

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting; Wed. September 15th 2010 @ 6:00

From the President...

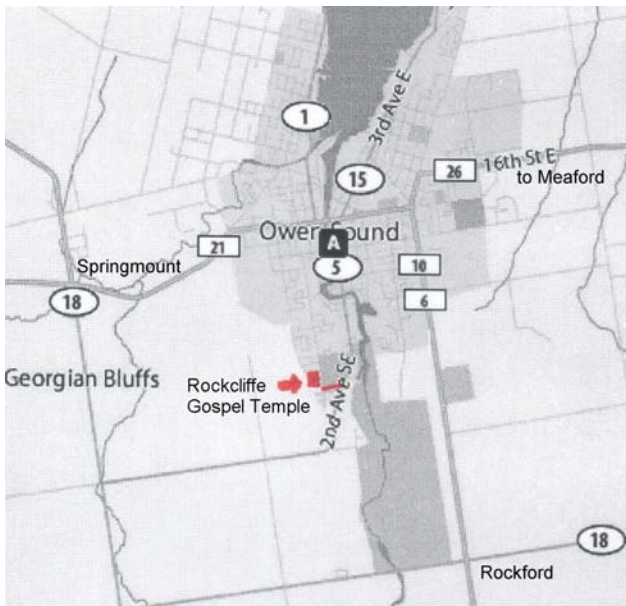


Greetings again to all who receive this Owen Sound Stamp Club newsletter. You are cordially invited to attend a planning dinner meeting at Kings Buffet on Wednesday, September 15th. Reservations have been made for a group at 6 PM. Following the dinner, we will have a planning session for the stamp show on September 25th. This invitation is extended to include our spouses or friends.

It is important for as many members to attend the dinner so that the final details can be made for the show. Please consider what you might be able to do for the show. Some things include setting up the tables and chairs, display frames, volunteering in the kitchen, etc. Since the show is the major revenue earner for the club, success at the show plays a strong role on our future as a club.

I'm looking forward to meeting you at King's Buffet on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:00.

Phil Visser
President OSSC



Owen Sound Stamp Club

Annual Stamp Show & Sale
Sept. 25th 2010
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The 2010 Owen Sound Stamp Show and Sale is in a new location. If you're coming from downtown, head south on 2nd Ave.

East. Turn right onto 1st St. SW when you reach the end of the large cemetery

overlooking Harrison Park. At the top of the hill you will see the Rockcliffe Gospel Temple.

Rockcliffe Gospel Temple at:
10 - 4th Ave South West, Owen Sound

One Page Challenge...

One Page Challenge Topics

September- Follow the rules - open topic

October - Scouting

We will be putting together a display of the September pages for the stamp show. The topic is open to whatever you want but try to follow one page exhibit rules. I hope that members will make an extra effort for this and perhaps do more than one entry.

Bring your entries to the September meeting which will be held at King's Buffet. Come on gang!



On the Cover...Cupids

Many people were scratching their heads when Canada Post released a stamp called 'Cupids' this August with nary a cherub upon its face. Cupids is the name of the first English settlement in Newfoundland, (and all of Canada for that matter!) Back in 1610 it was also called Cupers Cove or Cupits Cove and it had a few other variations over the years. Currently Cupids is a small town of about 800 people that has been the location a major Canadian archaeological dig since 1995. Cupids was only the second official English settlement in North America; the first being Jamestown, Virginia in 1607.

John Guy, a member of the Bristol and London Merchants founded the Cupids plantation on the Avalon Peninsula. New settlements were referred to as plantations and the individual colonists were called planters. The Merchants had a Royal Charter granting them all the land of Newfoundland and they needed plantations to establish control over trade with the native peoples and the fish trade. Fishing fleets from a number of countries had been enjoying the bounteous harvest of the Newfoundland Grand Banks for some time and the taxes and tariffs that could be levied were worth a fortune.

In August of 1583 Sir Humphrey Gilbert claimed the New-Found Land for the crown on the authority of his royal patent for exploration from Queen Elizabeth I. He claimed the land at St.



Canada issued Humphrey Gilbert marking the 400th anniversary of his claim for England in 1983. In honour of this event a large exhibit called 'Postal History of

John's and all of the land 200 leagues both north and south, (over 1000 kms each way). At the time St. John's was a fish station where fishermen brought their fish to be dried before heading across the Atlantic. St. John's was not considered a settlement because its population was entirely migratory. He granted licenses to the fishermen present who were then an audience to his claim and a ceremony of cutting the turf and the raising of a pillar with the Royal Arms mounted on it. Gilbert's fleet was poorly provisioned so could not stay to establish a plantation. The *Squirrel*, a little frigate that Sir Humphrey Gilbert was sailing in was swallowed up at sea in early September and all aboard perished. Newfoundland issued a series of fourteen stamps in 1933 celebrating 350 years since the British annexation by Gilbert. The issue pictured important aspects of Gilbert's life such as his family home, Compton Castle, his College, the *Squirrel*, aspects of his voyage, coats of arms, Mason's map of Newfoundland and a portrait of Queen Elizabeth I.



John Mason produced this map in the early 1600s. This was the first Canadian stamp to use an old map. If it looks a

Sir Humphrey Gilbert's claim on Newfoundland was in many ways useless without the establishment of plantations but obviously the claim stuck and the explorer's dreams of British colonization started to be acted upon by the Bristol and London Company 400 years ago. They focussed their attention on the Avalon Peninsula and Conception Bay because of its accessibility to the Grand Banks. The first of these plantations was at Cupids. In 1610 John Guy brought 39 men to begin preparations for settlement. The following year 16 women were brought to the plantation. By 1613 the first child of English parents was born on Newfoundland soil. The child's father was Nicholas Guie who is believed to be a relative of John Guy.

John Guy left the settlement in 1613 and in 1616 John Mason took over as Governor of Cuper's Cove until 1621. His legacy to the community was his ability to protect the area from pirates. Mason reported the rescue of two French and three Portuguese fishing vessels in 1620 alone. He was an avid explorer and surveyed the Newfoundland coast and created its first map published in 1625. The map was used on a Newfoundland stamp

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celebrating 350 years since Sir Humphrey Gilbert made the claim for England. The background of the new Cupids stamp uses part of the same map. Later John Mason went on to found the colony of New Hampshire. John Guy never returned to Newfoundland. He became mayor of Bristol and later a Member of Parliament where he defended the rights of Newfoundlanders.

With difficulties with leadership, the harsh climate, problems between the community and the fisherfolk and the problems of making the small plantation economically viable, the settlement seems to have existed through most of the seventeenth century then gradually disappeared. The Bristol and London merchants who formed the Newfoundland Company subdivided all the land. People such as Nicholas Guy moved with his family to a newer plantation north of Cuper's Cove then called Bristol's Hope now named Grace Harbour. A plantation was developed at Ferryland and attempts were made to colonize Carbonear and New Perlican.

Baccalieu Trail Heritage Corporation with Bill Gilbert as leading archaeologist is carrying on excavations in a number of areas in the region including the other plantation sites from the era and native sites. One aboriginal dig site is on Dildo Island where John Guy met with the Beothuk people trying to establish peace and trade relations. The Corporation and Mr. Gilbert were hired to locate and excavate the John Guy plantation by the Cupids Historical Society. Although the Cupids community exists in the same vicinity as the Cuper's Cove plantation knowledge of the exact location was lost. Attempts made in the 1970s failed to find the location. Gilbert located the foundations of five buildings which have been unearthed along with the remains of a palisade. The main dwelling has a fire place. The building with a deep pile of slag is expected to be a smithy. A couple pieces of glass from a leaded window were found by another building. Recently, foundations have been found outside of the enclosure are believed to have supported cannons. Over 110,000



artifacts have been unearthed at the dig sites including items such as thimbles, broken pottery and clay tobacco pipes. Hundreds of glass beads and some rare amber beads meant for trade with local natives were found. Some of the beads are shown on the Cupids stamp along with two coins, one of them a silver half crown minted around 1660-1662 in the Tower of London. From this we see that some activity remained in the community until that time. The main dwelling burnt to the ground around then and the coin and other items were abandoned in the emergency. A clay pipe, a wrought iron key and some pottery found at the site are depicted on the wide selvages of the pane of sixteen stamps with a view of the landscape along the bottom.



The many artifacts were sorted, studied and stored at the Cupids Museum and archaeological laboratory located in a local old school building. The Museum housed some of the letters written by the governors and members of the colony John Guy, John Mason and Nicholas Guie to Sir Percival Willoughby in England who was essentially their employer through the Bristol and London Merchant Ventures Company. Henry Crout wrote a detailed journal of his time at the plantations that is a great wealth of historical information.

Prince Charles and his Consort visited Canada's

Excitement mounted as it began to become apparent that the Cupids dig site was the actual location of the John Guy plantation. The Newfoundland Government contributed three million dollars to expand the dig to prepare for the 400th anniversary of the first English settlement in Canada. In November 2009 Bill Gilbert had the honour of showing Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall around the dig. Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Premier Danny Williams were also in attendance. The Prince of Wales and Mr. Trevor Smallwood, Master of the present day Society of Merchant Ventures from Bristol had the honour of unveiling a plaque that has become (On the Cover continues on the next page)

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the cornerstone of the brand new Cupids Legacy Centre. The Cupids Museum and the archaeological laboratory are now housed in the new Centre which opened with a grand ceremony on August 17th with the ribbon cutting conducted by the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean. The Soirée continued until August 22nd and closed with a tribute to the Spirit of the Land, Sea and People including a re-enactment of John Guy meeting with the Beothuk people in Trinity Bay. The Beothuk tribe was small and is now extinct.



This is not the first time that Cupids has been on a stamp. The Tercentenary of Cupids was celebrated enthusiastically. A statue of John Guy was erected in Cupids and the second largest Union Jack ever made was flown in the harbour. The flag is safely ensconced in the Cupids Legacy Centre. A replica of the giant flag was flown for the arrival of Prince Charles last November. In 1910 a view of Cupids was part of the Newfoundland's John Guy Issue of 11 lithographed stamps. The stamps included depictions John Guy, King James I, (who reigned in 1610) and both King Edward VII and King George V who reigned successively in 1910. Two stamps depicted modern industry in Newfoundland and one depicted John Guy's ship the *Endeavor*. Six of the stamps were engraved and re-issued in 1911.

Cupids with its long history, both native and English, its magnificent vistas, great trails, excavation sites to explore along with the new Cupids Legacy Centre

housing the philatelic history of Newfoundland sounds like a travel destination interesting enough to tempt any stamp collector or postal history buff.

Marion Ace

Coming Events...

- SEPT. 18, Toronto, ON
Fall Postage Stamp Bourse, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, club sale circuit, wheelchair access, refreshments available. Sponsor/Affiliate: North Toronto Stamp Club. For more information, contact Herb, telephone 416-445-7720, email ntstampclub@yahoo.ca. Website: <http://www.NorthTorontoStampClub.tk>.
- SEPT. 18, St. Catharines, ON
Holiday Inn Stamp Show, in the Niagara Room, Holiday Inn, QEW at Lake Street. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and free admission. Specializing in the stamps and covers of Canada and the British Commonwealth. Sponsor/Affiliate: Roy's Stamps. For more information, contact Roy Houtby at 905-934-8377.
- SEPT. 18, London, ON
MIDDPEX 2010, Argyle Mall, 1925 Dundas St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 100 frame exhibit open to all, entry form on website, 20 dealers. Free parking and admission, wheelchair accessible, draws. Sponsor/Affiliate: London & Middlesex Stamp Club. For more information, contact Patrick Delmore, telephone 519-471-7139, email patrickjdelmore@hotmail.com. Website: <http://www.middlesexstampclub.com>.
- SEPT. 18, Merrickville, ON
Eastern Ontario Postcard Show, Merrickville Community Centre, 306 Read Street. 15th annual show featuring postcards, postal history and related paper ephemera. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 20 dealers, free admission, free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Eastern Ontario Postcard Club. James Skelding telephone 613-269-2085, email jim.skelding2@sympatico.ca.
- SEPT. 25, Owen Sound, ON
Owen Sound Stamp Show, Rockcliffe Gospel Temple, 10 4th Ave. SW. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., free admission, dealers, exhibits, food booth, raffle - StampImage Collage. For more information, contact Phil Visser telephone 519-376-6760, email psvisser@hurontel.on.ca.
- SEPT. 25, Milton, ON
Milton Stamp Fair, Milton Sports Centre, SW corner of Santa Maria Blvd. and Derry Rd. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, 14 dealers, club sales circuit, youth table, lunch counter. Note new venue. Sponsor/Affiliate: Milton Stamp Club. For more information contact Milton Stamp Club, email miltonstampclub@gmail.com, telephone Diane at 905-864-6140

- OCT. 2 - 3, Ottawa, ON
Ottawa Fall Stamp Fair, at the Travelodge Hotel and Convention Centre, 1376 Carling Ave., in the Greenery Room. Hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission, free parking and door prizes. For more information, contact Roy Houtby at 905-934-8377
- OCT. 23, Barrie, ON
49th Annual Stamp Exhibition and Bourse, Canadian Room, Army, Navy, Air Force Club, 7 George St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., free admission and parking, more than 16 dealers, kids table, club sales circuit, stamp exhibition. Sponsor/Affiliate: Barrie District Stamp Club. For more info contact Bruce Walter, President (705) 735-6009

From the Editor...

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

The September meeting will be held at **King's Buffet** in the west end of Owen Sound. **AT 6:00 !!!**

It's a little more expensive than the rest of the local Chinese buffets but if you like meat and seafood, it's the place to go! We will be discussing the final preparations for the show and will hold our *One Page Challenge*.

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the 'Stamp Collecting' StampImage by Will Van Veen. Please help to support the club. This year the tickets cost \$2.00 each or 4 for \$5.00. Phil Visser and I will have tickets available.

I will bring a list of food items wanted for the show. If you can't make it to the meeting, give me a call about your food donation. The Vissers will be bringing chili again this year. The chilli was very popular last year. We'll need some sandwiches, pop, baked treats, coffee, etc. I hope that everyone will contribute something. If we all donate a bit, there will be plenty!

We also need volunteers to help out at the Stamp Collecting Information Days to be held October 15th and 16th at the Heritage Mall in Owen Sound. Talk to **John Cortan** for more information.

See you on Wednesday!

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 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 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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