

# Owen Sound Stamp Club

Chapter 191  
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting; Wed. June 16th 2010 @ 7:00

## From the President...



Greetings again to all the members of the Owen Sound stamp club. The light is still shining outside which makes me wonder what happened to the winter. Even though the days are getting longer, I am hoping to see you all at the meeting on the 16th. The meeting comes early this month because of the way the calendar falls.

It seems that the raffle draw has started some ideas flowing. My wife thought the idea so good that she volunteered me to organize another "painting" as a farewell gift for our pastor. A few members helped out gathering stamps and cards for this project. I also brought our StampImage by Will Van Veen to the Saugeen club meeting. It raised interest there and will hopefully draw people to our show in September. We are working on preparing the raffle tickets for the show:

Our meeting this month will feature the club books of the Saugeen club. We will end the meeting with a small club auction. Please don't forget to bring some thing for the "show and tell" portion of the meeting and your *One Page Challenge* entry. It would be nice if someone would volunteer to speak about some particular aspect of their collection at an upcoming meeting. If anyone is interested, I could provide some guidance on making a presentation. There are so many different topics in philately; just choose a topic you are interested in. We're looking forward to seeing you at the St George's church on the 16th.

Phil Visser  
President OSSC

## One Page Challenge...

At our May meeting Ken Magee came to talk to us about constructing a stamp exhibit. Ken began his discussion talking about design layout and other graphic elements. He went on to discuss the rules of exhibiting, methods of mounting, judging and the point system that the judges use. Mr. Magee brought a number of his own pages as examples, as well as some published material. He also came with copies of a four page handout called 'Getting Started in Exhibiting' and appropriately; a single page about one page competitions. A copy of these leaflets

has been included with this newsletter. I recently entered my first stamp exhibit at the Saugeen Stamp Show on May the 1<sup>st</sup>. I turned to the main article a number of times for helpful suggestions while putting together my exhibit. Thanks for your guidance Ken Magee.

Judy Galbraith was back at last after wintering over in Arizona. She and I had the only entries for the May Insect One Page Challenge. In keeping with the night's discussion and just in time for our stamp show, Judy and I agreed to have an open topic night for September with the caveat that the page will follow the rules for single page exhibiting. So read over the 'One Page Exhibits' article and get your thinking caps on. We'd really like to put together a frame of these pages for our show. Make two or three if you can. It might be fun for that evening for each of us to act as judges. Instead of voting for your favourite perhaps we can use the point system to get more familiar with it.

We're keeping it simple this month though; bring in a page or two about Canadian Art. No rules!

One Page Challenge Topics      June - Canadian Art  
 July - Royalty

On the

Cover...Marine Life



On May 13<sup>th</sup> Canada Post released a charming pair of marine animals as a joint issue with Sweden. The harbour porpoise and the sea otter can be found off the coasts of both countries. Details magazine does not give us any hints as to the timing of or reason for the joint issue other than to say that Sweden is a world leader in stamp engraving. The engraver, Lars Sjöblom worked from photographs of the animals taken by Bill Curtsinger. (Part of the National Geographic Image Collection.) Lars Sjöblom works full time as an engraver. One of his favourites of his own works is a lovely depiction of the mountain angelica plant. That engraving evolved from his own life drawings of the plant.

Although printed in Sweden this souvenir sheet has the now familiar red leaf seal indicating that it is a joint issue with Canada. The engraver, Lars Sjöblom works full time as an engraver. One of his favourites of his own works is a lovely depiction of the mountain angelica plant. That engraving evolved from his own life drawings of the plant.

The stamps were designed by Martin Mörck who has been a freelance stamp designer since 1978. Mr. Mörck tied the animal engravings together with bold blue and turquoise waves of colour and bubbles. Some of the background colour has been allowed to show through



the engravings. The waves on the stamps, the background of the souvenir sheets and on the OFDCs are reminiscent of the 'Sea to Sky' stamps of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

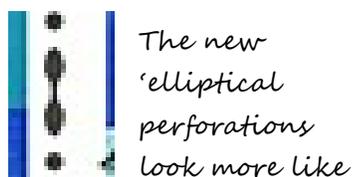


While Canada's OFDC has the fun and funky waves right across the whole cover, Sweden's OFDCs tend to be more reserved with a vignette on the left hand side that pertains to the given subject. In the case of the Marine animals issue it is the depiction of a sea otter afloat on its back.

Sweden's Marine Life issue is made up of four stamps. Their issue also includes the blue whale and the ringed seal. Perhaps Canada Post decided to keep the Canadian issues down to two stamps because they will be releasing a ten dollar definitive stamp featuring the blue whale in August.

May 13 was a very busy day for Sweden Post. Along with the marine animal issue, three other stamp issues were released that day including a stamp celebrating the upcoming marriage of Crown Princess Victoria and Daniel Westling in Stockholm Cathedral on June 19.

The Canadian stamps are available in a souvenir sheet of two and a booklet of eight. The souvenir sheet has a maple leaf perforation between the stamps and what Canada Post is calling 'elliptical' perforations at both ends. These are not at all like the elliptical perforations found on Great Britain's Machin stamps. The booklet is unusual in that it is the first gummed booklet that Canada Post has released since 2004. An Official First Day Cover can be purchased with just the two Canadian stamps or as a joint issue cover that includes the Swedish harbour porpoise and sea otter stamps. The Canadian cancellation is from Victoria B.C. where you might just spot these animals and Swedish cancel is from Stockholm.



Marion Ace

Coming Events...

- **JUNE 19, Toronto, ON**  
Postage Stamp Show, St. Bonaventure Church Parish Centre, 1300 Leslie St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission and parking. For more information contact 705-799-2008 .
- **JUNE 19, Burlington, ON**  
BurLOak Stamp Fair, Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St. Regular monthly show in our 16th year, held on the third Saturday of every month year round. Hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., between six and nine dealers, always new material, active buyers. For more information contact Michael P. Anderson, telephone 905-632- email mpanderson@cogeco.ca.
- **JUNE 26, Toronto, ON**  
Postage Stamp Show, St. Bonaventure Church Parish Centre, 1300 Leslie St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission and parking. For more information contact 705-799-2008
- **JULY 10, Toronto, ON**  
Postage Stamp Show, St. Bonaventure Church Parish Centre, 1300 Leslie St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission and parking. For more information contact 705-799-2008 705-799-2008 .
- **JULY 17, Burlington, ON**  
BurLOak Stamp Fair, Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St. Regular monthly show in our 16th year, held on the third Saturday of every month year round. Hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., between six and nine dealers, always new material, active buyers. For more information contact Michael P. Anderson, telephone 905-632-6057 905-632-6057 email mpanderson@cogeco.ca.
- **JULY 24, Toronto, ON**  
Postage Stamp Show, St. Bonaventure Church Parish Centre, 1300 Leslie St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission and parking. For more information contact 705-799-2008 705-799-2008 .
- **AUG. 7, Fenelon Falls, ON**  
FENPEX 26 , Fenelon Falls Seniors' Club, 58 Murray St. Hours: 9.30a.m.-3.30p.m. Free admission and parking. Dealers, silent auction, displays, door prizes, lunch available, free items for Young Collectors.  
Sponsor/Affiliate: Fenelon Falls Stamp Club. For more information, contact Lloyd McEwan, President, telephone 705-324-7577 705-324-7577 , email lmceewan@sympatico.on.ca.

From the Editor...

So, how many members made it down to the Royal down in Windsor I wonder? There should be lots of stories floating around at the meeting this Wednesday.

I'm keeping the newsletter short this month since we're including the handouts from **Ken Magee**, so I won't bemoan the lack of a Spotlight article. Instead let's use this time to remind those members who have some ideas for an article tickling some far off niche in the back of your brain to pull back the drapes, open the windows and let your ideas blossom! Put those ideas on paper and share them with us all.

I am sad to tell you that **Randy Lidkea** and his wife **Heather** have moved to St. Thomas. Randy and Heather practically ran the kitchen at our last show, so of course I will miss them terribly!! Thanks for your help folks, I am sure that we all wish you well in your new situation. Drop by and visit.

**Jim Brett** is coming by with the Saugeen Stamp Club Circuit Books. Bring a few items for a small auction and your Canadian Art One Page Challenge entry.

Marion Ace, Editor OSSC

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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 10<sup>th</sup> St. E. and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 25 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels, from beginner to expert.

Guests or new members are always most welcome. Annual membership fees: \$15; Junior- Free

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