

The Bulletin

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Useful Information About Storing Stamps

(taken from BNA Topics 2018 3rd Qtr)

Dealer Gary Lyon provided some useful information about stamps changing colour. In the December Issue of *Gary's Notebook*, he writes:

As stamp dealers we see a lot of stamps, far more, than collectors or even members of expert committees, will see in their lifetime. Examining such an enormous amount of material over a period of many years is, of course, a big advantage. This is why dealers can often spot problems that have previously been missed.

One thing we have been noticing is that many stamps seem to be changing colour! It is usually evident in stamps that are yellow or orange but other colours can change as well. The culprit? It appears that black plastic stock pages and stock cards could be the problem, even though they are being advertised as being chemically inert. Storage in these popular products over a long period of time is definitely not recommended.

One way to protect your purchases is to remove them from the packaging and mount them in your collection as soon as possible. For mint stamps, we recommend Hawid or similar style mounts. Even if using manila stock sheets or white-paged stock books, the mount will give further protection from moisture and other possible damage. Old fashioned hinges are also fine for used stamps.

Upcoming Meetings

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

One Page Exhibits - Upcoming Topics

November -

Remembrance

December -

Christmas

January -

Favourite Cover

February -

Winter Sports


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

The October meeting was another well attended meeting of members / guests of the Saugeen Stamp Club. Thank you for attending and for all your help in making each and every meeting fun and interesting. The format used for the September appeared to be well received – with positive comments for future attempts to encourage friends to bring in surplus / duplicate material to sell and/or trade with fellow collectors. One point to be somehow addressed is the matter of what each member is looking to add to their collection. The second point raised was that there should not be a sales circuit at the meeting, thus giving members the opportunity to move around and chat with other members as to what is available.

I would like to acknowledge the support of club members – and the diverse collecting interests of everyone. Everyone has their own vision of stamp collecting from the most knowledgeable to those with limited interest. Every member has a story to tell about how & why they are involved in the hobby – the challenge is to touch on their particular story. Would you like to share your story with a short presentation to fellow club members? These stories would be most interesting as they would represent first hand involvement rather than stories read in philatelic print.

Our annual Christmas gathering is fast approaching – and time to share some of your favourite treats, donate some of your philatelic treasures to the President's funny money auction and a great social time.

Happy Collecting!!



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What's coming up:

See the Grand News for complete details for the following:

Oct 29 – Guelphex, Guelph, Ontario

Nov 1 and 2 – Hamilton Stamp Club Show and Sale

Nov 9 - GRVPA 25th Annual Club Fair, Brantford, Ontario

Nov 23 – Waterloo Region Stamp Club Show

Another Measured Moment.....

A Puzzling Cover from 1952 NZ Health Issue

Being interested in New Zealand Health stamps, I recently came across an interesting First Day Cover of the 1952 issue showing Prince Charles and his sister Princess Anne. At first glance it is a routine post office offering, but the addressee is "H.R.H. Prince Charles"

One could guess that someone has taken one of the Post Office covers that were sold unaddressed and just added the Prince's name to add some interest; however, under magnification it can be seen that the cancellation at "CAMBRIDGE NZ" is on top of the Prince's name, suggesting that it was addressed before being cancelled, (other covers in my collection show that this was the normal practice), and therefore it must have gone through the postal system, unlike the unaddressed First Day Covers sold to collectors. If so did it get delivered to Buckingham Palace, and how did it get to Canada and into my collection?

An added question comes up when we examine the back of the envelope. It is sealed, or unopened and the lower flap is sealed over the top flap, - *not a normal way of sealing letters!* It is also interesting to note that this is the first time that the NZ Federation of Health Camps inc. used their logo of a child's head on the envelope flap of a First Day Cover.



Saturday May 2 2020

Saugeen Stamp Club

Annual Show

Knights of Columbus Hall

963 Bruce Road 4 – between Hanover

& Walkerton

Hours 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Door Prizes / Exhibits / Silent Auction

Dealers / Circuit Books / Lunch

counter

Free admission / Free parking

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Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic

Society of Canada

Chapter 1538, American

Philatelic Society

Chapter 21, Grand River Valley

Philatelic Association

Meeting at St. Matthew's
Evangelical Lutheran Church
356 9th Street

Hanover, Ontario

Use 11th Avenue Entrance

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GRVPA

Grand River Valley Philatelic Association

25th Annual Club Fair

Saturday Nov. 9, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Branlyn Community Centre

238 Brantwood Park Rd

Brantford, Ont.

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exit.401 to Hwy 24 exit, head north roughly 2.4 Km to
Brantwood Park Road, turn right (east) and drive 1 km.

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