamps of New Zealand – Neil Bowlby

Memorabilia from a Rural Post Office – Jack Forbes

Henry Hechler - Canadian and Newfoundland Covers and Postcards 1874-1927 – Lorraine Rasmussen

Centennial 1967 -73 Definitive Issue The 1971 25 cent Booklet Issue – John Eldridge

SILVER

Admiral `Blue` Rates – Elizabeth Sodero

Les Obliterations Canadiennes de la Nouvelle Ecosse sur le Courrier de Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon de 1843 a 1939

– Loic Detyceteverry

The Paid All and Postage Paid Handstamps of Newfoundland – Dave Harvey

Covers of a Time Lost – Michel Savard

The Plate Number Penny Red – Jack Forbes

France Peace and Commerce Issue 1876 - 1900 Printings of the 15 Centime Blue – John Eldridge

SILVER BRONZE

Smallpox on Stamps – Sandy Clark

Oddities on Some Canadian Postage Stamps – Paul Bourgoin

Cancellations of the Railway Post Office on Items other than Stamps and Covers – Sean Weatherup

A Pot-pourri of Newfoundland Outposts – Carl Munden

BRONZE

The Game of Cricket – Gillian Keeping

Two Days in June – Marty Zelenietz

YOUTH

La Marianne Surchargee St-Pierre-et-Miquelon – Livie-Laure Tillard - 1st place (Youth Division)

NOVAPEX SPECIAL AWARDS 2008

J Doug Allen Award Novice Award: for the best first-time winner of a Royal Philatelic Society of Canada sanctioned award to an NSSC member.

Leanna Johnson - Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia

Ken C. MacDonald Postal History Award: awarded to encourage research in the postal history of Atlantic Canada and to recognize those who make a significant contribution in this field.

John Eldridge – The Halifax Square Circle Cancel Exhibit

George MacKenzie Aerophilately Award: presented to a member for the best Aerophilately Exhibit. (Not awarded)

Dave Cooper Memorial Trophy: presented to the 5 winning members of the One-Frame Team Competition. Each individual Team member also receives a circular medallion.

Fredericton team:

Graham McCleave - Official two-ring Numeral Cancels on Large Queens

Ron Smith - An Overview of Letters, Initials, and Place Name Cancels on Small Queens: a.k.a. Alphabet Soup

Rob Lunn – 1898 Imperial Penny Postage Stamp. A Rate Study

Mary Pugh - Great Britain Underprints 1982-7

Paul Bourgoin – Oddities on Some Canadian Postage Stamps

The J.J. MacDonald Award: presented to the club member who, in the opinion of the Judges, has presented the “best in show” exhibit.

Jack Forbes – Colours, Shades and Perforations as seen in Blocks of Canada’s Small Queen Era, with Cancellation Commentary.

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award: presented to a member for outstanding contributions to the club and/or the advancement of philately on Nova Scotia. - Jack Forbes

BNAPEX 2008 Awards**GOLD and Grand Awards**

Dead Letter Office Handstamps 1874 to 1954 - Gary Steele
Horace Harrison Grand Award

In Defense of the Border – Canadian Military Mails 1667 – 1885 - David Hobden
Allan Steinhart Reserve Grand Award;
Sam Nickle Award; PHSC Award

Colours, Shades and perforations as seen in Blocks of Canada's Small Queen Era, with Cancellation Commentary - Jack Forbes
Allan Steinhart Reserve Grand Award;
BNAPS Novice Award

TransAtlantic Stampless Mail to and from N.B., N.S., P.E.I. – 1757-1859 - Derek Smith
Allan Steinhart Reserve Grand Award;
PHSC Award

GOLD with Felicitations of the Jury

The Dominion of Canada: The Large Queens 1868-1896 - Fred Fawn

The 1928-29 Scroll Issue - John Cooper

Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia: Communications Of the 1700's and Postal Markings of the 1800's. - Hugh Rathbun

The Small Queen Era: "A Study of the Rates, regulations & usages" - W. Terry Averbeck

GOLD

Newfoundland Airmail Stamps and Airmail Flights: 1919 – 1948 - Peter Motson Meyerson Award

Newfoundland's South Coast Traveling Post offices: Routes, Postmarks, Steamships and Mail Clerks: 1888 – 1968 - Brian T. Stalker
Ed and Mickey Richardson Award

Canada – The 1908 Quebec Tercentenary Issue - Herb McNaught

The Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Issue and the Squared Circle Postmarks - Colin G. Banfield

All Aboard - Peter McCarthy

The Halifax Square Circle Cancel Exhibit - John Eldridge

Canada Imperial Penny Post 1898 - O.F. Osborne

1898 Canadian Imperial Penny Post Issue: Concept to Completion - Hugh D. Westgate

Nova Scotia Way Offices - Sandy Clark

Canadian Dead Letter Office Envelopes - Marc Eisenberg

Prince Edward Island Transportation Markings 1875 - 1966 - Martyn Cusworth

Newfoundland: 1898 Queen Victoria Issue First Revenue Series Used on Documents - John M. Walsh

VERMEIL

Tobacco Duty Paid - The Last 35 years– Earle L. Covert
Wilmer Rocket Award

(with Felicitations)

Canada Postal Stationery Cards of the Victorian Period - Colin G. Banfield

Squared Circle Postmarks of Nova Scotia - Paul H. Grimm

A Postal History of Newmarket to 1922 (Ontario) - Glen Playter

Canada Confederation Issue of 1927 - John Wynns

Four Ring Cancels of Canada - Bill Radcliffe

Two Ring Cancels of Canada - Bill Radcliffe

The Supreme Court Revenue Stamps of Canada - Dave Schurman

1917 and 1927 Canada Confederation Stamps and Covers - Stephen Sacks

The Halifax Mails – The First 200 Years - George Lafontaine

SILVER

Newfoundland Stamp Dealers - Terry Harris

Single-Frame Exhibits**GOLD with Felicitations of the Jury**

Prince Edward Island Fancy Cancels 1873 – 1910 - Martyn Cusworth

GOLD

Early Manitoba Railway Post Offices Routes, comprised of the single frame exhibits - Bob Lane

Booklets of Newfoundland - David Bartlett

Canadian Pacific Railway First Issue (Green) Postal Stationery Cards - Earle L. Covert

Canada: The Half-Cent Small Queen - Garfield Portch

Canadian Military Hospitals at Sea - Jon Johnson

Newfoundland Postal History – The Pence Period 1 January 1857 – 6 April 1865 - Colin Lewis

BNAPEX+2008+NOVAPEX

The show was a great success, and I fully anticipate that we will be asked to host another BNAPEX. This was a team effort, due to the participation of many members of the club and several others. A big Thank You is extended to them all, without them it would not have been possible.

After 37 years we were able to host another BNAPEX. From the BNAPS website, by any measure, this was one of the best BNAPEX conventions. In particular, the exhibition was described by the Jury as the finest quality and quantity in at least 30 years; 27 Gold Medals and an unprecedented 3 Reserve Grand Awards were presented. There was a very good selection of high quality exhibits in the Novapex part of the show, reflecting a wide cross section of interests.

We now have to move on and start planning Novapex 2009, which will be regional level show at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, 25 – 27 September.

Thanks again to everyone who made the show possible. ~ Michael Peach.

NSSC MEMBERS SALES TABLE at BNAPEX+2008+NOVAPEX

The nine people who submitted material for sale at the NSSC table at this year's show enjoyed good results. Total sales reached \$1508.26 With the addition of a small donation, the club received \$157.00. This is the third year in a row for the Club table and it is providing the club with a new source of income.

**BNAPEX + 2008 + NOVAPEX****Door Prizes and Draw Winners:**

Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue, 6th edition, 2006 (donated by author John M. Walsh):

Dave Harvey, Dartmouth, NS;

Judy Bowlby, Cow Bay, NS;

Howard Dyer, Riverview, NB;

Marilyn Melanson, Halifax, NS;

Jim Mahaney, Shelburne, NS;

Michel Savard, St. John's, NL;

Angela Peach, Bedford, NS;

Dave Upright, Montague Gold Mines, NS; and

Barry Millman, Hamilton, ON.

Set of 3 Golf Balls (with Canada Post insignia) (donated by Canada Post):

June Monk, Ship Harbour, NS;

Derrick Scoot, Letchworth, Hants, UK;

Bill Roderick, Ottawa, ON;

Michael Ratushny (twice), Sydney, NS;

E. S. Poore, Arlington, TX;

Tom O'Connor, Calgary, AB;

Neil Bowlby, Cow Bay, NS; and

Heather MacKenzie, Halifax, NS.

"Mystery" Package (donated by the Nova Scotia Stamp Club):

Linda De Graaf (twice), Canning, NS;

Sean Weatherup, Lower Sackville, NS;

Neil Bowlby, Cow Bay, NS;

Gail Collicut, Chester Basin, NS;

Michael Peach, Bedford, NS;

Derrick Scoot, Letchworth, Hants, UK;

Catherine Sheldrick, Kingston, NS;

Marilyn Melanson, Halifax, NS;

E.S. Poore, Arlington, TX; and

Heather MacKenzie, Halifax, NS.

Water Bottle (donated by Canada Post) :

Jane Gordon, Halifax, NS;

Bob Murray, Truro, NS;

Michael Ratushny, Sydney, NS.

First-Day-Cover Album (donated by Lighthouse Publications (Canada) Ltd):
Gillian Keeping, Halifax, NS.

Stock Book (donated by Lighthouse Publications (Canada) Ltd):

Malcolm Newton, Jersey.

Royal Mail Jacket:

Andy Ellwood

Sambro Lighthouse Stamp Print

(donated by Canada Post):

Elizabeth Soderro, Halifax, NS.

Silent Auction (to promote Youth Philately in the Region):

Columbia Vest (donated by Canada Post)
- Earle Covert;

Two sets of golf balls (donated by Canada Post) - Audrey Covert;

Red Jacket (donated by Canada Post) - Marilyn Melanson;

Year of the Rat Print (donated by Canada Post) - Brian Stalker;

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Covers and Souvenir Sheets (donated by the NSSC)- J. C. Woodfill.

Youth Draw Winners:

Joseph Young, Musquodoboit Harbour

Kestrel Musselman, Halifax

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HALIFAX STAMP FAIRS

Doug Gray is offering an Open House show at 6 Berkley Brae, every second Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. There is ample free parking at the Penhorn Mall. Please call ahead at 461-0528. We are also open to club members Tuesdays and Thursdays, again, please call ahead.

MONCTON STAMP FAIR

2008-2009

1st Saturday of the Month
10am to 4pm

Park House Inn 434 Main St Moncton

The Fundy Stamp Club will hold a silent auction which will run from 10 am to 1 pm and a Live Auction at 1 pm. Stamp Fair participants may present stamp lots for the auction.

Fall 2008: October 4, November 1,
December 6

Winter 2009: January 3, February 7,
March 7, April 4, May 2

SOUTH SHORE STAMP CLUB

Exhibition & Bourse

November 1, 2008

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BNAPEX 2008 Awards (continued from page 5)

VERMEIL with Felicitations of the Jury

The Canadian Five Cent Blue Wilding Queen - Jeffrey S. Arndt

VERMEIL

1898 Imperial Penny Postage Stamp, A Rate Change Study - Robert Lunn

SILVER

The Canadian 6 Cent Wilding Definitive - Robert J. Elias

Handstruck Postmark Types of Pre-Confederation Newfoundland - Carl Munden

SILVER BRONZE

Finding Halifax: The Halifax Bicentenary Issue, June 21, 1949 - Jeff Parks

BNPAS Non-Exhibit Awards

Vincent G. Greene Award

The Man from Sandy Point - Norris (Bob) Dyer

Ritch Toop Award

The BNAPS Catalogue of Canadian Military Mail Markings Volume 3 –
From Victory in 1945 to Afghanistan - Doug Sayles

John Siverts Award

The GVI Study Group Newsletter - Stephen Prest

Hall of Fame Award

Duties as BNAPS Youth Coordinator- Norris (Bob) Dyer

Order of the Beaver Recipient Norris (Bob) Dyer

OTB Lifetime Achievement Award Robin Harris



October 2, 2008 is the 250th anniversary of democratic government in Canada. The Democracy 2500 celebration was used as an underlying theme of BNAPEX+2008+NOVAPEX.

DUES

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.

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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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New Members

Membership reports the receipt of three applications for membership.

Earl Foster, Charlottetown, PE collects blocks of mint Canada and Penny Blacks.

Martin Farrell, Halifax, NS is interested in pre World War II BNA particularly NS, PEI and NB material.

Loic Detycteverry, St. Pierre & Miquelon collects Nova Scotia Cancels on SPM material (the subject of his recent exhibit). More details to follow.

New applications will be put to a vote of the general membership at the next club meeting. Several others have paid for memberships through the exhibition but details are not yet forthcoming to the membership committee.

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 November '08 issue is October 24, 2008.**

Library Up-date

A few new titles have been added to the Library over the summer. A revised list of the Library holding has been posted to the club website.

Although we don't charge overdue fines in our club library, there are a few items that have been out for quite a long time and would probably like to come "home"! If you recognize any of the following titles as that handy doorstep or propping up that crooked table leg etc. please bring them back to the next club meeting you attend - no questions will be asked! Here is our "missing list":

On Track: The Railway Mail Service in Canada

Canada's Three Cents Small Queens 1870-1897

The Canadian Revenue Stamp Catalog

Territorial Assiniboia and Saskatchewan - The Westhaver-Thompson Collection

Stamp Collecting for Dummies

"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.

October is Stamp Collecting Month

What are you doing to help promote our hobby. Stamp Collecting Month is an opportunity for you to lend a hand to that budding neighbour, be it a longtime "closet" collector or a someone with a new or renewed interest in stamp collecting.

Just in time for Stamp Collecting month Canada Post will release the third and last in the Endangered species series including the Prothonotary Warbler, Taylor's Checkerspot, Roseate Tern and the Burrowing Owl.