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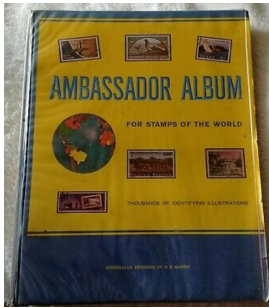
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The Evolution of a Stamp Collection

By Diane Jarvis

I first started my stamp collection under the tutelage of my father probably at around the age of 5. It was just collecting, soaking, sorting, and hinging them properly in my little album, but it was a start. This collection led to the present day collection which takes up several shelving units.

With my father's death when I was ten the collection was packed away but was never discarded. I never stopped collecting postage; after all it might be important one day. When I finished university and was settled in a job and living alone, I got the collection out again. About this time my mother gave me her childhood collection, my father's and my uncle's collections and then my sister decided I should also take her collection. Here I was with 5 collections and questioning what to do with them.



Since I had been given, at some point, the most usable album, The Ambassador, I decided to go country by country to amalgamate all the collections into that album. I still have that album but have evolved from growing it.

Again the collection was packed away while I got married and then started a family, but again it never went very far. When the children were young I started working on the collection again and joined a stamp club in my town. That is when the greatest evolution of my stamp collecting journey really took place. I decided collecting anything was just too much to handle. So I concentrated on

Canada only. I bought a comprehensive Canadian album with annual supplements available and set out to fill it. I count with Canada Post for the packs. Then I realized I was really used postage. (the next evolution) thought was and still is that a comes postage when it has been only used postage.



Since I have somewhat completed my Canadian collection with what I can find and what I can afford I have branched out to a select group of countries (further evolution) and have made a concerted effort to clear out stamps from the countries I have less interest in collecting. This because of age and realization that none of my family are interested in stamp collecting. As a collector or accumulator, it is very hard to accept that something you have spent so many years and so much time on is of no interest to anyone in your family. The recent sale of Gord Speers collection really brought this home.

I have now come to the acceptance that I have to downsize and organize what I have to a VERY MANAGABLE group of collections. Clearing out the detritus (for me) and get it to people who value them. I am now working on a list of countries for which I have stamps that I would like to get a new home for. In the meantime if you have "not so usual" countries that you would like to collect, let me know. I may be able to help.

These are my evolutions. Everyone has their own story. It is a very personal road that takes its turns as your life situation changes. My journey has been satisfying for me I hope the same for all of you.

Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Sat Feb 4

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed Feb 1

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wed Feb 15

Guelph Stamp Club
Tues Feb 7
Tues Feb 21

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs Feb 2

Check with the club before going to its meeting.

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EXHIBITS

UPCOMING

TOPICS

FEB -

Horse Drawn Vehicles

MAR -

King Charles III

APR -

Canada

Message from the President

Welcome to 2023 and the cold weather which comes with winter in the Great White North. We are very fortunate the weather has been generally fairly good for getting out and about (so far).

Attendance at our first Saturday meeting was very good – a reminder that two more Saturday meetings will be held (February 4th and March 4th) to ensure winter driving and night driving is not an issue for those wishing to attend. Our annual Christmas meeting (funny money auction) will be discontinued in favour of making a donation of cash and non-perishable food items to the Hanover Salvation Army food bank. The need for donations is escalating to extreme levels each and every day/year. Bill Findlay did an excellent write up and contacted the Hanover Post to publish it in the paper. Thank You Bill.

Club obligations have been addressed – New signatures have been added for signing authority to pay club accounts; RPSC and APS dues have been paid; the rental agreement for St Matthew's has been received and will be paid at the next meeting; the insurance certificates have been received and available for the Church, the club and the Legion in Walkerton.

A club website will be investigated to allow interested individuals/members to find out about current club information.... The current information is out dated. Thanks Bill.

The monthly auction is always an interesting and entertaining part of our meeting; with much material moving to new homes. Auction items should include a brief description and a reserve price if applicable. Bring small change (cash) for purchases. One other topic – remember the majority of members enjoy stamp collecting as a hobby and should collect what they want and how they want. There are only a limited number of rarities in the world and everyone may not have one in their collection. Everyone has their own style of collecting and how they wish to present what they have to others. ENJOY THE HOBBY!!

Remember to mark your calendars for the first Saturday in February and March.

FOR SALE - "Economist" springback album, green with gold highlights, 32 new pages, each page with attached glassine page protector, and 6 lightly used pages. this album has a padded cover and comes in a full heavy duty slipcase. Album is lightly used but in excellent condition.

Price: \$30.00

Contact: Bill Findlay at billfindlay74@gmail.com or 519-377-4440

FOR SALE

- 1 - Canada View Post Cards - most printed by The Postcard Factory, earlier by Canada Post all are mint, and postage paid worldwide
- 2 - Monaco, Mint MNH, MH and used.

Send your want list and prices for either Dave Pugh - penybank@hurontel.on.ca

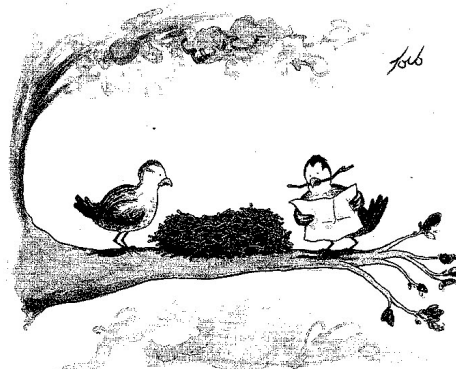
Another Measured Moment

You're a Canadian Eh!

- If in a store someone offers you assistance and they don't work there; *you may be in CANADA!*
- If you have worn Shorts and Parkas at the same time; *you may be Canadian!*
- If you have a long conversation with someone who had dialed a wrong number; *you must live in Canada Eh!*
- If you measure distances in hours; *you may be Canadian.*
- If you switch from heat to air conditioning twice in one day; *you live in Canada.*
- If you can drive 90 km/hr through two feet of snow during a blizzard without flinching; *you have lived in Canada most of your life.*
- If you install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both of them unlocked; *you may live in Canada!*
- If you carry jumper cables in your car and your wife knows how to use them; *you are both Canadian Eh!*
- If you design your kids Halloween costume to fit over a parka; *you must be Canadian!*
- If the speed limit on the highway is 80 km/hr, and you're driving 95 km/hr and everyone is passing you; *you are in Canada.*
- If you know the four seasons are: Almost Winter, Winter, Still Winter and Road Construction; *you are Canadian!*
- If you find -2 degrees C. "Just a little chilly"; *you are Canadian!*
- If yelling "Car" during a road hockey game is normal; *you live in Canada!*
- If you order a double-double in a coffee shop; *you likely live in Canada!*
- If you have ever cursed the snow plow for filling the end of your driveway after you have spent two hours of shoveling; *you live in Canada!*



*"I don't remember the name,
but it had a taste that I liked."*



"There's always one annoying piece left over."

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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Owen Sound Zoom Auctions

The links to see items and read the terms and conditions follow below:

https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionSQL/Auction_Owen_Entry.php?operation=insert – Please use this form to enter your individual lots for auction

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

<https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/OwenTCs.html> – Terms and Conditions - please read if you are listing or bidding in the auction

Saturday May 6 2023

Saugeen Stamp Club

Annual Show

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:
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REMEMBER—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The regular meetings for February and March are planned and booked for:

When: Saturday February 4th and March 4th

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Where: Our Regular Location St Matthew's Church

Why: To save from night driving in bad weather

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