

# Stamps on the Bay



**The Voice of the  
Owen Sound Stamp Club**  
**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 7 P.M.**  
**New Life Centre, 199 4th Ave West, Owen Sound**  
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## From the President

Hello my philatelic friends!  
Well, here we are again. The Circuit Book Fair and Auction is behind us. I think it was successful. It would have been nice to have more attendance at the circuit books, but all in all it was not a bad crowd. The auction was lively, and I am happy with the results. Thank you to everybody that helped and that was most of us! It was

a lot of fun and so many people pitched in to make it happen. We also owe our thanks to several people who donated several items to the club. Thanks!

Our September meeting was on the Wednesday right after the Fair. We didn't have a huge crowd. We had a lot of discussion about the fair and a lot of discussion about all kinds of things making it a very sociable evening. Unfortunately, we didn't have any contributions for the One Page Challenge, so I have randomly added Queen Elizabeth II to the list. Despite her age it was still somehow a surprise to hear that she had died. She has reigned over my entire lifetime and there are very few of us that can remember the reign of her father. We all have tons of stamps with the Queen on them. Find one aspect to focus on and make up a page or two!

For our December meeting the One Page Challenge will be entirely different. It will be a Christmas Stamp Scavenger Hunt. Bill Findlay recently sent me a link to the Kitchener-Waterloo Stamp Club newsletter that included a stamp scavenger hunt that they are doing. This is a variation on their hunt. Our scavenger hunt page is included in this newsletter. Please read all the rules on the back. I will bring more copies to the meeting, so you don't have to use pages that have been folded. You can also go to our website and print off the pages there. I hope that we will have lots of participants.

At our upcoming meeting on Wed. October 19, we will discuss the possibility of having a Saturday morning/afternoon meeting instead of Wednesday nights in January and February. If you can't come to this meeting give me a call or an email to express your opinion. Please bring some auction items, "Show and Tell" stuff and your one-page challenge on 'bicycles'.

We just had our online stamp auction which never fails in getting me to fork out a few bucks. Thanks again to

Bill and Judy for a great job. The auction is held on the first Wednesday evening each month. Speaking of Bill, he is off to Britain shortly, so the **October Zoom meeting is cancelled**. Please let me know if you are working on a presentation for the Zoom meetings.

I will be attending the Barrie Stamp Club meeting on the 13th. They are having a guest speaker from Colour Innovations who print many of Canada's commemorative stamps. I have a daughter in Barrie so I will stay with her and then visit Barrie's stamp show on Saturday. Canpex is also on that weekend in London. I don't think I have it in me to do that too. It is also open on Sunday. This is a national level show and will have a lot of excellent exhibits. I highly recommend that you attend!

Happy Thanksgiving everybody! Keep on Stamping!

Marion Ace

President, Owen Sound Stamp Club

## Editors Greeting

My unpaid holiday has come to an end and another edition of Stamps on the Bay is ready for club members. The format is somewhat different with a surprise found on Page 5. A few short stories are provided as well as a brief update on the Show and Tell portion of our last meeting.

Following the printing of each Edition, I wonder what will fill the pages of the next edition. I am hoping that next month will provide some more information about Canadian stamps, and perhaps readers may be inspired to put pen to paper or fingers to a keyboard to share something of interest to themselves about our hobby. This is being written at the end of the Thanksgiving weekend and I hope that everyone had an opportunity to be thankful for family, friends, acquaintances and good health.

A teaser scan is provided below to see where it might fit into this Edition.



## A New Arrival

By Phil Visser

Attending in person club meetings is always a highlight. The camaraderie, learning new things about the hobby, and helping other collectors. Quickly the evening flies by and it is time to head home, but without having done much to improve my collection.

As a result, a slow movement has become an all-encompassing change to online philatelic mining. A recent find has arrived, and *Figure 1* shows this unique cover. The main interest was the fancy cancel and the year it was mailed. This fancy cancel is completely new for my collection and unreported in the fancy cancel community.



Figure 1

While the cancel is special, it is an incomplete cancellation. The diameter of the circular part is about 21 mm. *Figure 2* shows a close look of the middle cancel on the strip of three one-cent small queen stamps. There seems to be either a missing part of the cork canceller or simply not inked. A question can be asked if the canceller was completely circular or was there a rectangle in the Northeast position of the canceller?



Figure 2

To perhaps reveal some tiny ink spots hidden to the eye, other applications can be used. For some time, contacts in the philatelic Zoom community have spoken of a website called [postmark-reveal.com](http://postmark-reveal.com). There are only two clicks needed to use this



Figure 3



Figure 4

program, the first to upload a file (scan) and the second one is to process (file). After processing, several versions of the file are presented. *Figures 3* and *4* show versions of the original scan. Alas they did not reveal whether the cancel was circular

or not.

This cancellation is unique since it is the first one to be found. It is possible to look at the design and compare it to the classifications given in Lacelle's "**Fancy Cancels on Canadian Stamps: 1855 to 1950.**" About three quarters of the cancel is a radial design with six radials coming out from the centre of the design. The unusual feature is the Northeast quadrant of the cancel. It appears to be rectangular, resembling a flag.

Lacelle terms a flag cancel as a "patriotic." At the time of mailing this letter the Postmaster in Owen Sound was Robert Crawford. According to Ancestry.ca the name Crawford could be of either Scottish or English origin. Assuming it is of Scottish origin, the flag in the Northeast sector of the cancel looks like the Scottish flag, a white "x" on a blue field.

Additional features of the cover have appeared which reveals a greater interest in postal history. This letter is a registered letter, so the contents must have been valuable or important enough to warrant the additional expense of registering the letter. Below the name Robert McDonald Esq. is the number "168" which indicates that this letter was the 168th entry in the registered letter book in the Owen Sound Post Office. On its arrival in Toronto, the number "168" was scratched out and the number "913" is placed on another part of the letter. This change of number would be a part of the process of tracking the letter and would have been done in Toronto. A question does remain why there is no further entry for its arrival in Newbury, Ontario?

From other Owen Sound covers it was easy to recognize the sending company as "**The Grange Trust.**" This is the first cover with this exact name, others appear with "**The Dominion Grange Trust.**" Those letters are very clear and list Mr. R.J. Doyle as the secretary of the Trust. One final note that this Trust had assets of \$1 million dollars and realize that this letter was mailed in 1883!

Another part of interesting philatelic matter is the question on why did the Post Office or sender use three one-cent stamps to mail this letter? First off, the three-cent postage was the correct rate for mailing letters weighing less than one half ounce at that time. A possible explanation is that the Owen Sound Post Office was out of three-cent stamps at the time of mailing. Another possibility could be that the sender was a stamp collector and was mailing it to another stamp collector.

Considering all the factors given above, this letter holds a special place in my collection. It is also a reminder that more different fancy cancels may have been used in the years fancy cancels were made by the individual Postmasters. A collection is seldom complete!

## Show and Tell

About a dozen members came for the September 21st meeting. Most people were recuperating from the show held a few days previously, but two intrepid members shared some items. Randy R. showed an apparently new Machin label from Great Britain.

Continuing on in his search and organization of Revenue stamps, Randy showed a recent arrival to his library, a Yvert & Tellier Revenue Fiscal Catalogue of France and Monaco. While the text is French, it is profusely illustrated and is still useful in placing some order in the collection.

Bill F shared a recent mail item received and then mentioned the wooden postcard that was available for purchase at the show. While several were sold on the day, Bill made a purchase of two cards with the agreement that he would mail one to the editor and the editor would return the favour. Figure 1 shows the card received from Bill.



Figure 1

### Mis-perfed

By Phil Visser

At the August meeting, the following pair of stamps (Figure 1) was up for auction. Seller described the pair as "mis-perfed." That description is referring to the fact that the vertical perforation enters the design



Figure 1

of the right stamp of the pair while it is placed correctly on the left stamp of the pair. These mis-perforation of stamps are common among the early stamps of Canada. It is, however, not as common in the 1920's and 30's.

A question can be asked why the purchase was even made, but the scan proves that a transaction occurred. Mis-perforation of stamps can be much larger. Anyone seeing Saskatoon Stamps advertising (now out of business) may remember some severe examples of mis-perforations.

After the purchase, the pair was placed in my "Oddities" stock book. As serendipity would have it, the latest issue of **BNA Topics, Volume 79, Number 3** had an article about the Arch/Leaf issue of stamps, Unitrade #162-72. **John De Eil** and **Julian Goldberg** collaborated to produce the article and research provided in it. These gentlemen will be referred as

"the authors" in the remainder of this article.

A key observation provided by the authors was that paper used for postage stamps would be ordered by the "hundredweight" and not length. There would be parameters provided for such things as weight, brightness and surface finish and thickness, but not length. Generally, the start and end of a paper roll would be a little thicker and thus would not be used for the regular printing.

These left-over scraps of paper, however, were used and present a new collecting area. First however, is the realization that there are two different perforations for these stamps. The **regular perforation is 11 ¼ by 11**, but the **rare perforation is 11 x 11**. These differences are not listed in the Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps. Please be careful when thinking you may have a rare perforation.

A further observation the authors provided, was that the rarer perforation can be found on the 1 ¢ orange, 1 ¢ green, 2 ¢ red, 2 ¢ brown and 3 ¢ red. They also provided reasons for the different perforation. Simply put, the stamps were perforated on different perforation machines.

It is a question that pops up frequently in my thoughts, but why is perforation varieties a particular area of interest for me? Perhaps it stems from my early philatelic days when making an album for a commonwealth country I collect. Somehow a Stanley Gibbons Catalogue of Commonwealth stamps came into my library and in its page's perforation varieties were listed, and had different catalogue values, all apparently for the same stamp! Suffice it to say, that part of philately is now a part of my DNA. Perforation varieties are also significant in my collection from The Netherlands.

While the article was enlightening, a check with the pair revealed that they were the common perforation. It seems that another project is on my list of searches, check my duplicates to see if any of the rare perforations can be found.

### Blast from the Past

Stories in Stamps by I.S. Klein

#### Charm and Comedy in an Opera

Richard Wagner, great German composer, achieved much of his fame through the opera known as "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg."

"Die Meistersingers," first produced in Munich in 1868, is noted especially for the prize song by which a young swain won the love of the city's most eligible maiden, but its gaiety and its charm are said to have surpassed all other Wagnerian operas.

Essentially a satire on the musical customs of the time of the Reformation, this opera also presents a pleasant romance. It was brought to America in 1886, and has been repeated almost annually. For nearly five hours it keeps its audiences enrapt by its tunes and its story. It is the one great "light opera" that differentiates it from Wagner's generally heavy masterpieces.

This opera is the subject of one of the nine stamps

issued by Germany in 1933, in honour of Richard Wagner.



## Upcoming Shows

### NOV 4

#### Hamilton Fall Stamp Show

November 4, 2022 to November 5, 2022

Salvation Army Mountain Citadel, 835 Stone Church Road East, Hamilton, ON, L8W 1R8

Show hours are Friday, 5 pm – 10 pm and Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Friday evening will have a large voice auction at 7 pm with viewing 5 – 7 pm. Four guest clubs will present their Sales Circuit on Friday evening 5 – 10 pm. Saturday includes a 15 dealer bourse with stamps, postcards, covers and supplies plus Silent Auctions and Youth Booth. Free admission, free parking, building is accessible friendly and light food / refreshments will be available.

Phone: 289-925-5343

Email: hscshows@gmail.com

Web: <http://www.hamiltonstampclub.ca>

### NOV 12

#### STAMPFUN 2022 Waterloo

#### Royal Canadian Legion, 316 Marsland Drive, Waterloo, ON, N2J 3Z1

The Waterloo Region Stamp Club welcomes you to STAMPFUN 2022 between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Visit seven dealers, circuit books, and a table of attractively priced "BUY NOW ITEMS". Free parking and free admission. Lunch can be purchased at noon from the Legion kitchen. For more information contact: Oscar 519 – 742 – 5892.

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### NOV 12

#### North Toronto Stamp Club Winter Bourse

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St., Toronto, ON, M4T 1Z9

The North Toronto Stamp Club's Fall Bourse will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Easy subway access at St. Clair subway station, free admission, 22 dealers, more than 100 sales circuit books including recent issues, over 100 ten cents books, members table, door prizes (first prize one kilo of stamps) snack bar, wheelchair access, parking at the Church and on nearby streets, families and children welcome.

Phone: 647-990-4073

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### MAR 5 2023

#### Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON, L4Z 1V8

Sponsored by the Troyak Club, the Mississauga Coin and Stamp Show will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with 60 tables and more than 30 dealers. There's something for everyone, with Canadian and world coins, stamps, paper money, tokens, medals, trade dollars, official mint products, hobby supplies, reference books and more. Free evaluations plus buying, selling and trading. Admission is \$5 (children under the age of 16 are free), and parking is free.

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#### Christmas Scavenger Hunt rules:

1. Neatness Counts - stamps should be centered on the square with hinges or mounts.
2. Choose a stamp that reflects the word in each box. One stamp per box only for a total of 12 stamps.
3. Each entry will be assigned a number so the judges will not know the names of the exhibitors.
4. This is an opportunity to be creative. You may decide to have all stamps the same colour, the same country, or different countries.
5. You may decide on a theme for your scavenger page. Be creative.
6. Place your page in a page protector. If you need one, it will be provided when you submit it at our meeting.
7. More than one entry is permissible.
8. Those members who are unable to attend the Christmas meeting may send a good clear scan of their completed pages to [marionace@bmts.com](mailto:marionace@bmts.com) and I will include a print of their entries.
9. A prize will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place.

#### Please bring your Christmas Scavenger hunt pages to the December meeting.

Point system	total pts. possible
1 point for each box filled (you can enter an incomplete page)	12
Bonus points:	
Up to 2 pts for presentation (neatness)	2
Up to 3 pts for creativity or uniqueness	3
Up to 3 pts for developing a theme	3
<b>Total points</b>	<b>20</b>

# Owen Sound Stamp Club Christmas Scavenger Stamp Hunt

snow man	Christmas Tree	Angel
Santa Claus	Reindeer	Sled
Carollers	Baby Christ	Wise Men
Holly	Poinsettia	Gifts

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**Wrap Up**

Looking at the last few months, it has been very pleasing to meeting in person again as well as using Zoom meetings to stay connected with our long distance members. There is talk in philatelic circles about the changes in our hobby. Attendance at shows has been lower, even Capex was at a lower level of attendance than expected. What is always a pleasure is when a new person returns to a "live" meeting. Members of this club are very fortunate to have a dedicated core of leaders who are trying to remain relevant to all members.

It is also clear that some clubs are struggling to remain in operation because of a leadership vacuum. This is being shared in the circles of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. These challenges are the signal for different means of attracting other collectors. It seems that transitions are happening, just look at the computer and how it is entwined in our hobby. Traditional collectors may seem they are being left out, but fortunately the in person meetings are still a go and it is an opportunity to greet fellow club members.

Did you know that October is "**Stamp Collecting Month?**" Dr Gregg Redner has been sharing posts in Facebook about our hobby. It is the perfect opportunity to speak with any acquaintance about what the hobby has done for you. For instance it offers an introduction to geography, history and many other features of this amazing creation we are a part of. A little piece of paper can teach the casual viewer so much more than just a cost of mailing a letter.

To put the final wrap together, here is a reminder about Philatelic organizations that can help fill the thirst for adventure. Here in Canada there is the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the British North America Philatelic Society, the Postal History Society of Canada and our neighbour to the South has the American Philatelic Society with many sub groups of interest. Check it out to see if membership will help with your collecting interests. There is also the ability to keep up to date with a subscription to the Canadian Stamp News. These suggestions provide much more information and scholarly knowledge than Stamps on the Bay!

**One Page Challenge Topics**

October	Bicycles
November	Architecture
December	Christmas Page
January	Queen Elizabeth II