

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting Wed. March 21, 2007

From the President...

March Madness, Happy St. Patrick's Day

Last month we had our annual general meeting and elections and due to the passing of some dearly loved members there have been some changes in our executive.

I will continue on as president, Bob Ford will also continue as treasurer and will co-chair the annual show with me this year, Marion Ace will take over the newsletter and John Cortan will take over as our vice-president and as press officer. If I have forgotten someone please accept my apologies as I left the list of officers with Bob Ford and as usual I am writing this in a hurry at the last minute.

At the last Meeting John Cortan made some excellent suggestions for meeting activities and we will be incorporating them in the near future.

At this meeting we will have further discussions on these activities and approval books as well as a mini auction. Please bring lots of material as I will not have time to put any together.

Well that is all for now.

President OSSC
Alan M Charlesworth

Upcoming Events...

MARCH 24, 2007, Toronto, ON

NYPEX 2007, Carnegie Centennial Centre, 580 Finch Ave. W. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free parking and admission. Dealers, door prizes, raffle, silent auction. Sponsor/Affiliate: North York Philatelic Society. For more information, contact Mike Turk, 905-731-8380.

MARCH 31, 2007, London, ON

Lonpex 115, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Road. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free parking and admission. 12 dealers and club sales circuit. Sponsor/Affiliate: London Philatelic Society. For more information, contact Don Slaughter, donsiau@execulink.com.

APRIL 13 - 15, 2007, Toronto, ON

Spring Postage Stamp Marketplace, Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and regular door prizes. Dealers from Canada (including Canada Post), the U.S. and the U.K., plus the annual exhibition of the North Toronto Stamp Club. Sponsor/Affiliate: Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association. For more information, contact secretary@csdaonline.com.

APRIL 21, Kitchener, ON

Stampfest, Community Christian Reformed Church, 1275 Bleams Road. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. Dealer bourse, competitive exhibits (including one-page entries), hourly and special draws, stamp pull, lunch counter, and other surprises. Sponsor/Affiliate: Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society. For more information, contact Jim Oliver, 519-893-4092, president@kwstampclub.org.

APRIL 21, 2007, Burlington, ON

Burloak Stamp Fair, Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New Street (at Seneca). Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Regular monthly show all year. 6-9 dealers. Ample free parking. For more information, contact M.P. (Michael) Anderson, 905-632-6057 or michael@parcelsplusinc.com.

From the Editor...

At our last meeting John Cortan suggested that we hold a competitive exhibition of one page entries at our meetings. The idea is that each participant puts together a single sheet displaying at least three different philatelic items regarding a specific topic. The anonymous sheets are then displayed at the meeting and judged by all present. Even if a person wanted to make a display of one particular stamp, the items would still be considered different if you used a mint stamp, a used stamp, a stamp on cover, a postcard, a souvenir sheet, or a corner block, etc. The winning page should be interesting and have a pleasing composition. The winner will receive a small prize and get to choose the topic of the next competition. I propose that we also have a small prize available for all junior entries. Junior entries would also be eligible for the main prize. In order to get the ball rolling and to give everybody time to create their exhibit, I am announcing...drum roll please...our first one page exhibition will be held at our **April 18th** meeting ...and the topic is "**Children's Literature**". I hope that everyone will participate.

On a personal note; I save my damaged stamps and stick them on wooden boxes. This is not a money making venture. I use them as gifts and to store my doubles in and things like that. If any of you have some damaged stamps available, I will gladly take them off your hands. If members contribute stamps to me, I will contribute one of my boxes for our silent auction. Speaking of which, I would like to remind members that our show and bourse has been changed to **October 28th**.

Also on a personal note; does anybody know where I can get some Dennison stamp hinges?

Marion Ace

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 very busy sorting out my older British stamps. While working away I came across the Scott listing #154a, a 1 penny King George V stamp described as aniline scarlet. I only have one example of #154 so how can I tell if it is aniline scarlet? What is aniline scarlet and are there other issues that are aniline scarlet? Please help me to have a red letter day. Tell me that you do give a damn!

Sincerely yours,

Scarlet O' Hara

My Dear Scarlet,

How's Rhett? As for your question, Aniline Scarlet describes the properties of the ink not so much the colour. This type of ink tends to bleed (lose its colour fastness) which can be seen by turning the stamp over and seeing the colour bleeding through the stamp, changing the colour of the back of the stamp. This can be seen on several early Canadian issues, especially the three cent Jubilee, as well as stamps from several other countries. These are usually listed in Scott's catalog.

Aniline inks came in most colours and were used on stamps primarily because they were inexpensive and were fast drying thus speeding up the printing process.

Hope this answers your question. Dr. Phil

Dr. Phil A. Telly is a soon to be syndicated column. If you've got questions for Dr. Phil please forward your questions to marionace@bmts.com

Stamp on Envelope...

Art Canada: Mary Pratt

As a person who has felt great satisfaction standing back to admire the gleam of sunlight through my just finished jars of homemade jelly, I can really appreciate Mary Pratt's painting "Jelly Shelf", depicted on Art Canada's latest regular

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rate postage stamp. Mary Pratt is a well known artist born and raised in Fredericton New Brunswick. She now lives in St. John's, Newfoundland. A great body of her work focuses on the beauty of simple domestic objects. Her style of work is called New Realism. The work is very detailed and all traces of brushstrokes have been painstakingly removed. Her work shows a wonderful sense of light, colour and composition. Mary studied with other famous artists such as Alex Colville and Lawren Harris. Her husband, Christopher Pratt is also a great Canadian artist.

"Jelly Shelf is being released on March 15th, 2007 in a pane of 16 stamps. Similar to last month's stamps re: International Polar Year, this pane has a gutter strip format. The 52 cent stamp is also released alongside of the \$1.55 "Iceberg in the North Atlantic" on a souvenir sheet. Although the theme of domestic images is close to Mary's heart, "Iceberg in the North Atlantic" shows the great range of subject matter that Mary Pratt is capable of and beautifully contrasts "Jelly Shelf". It would seem that the Iceberg is only available on the souvenir sheet.

I am going away the day before this stamp is issued. So, I owe a big thank you to Inga from the Tara Post Office who has agreed to put your stamps on the envelopes. Because of this your stamps will be postmarked on the first day of issue. Thanks Inga!

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 - Unistrade (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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