

# The Bulletin

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## Centenary of the beautiful Norse-American Issue, 1925-2025.

Adapted from an article from the Smithsonian National Postal Museum by Roger S. Brody

The Norse-American stamps commemorated the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first group of Norwegian immigrants in New York on October 9, 1825. Two stamps were issued on May 18, 1925, to coincide with the Norse-American Centennial Celebration held in Minneapolis and St. Paul, June 6-June 9.



The 2-cent stamp depicted the sloop 'Restaurationen', which carried the Norwegian immigrants to the United States in 1825. The vignette of the 5-cent stamp is taken from a photograph of an exact size replica of an ancient Viking ship that had sailed from Norway to Chicago in time for the Columbian Exposition of 1893. The Viking ship is flanked by the shields of Norway and the United States.

The bi-colored stamps were very popular in Minnesota and Wisconsin, states with large Norwegian populations. Because it took the Bureau of Engraving and Printing twice the time to produce two-colored stamps on plates (sheets) of one hundred, the Norse-American stamps have the distinction of having the smallest quantity issued of any commemorative.

**From the editor:** I was remiss in the last issue of the Bulletin to give credit for the Mr Tutte article as suggested by Bill Findlay. It was reproduced from an article in the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society Dispatch with permission. I was happy to include it as I found it very interesting. I hope you did too.

### Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tues July 1

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed July 2

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Zoom Auction Wed Jul 2  
Zoom Mtg Thurs July 17  
Sat July 19

Guelph Stamp Club  
Wed July 2  
Wed July 16

KW Philatelic Society  
Thurs July 10

Oxford Zoom Auction  
Fri July 4  
Fri July 18

LASO Zoom Meeting  
Tues July 15

Check with the club  
before going to its  
meeting.

### ONE PAGE

### EXHIBITS

**THESE WILL CONTINUE  
AND BE VOTED ON**

**IT WILL BE A PAGE OF  
THE EXHIBITOR'S  
CHOICE OF TOPIC**

**THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO  
HONE YOUR SKILLS**

## ***Message from the President – Walt Berry***

Greetings!!

Somewhat better weather has arrived in the month of June, however as this message is being written rain is in the forecast. Our annual show is behind us and the venue has been booked for next year (again at the Clifford Community Hall). The exhibit frames have been returned to storage (**Thanks to Joe and volunteers who helped move them.** Also, a tip of the bowler hat to Phil who has acquired 6 double sided frames from Royal Philatelic Society and made them available for our May 2026 show. **Thank You Phil!!** These frames are much better than our old frames and will be easier to assemble (perhaps the club should consider this new type of frame to replace some of the older frames.

Member Rose V has done a good deed by putting together a guideline manual for future shows and placed a copy in the storage cabinet in the meeting venue - an excellent resource for ensuing all bases are covered.

One little issue that has been resolved is access to the Church venue, as a third key has been obtained to ensure members do not have to wait for a key to open the door. Keyholders are Eric, Peter & Walt.

An interesting newsletter has been received from the American Philatelic Society - it featured various single page exhibits (wondering if this is an indication to get stampers to participate in exhibiting?)

Consideration is being given to have an additional meeting on a Saturday in September / October solely to promote sales from the circuit books and to have some open social time where members could ask questions on any philatelic topic. There is ample knowledge within the club to answer just about any question pertaining how to collect / mount one's collection.

Donations of philatelic items to be used for door prizes are always appreciated.

Happy Stamping!

### **SOME GUIDELINES FOR CIRCUIT BOOK SUBMISSIONS**

- One country per page, in Scott catalogue number order
- Mint never hinged stamps should be in mounts, ensuring that the stamp does not fall out of the mount by using tape on the edges
- If you are listing higher valued stamps, consider submitting a colour photo-copy of the page – this will be shown in the circuit book with the stamps kept in a separate binder held by the circuit manager
- Sets should be mounted in glassines or 102 cards
- Remember there are different page formats for different sized stamps
- Do not submit pages with more than 25% empty squares
- Punch your page for the 3-ring binders BEFORE you mount stamps – we have had stamps with punched holes!
- If using hinges, use the full hinge. Check that the stamp is not stuck down, but also that it is securely attached to the page via the hinge.
- Don't mount large multiples of the same stamp

## The Stamps on my Desk

by Ralph Wyndham

A great many international covers have graced my desk over the years. I very likely picked this one out of a stamp dealer's box at a show. How could anyone resist a cover bearing such an impressive stamp! (Not to mention the very artistic handwriting in the address.) Mailed in Thailand to a Canadian address, the impressive vessel depicted on the large stamp at the top is the Thai Royal

Barge, *Suphannahong*.

The stamp was issued on November 7, 1996, to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King Bhumibol Adulyadej's accession to the throne.

Accompanying the vessel are three copies of a definitive depicting the very king who is carried on the barge on ceremonial occasions.



The earliest mention of the Thai Royal Barge 'Sri Suphannahong' dates back to poems written in 1548. The current Royal Barge was launched in 1911 after its predecessor, launched in 1782, was deemed too fragile to repair. Carved from a single teak log, the vessel is 44.9 metres (146 feet) long and requires 50 oarsmen. According to the website, [thailandculturecustomguide.org](http://thailandculturecustomguide.org), "the barge *Suphannahong* is commissioned as the Royal Barge for His Majesty the King in the Royal Barge Procession on the occasion of presenting robes to Buddhist monks (Royal *Kathin* Ceremony) at Wat Arun Ratachawaram (also known as the Temple of Dawn). It is also commissioned for other eminent royal ceremonies such as the Royal Ceremony in Celebration of the Bangkok Bicentennial in the year 1982."

Also of interest is the date in the cancellation. Thailand uses a Buddhist calendar as its official date system. This calendar uses the year of the Buddha's 'parinirvana' (death and final nirvana) as its starting point. It is believed that the Buddha's death occurred in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC resulting in a dating system that is 543 years ahead of the Gregorian calendar. Thus the date, '11.7.41' (11.7.2541) equates to 'July 11, 1998'.



## Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic  
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Chapter 21, Grand River  
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*The editor would like to appeal to the  
members of the Saugeen Stamp Club to  
submit articles or ideas for articles to the  
Bulletin. It is imperative for the Bulletin  
to continue that there are articles of  
interest to others in the Club. Ideas can  
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