

# The Bulletin

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## "The Eight Immortals" from Chinese Mythology

In 2011, Thailand issued a set of eight gold embossed stamps, each stamp depicts one of the immortals:

The Eight Immortals are a group of legendary Xian ("immortals; transcendent; saints") in Chinese mythology. Each Immortal's power can be transferred to a power tool that can give life or destroy evil. Together, these eight tools are called "Covert Eight Immortals". They are revered by the Taoists, and are also a popular element in the secular Chinese culture.



Immortal Woman He  
Health Improvement

Royal Uncle Cao  
Actors Patron



Iron Crutch Li  
Poor Protector



Lan Cai He  
Beggars Helper

Lu Dongbin  
The Teacher of Tao



Han Xiang  
Philosopher and Flutists  
Protector



Elder Zhang Gou  
Long Life Bringer

Zhongli Quan  
The Reviver



### Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tues Sept 3

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed Sept 4

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Thurs Sept 12 Zoom  
Wed Sept 18

Guelph Stamp Club  
Wed Sept 4  
Wed Sept 18

KW Philatelic Society  
Thurs Sept 12

Oxford Zoom Auction  
Fri Sept 6  
Fri Sept 20

LASO Zoom Meeting  
Tues Sept

Check with the club  
before going to its  
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## ***Message from the President – Walt Berry***

The first meeting of the summer months was well attended by members - and included a new individual who has relocated to the area and chose to become a member of the club. Welcome Steven Large!! There is a great wealth of knowledge in the club and you are encouraged to reach out to almost any member for information on most any stamp related questions. We do have members with a wide variety of collecting interests - including most topics / countries who will share their knowledge when asked.

The first Saturday in May 2025 has been booked for our annual show. Once again the show will be held in the Clifford Community Hall - the address is 2 William St Clifford ON. The United Church ladies will be asked to provide the lunch counter. They were happy with the result from last year (and I believe everyone enjoyed the offerings they provided).

The Club has ordered a name badge for all members and should be available at future meetings.

The United States Postal Service raised the price of postage for the second time in 2024 with the most recent increase effective on July 12 - the price of first class postage stamps increased from 68 cents to 73 cents. The first price increase of 2024 was in January when the cost of mailing a letter went from 66 to 68 cents. It is fair to say that the cost of mailing to international destinations will increase as well (suggested rate was \$1.55 to \$1.65). This increase will affect Canadian collectors as many stamp dealers / auction houses deal only in American dollars. The USPS is also looking at addressing preventive measures to combat theft, as well as postage counterfeiting and change of address fraud.

Canada Post also implemented a price increase in 2024 when the cost of a single stamp jumped 7¢ to 99¢ if you purchased a booklet or \$1.15 if you purchased just one stamp. Guess both postal administrations are dealing with many of the same issues.

One of the biggest challenges facing collectors is to find “a hook” to a new and different topic to Pursue. Happy Hunting to find your new “hook” Most important - enjoy what you collect / how you collect.

Happy Stamping



## Another Measured Moment

### The Forts of Nova Scotia

In the 1700s Britain and France were at war, and one of the fields of battle was in North America. The French were established in what is now Quebec and the English had established New England in what is now the United States. Between these two lay a vast deserted coastline.

Two forts were built in what we now know as Nova Scotia. The French built a settlement in Cape Breton, that they called “Ile Royale”, and the fortress they named “Louisbourg” after their king. At about the same time, a band of New Englanders established a log fort at Halifax. 250 years later the little fort has survived and grown to become the provincial capital and the most important city on Canada’s Atlantic coast; while Louisbourg lay in ruins. It is however being rebuilt as a major tourist attraction.

How did all this come about? We all know about in 1759, General James Wolfe captured Quebec to end the French rule in Canada. Few of us recall that the year before, in 1758, James Wolfe served under General Jeffery Amherst when he attacked Fortress Louisbourg. The British had been driven off by heavy fire from the fortress and may have given up, until James Wolfe found a secluded harbour and led his Scottish Highlanders in an attack from the land side. This daring tactic led to his promotion to the rank of General; and also to the capture of Quebec, using a similar tactic to attack the French on the Plains of Abraham.

In 1995, Canada Post honoured the fortress of Louisbourg with a Booklet of 10 stamps, {5 different}, designed by Rolf Harder, printed by Ashton-Potter in Multicoloured Lithography.



The various views of Louisbourg are rather flat compared to the 1949 single stamp issued in 1949 honouring the Bicentenary of Halifax. That stamp was engraved by Silas Robert Allen and printed by The Canadian Bank Note Company. The amazing detail of the purple engraved stamp is remarkable. With a simple magnifying glass you can even see the grain in the wood of the logs used to construct the fort.



Originally the site had been called “Chebucto”, but the mastermind of this settlement was Britain’s chief Lord of Trade and Plantations, George Dunk, Earl of Halifax; and the settlement was named after him. Halifax sent Cornwallis as governor of Nova Scotia. He arrived in Chebucto on 21 June 1749 and set about building 300 wooden homes in a town with a central square. Thus began the history of the City of Halifax.

The first church, St. Paul’s Anglican, was opened 2 September 1750. In 1758 The dockyards were built to repair warships and on 24 June 1775, the Provincial Legislature pledged their allegiance to Britain, when the American war of Independence began.

With the history of war and competition between Halifax and Louisbourg, {Britain and France}, it is ironic that the greatest disaster in Halifax history, the great explosion that occurred on 6 December 1917, resulted from a “French Ship”, the “Mont Blanc”, loaded with TNT colliding with the steamer “Imo”.

In any case, Louisbourg is now a major tourist attraction and Halifax remains the provincial capital. In my opinion the 1949 Halifax stamp is still special because of the detail seen in this “Great Engraved Stamp”.

## Saugeen Stamp Club

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Chapter 21, Grand River  
Valley Philatelic Association

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### Editor's Note:

I am guessing that some of you are wondering where I have been for the last while. I will explain and give you some insight as to my future comings and goings. In June I was diagnosed with a carcinoid lung tumor (this is a non-metastatic tumor, so it does not spread) In July I had a thoracotomy and half my left lung was removed. Surprisingly, because the tumor was impeding my lung capacity, with less lung I am breathing better.

There was and still is a minor complication but I have rebounded well and am doing fine now. But as I recovered my son had a devastating issue. Somewhere, and we do not know where, he contracted a fungal pneumonia that was not recognized at first, since it is so rare (3 in a 1M will contract it severely). He was admitted to Niagara Hospital on August 8 and put on life support, then within 24 hours was transported to Hamilton General Hospital so he could be put on ECMO (sort of like a heart/lung machine) so his blood oxygen levels could be kept in the normal range. He was on ECMO for 4 days. August 17 he is still in an induced coma and on a ventilator and on dialysis (in extreme trauma your kidneys sometimes slow down). But the coma medication has been decreased enough that he can respond by blinking or slightly moving his head.

Because of this I have been at the Hospital 4 to 5 times a week. I get very tired so outside activities are taking a back seat. He will be in hospital another 2 to 4 weeks and off work for a year. This is how hard this illness is on your body.

I may miss the September meeting or I may show up. I will play it by ear. So rest assured I have not left, I am just otherwise occupied for the next little while. Thanks for your understanding. *Diane*

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