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UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

Oct 10 Douglas J. Gray
Open House Show, Dartmouth

Oct 13 Club Meeting
Program TBA
Auction - First one of the year!!

Oct 15 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

Oct 17 The South Shore Stamp
Club Annual Fair - 10am - 4pm
Days Inn, Bridgewater

Nov 10 Club Meeting
Members stock, Program TBA

Nov 14 Douglas J. Gray
Open House Show, Dartmouth

Nov 19 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

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October is Stamp Collecting Month

by Jeff Parks

Stamp collecting began after the introduction of the postage stamp and by the late 1800's was considered a child's hobby. As the children grew up they took their collections more seriously, studying specific aspects of their collection, identifying stamp errors and flaws and writing articles of their findings. A child's hobby became serious business and stamps an investment.

At one time, early in the development and rules of what could be depicted on a stamp, one was more apt to collect stamps with heads of state or royalty. Methods of making and repairing printing plates, the use of variations in the shade of inks, led many collectors to study very narrow subjects and as items became scarce over time their value increased. Today, however, stamp collecting is an adventure in history, geography, science, and a multitude of themes and topics to collect and discuss. Traditional forms of collecting are still prominent but the cost for obtaining material can be prohibitive to new or young collectors.

National Stamp Collecting Month, an annual event that began in 1981 as a joint venture of the Council of Philatelic Organizations and the United States Postal Service, has spread to nearly every country on the planet. The objective of the Month is to celebrate the most popular hobby in the world and moreover, introduce the "Hobby of Kings" to youth and other new collectors. Pictorial stamps are issued in October to stimulate public interest in the hobby.



The stamps shown at the left were issued by Canada Post in October 2005 commemorating Youth Sports. In fact, each year CP issues a set of stamps in October for just this purpose and surrounds the launch with a publicity blitz geared towards young collectors.



young collectors.

Australia Post
Philatelic

Group Manager, Noel Leahy, says in *Stamp Bulletin*, No, 289 Oct. - Dec. 2007 "As we move on to the last stamp issues for this year we promote the activity of stamp collecting for children in Australia during October with Stamp Collecting Month."

That year AP released two sets of stamps "Fifty Years in Space" and "Caravanning Trough the Years".



Germany celebrates "Stamp Day" (Tag be Briefmarke) every two years with the release of a special semipostal stamp. In 1997, the 440pf+220pf souvenir sheet issue shown here depicts forms of early mail delivery. The additional 220 pf collected is contributed to a foundation promoting the stamp hobby in Germany.

Today's collectors will become tomorrow's philatelists, just like those early collectors of 150 years ago. Plant the seeds of stamp collecting by introducing your young friends to the hobby. Then watch the hobby grow.

Stamp Oddities

Longest Running US Sitcom Gets Stamp

Can you name the longest running sitcom in American television? I'll give you a hint - think cartoon. Did you guess the *The Simpsons*? You are right. On January 14, 2010, the show will be twenty years old. In April of this year, the US Postal Service announced that the Simpsons were chosen from amongst 50,000 other stamp subjects suggested by the public. *Simpsons* creator, Matt Groening said: "This is the biggest and most adhesive honour 'The Simpsons' has ever received." The stamps were released in May 2009 with five designs showing the shows leading characters - Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie Simpsons. The stamps were designed by Groening. The show has won 24 Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award and many other accolades.



THE SIMPSONS
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Cover Story - 1840 Redirected Penny Black Mail

by Michael Peach

The folded lettersheet is an early example of a redirected letter. It is from a lawyer at 21 Regent Street, Liverpool, and concerns a property purchase by the late Sir Henry Crewe. It was mailed at Regent Street, Liverpool on 30 OC 1840, to Sir George Crewe, the son of Sir Henry, at his residence, Calke Abbey, near Ticknall, Derbyshire, and was received the next day in Derby, OC 31 1840. Calke Abbey is now a National Trust property. It was subsequently redirected to another of his residences, Tattingstone Place, near Ipswich. At this time, redirection was considered as having been mailed again, and the postage had to be paid again. The forwarding fee, 1d, was paid by cash on NO 3, probably at (Ticknall) Derby Post Office. The penny black is from plate 4 and has a red Maltese Cross cancellation.

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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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Novapex 2009 Awards

Gold

Forgeries, Fakes and Fantasies of the Stamps of Cyprus – Jack Forbes
Early Postal Markings of Scotland, 1690 - 1808 – Ray Corbett
Lathework Designs on the Admiral Issue – John Smallman (Team winner)
Redirected Mail – Victorian Britain – Michael Peach
The Story of the 1¢ Newfoundland Stamp “Pile of Cod” 1932 – 1949 – Tony Thompson
Imperial Oil – Atlantic Perspective – Brainard Fitzgerald
Rate Hand Stamps of Halifax – George LaFontaine

Vermeil

An Overview of the Israel Transition Period, 1948 – Marty Zelenietz
New Zealand Advertising Stamps – Neil Bowlby
A Review of Colours and Shades of the Canadian Admiral Blocks – Jack Forbes
Finding Halifax: The Halifax Bicentenary Stamp Issue – June 21, 1949 – Jeff Parks
Examples of Square Circle Cancels on the 1898 Imperial Penny Postage Stamp – Robert Lunn (Team winner)
King George Peace Issue – Lealand Firizzel (Team winner)
Collecting Single Date Postal History “What a Difference a Day Makes” - Stan Atherton (Team winner)

Silver

A Slice of Life – Special Study Social Aspects of Mourning Covers – Elizabeth Sodero
Great Britain – Invalid Stamps – Michael Peach
Postcards Showing Events at Post Offices in Nova Scotia – Hugh Rathbun
First Days in Halifax – First day Covers of the Halifax Bicentenary Stamp – Jeff Parks
Prominent Americans Issue – Doreen Fitzgerald
Helping to Pay for the War: Canadian War Tax Stamps of World War I – John Hall

Silver Bronze

Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder – Ron Smith (Team winner)
WW II War Savings Stamps – John Hall
Picture Postage – Judy Bowlby
Transportation on Stamps – Alex Faulkner

Bronze

Philatelic Peculiarities – Ray Corbett
Tuberculosis and Philately – Sandy Clark
Horses – Gillian Keeping
Group of Seven – John Hall
Sherlock Holmes – Bruce Holmes
Early Canadian Inspection Permits – John Hall

J. Doug Allen Novice Award: John Smallman – Lathework Designs on the Admiral Issue

Ken C. MacDonald Postal History Award: George LaFontaine - Rate Hand Stamps of Halifax

George MacKenzie Aerophilately Award: No Award

The J.J. MacDonald Award: Ray Corbett – Early Postal Markings of Edinburgh, 1690 - 1808.

Dave Cooper Memorial Trophy: Team Fredericton (note “Team winner” above)

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award: Sean Weatherup.

People’s Choice: Doreen Fitzgerald – Prominent Americans Issue.

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Annual General Meeting Highlights

The Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club was held on September 8, 2009. The meeting was chaired by President Michael Peach. The main order of business following the reading the minutes of the last meeting were election of new officers and introduction of the revised Club constitution.

All positions had been identified by the executive search committee with the exception of the position of President. There was some concern that if this position was not filled, the Club may be in danger of not being able to continue. No nominations were received from the floor, however one member said he may consider it following Novapex and a subsequent Executive meeting. The slate of officers as presented were voted in unanimously with Michael Peach maintaining an caretaker role as President until the next meeting of the Executive in late Septemeber. The Executive for 2009-2010...

President	Keith MacKay
Vice President	Sean Weatherup
Past President	Michael Peach
Secretary	Bob Boehner
Treasurer	Marilyn Melanson
Directors	Robert Soper John Creighton John Simms
RPSC Liaison	Michael Peach
Newsletter	Jeff Parks
Novapex Chair	vacant

Other roles appointed by the Executive include:

Archivist	Lloyd Melanson
Librarian	Heather MacKenzie
Membership	Jeff Parks
Auctioneer	Stan Dunfield

The proposed changes to the Club constitution were presented at the AGM. The changes were passed unanimously by the membership with only minor discussion points. Bob Boehner, who led the Constitutional Review Committee, was given thanks for a job well done.

Novapex 2009 occurred on September 25 & 26 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. It was deemed a successful event and the Dealers to whom I spoke seemed generally pleased with the turnout and sales. There were 10 dealers in attendance from the Maritimes and Ontario. The Club Members Table also did a brisk business. Hope all could find what they were looking for.

The exhibits were well balanced in the awards that were received (see awards on page 3).

Novapex 2010 will be a National level show to be held September 24 to 26, 2010 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. A silver award at the Regional level is required to enter. Watch the club website for further details.

WANTED:- I would like to accumulate examples of the Gottingen Street and Morris Street post offices (on stamps, cards & covers) in the period 1894-1910. The cancellations (CDS and roller of both offices) may be found on the issues of that period, namely: Small Queens and Widows Weeds, Jubilees, Victoria Leafs and Numerals, the Map and Special Delivery stamps of 1898, Edwards and Quebec Tercentenaries (i.e. Scott Nos. 41-103). I would be interested in either purchasing, or trading for, any number (one, or many) of examples. Keith MacKay (NSSC Member No. 1036), 5669 Victoria Road, Halifax NS B3H 1M9 Tel: 902-421-1376 keithmackay@eastlink.ca

St. Pierre et Miquelon Expo 2011

Club Philatélique, SPM is hosting a national level show, June 2-4, 2011. Three competitive classes of exhibits will be allowed - multi-frame, one-frame and youth. Details will be provided in a future newsletter. For more information visit...

<http://www.clubphilatelique.com>

The Nova Scotia Post Needs You!!!

Writers required. Thanks to the recent contributors, however the pool of material is still quite thin for the coming year. This is the club newsletter, it would be nice to have more member participation. If 40 members committed to writing 1 article (one feature story, cover story or other short piece of interest) per year we would be brimming over with material.

Send your material to:

webnews@nsstampclub.ca

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the Nov. '09 issue is Oct 30, 2009.**

Membership

Don't forget that dues become payable after July 1 for the 2009-10 stamp collecting year. **To date about two-thirds of the membership has paid. Your invoice or member card should be enclosed with this mailing.**

The club does not have a large operating budget and all activities come out of our dues. If dues are not paid on time then programs may be in jeopardy or...member dues may need to increase to cover any future shortfalls. Payment can be sent to the Club care of my address on page 2.

Thank you for supporting the work of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club.

Comings and Goings

We have received a member application from John Trut of Mount Uniacke who collects Canada & varieties, Newfoundland, Great Britain & Other Countries. His name will be put forth at the next club meeting.

The passing of Mrs. Maxine Bryden (# 737) on August 27, 2009 was noted at the last meeting.

