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PhilaJournal Winter 2022 issue notes.

Welcome to the "Winter" issue.

Few minor changes in this issue, the "GTAPA Facts" page, from page 2, has now moved to occupy the "Inside Back Cover" or the second last page of the issue. As it was pointed out to me there is no longer an advantage of having ads on the "Back Cover" which technically does not exist anymore. It is the last and second last page of the issue.

Therefore, going forwards, the "Outside Back Cover", or the last page of the issue, will be occupied by a full-page advertisement. The ads will be rotated alphabetically unless an advertiser requests to be there permanently.

Starting with this issue we are introducing a "GOOD READER AWARD" (substantial in our opinion) for ONE member of the GTAPA Clubs. One winner per issue. The winner will be chosen from the emails submitted by the current members, in good standing, with one of the clubs that make up GTAPA. The membership will be verified with that Club. See the second last page of the issue for a full list of The GTAPA Member Clubs. The winner must agree to have their name and picture printed in the PhilaJournal.

HOW TO GET THIS "GOOD READER AWARD": somewhere in this issue is the GTAPA logo, this size, but not this one ©.

When you find it send an email to philajournal@gmail.com with the Philajournal number and the page number where you found it in the subject line. TIMING when to submit your entry starts after the GTAPA Secretary (Tony Manson) broadcasts to your Club's Directors and Executives that the latest issue of the Philajournal is posted on the www.gtapa.org website. They in turn are supposed to notify their Club's members...

One last restriction, the GTAPA executives, Club Directors, and Executives (see Club listing pages), and PhilaJournal staff is not eligible.

Sorry for all the details, but I think I covered all the angles.

I hope you will read this issue (just like the earlier ones ⁽¹⁾) from "cover to cover". Don't forget to check our new and regular advertisers, visit their websites, and mention to them that you saw their ad in the GTAPA PhilaJournal magazine.

Season's Greetings and Happy Collecting. ENJOY!

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Message from the President.

The GTAPA executive has noticed and is concerned that especially over the last few months the attendance of club reps for the monthly Zoom meetings has been very small. Perhaps it was because during the pandemic clubs were unable to hold in-person meetings and the few clubs holding virtual meetings did not have large participation.

If, as your club's rep, you are unable to attend a GTAPA Board meeting via Zoom, I suggest you identify a delegate who can represent your club at the meeting. In this way, your club's voice will be heard and all information emanating from these meetings can be transmitted to your club's members.

Now most, if not all, clubs have resumed in-person, meetings. However, with one or two exceptions, not only have club memberships declined but also attendance at meetings has dropped off.

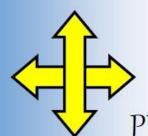
I am asking that club reps or their executives spend a few minutes at your next meeting and brainstorm ideas as to how to attract new members to our clubs. It has been suggested that with more seniors having spare time on their hands that might be an avenue to pursue.

Please prepare point form summaries of your ideas and forward them to Tony Manson who will collate and share the information so that we can discuss it and prepare an action plan at our AGM in January.

Goodbye RetroReveal (RR); hello Postmark Reveal (PR)

For many years the philatelic community has used the "RetroReveal" website to enhance images of various markings found on stamps and particularly on covers, things such as postmarks, faint writing, and embossing to name just a few. The "RetroReveal" was a free program hosted by the University of Utah until it was recently taken offline. Fortunately for collectors, a similar free program called Postmark Reveal is available at https://www.postmark-reveal.com/. Its creator calls it a "work-in-progress" and will make updates as required. Jesse Robitaille wrote an extensive article about this in the August 30 – September 12, 2022, issue of Canadian Stamp News.

[Editor] I just Googled "RetroReveal" again, just for the heck of it, and... the program under this name is back, https://www.retroreveal.com/home/ not the website design as before and based out of India. A quick check of both: PR produced 57 images and (new) RR produced 50 in a similar fashion as the old program did. Test both tools and let us know!



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Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library [Editor]

This is a reprint from the #81 PhilaJournal, but Willow deserves a repeat mention, plus we have a picture now.

Spotlight on Willow.

Although the pandemic put severe restrictions on admittance to the library at the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation it is now possible to make an appointment to visit the library for research purposes. Among the people working at the library is Willow Moonbeam. As well as assisting everyone in their philatelic inquiries Willow writes a monthly newsletter ("Dear Friends of the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library") chock block full of interesting notes and links to items of philatelic interest. Access all the issues here: http://www.greenefoundation.ca/library.htm#friends and anyone wishing to receive the newsletter on a regular basis can do so by following the instructions provided in the above link. I recommend you check this out... seriously, you must subscribe, it is great.



Garfield Portch presented Willow with a GTAPA "Certificate of Merit" as our thanks and appreciation for all her assistance to the members of our Clubs.

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Misperforations of Scott 356

There have been a few examples of misperforations of this Canadian Scout stamp issued on August 20, 1955. Here are some:



In the left example, the perforation cuts through the top line of the stamp, and since this example is from the bottom of a sheet, it appears to be

imperforate at the bottom. The right example has a double perforation.

What is particularly interesting is how some of these got out into the market and were used on covers



without being withdrawn either at the printer or at the postal outlet. Here is an interesting commercial envelope with a misperf Scott 356.



It is franked from Lethbridge, AB on Dec.13, 1955, with a receipt cancel from Hardieville, AB on Dec. 14, 1955. As well as having horizontal misperfs it also has vertical misperfs. There is a small selvage on the left side that gets smaller as it goes from bottom to top. If someone ever saw a full sheet of 50 it would stand out as a major printing error, but somehow it got through!

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A forgotten page of history: The Ukrainian prisoners of war in Italy (1945 - 1947) - Reprinted and updated from PhilaJournal #49 (Fall 2014)

At the end of World War II, the Allied Forces opened a prisoner of war camp in Rimini, North Eastern Italy, near the local airport. The Ukrainian prisoners, who had fought against the Russians for the independence of their country, were lodged in Camp 1. (http://www.dpcamps.org/rimini.html)

In the group, there were quite a few highly educated people who did not waste any time transforming the camp into a small Ukrainian village. They immediately build a small chapel where they celebrated Mass every day. Then they organized a band and a choir to liven the atmosphere of the camp.



First issue from 1946, imperforated.

The next project was the printing of stamps for the transportation of mail from one camp to another to generate some profit to finance entertainment and support the more needy prisoners. The first issues were printed in hrythia/ [The Ukrainian currency; the link is to Wikipedia], and the last

ones were in liras. 164 Ukrainian prisoners became members of a philatelic club and initiated contact and common meetings with the Italian Rimini



Last issue from 1947, perforated

stamp club, after obtaining authorization from the Allied Forces. Communication between the two groups was not difficult as quite a few members of both groups could speak some French. In August 1946 the first set of stamps was issued. Other sets followed and in one year about 40 different stamps were printed

In June 1947 the camp was closed and the Ukrainians immigrated to England, the USA, or Canada. Returning home would have meant facing detention or a death sentence by the Russians.

Before leaving the camp, the Ukrainians published a booklet "A Goodbye to Italy" to say

farewell to their Italian friends and particularly to the stamp collectors of the Rimini stamp club.

The Ukrainian prisoners' camp stamps were printed in small quantities. They are very difficult to find today. These stamps have not been listed in any of the major catalogues, but there is a catalogue written in Italian by Massimo Orlandini, issued in 2013, and it is titled "Specialized Catalogue of the Ukrainian stamps of the Rimini Prisoners' Camp 1945-7". Difficult to find.

These stamps show up, from time to time, in European auctions as individual stamps, never as complete sets. They sell very well, and very quickly. If you ever happen to find one of these stamps and decide to sell it, do not try to sell it through traditional dealers who probably have limited knowledge about these particular issues. Your best bet would be to go through a major auction house or an Internet channel like eBay or similar. There are many specialized collectors out there who are actively searching for these stamps and would not miss the chance to bid on them. A few more examples are below.





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"Happy 30th Anniversary Roberta Bondar!"

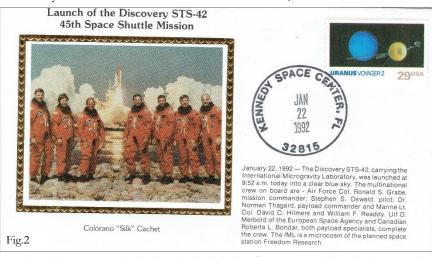


Fig.1 Dr Roberta L Bondar www.robertabondar.com

Last year marked the 30th anniversary of when Dr. Roberta L. Bondar became only the second Canadian, the first Canadian woman, and the world's first neurologist in space. (Fig.1) extraordinary Canadian is not only an astronaut and a physician but a scientist, photographer, writer, speaker, champion for the environment. Witnessing the Earth from space tends to have this effect on people.

Bondar's groundbreaking space flight is documented on this silk cachet "Day of Launch" cover (Fig.2), using a stamp (Scott #2575) from the 1991 U.S. Postal Service (USPS) series on "Space Exploration", which depicts the Voyager

2 spacecraft flying by Uranus. The cancel was applied on January 22nd, 2022, at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, to mark the launch of the space shuttle Discovery STS-42 and its crew of seven astronauts, into low earth orbit.



On board was a payload that included the first International Microgravity Laboratory (IMT-1). The cachet on this envelope is an official National

Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) image of this international crew (L to R) Stephen Oswald, Roberta Bondar (Payload Specialist 1, CSA), Norman Thagard, Ronald Grabe, David Hilmers, Ulf Merbold (ESA), and William Readdy. This was only the second shuttle mission to carry astronauts from three nations (USA/CDN/GER).

Nine days later (January 30th, 1992) the Discovery landed at Edwards Air Force Base, California, completing its mission. During the mission, the space shuttle averaged an altitude of 299 km (187 mi) and completed 129 orbits while traveling over 5.4 million km (3.4 million mi). Bondar conducted over forty scientific experiments in space, including the effects of microgravity on the human body and its ability to recover.



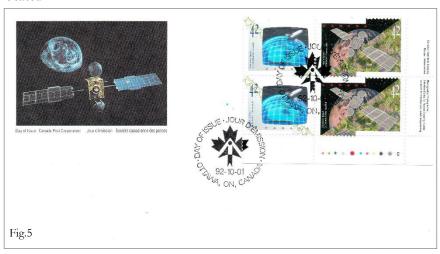
One of the easiest ways to identify which space mission an astronaut is associated with is by their Mission Patch. There is a tradition of Mission Patches being created for every NASA mission since 1965 and they are typically designed by the crew members, which makes every Mission Patch unique to that crew and their mission. For STS-42 (Fig.3), the design

shows the space shuttle Discovery in orbit with an open cargo bay exposing the Spacelab module which would have included the IML-1. Around the perimeter are the last names of all seven crew members. Five of the crew members were from the U.S.A., but Bondar is noted as Canadian and Merbold as from the European Space Agency. The white stars on either side



of the shuttle represent the "4" and "2" of the STS-42 delineation. The gold star on the far right is in memory of astronaut Captain Manley "Sonny" Carter, who was slated to have been on this mission but was killed in a plane crash eight months earlier.

On the other hand, the Personal Mission Patch (Fig.4), which would have been designed only by Bondar, embodies the many elements of her mission, from the year (1992) to the mission purpose (IML-1). Also included is the caduceus, to represent her medical credentials. The red maple leaf mirrors the orientation of the space shuttle in a tail-to-Earth position, floating over the Great Lakes, oriented in such a way that Bondar's hometown of Sault Ste. Marie is centrally located.



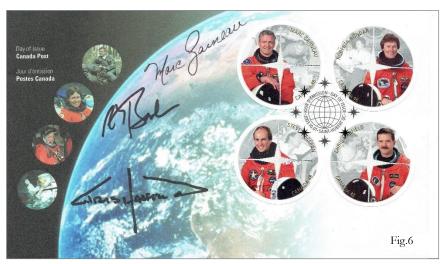
Not every astronaut that goes into space has a postage stamp issued for them, but Canada Post was quick to recognize Bondar's and other Canadian accomplishments in space, with a se-tenant pair of postage stamps issued on October 1st, 1992. (Fig.5 & 5a) This issue celebrated "Canada in Space", through some achievements up to that point, with the most current being Bondar's trip to space just eight months earlier. The timing was right for recognizing her contributions. The stamp showing the space shuttle flying over Canada (Scott #1442) was Canada's first use of a holographic stamp



The other stamp in this set (Scott #1441) and the design of the First Day of Issue Cover (FDC) cachet, illustrate the ANIK E2 satellite, to represent Canada's history and lead in communications technology.

design.

Many countries have recognized individual astronauts and cosmonauts; however, it was not until October 1st, 2003, that Canada Post released a series of postage stamps to celebrate "Canadian Astronauts". Each of the eight stamps carries an image of one of our Canadian heroes. The FDC shown here (Fig.6) is the first half of the series (Scott #1999 a-d), which includes



arguably most of Canada's famous astronauts (Marc Garneau, Roberta Bondar, Steve MacLean, and Chris Hadfield) and autographed by three of them (Garneau, Bondar, and Hadfield). The cancellation is shown as Saint Hubert, QC, which is home of the Canadian Space Agency. The series is numbered and presented in the chronological order that each astronaut traveled into space.

After hanging up her spacesuit, Dr. Bondar created "The Roberta Bondar Foundation", in 2009. The Mission Statement for the Foundation is to connect, "... people to the natural world, inspiring curiosity, respect for and conservation of the environment while building healthier lives."

She was clearly inspired by not only her flight in space but also her love of photography and concern for the environment. She is a very accomplished woman with many honours bestowed upon her over the years but last year is special for the mark she has left in the history books and the world, that she circled 129 times back in 1992. Happy Belated 30th Anniversary, Roberta Bondar!

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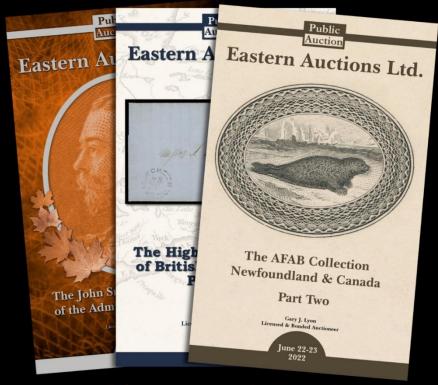
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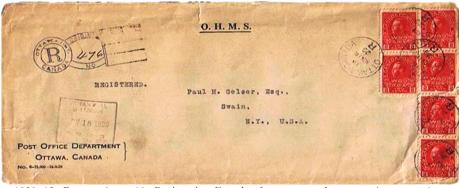
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Admiral 2c 'War Tax' Stamps Used To Pay Surface Letter Rate, To The United States; Outside War Tax Period

Note: War Tax Period was between April 15, 1915, and June 30, 1926.

In Chapter XXIX titled "The War Tax Stamps 1915 – 1916" found in the "The Postage Stamps and Postal History Of Canada" book, written by Winthrop S Boggs, it is documented that: "...At first war tax stamps were intended to pay only the war tax, but in a Post Office notice of April 16, 1915, Postmasters were notified that 'Postage Stamps upon which the words 'War Tax' have been printed, may be accepted for pre-payment of postage..."

This mail shows a late usage of the 2 Cent Red-Carmine KGV Admiral, WAR TAX stamp (SG 229; Scott MR2) on an Official (OHMS) Registered Letter to the United States from the Financial Superintendent, H. E. Atwater of the Post Office of Canada; a very significant and respected position at the time, responsible for approving Stamp Designs.



1929: 12¢ Postage (pays, 10c Registration Fee plus 2¢ per ounce letter rate (no war tax) to U.S.A. This correspondence of November 18, 1929, was in response to an inquiry (probably by a US Stamp Collector), for the list of stamps available from the Post Office of Canada. Interestingly, the response was that the list of stamps was described in order of the Stanley Gibbons numbers (the list and reply are on the next page)



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[Hmm, another topic to investigate]

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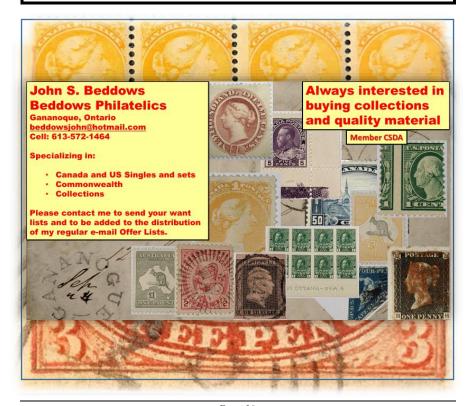
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Telegraph Stamps - 1881 Provisionals - for 1, 3 & 4 Anna only

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1939 Newfoundland Inaugural Air Mail Flight across the Atlantic - a short summary.

- 1919 transatlantic flight of John Alcock and Arthur Brown, landing their replica of the Vickers Vimy wood and canvas biplane on the Connemara Championship Golf Links in Clifden, Ireland.
- The Pioneers carried 196 letters and one parcel using C2 stamp, postmarked between 10 and 13 June at St. John's, Newfoundland.
- Alcock took a small mailbag on the flight, upon arrival canceled on 17 June in the UK.
- The first trans-Atlantic flight aboard the Yankee Clipper began on May 20, 1939,



coinciding with the 12th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's solo flight.

• The Yankee Clipper (Pan Am inaugurated FAM 18 service) was loaded with 1,800 pounds of mail and took off from Manhasset Bay, Long

Island. It flew over the New York World's Fair.

 Heading out over the Atlantic. The Yankee Clipper made stops in the Azores and Lisbon, Portugal, arriving at



Marseilles, France. after 26 hours.

- Imperial Airways (Later to become B.O.A.C.) began its service from England to New York via Foynes, Ireland and Botwood, Newfoundland, and Montreal, Canada.
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Canada O.H.M.S. WWII 1939 Military Airmail Special-Delivery Cover: Halifax to Ottawa

In an online article written by, Gérald Pelletier, for the History Museum website, titled "The Making of the Modern Post Office 1920 - 1950" it is mentioned that "The spectacular development of aviation during World War I made possible the blossoming of airmail service in the postwar period. The resulting acceleration of postal communications contributed to forging the identities of nations, lending more cohesion to their air space, and bringing the peoples of the world closer together. Airmail links were established between countries. From 1919 to 1939, postal routes were laid out in the Earth's skies.

By 1939, the Canadian government had invested sufficiently in the airmail service for it to become a national reality, as attested by the advent of the long trans-Canadian postal corridor between Halifax and Vancouver."

See the online link below to read the full article:

https://www.historymuseum.ca/cmc/exhibitions/cpm/chrono/ch1928ae.html

The cover illustrated on the next page is the seldom-seen heavy package, air mail rate, that was in effect for letters mailed within British North American destinations.

King George VI, Blue & Green Mufti-Issue stamps of Canada used on 1939 OHMS Airmail Cover, Halifax to Ottawa.

Special delivery to February 28, 1939, was 20 cents after that to the end of the period 10 cents (Reference: KGVI Air Mail Rates 1937-1942)

The airmail rate was 6 cents for the first oz. and 5 cents for each additional oz. The cover is dated late in 1939, as an Airmail and Special Delivery Package. Actual cover size dimensions H 12" x W 18".

At \$2.51 total stamps on this heavy package of approximately 3 pounds; the postal rate breakdown is as follows:

• Special Delivery 10 cents;

remaining \$2.41

Airmail charge for 1st oz. 6 cents;

remaining \$2.35

- Extra oz. at 5 cents per oz. and at 47 times extra weight = \$2.35
- Total Postage Paid: \$2.51 (10¢ + 6¢ + \$2.35)

Therefore, this is really a domestic OHMS Airmail cover paying the 48 times weight!





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GTAPA CLUBS – WHAT IS NEW – WINTER 2022

Ajax-Pickering Stamp Club

By Editor

Check Club's website at https://ajax-stamp-club.webnode.page/ for the latest news and upcoming events. The Club has resumed in-person meetings.

Bramalea Stamp Club

By Jerry Piotrowski < jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com>

An Annual Stamps Show is planned for Feb.4, 2023, check the website for details - https://bramaleastampclub.org/annual-stamp-show.

Fenelon Stamp Club, The

By Mark Armstrong <msaphilatelicstudio@msn.com>

The Club's name has been modified to **The Fenelon Stamp Club** which properly identifies its area of operation, being the Fenelon Township.

Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club

By Editor

The new executives are working hard at promoting both Chapters and growing the membership.

Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society

By Editor

Society has been in hibernation during Covid. Hopes to resume their occasional meetings at one of the member's residences.

Kawartha Stamp Club

Rick Stankiewicz stankiewiczr@nexicom.net, Publicity Chair Check the article on Stamp Month in this issue.

Markham Stamp Club

By Editor

The Club is publishing a regular newsletter which is distributed to all the GTAPA Directors. If you do not get one, please speak to your Club's Director (in **blue** on Club Directory pages) or contact their Communications Director: Klaus Hintz, klaushintz7@gmail.com

North Toronto Stamp Club

By Editor

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Oshawa/Whitby/Brooklin Stamp Groups

By Larry Friend lfriend@sympatico.ca

Oshawa Stamp Group is back, meeting at 1661 Harmony Rd. N. in Oshawa. After Labour Day hours change to 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The club will meet every Friday.

Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak"



September 17 & 18, 2022 Troyak participated in the Roncesvalles Polish Festival (https://polishfestival.ca/) with a show of philatelic and numismatic collections. Many visitors commented on the great quality of the materials shown. In the picture are the Club's tables outside of the Church Hall, many visitors were had.

On October 2, 2022, the Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show was a big success, but again the stamp collectors were outnumbered by coin collectors. Several of the stamp dealers would like to see more stamp collectors. The next show is on March 5, 2023. Few tables are still available if you are a stamp dealer. See the ad in this issue or go to the website at www.troyakclub.com

Scarborough Stamp Club

By Editor

No updates. Rumors are that the Club is scouting for a new location. No online activity.

SOSSI, Maple Leaf Chapter

By Tony Manson <tony.manson@sympatico.ca>

On October 16 the Maple Leaf Chapter, SOSSI had their first "in-person" meeting since COVID eased off. It was held in the historic Scout House in Acton, ON. Our host, George Henderson went all out to set up the technology to allow our remote members from BC, Alberta, and other towns in Ontario to participate. Attendees all had "Show & Tell" items to display and comment on. It was surprisingly quite successful for our first Hybrid attempt.



Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club

By Editor All quiet...

Trenton Stamp Club

By Larry Friend sympatico.ca The Club is meeting again.

Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto)

By Editor

Please visit their website for the latest news and information. It is very elaborate and filled with diverse content https://www.upns.org/

West Toronto Stamp Club

By Editor

The Club has grown in membership! Their Zoom meetings (Learning Workshop, Discussion Group) are attended by philatelists from all over Canada, the UK, and the US. Check the website (http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/index.htm) and read the regularly issued Bulletin, in its 88th year, issue number 478 (Nov. 2022)!

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Rick Stankiewicz, Publicity Chair Kawartha Stamp Club (KSC) stankiewiczr@nexicom.net

Kawartha Stamp Club Celebrates Stamp Month!

The President of the Kawartha Stamp Club (KSC), Mark Armstrong, wanted to find a busy spot in Peterborough where the club could set up and promote the hobby during last October's "Stamp Month". The "Lansdowne Place Mall" was just the spot. Mark's idea of going to the public instead of waiting for them to come to the club, was a great idea. Over a dozen members got behind this initiative and helped by supplying exhibits to display, setting up and taking down, and manning the display as well as engaging the public who showed interest in what they saw. There were about 20 frames of exhibits, from eye-catching colorful ones (space, water lilies, penguins, etc.) and a couple of subtler ones (Peterboro postal history and Penny Black).



KSC members (L to R) Alvin Gallay, Karl Wysotski, Mark Armstrong, and Rev. Perry Grandel were just some of the many club members who participated at the Lansdowne Mall in Peterborough.

The display operational for the full day that the mall was open (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.). It consisted of three tables in front the displays, including a table for "Tools of Hobby", another for "Club Information" and the last one was full of "Everything Free". The "Free" table was a real hit, as people could believe it when they were told to help

themselves. Some people had no idea of the scope of the hobby, and this is where the exhibits did their job to illustrate how varied, beautiful and interesting stamp collecting can be. As usual, there was a lot of "I have this old binder of stamps that belonged to my dad, (or grandfather)". We had this base covered too, as members on hand are part of our "Evaluation Committee", which appraises collections on a regular basis.

To paraphrase Mark's summary of this event, "It was great making new contacts with people, promoting the hobby, our club, and displaying how much fun "Stamp Collecting" really is".



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https://ajax-stamp-club.webnode.page/

Bramalea Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #144

Meets twice a month. On the 1st Sun. from 2 to 4 pm (October to June) and the 3rd Tue. from 7 to 9 pm (year-round) at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd and Bramalea Rd.), Brampton.

Bob Thorne, FRPSC 905-792-3526 bobthorne70@gmail.com

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Fenelon Stamp Club, The

RPSC Chapter #176

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RPSC Chapter #168

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Kawartha Stamp Club, The

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Markham Stamp Club

RPSC Chapter #252

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RPSC Chapter #223

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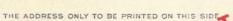
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