

# The Bulletin

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**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

## *One of my new interests— Wine on Stamps*



From the vine (Scott #1433 from New Zealand).....

....to the bottle (Scott #2524 from Argentina).....



....to the glass (Scott #3354 from Spain)....this is a topical that I can enjoy in the album and on the table!!!

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB, Tuesday September 5
- KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB Wednesday September 6
- OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB Wednesday September 20
- GUELPH STAMP CLUB Tuesday September 19

**One Page Exhibits—**

**upcoming topics:**

September: Stamp show souvenirs

October: Dogs

November: Bridges

December: TBA

## ***THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN .....WALT BERRY***

The summer months are a time when many collectors set their collecting interests aside and enjoy the company of family and friends – whether it is vacationing, time at the cottage or just relaxing in the backyard. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 30 members came out for the meeting at St Matthews Church. The strong attendance does demonstrate there is a continuing interest in our hobby – although there does not appear to be the same interest shown from the younger generation. This should create a concern!! What plans do we have for the disposition of our collections should something happen to us?



The important thing is that we should continue to enjoy our hobby as we have over the years – but also look forward to the future of our cherished collections for when the inevitable time comes along.

Our monthly meetings are always fun and informative with a show & tell period – whereby members get to share a new or interesting tidbit of information of general interest – the member challenge of a single page exhibit of a chosen topic – and an auction of material put forth by members.

A member has donated a penny black to the club for the purpose of raising a bit of revenue for the club AND to encourage participation in our May 2018 show. Tickets will be made available in the near future – with the expectation members will sell them. The value of the penny black is in the neighbourhood of \$325.00 – so the one-dollar tickets should be an easy sell.

Enjoy the balance of the warm summer months – and keep well!

### **What's coming up...**

*See the Grand News for complete information on the following shows:*

**Sept 16—Burloak Stamp Fair, Burlington**

**Sept 16—Best Western Stamp Show, St. Catharines**

**October 7—Owen Sound Annual Stamp Show**

**November 25—Waterloo Regional Club STAMPFUN**

**May 1st 2018—Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Shoe**



**ANOTHER MEASURED MOMENT.....Jim Measures**

**THE FIRST “CLIMATE CHANGE” REFUGEES**

On March 18 2010, Papua New Guinea issued a set of stamps to honour the people of Carteret Islands who were being forced to leave their island homes as the sea level rises and destroys their ability to survive on their island.

Carteret Island is a coral atoll meaning that it is a string of small islands resting on a base of coral in a circular or horse-shoe shape. It is part of the nation of Papua New Guinea, located about 86 km from Bougainville where the people will be relocated, 10 families at a time, as the world’s first climate change refugees.

Carteret has an area of approximately 0.6 square kilometres or about the size of 80 football fields. The highest point is only 1.5 metres above sea level. Like so many other island people they have seen their homes being swallowed by the sea. Some say that the island are sinking, but scientists report that the sea levels around the world are in fact rising.

In 1995 a wave washed away much of the shoreline of several of the smaller islands and actually cut one of them in half, as shown on the souvenir sheet that accompanied this issue. In the past, the folk on these islands have used man-made barriers to keep back the sea; however as seen on the K3.00 stamp, the sea is easily washing over these barriers now, and the salt water is invading and killing their coconut palm trees as well as their gardens, where they grew greens and breadfruit.



From a philatelic point of view, it is a little bit of over-kill here, as there are a set of four stamps a sheetlet of four stamps and a souvenir sheet of 1 - a total of nine different stamps. Nevertheless the pictures, provided by the PNG Office of Climate Change, seen on these stamps give a good look at what lies ahead for all low lying areas, either on islands or along coastlines.

Do we have to wait until this happens to Prince Edward Island, Manhattan, or the Isle of Man, before our governments will admit that Climate Change is real and requires serious action.

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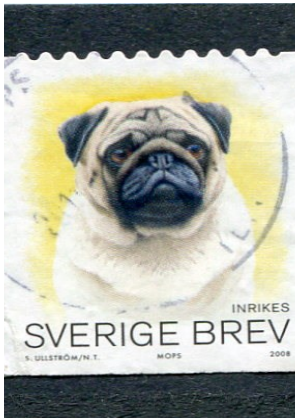
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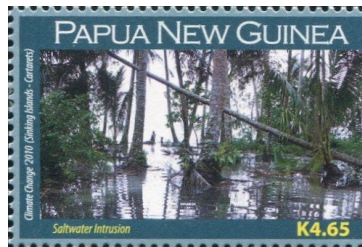
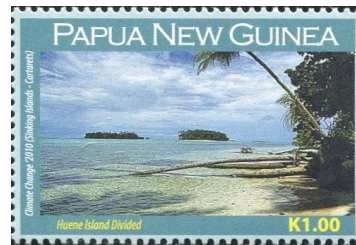
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