

The Bulletin

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Diwali – What is it

This is Canada's new stamp commemorating Diwali. Well I was wandering what Diwali is and what religion it is part of so I looked it up and here is what I found.

Diwali, one of the major religious festivals in Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism, lasting for five days from the 13th day of the dark half of the lunar month Ashvina to the second day of the light half of the lunar month Kartika. (The corresponding dates in the Gregorian calendar usually fall in late October and November.)

meaning "row of lights." The festival generally symbolizes the victory of light over darkness.

The Puranas describe various versions of a lamp festival in autumn. For example, multiple Puranas suggest that the lamps are lit in worship of Yama, god of the dead, on the day preceding the new moon day, which some scholars link with the story of Krishna's defeat of Narakasura ("Hell Demon") celebrated on this day.

Observances of Diwali differ depending on region and tradition. Among Hindus the most widespread custom is the lighting of diyas (small earthenware lamps filled with oil) on the night of the new moon to invite the presence of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. In Bengal the goddess Kali is worshipped. In northern India the festival also celebrates the royal homecoming of Rama (along with Sita, Lakshmana, and Hanuman) to the city of Ayodhya after defeating Ravana, the 10-headed king of the demons, thus connecting the festival with the holiday of Dussehra. In southern India the festival marks Krishna's defeat of the demon (asura) Narakasura. Some celebrate Diwali as a commemoration of the marriage of Lakshmi and Vishnu, while others observe it as the birthday of Lakshmi.

The names and events of the individual days of Diwali are as follows:

- The first day, is dedicated to cleaning homes and purchasing small items of gold.
- The second day, prayers are offered for the souls of ancestors.
- On the third day, families seek blessings from Lakshmi to ensure their prosperity; light diyas, candles, and fireworks; and visit temples. It is the main day of the Diwali festival and occurs on the new moon day.
- The fourth day, It is the first day of Kartika and the start of the new year in the Vikrama (Hindu) calendar. Merchants perform religious ceremonies and open new account books.
- The fifth day, celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters. On that day sisters pray for the success and well-being of their brothers.

Diwali is generally a time for visiting, exchanging gifts, wearing new clothes, feasting, feeding the poor, and setting off fireworks (though such displays have been restricted to limit noise and other environmental pollution). Gambling, especially in the form of card games, is encouraged as a way of ensuring good luck in the coming year and in remembrance of the games of dice played by Shiva and Parvati on Mount Kailash or similar contests between Radha and Krishna. Ritually, in honor of Lakshmi, the female player always wins.

Upcoming Meetings

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Saugeen Stamp Club
First Tuesday

Kincardine Stamp Club
First Wednesday

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Zoom Auction First Wed
Zoom Mtg Second Thurs
Mtg Third Wed

Guelph Stamp Club
First and Third
Wednesday

KW Philatelic Society
Second Thurs
Sept to June

Oxford Phil Society
Zoom Auction
First and third Friday

LASO Zoom Meeting
Second Tues

Check with the club
before going to its
meeting.

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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 Page

Anyone wish to VOLUNTEER – 1. We are still looking for a new Bulletin editor.

Interested ?- speak to Diane. Also, interesting stories of philatelic events / knowledge are welcome for the monthly bulletin.

2. Maybe for the next elections someone could step up to be our new President. A little birdie told me that Walt would also like to retire.

I know that we are all busy with our personal lives but a group such as ours will only survive if people step up and take an active role in its leadership. Please consider these very important roles.

Jim Brett Stamp Auction Saturday November 8, 2025

As many of you know Jim Brett has moved to a retirement home in Brampton, I believe. He took with him the stamps he really cared about but there is much left over. We, as a club are going to liquidate the rest of his collection on Saturday November 8, 2025 with an auction in the afternoon. Previews can be made in the late morning

We will meet early at the church on our regular meeting night of November 4th to sort out the offerings then stop for the meeting and continue sorting after the meeting for an hour or so. Hopefully this will get all the sorting done.

Some of the sorting was done at our October meeting but there is much more to be done. If you can please try to pitch in.

Although there is much repetition in some of the Canadian material there is a lot of what can be made into very good lots of the worldwide material.

Please let anyone you know that is philatelically minded about this auction because we would like the auction to go well for Jim. There will be a 10% buyers premium for the purchases that will be going to the food bank to help with the Christmas Food Drive.

Hope to see some of you early on the 4th to help with the sorting.

A little humour.....

My mailbox told me it was tired because it's been *stuffed* with bills and junk for days.

Our romance was like Priority Shipping fast but not guaranteed.

What is Involved in Putting a Newsletter Together

1. In the middle of the month get ready to put the newsletter together. What I do is copy the previous newsletter into a new file named in the following format (Volume __, No __ Month Year), then delete the articles and the presidents message on pages 1, 2, and 3.
2. Change the issue number, month and year in the header on page 1
3. Depending on the software you are using cut and past articles and pictures onto page 1 and 3. Hopefully these will be supplied to you but if not pick a topic or stamp(s) you would like to investigate and write about them.
4. Cut and paste the President's Message on to page 2
5. The space available on Page 4 can be used for overflow from page 1 or 3 or for messages, cartoons or jokes or anything else you want.
6. Any empty space can be filled with announcements, smaller thoughts or requests. Just make sure there are no largish empty spaces

Notes:

The internet is a great location for topics to provide articles, just google "interesting things about postage stamps". As are old copies of the Canadian Philatelist that are often available to take at our meetings. The American Philatelist Society online has many articles on their website of interest.

It was pointed out to me, and is so true that the articles on page 1 and 3 should have pictures included at all possible to break up a whole page of text, as can be seen in these examples.



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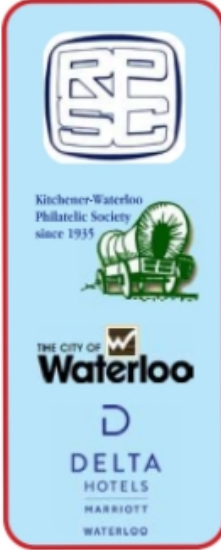
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