

# The Bulletin

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tuesday February 5
- Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wednesday Feb. 6
- Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Wednesday Feb. 20
- Guelph Stamp Club  
Wednesday Feb. 6  
Wednesday Feb. 20
- KW Philatelic Society  
Thursday Feb. 7

## First French Words on Canadian Stamps From the National Post by David Akin



Canada would be a country for 40 years before it issued a stamp with a single word in French on them. These are those stamps, issued July 16, 1908 by the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to mark the 300th anniversary of the founding of Quebec City. Clockwise from top left, the Prince and Princess of Wales; King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra; Montcalm and Wolfe; and Cartier and Champlain. The story may not be entirely true, but it is part of the creation myth that still gets told by collectors, historians and current-day Canada Post employees.

They were, in a way, a small act of nation-making, an assertion of independence from the empire.

Laurier had to seek the express permission of Edward VII to issue those stamps. In doing so, he firmly established the tradition originated by Mulock — to use stamps to promote an official narrative that was politically valuable to the governing party.

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## ***One Page Exhibits - Upcoming Topics***

February – Two  
Wheeled  
Transportation

March –  
Military

April –  
Flowers

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

The January meeting of the Saugeen Stamp Club had good attendance – even though the weather was less than ideal. It is suggested members check their email messages and/or telephone message prior to heading out to the next couple of meetings – in case of cancellation due to weather issues. Some members travel great distances to attend our meetings – **and one new member joined at this meeting – welcome to the club Cliff.**

One lucky member of the club won their dues for the year in the draw usually held at the January meeting from all members who have paid their dues for the coming year.

Effective January 14 2019, Canada Post raised the price of postage (Domestic .90 / USA \$1.27 / International \$2.65).

**A BIG Thank You goes out to all members who bid on lots in the second and final auction of the Larry Crane collection. All monies raised during the auctions at both Owen Sound & Saugeen were returned to his family. THANK YOU!!**

Our annual show is scheduled for Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 – and this year the plan is to have a silent auction of member material... perhaps now is a good time to begin your search for treasures you wish to move to a new home.

The single page challenge for January (interesting cancels) was won by Jim Measures – he chose FLOWERS to be the topic for April.

It is important to keep well and travel safe during the winter months.

We want to see everyone in February.

You know you're getting old when you have more candles on your cake than friends at your birthday party.

A healthy sleep not only makes your life longer, but also shortens the workday

### **What's coming up:**

*See the Grand News for complete details for the following:*

February 2 – Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse

February 16 – Burlpex 2019

February 23 – St. Thomas Stamp Club 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show

March 16 – Oxpex 2019 and Otex 2019 Stamp Exhibition and Bourse

March 17 – Post Card Memories – KW Cambridge Reg. Post Card Club

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

## ***Another Measured Moment.....Jim Measures***

### ***NIA-GARA***

An Algonquin word for “rushing water” is a suitable name for the world’s most famous waterfall that sits on the border between Canada and the USA.

Both Canada and the USA have honoured Niagara Falls on Postage Stamps and on Prepaid Post Cards.



Can you imagine being the first person to see Niagara Falls? The roar of the rushing water can be heard for miles, and to be walking through the area and not know what the noise was, before you got to the river, could be frightening.

This mighty waterfall has become one of the world’s most visited tourist attraction. We became aware of just how popular it is when we took Australian relatives to visit Niagara in the spring, the off-season, and saw the crowds. We were told that the crush of tourists is almost more than the city can accommodate and the situation lasts all year long.

Having visited it numerous times at all seasons, I can say that, mid-winter is the most impressive as the magnificent ice sculptures that God alone can create, are worth the visit on their own. Besides the crowds are just a little less and the wait for a seat in a restaurant may be a few minutes shorter.

#### Note from the Editor

If you have any “TIPS OF THE TRADE” for your fellow stamp collectors please contact me and I will share with the rest of the group. These tips could be for, but not limited to, sorting, soaking, storing, organizing, mounting, exhibiting, etc

## 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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Politicians would continue to interfere with stamp design and selection until 1969, when Canada Post established the independent, arms-length advisory committee that to this day decides who and what is on Canada's stamps.

Until that committee was established, it was commonplace for stamp designers to be told to favour this theme or that to meet the political ends of the governing party.

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