

The Bulletin

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The Cruel Rosalia, Lady von Forchtenstein

By Ralph Wyndham

On March 21, 1997, Austria began a 12 stamp series depicting Austrian stories and legends with this 7 schilling stamp, the Cruel Lady von Forchtenstein.



Rosalia, known as Sallah, was the wife of the kindly Prince Giletus von Forchtenstein. They say that opposites attract and when, as a nobleman, the prince had to go away to fight a war, the princess would prove this saying. During the prince's absence, she treated the kingdom's peasants with brutal oppression and any unfortunate soul who displeased her was locked in the castle tower and left to starve to death.

Prince Giletus, learning of his wife's brutality upon his return, was very, very displeased. So great was his displeasure that he decided to let her punishment fit her crime and ordered her to be suspended by a rope in the tower over the bodies of her victims.

Over the next week, every quarter hour, a castle guard would stop at the tower hatch from where the doomed princess was hanging to call out

"Sallah, hey!" and her terrible screams could be heard in reply. On the eighth day, her cries of anguish could be heard no longer. For decades thereafter, her ghost would appear at midnight to circle the black tower. On seeing her ghost, the castle guards would call out "Sallah, hey!" and the apparition would disappear. Only after the Rosalia Chapel was built for her atonement during the 15th century was her soul able to find peace and her ghost was never seen again.

Caption for second stamp: Forchtenstein was built around 1300 as a frontier house to protect a vital road between Sopron, Hungary, and Wiener Neustadt (Lower Austria).



Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club

Tues Dec 7

Kincardine Stamp Club

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Zoom Auction
First Wed

Zoom Meeting
Third Wed

Guelph Stamp Club

KW Philatelic Society

Check with the club before going to its meeting. It may be cancelled.

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

DEC. MEETING -
Design a Covid Stamp

JAN. MEETING -
Airmail

FEB. MEETING -
Flowers

MAR. MEETING -
My Favourite Stamp

President's Message.....

The Saugeen Stamp Club will resume their monthly meetings at St Matthews Lutheran Church as of December 7th 2021 – subject to providing a COVID PLAN which must be applicable to all attendees.

- The attendees at the meeting of the Saugeen Stamp Club scheduled to be held on December 7th in the rented venue of St Matthews Lutheran Church will be advised to pre-screen prior to going to the meeting. Anyone feeling ill will be advised not to attend the meeting.
- All attendees will be required to wear a mask while entering the Church venue.
- All attendees will be required to provide their name, telephone number and proof of two COVID vaccinations. The Saugeen Stamp Club will maintain the list of attendees for the required 30 days subsequent to the meeting date.
- All attendees will be required to respect social distancing – OR wear a mask.

The meeting format will be similar to previous years but with a bit of a twist. Members are asked to provide donations to the auction to benefit the Salvation Army food bank. All proceeds (including the club fee) will be given to the Salvation Army. Members may also wish to bring non-perishable food items as a donation to the food bank. Items which may be considered are: canned meats, jam, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, hygiene products, soup, school snacks, oatmeal, coffee, tea, sugar. Please consider making a donation to reach out and touch the lives of others in a positive way.

As this is the first meeting in approximately 18 months and the usual time for our annual Christmas social, members are requested to bring along their favourite treat to share with others.

There will be some necessary business to be addressed –

- new treasurer
- dues for 2022
- mailing list update
- 2022 show.

The single page challenge for November will be the members design for a COVID stamp (as proposed last year at the beginning of the covid shutdown)

Saturday May 7, 2022

Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show

*NEW
LOCATION*

Royal Canadian Legion
505 Scott St Walkerton
Hours 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Door Prizes / Exhibits / Dealers / Circuit Books / Lunch Counter
Free admission / Free Parking

Further information contact: President Walt Berry wsberry@sympatico.ca

Another Measured Moment.....

Family is important as we get older; e.g., my sister often sends me little poems and such, perhaps you can enjoy this one.

Prescription for a Laugh

Just a line to say I'm living; that I'm not among the dead;
 though I'm getting more forgetful, and more mixed up in the head.
 For, sometimes I can't remember, when I stand at foot of stair,
 if I must go up for something, or I've just come down from there.
 Before the fridge, so often, my poor mind is in doubt.
 Have I just put some food away, or have I come to take some out?
 And there are times when it's dark out, with my nightcap on my head,
 I don't know if I'm retiring, or just getting out of bed.
 So, if it's my turn to write you, there's no need in getting sore.
 I may think that I have written and don't want to be a bore.
 So, remember - I do Love you, and I wish that you were here;
 but now it's mail time, so I must say "Good-bye, dear."
 There I stood beside the mailbox, with a face so very red,
 Instead of mailing you my letter, I had opened it instead.



Some Wacky Letterboxes from
New Zealand



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https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/Cat_OwenSC.aspx – You may view listed items in the current auction on this page. These will be the same scans used during the auction

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Two-Cent Blue Hawaiian Missionary

By John Ortved



Blue Hawaiian missionary stamp (courtesy of Siegel Auction Gallery); Stanley Donen's 1963 comedy Charade, starring Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn. (Credit: Movie Poster Image Art/Getty Images)

In 1963, *Life* magazine said this stamp "Pound for pound, is the most valuable substance on earth." The stamp dates back to 1851, when Hawaii was a sovereign nation and a popular destination for American missionaries spreading the gospel. Yet the Kingdom of Hawaii's postmaster was American, and Honolulu's and San Francisco's post offices were well-connected. Collectors love these stamps for both the rarity of their survival, as well as their fanciful numerals.

Interestingly, the 2-cent stamp didn't serve much of a purpose—the only use was for a newspaper or the captain's fee (ship captains received 2 cents for every letter they carried). Audrey Hepburn fans will recognize a stamp similar to this one from her 1963 picture with Cary Grant, *Charade*, but there's a catch. In that film, where a Hawaiian Missionary stamp plays a key part in the intrigue, its value is 3 cents, but there was no such thing as a 3-cent Missionary, only 2-cent, 5-cent and 13-cent.



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