

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting Wed. May 16, 2007

From the President...

May Day! May Day! May Day!

This special day that comes around every year has been celebrated for years all around the world, and has been commemorated on stamps from all over. Now this could prove to be an interesting topic for someone to collect. If any club member has any interesting material on this topic please bring it to our May meeting.

In the merry month of May my time is taken up with gardening, and ever year I find something a little different to do or to plant. It has struck me that this can well be the same with stamp collecting to add some spice and variety to keep our interest and passion going. Even for those of you who only collect Canada may be you can find some topic or theme in your Canada Collection that you can expand on with First day covers or postal stationary etc. Why don't you all take a look at your stamps and see what excites you.

I have just returned from the annual stamp show in Hanover where the activity was good and as usual I bought more than I sold, but some of it is quite interesting and I hope to have it ready for sale in the near future.

So far I have had good response from dealers for our fall show and will be doing some follow up shortly.

At this months meeting there will be approval books from Saugeen Shore Stamp Club and a mini auction.

Well as usually I am rushed to write this article as Marion has reminded me that I am late again so Bye for now.

Sincerely,
President OSSC
Alan M Charlesworth

Upcoming Events...

MAY 13, Ottawa, ON

Regular Stamp & Coin Show, Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. 17 dealers. For more information, contact Brian Wolfenden, 613-226-2045.

JUNE 9, St. Catharines, ON

Holiday Inn Stamp Show, Niagara Room, Holiday Inn, QEW and Lake St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free parking and admission. Sponsor/Affiliate: Roy's Stamps. For more information, contact Roy Houtby, 905-934-8377.

JUNE 10, Ottawa, ON

Regular Stamp & Coin Show, Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. 17 dealers. For more information, contact Brian Wolfenden, 613-226-2045.

JUNE 16, Toronto, ON

Summer Postage Stamp Bourse, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. Club sales circuit, refreshments, wheelchair access. Sponsor/Affiliate: North Toronto Stamp Club. For more information, contact Herb, 416-445-7720, ntstampclub@yahoo.ca, fax 416-444-1273.

JUNE 16 - 17, Toronto, ON

UKRAINPEX 2007, Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation, 2118-A Bloor Street West. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. No admission fee but donations to support the exhibition are always appreciated. Bourse, exhibits, free appraisals. Sponsor/Affiliate: The Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) in conjunction with the international Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society (UPNS). For more information, contact W. Sokoluk, ucs.to@hotmail.com. Web site: <http://www.upns.org/ukrainpex.htm>.

From Dr. Phil A. Telly...

Stamps got you licked? Feeling stamped out?
Don't worry. Don't let it get you down,
Dr. Phil A.Telly has come to town!

Dear Dr. Phil,

I have been collecting stamps pretty much all my life. I'm hooked. Yes, maybe even addicted. It used to be that even a minor could get a hold of some stamps at the local grocery store, the five and dime, or even the smoke shop down the street. We mailed things all the time, our bills, cards and people actually wrote LETTERS!! My Aunts saved me their used stamps, neighbors did, even the creepy guy on the corner. Now, I have hundreds, maybe thousands of beautiful used old stamps. But my collection is incomplete. Sadly, to my great distress, I have hardly any modern used Canadian stamps.

I can't take it any more, I've just got to get some. Is there a black market for them? Maybe you could write me a prescription! Yeah, a really big prescription!

Sincerely yours,
Hank Ering for used stamps

Hi Hank

There are several ways of solving this problem with varying degrees of success. The first is getting out to visit larger clubs with their own Sales Circuit they usually have a fairly good selection of more modern issues. You can also invite them to bring their Circuit books to your own meetings some of them will do that.

Secondly there is the option of having your club buy some kiloware (stamps on paper) and selling them to members for perhaps .25 cents each or you can buy them yourself and sell what you don't need. Kiloware is usually advertised for sale in your philatelic papers.

The third option is to get permission from your local Post Offices to place a container on their counter to allow people to put their stamps from parcels and letters in.

The container should be about 4-8 liters in size with an attached lid and a label stating that the stamps are used by your club to help promote the hobby and also putting club contact info in case of questions and someone for juniors to contact and have stamps available to give them. I personally know of a club that gets quite a selection of stamps from such a venture, as well as being asked about disposal of collections with some donated to the club.

Hope this helps keep you away from the Black Market

Dr. Phil

From the Editor...

Ladies and gentlemen- we have a winner! Bob Watson was the overwhelming winner of our first "One Page Challenge." Okay folks, put on your thinking caps, because Bob has chosen "wind power" as June's "One Page Challenge" topic. So- get down to it! Let's see a few more participants. You've got lots of warning.

In the spirit of the question posed to Dr. Phil, why don't we have a trading post the next couple of months at the meetings? I will bring some of my modern used Canadian doubles to trade with anybody who has some that I need. We could even start a trading post column here in your monthly newsletter. Bring me or email me a list (not too big!) of items that you're looking for or have available and I will start a trading post column. This newsletter is here for you, so use it to your best advantage.

The rhubarb is growing wildly. The rain today should really green things up. If I can find the time, I'll bake you all some rhubarb pie. Who's your favourite editor now, eh?

Marion Ace

Stamp on Envelope...

Royal Architectural Institute of Canada: 100th Anniversary

For the second time in my short career as your editor our mailing day is the first day of issue for our stamp on the envelope. This interesting set of four domestic rate stamps represents four impressive Canadian buildings and their architects. Each of the architects has received the gold medal award from the Institute and the honour of the Order of Canada. The stamps are in a pane of eight stamps, arranged in four rows of two. Each variety has a limited colour motif which continues into the selvages both sides. On the right is a portrait of the architect and on the left appears to be one of the original sketches for the building.

Stamp on Envelope cont'd ...

The first stamp depicts the University of Lethbridge by Arthur Erickson, 1971. The view shown expresses how the University fits into it's environment. Although that is a good concept, I'm afraid that in the tiny format of the stamp we lose any real sense of the building at all. Second is St. Mary's Church by Douglas Cardinal, 1969. Where is this church? I don't know, the information is not given. I know that Lethbridge is in Manitoba, so I have a pretty good idea where that building is. The portrayal of the church is an evocative, almost haunting silhouette of the building. I like it. The third building is the Ontario Science Centre by Raymond Moriyama, 1969. The photograph has a nice composition but the close up view of the building fails to leave me with the impressive sense of awe that we all felt as kids on our first school trip to visit the Science Centre. The National Gallery of Canada by Moshe Safdie, 1988 is the fourth building represented. This shot has a dynamic composition from an angle that allows you to feel that you're just approaching it and that there is more to discover. Well done. I think this structure is in Ottawa, but the article doesn't mention that either.

Maybe I should put three or four stamps on each envelope so we can all have more modern used Canadian stamps. Just kidding!

For further information see "details" from Canada Post.

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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 8:00 pm.

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

Members and guests also contribute \$1 at 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 to all members. Opinions expressed in the newsletter are expressly those of the individual author. Contributions to the newsletter are most welcome. Please submit any news, information, opinions or announcements to the editor.

OSSC Library:

Books in the 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 & Oddities – Darnel

The Edward VII Issue of Canada by G. C. Marler (Nat. Postal Museum, 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 (RSPC); Scott's Monthly; Topical Times (Journal of the American Topical Assoc.); and Details (Canada Post)

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