

# The Bulletin

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## Japan's Emergency Stamps From CHUMS Stamp Corner

Within a very short time after the great earthquake disaster of 1923 which devastated a large part of Japan, the busy Easterners were hard at work repairing the damage. As the government printing factory was practically wiped out, and supplies of stamps were getting short, a contract was placed for a new issue of stamps with a firm in Osaka, which escaped the earthquake.

The government lent some of its expert stamp printers, and in a very short space of time stamps of an entirely new design were printed and issued.



These show the two designs that were developed.

As the perforating of the stamps requires very special machinery which was not available, the stamps were issued imperforate, but otherwise they are quite as well printed as earlier Japanese issues, and form interesting souvenirs of the earthquake disaster.

They are on the so called "granite" paper, which shows hairs in its texture if examined under a glass.

### For the Stamp Show May 3

We need help setting up and tearing down, loading the frames, with the front desk and the sales circuit. Remember to offer to help in these areas. Time 8am to 4pm

*Also bring some packets for the door prizes*

### Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tues May 6

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed May 7

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Zoom Auction Wed May 7  
Zoom Mtg Thurs May 15  
Sat May 17

Guelph Stamp Club  
Wed May 7  
Wed May 21

KW Philatelic Society  
Thurs May 8

Oxford Zoom Auction  
Fri May 2  
Fri May 16

LASO Zoom Meeting  
Tues May 20

Check with the club  
before going to its  
meeting.

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### EXHIBITS

**THESE WILL CONTINUE  
AND BE VOTED ON**

**IT WILL BE A PAGE OF  
THE EXHIBITOR'S  
CHOICE OF TOPIC**

**THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO  
HONE YOUR SKILL**

## ***Message from the President – Walt Berry***

### **Greetings!!**

Our monthly meetings returned to the first Tuesday of the month with a great turnout of friendly stampers. The annual show was the first topic on the agenda and member Rose brought everyone up to date with the current status of preparation. There will be six dealers with a great selection of material looking for their forever home as part of your collection. Please support them by visiting each of them and look over their goods. You are sure to find something of interest.

The issue of the storage of the club's frames was solved as member Joe has offered a spot in a barn in Mildmay. A few hands are needed to help in handling the frames from their present location to the show and/or from the show and back to storage.

The club has a new logo and with any luck, it will be available at the show –a road sign is being prepared.

A sign of the current state of affairs in the U.S.A. was received in an email message from the stamp club of Markham — a resolution was passed with the objective of their club and their members collectively curtail purchases of stamps, covers and other philatelic products from the United States, or sourced in that country from this date forward. The actions of President Trump will have far reaching affects for a long time both within the United States and countries around the world.

Welcome to SPRING (hopefully soon) I believe I have had enough of the cold and snow for this year - as most of us are, I am sure.

There was discussion surrounding the topic of washed & reuse of uncanceled stamps and counterfeit postage as this is an issue in many stamp issuing countries.

Another discussion evolved around the opportunity to provide a more social time for members to peruse the circuit books and for new collectors the chance to learn the fundamentals of how/ why of collecting. Suggestions were extended meeting times and/or additional meeting days i.e. Saturday.

**Members wishing to donate suitable items for the door prizes, please bring the item to the show.**

See you on the third of May at the Clifford Community hall— hands are needed to assemble the frames and take them down at the end of the show.

### *Appeal for articles for the Bulletin*

*The editor would like to appeal to the members of the Saugeen Stamp Club to submit articles to the Bulletin. It is imperative for the Bulletin to continue that there are articles of interest to others in the Club. They can be submitted to the editor in JPEG or PDF form at the email provided on page 4 of this Bulletin. I do not subscribe to Microsoft.*

*The editor would also like to RETIRE at the end of 2025 so if anyone is interested in a new hobby please contact her at the email on page 4 of this Bulletin.*

## Overprint and Surcharge are Often Confused

From an article in The Globe and Mail 1958

Practically every month in the year, some country overprints or surcharges postage stamps. Stamp collectors often use one term when they mean the other. The similarity in appearance of an overprinted specimen and a surcharged stamp may require careful examination to see the difference.

A surcharge changes the face value of any postage stamp but an overprint leaves the face value unchanged. Surcharged postage stamps are provisionals almost without exception. But overprinted stamps may or may not be provisionals. (*a provisional stamp is a postage stamp issued for temporary use to meet demands until new or regular stocks of stamps can be obtained*).

The 20 cent Canadian brown-red stamp of 1930 in the regular issue became a commemorative when the post office department overprinted it to mark the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference held in 1933 at Regina.



Surcharged and overprinted postage stamps have other points in common. Invariably both are produced as a means of economy and both have been made quickly owing to a time shortage. The surcharged provisionals of Canada were all made for economical reasons while the grain conference overprinted stamps were rushed into production to commemorate the meetings in Regina.



Sometimes postmarks or cancellations appear so black they are mistaken for overprints. The first stamps of Papua are examples with cancellations resembling overprints reading NG or BNG for New Guinea and British New Guinea.

Technically they were overprints as well as cancellations because they converted issues of Queensland into stamps for British New Guinea. Unlike the NG and BNG issues, the Pakistani overprints, although they were hand-struck were not postmarks nor cancellations. Certain postage stamps of India were overprinted by hand with the name Pakistan.

Numerous overprinted postage stamps trace the historical events taking place from month to month in the countries of their origin, Saar overprinted German stamps in 1920. In the same year Saar overprinted stamps of Bavaria, then reverted to surcharging German postage stamps. These surcharges and overprints immediately suggest a change in government by the stamp issuing state. In the Saar issues, the original stamps suggest the region where they were issued.

Overprinting and surcharging stamps is by no means a recent innovation. British Columbia surcharged postage stamps in 1867 before the province federated with Canada. Bermuda issued surcharged stamps in 1874; Hong Kong in 1876.



## Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic  
Society of Canada

Chapter 21, Grand River  
Valley Philatelic Association

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Club Website:  
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## *Annual Stamp Show & Bourse*

When: Saturday, May 3, 2025,  
10 a.m. To 3 p.m.

Where: Clifford Community  
Auditorium  
2 William Street, Clifford ON  
N0G 1M0

Free parking and admission  
Free WIFI  
Lunch counter – By Donation  
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