

The Bulletin

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Upcoming Meetings

- Saugeen Stamp Club
Tuesday January 8
- Kincardine Stamp Club
Wednesday Jan. 2
- Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wednesday Jan. 16
- Guelph Stamp Club
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Wednesday Jan 16
- KW Philatelic Society
Thursday Jan. 3

O Christmas stamp! The story of the Christmas stamp is a story of Canada

From the National Post by David Akin

The world's first Christmas stamp was issued — rather by accident — by Canada in 1898. But the annual Christmas stamp tradition would not begin until 1964.



The stamp, issued on Dec. 7, 1898 by Canada was less a celebration of the season than it was a celebration of Queen Victoria and the empire to which Canada belonged.

The story begins in the summer of 1898, in London, England, with a Canadian, William Mulock. Mulock, Canada's postmaster general at the time, had joined his Commonwealth counterparts for a conference in the imperial capital, the goal of which was to establish a common postage rate across the Commonwealth. While in London, Mulock found himself talking to Queen Victoria and told her about a new stamp he had in mind should that common rate be achieved.

Mulock's stamp would be notable for a few reasons, not the least of which was it would be the first stamp in the 31-year-old Dominion of Canada's history to be issued without a picture of the Queen or her relatives on it. Mulock thought he should give the Queen a heads up about that. Indeed, by law, he required the Queen's permission before a queen-less stamp could be issued.

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One Page Exhibits - Upcoming Topics

January -
Interesting Cancels

February – Two
Wheeled
Transportation

March –
Military

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN.....Walt Berry

Our monthly meeting for December was a full house of members and partner guests. During the business portion of the meeting, those present had an opportunity to voice their opinion on a uniform approach when a member passes away. Following discussion of many positive solutions, a motion was made to make a donation to a stated "Charity of Choice"... – motion carried.

Some members were unaware of Klaus Muller's passing until receiving the monthly bulletin well after the Celebration of Life held on December 1 2018.

Suggestions were made to advise members of important information in a timelier manner – such as weather-related meeting cancellations and/or when a member passes away. A current listing of member contacts (telephone / email) will be managed to address this point.

The next order of business was to vote on the single page challenge, followed by the exchange of gifts, the draw for the 50/50 cash and door prizes. Many were into the sharing of treats & coffee before the break and the auction of donated items. THANK YOU to all who donated part of their treasured items for the auction – and for bringing along their hoard of funny money. This is always a fun evening whereby no cash is required to take home items to add to your collection. Thank you to all for bringing in your favourite treats to share with others.

Our January meeting will be one week later than the first Tuesday of the month as New Years day falls on that day. SO, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JANUARY 8 2019.

Keep well and drive safe – we want to see everyone again.

Merry Christmas to all!!!

A priest goes to the post office to buy stamps for his Christmas cards. He says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps, please?" The clerk replies, "What denomination?" God help us. Has it come to this?" the priest answers. Give me six Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 22 Baptist!"

What's coming up:

See the Grand News for complete details for the following:

January 12 – Brantford Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse

January 26 – 70th Annual CATHEX Show and Bourse

February 2 – Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse

March 16 – Oxpex 2019 Stamp Exhibition

June 21-23, 2019 – Royal *2019* Royale, Hilton Mississauga

Another Measured Moment.....Jim Measures



Snugglepot and Cuddlepie

In 2018 Australia issued 2 stamps to honour two classic children's books, that are marking 100 years since they were first published: *The Magic Pudding* and *Tales of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie*. Both had been seen in the set of 5 stamps for books for children issued in 1985. At that time I had by first granddaughter, Dianne (with 2 "N"s she insists). I got a copy of the book and read *Snugglepot and Cuddlepie* to her. Since that time we have called each other "Snugglepot" (me) and Cuddlepie (Dianne). Other members of the family, Dianne named after various characters in the book. Most went along with the idea except one who didn't like to be called "Mister Lizzard".

Snugglepot and Cuddlepie are two little gumnut brothers who embark on a variety of adventures as they set out to see a human for themselves. They had heard that humans are strong and fierce, but when they witness a human rescue a possum caught in a trap they realize that even humans are capable of kindness towards little bush creatures like themselves.

Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic
Society of Canada
Chapter 1538, American
Philatelic Society
Chapter 21, Grand River Valley
Philatelic Association

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Queen Victoria was curious: What was the point, she wondered, of issuing a stamp without her picture on it? "The stamp is to honour the prince ..." Mulock began before being interrupted. "The prince?" Queen Victoria said, sounding annoyed at Mulock's presumption. The Queen's favourite prince, as Mulock and everyone in the world knew, had been her husband, Albert, who died in 1861. Was Mulock about to honour him without her say-so? Was he thinking of the Prince of Wales, the future Edward VII? Mulock, thinking fast on his feet and desirous of not offending the monarch, replied: "To honour the Prince of Peace, ma'am." And so was born the world's first Christmas stamp, issued by Canada on Dec. 7, 1898, with a face value of two cents and the phrase "Xmas 1898" on it — a phrase honouring, as Mulock had promised, the birth of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the G., B., S., and area
(Grey, Bruce, Simcoe Counties)

Stamp Clubs Circuit Book Club Fair

First Annual Circuit Book Fair

Saturday May 25th, 2019

10 AM. --- 3 PM.

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