

The Bulletin

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The Holy Notburga

August 27, 1999, saw the issue of the 20 schilling denomination in the Stories and Legends series from Austria depicting the story of St. Notburga of Rattenberg who is also known as Notburga of Eben.

Notburga, a peasant girl, was born in 1265 at Rattenberg on the Inn River in what is now the Austrian state of Tyrol. At the age of 18, she was taken on as a servant in the household of Count Henry of Rattenberg and his wife, Otilia. Young Notburga proved to be a hard working kitchen maid and a very good cook. The servant girl was also a very pious one and, coming from peasant stock herself, felt a strong calling to help the poor. At day's end she would gather up the left over food in her apron and take it to those in need.



Apparently, though tolerated, this sort of behaviour was not necessarily approved of by her employers. On one of the future saint's trips into town carrying bread and wine in her apron, the Count himself, noticing her on the street, stopped her. Expecting to catch her in the act of stealing food, he demanded he be shown what she carried. Obeying, the first miracle attributed to Notburga took place -- the count saw only wood shavings and vinegar in her apron.

Count Henry and his wife eventually became lord and lady of Rattenberg Castle. At this point, her mistress, Lady Otilia, forbade Notburga from taking kitchen leftovers to the less fortunate telling she must take leftovers to the estate's pigs instead. Notburga's compassion was too great and she could not obey the order for long. When Otilia found out, she fired the girl and sent her away.

Looking for employment, Notburga made her way across the River Inn to Eben am Achensee where she agreed to work for a farmer provided she had Sundays and holy festivals off. During her time at the farm, life became quite a struggle at Rattenberg Castle. The Count suffered financially, the pigs picked up a virus and many died, Otilia's half-brother set fire to the castle. Many castle residents left because of it all. Worst of all, Otilia fell gravely ill. When Notburga heard this news, she took leave from her farm duties and returned to Rattenberg. The two women reconciled in forgiveness and Otilia gratefully accepted Notburga's care until she passed away.

Notburga then returned to her farm work where her second miracle occurred. During one difficult harvest time, the farmer wanted all his workers, including Notburga, to keep working past the normal workday's end in order to get the job done. This time at least, as it would prevent her from going to church, the favour asked went against Notburga's agreement. Notburga objected but the farmer would not back down. After a prayer asking for God's guidance, she replied to the farmer's insistence with, "Let my sickle decide this matter between us." As she said this, she tossed the tool into the air where, in defiance of gravity, it remained suspended in mid-air. No doubt Notburga arrived in plenty of time for the start of the service!

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Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Sat July 15

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed July 5

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wed July 19 Mtg
Thurs July 13 Zoom

Guelph Stamp Club
Wed July 5
Wed July 19

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs July 13

Oxford Zoom Auction
Fri July 21

Check with the club
before going to its
meeting.

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EXHIBITS

UPCOMING

TOPICS

July -

Swimming

August -

Red

September -

Fish

Message from the President

The People's Choice Award (as voted by show attendees) was the exhibit "Take the challenge" – winner was member Jim Measures.

Our show for 2024 will again be held in the Royal Canadian Legion 505 Scott St Walkerton on the first Saturday of May 2024.

The monthly member auction is always an interesting part of the meeting and the June auction had a good variety of material finding their forever new home.

Members are reminded that our July meeting has been changed from the usual first Tuesday of the month to Saturday July 15th (1:00 – 3:00 PM). The RPSC sales circuit will be available to members and all sales must be in CASH ONLY.

Insomuch as this is the 25th anniversary of the Saugeen Stamp club, members are encouraged to bring along any/ all memorabilia of the club for display. The actual date of the first club meeting was May 5th 1998 and several of the original members are still active in the club.

Also, this will be another pizza & pop meeting courtesy of the club treasury. The 25th anniversary will also be celebrated with a cutting of a cake.

Thank you for all you do – it is appreciated!!

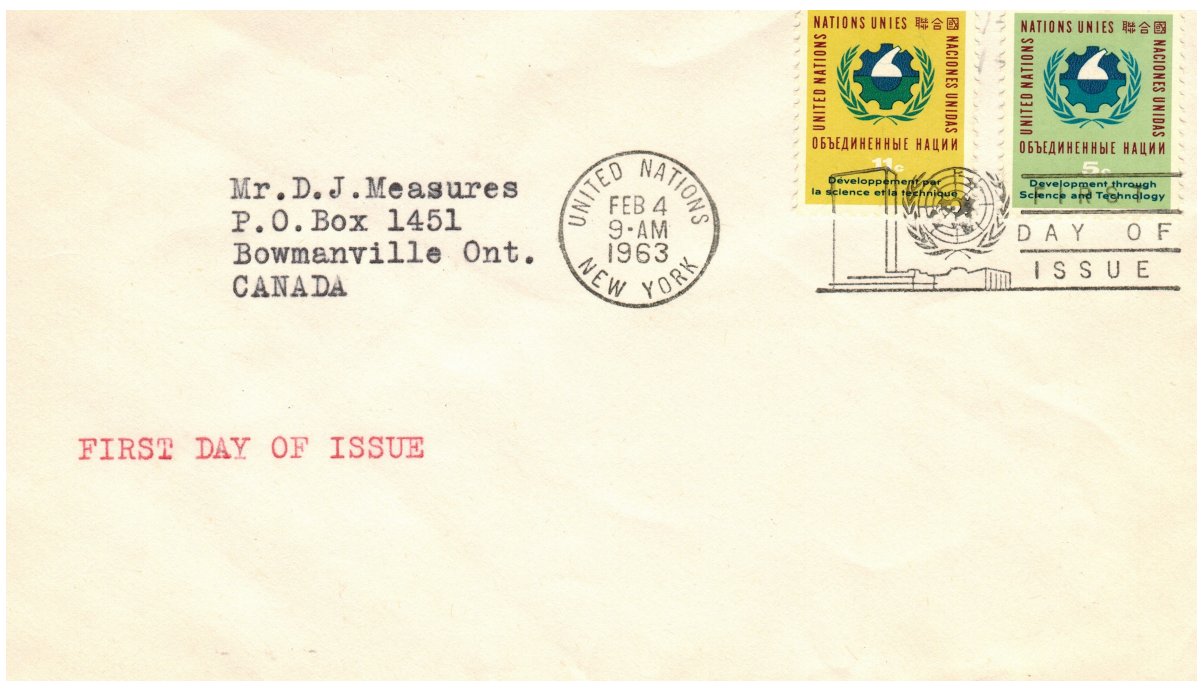
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Another Measured Moment

The Life Cycle of a collector is often an “on again – off again” experience. Such is true for me. As an eight year old, many of my friends were collecting stamps, when a neighbour, the father of a friend, showed me his collection of British Colonies; I was fascinated so I began collecting also. I was also involved with Cubs and Boy Scouts, so when they held a “Scout Hobby Show”, I entered my stamps. Stamps were a major division in the show. As I won “Best Stamps in Show”, I was hooked securely.

Nevertheless, as with most teens, other interests took over my time and interest, so stamps were set aside for a time. Then in 1963, I saw a Stamp column in a newspaper that told of an upcoming set of 2 stamps being issued by the United Nations. As suggested in the article, I wrote to the UN and enclosed a self-addressed envelope for them to send me the stamps and to create a First Day Cover for me. I still have that cover! It marks my return to Stamp Collecting. Before long, I saw that it is not possible to collect the whole world, so I focused on Australia and New Zealand, because I have relatives in both countries.

When I wrote to relatives in Australia asking them to send me their used stamps, I eventually received a parcel of about 200 used stamps on paper. Sadly they were almost all the same. The most useful stamps were the stamps used to mail the parcel to me.



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Sometime after Ottilia's death, Count Henry married Margarethe von Hoheneck. Now living a much happier life with his new wife and her five children, the Count, still feeling regret over letting his servant go years before, asked Notburga to return. Notburga agreed to do so but only on the condition that she be able to continue her generous ways. For the next 18 years, she happily tended to the Rattenberg household while continuing with her charitable deeds and was even able to mend the rift between Count Henry and his brother.

Notburga died September 13, 1313. Before her death, she asked Count Henry to place her body in a wagon drawn by two oxen, let the oxen go without a driver and let her final resting place be wherever the beasts stopped. On the day of her funeral, the animals set out with the entire funeral procession following behind. As they approached the Inn, the river's waters parted allowing the full procession to cross on the dry riverbed. The oxen then turned toward Eben finally coming to a stop in front of Saint Rupert's Chapel. It is said that angels lifted her coffin from the cart while flowers fell from heaven.

Pope Pius IX canonized Notburga as a saint on March 27, 1862. She is the patron saint of servants and peasants. The Feast of St. Notburga has been held on the first Sunday after September 13 every year since 1862.

Just as an additional reminder:

NEW DATE

Our July meeting will be Saturday
July 15, 2023 1:00 – 3:00 PM

RPSC Sales Circuit
Pizza and Beer (oops) Pop
The Clubs 25th Anniversary Celebration
Bring memorabilia of the club if you have any