



Owen Sound Stamp Club

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Next Club Meeting

Wednesday December 20

Christmas cheer with some refreshments!! New members and visitors welcome!!

A small auction with openings for members' items. Bring something to let us bid on.

Alan will have a selection of some early Canada for sale. Give him a call if you would like something specific.

Bring your list of all the Canadian stamps depicting married couples, NOT including royalty, for your prize.

From the President

Merry Christmas

Yes indeed it is Christmas time again! Another year has passed and another is about to begin. Let us count our blessings and wish each other a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

At this meeting Christmas cookies will be served and there will be a small auction of about 20 lots (more if you all bring something to sell).

Recently I purchased a collection of Canada and I will bring some of the better stamps with me, including #99,100,101,102,103 158,176,C2, C3, C4, E3 all mint. Much other material is available feel free to ask me.

Merry Christmas

Alan M Charlesworth

Coming Events

Notices from Canadian Stamp News:

JAN. 12 - 14, 2007, Toronto, ON

UNIPEX Toronto Stamp Show, Rameses Temple Shrine Club, 3100 Keele St. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. TTC service to the door, easy access from Hwy. 401, licensed snack bar, door prizes. For more information, contact 416-242-5900.

FEB. 18, 2007, Toronto, ON

Toronto Postcard Club 26th Annual Postcard Show, Humber College Gym, Entrance "D," 203 Humber College Blvd. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$5, free parking. Over 50 dealer tables with vintage and modern post-

cards for sale with postcard supplies, postcard-related items and collectibles. Beverages, snacks and lunch available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Toronto Postcard Club. For more information, contact Wilf Cowin at 416-757-3507 or Shirley Avery 613-345-7598 or s.avery@sympatico.ca. Web site: <http://torontopostcardclub.com>.

MARCH 17, 2007, Woodstock, ON

OXPEX/OTEX 2007, John Knox Christian School, 800 Juliana Dr. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free parking and admission. Exhibits, dealers, youth area, prize draws, Canada Post counter, refreshments. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oxford Philatelic Society. For more information, contact David Ward, co show chair, 519-539-2221, ward2221@rogers.com.

Xmas

By Ralph Wyndham

I enjoy etymology, the study, you might say, of a word's history.

When you first saw the word 'Xmas', you may have thought, as many have, that this was just a device to remove Christ from Christmas for some reason. This is not the case.

This particular 'X' is actually the Greek letter 'chi' and is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ, 'KHRISTOS'. Xmas is still pronounced the same as its longer cousin.

According to the *Online Etymology Dictionary*, the roots of Xmas can be traced back as far as the 12th century: "'Christmas," 1551, X'temmas, wherein the X is an abbreviation for Christ in Christmas, from first letter of Gk. Christos "Christ".

Christmas Stamp Trivia

Canadian stamps issued at Christmas:

1989: 19,927,500

1964: 360,120,000

1994: 52,130,000

2006: 65,000,000

Stamp on the Envelope

Canadian Opera

One of five designs honouring Canadian performers, it shows the signature and a portrait of the artist, and a sketch of an opera house in which the artist was famous. In this set are Raoul Jobin with the Palais Garnier of Paris, Maureen Forrester with the Place des Arts of Montreal, Jon Vickers with La Scala of Milan, Edward Johnson with the Metropolitan Opera of New York, and the married duo of Leopold Simoneau and Pierrette Alarie with the Opéra-Comique of France.

The release marked the 2006/2007 season premiere performance of the Canadian Opera Company

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Layout: Pane of 10

Design: Paul Haslip and Judith Lacerte of HM&E Design

Illustration: Alanna Cavanagh

Printer: Canadian Bank Note

Printing Process: Lithography in 11 colours

Paper Type: Tullis Russell Coatings

Tagging: General, 4 sides

Perforations: 13+

Gum Type: PVA

Denomination: 5 x 51¢

Quantity: 3,000,000

Dimensions of each stamp: 48 X 27.45 mm (horizontal)

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church (corner of 10th St. E. and 4th Ave. E.). The main business of the evening is typically to trade, buy, and sell stamps and philatelic material. An auction is often held at 8:00pm.

There are presently about 20 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels from beginner to expert. New members are always most welcome.

Annual Membership fees: Full: \$10; Family: \$15; Junior: Free.

In addition, all members and visitors are asked to contribute \$1 each meeting which is passed directly to St. George's Church in appreciation for allowing us to use their room.

The OSSC Newsletter is distributed monthly to members of the Owen Sound Stamp Club. Opinions expressed by contributors to this newsletter are those of the named author and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Owen Sound Stamp Club (nor of the editor).

Contributions are always most welcome. If any reader has news, information, opinions, or announcements that might be of interest to OSSC members, please contact the editor.

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OSSC Library:

Books in the OSSC Library are available for loan to any member (but please return at the next meeting).

Present holdings include:

Postage Stamp Catalogue - Scott (2000)

Catalogue of Canadian Stamps - Unitrade (2000)

Concise Catalogue of Great Britain Stamps - Stanley Gibbons (2004)

Catalogue of Canadian Stamps & Supplies - CWS (2005)

Canadian Errors, Freaks, and Oddities - Darnel

The Edward VII Issue of Canada by G.C. Marler (Nat. Postal Mus., 1975)

The Admiral Issue of Canada by C.C. Marler

Canadian Fancy Cancellations of the Nineteenth Century

Numerous journals (still only partly sorted) including:

The Canadian Philatelist (RPSC); *Scott's Monthly*; *Topical Times* (J. of the American Topical Association); and *Details* (Canada Post).