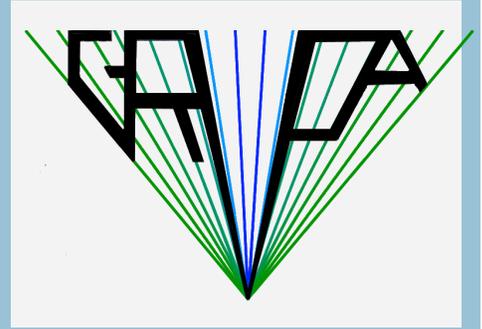


Grand News

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Cover Story - The Correspondence of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

By George Pepall

When Franklin Roosevelt became president of the USA in 1936, the entire world was caught in the depths of depression - a depression that was much worse in many countries than in the USA. Desperate to migrate to America, many people who knew FDR was a keen collector of stamps and covers made awkward attempts to please him through the mail with large, colourful envelopes in which were their pleas for admission to the country. One cover from Sweden read, "To his Majesty Sir President." Another from France, marked PRIVATE: "To the Right Honorable Mister F.D. Roosevelt." Yet



another, eight by nine inches, is covered over every inch in penna artwork in four colours.

This cover was mailed from Budapest, Hungary.

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IMPORTANT NEWS - GRVPA

By Leigh Hogg

November 25, 2020 - GRVPA: AGM and Elections update 1-23-21 (Palindrome)

Here's a stamp collecting area I never thought of - 'Palindromes' - in the midst of 10 days in a row, this sequence will not happen for 1000 years! Hardly wait!

Greetings GRVPA members:

We have a little over a month to complete the election positions and I am anticipating your call to volunteer to assist the guidance of the GRVPA to assist and encour-

age organized philately here in the Grand River Valley of Southern Ontario. We are fortunate to stretch from St. Catharines to Owen Sound, Bramalea to Woodstock.

With ZOOM, FACETIME, SKYPE and the like, driving should be reduced dramatically in the future. So, should you not have transportation - Not a problem!

Our 1st virtual AGM meeting will happen on March 9, 2021

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From the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association:

and we have the 'HELP WANTED' sign out for you. Please lean on your experience and foresight and volunteer to share it with the Executive Group.

We are looking for the following:

- President;
- Treasurer;
- Vice President East / Vice President West;
- Vice President Liaison;
- Secretary;
- Advertising Sales Mgr., Grand News; and
- Editor, Grand News;

Please contact me to review the position(s) and responsibilities. Give back to the hobby that has provided you years of Satisfaction, Learning, and - in these challenging times - Peace of Mind!

Join our team of dedicated volunteers and help guide your hobby for the next several years.

Have a great month and contact me now while it is fresh in your mind!

Leigh Hogg

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From the Executive:

Wendi is looking for someone to spearhead a Grand News advertising drive. The job would entail contacting potential advertisers for the Grand News.

The person would have to collect fees and forward them to the treasurer as well as receive the ads and forward them to the Editor.

Please consider helping out the GRVPA. Thanks!

November 26, 2020

I wanted to share with everyone the results of the 2020 Chicagopex Literature Exhibition...

The Grand News was awarded a large silver in the journal category. The first responder commented that it was not a journal but a newsletter and as such it is outstanding, but they had to judge it as a journal.

Of note was the 5 out of 5 for production.

Well deserved kudos to Wendi!!!!

Joe Trauzzi, Liaison

From the Editor:

Hi Everyone!

I am looking for a replacement as soon as possible as a part-time job (on top of my full-time job) is taking up more of my time.

If anyone is interested, I would be happy to pass along my templates (Microsoft Word and Microsoft Publisher) on a USB key so that you do not have to start from scratch. I'll even give you the password for the email account so that you can take it over, too, if you would like.

Due to the lack of content, monthly calendars will not be included in this issue.

Please have reports and contributions for the April / May issue to editorgrand-news@gmail.com by March 20, 2021. Please clearly indicate which club you are reporting for!

Also, please remember to send any updates for the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association website to Joe Trauzzi at jtrauzzi@yahoo.ca.

In Service,

Wendi Trauzzi,

Editor, Grand News





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Grand Extras

by George Peppal

The first to answer last issue's quiz was Graham Jeffery:

[This is the Cathedral Basilica in Vilnius, in Lithuania.](#)

Graham Jeffery
Member: KWPS

Well done, Jeffery. I thought it would be a tough one but you solved it easily. You win a modest prize, which you can choose at our meeting in the afternoon of November 12th at our in-person meeting.



The New Frontier - Virtual Stamp Shows

by Katharine Ashlock

With the onset of the pandemic, we've all had a lot of time to work on our collections, but most shows across the globe have been cancelled or postponed. Like the advent of Zoom meetings, stamp shows too have evolved. So far, this concept has been relegated to the larger shows in the UK and USA, but it's also given the opportunity for an international audience to attend shows outside of their home country.

I have seized the opportunity to attend a couple of these shows and wanted to share my experience with one of them for those who may be interested in doing the same in the future. Stampex International (<https://stampex.vfairs.com>) was held from October 1st to 3rd and featured a number of presentations, virtual exhibits, a robust bourse and specialty booths. The Stampex team made use of an electronic platform often used by

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Virtual Stamp Shows

By Katharine Ashlock *(continued from page 3)*

business conferences, and as a result the interface was quite user-friendly. Virtual presentations were available on-demand even after the show closed, to all those who registered.

I checked out all 84 booths and had some informal chat with some of the online personalities including Graham Beck from Exploring Stamps – check out his YouTube page, he does a fabulous job!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkeSM6aOWfaUPIGb5rPOGyA>

I didn't end up adding anything new to my collection, despite some tempting offers. Many of the booth holders had a separate listing of offers and websites where you could browse their existing stock. I'm not generally after particularly expensive stamps so I missed the opportunity to browse some of the 'cheapie' material that in-person dealers will often carry – I'm looking at you, dollar cover bin! I did find some new issues I was interested in but was disappointed that the Royal Mail would not ship internationally.

Greetings from GTAPA!

We're just catching up on the switchover to on-line PhilaJournals.

Our Editor, Tom Malicki, has put the last number of issues available on:

Google Drive: <https://bit.ly/2IKIVKW>

for current #74, and 2019-2020 back issues.



Canada's Oldest Living Postmaster

By Robert Coulson

This is the story Canada's oldest living Post Master.

The post office in question is situated in the small town of Rostock, Ontario, which is just north of Stratford, Ontario. The Rostock Post Office is located in the back of the store owned by the O'Kraftka family, shown to the left and on the next page.

The O'Kraftka family took over ownership of the Post Office, with the current postmaster's husband, John Arthur O'Kraftka, being installed as the postmaster on December 3, 1969.

LAC {Library and Archives Canada} does not show when John ended his term as Postmaster, though the database shows that his wife, Eileen O'Kraftka, took over the position on August 16, 1985



Rostock Post office
5002 Perth Road 135
Rostock, Ontario - N0K 1T0

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Canada's Oldest Living Postmaster

By Robert Coulson

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Interior of the O'Kraftka Family store.

Information from Library and Archives Canada

Name of Postmaster	Military Status	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of Vacancy	Cause of Vacancy
Justus Kreuter			1879-05-01	1921-05-30	-
Fred E. Kreuter			1921-08-24	1932-04-30	Resignation
Herman Hauck			1932-07-06	1939-09-06	*
Earl Frederick Eggert		*	1939-11-21	1969-12-02	Resignation
John Arthur O'Kraftka		*	1969-12-03		-
Mrs. Eileen A. O'Kraftka			1985-08-16		-

Mrs. O'Kraftka took over the Post Master's job on August 16, 1985 at approximately at the age of 58 years old. She has always enjoyed the work atmosphere and being there for the public. She worked with old school letter boxes made from wood. On the next page are a couple of pictures of Eileen who was always smiling while at work.

Also on the next page is the signed letter sent to me by Mrs. O'Kraftka on December 1, 2019. This is the only signed letter she agreed to send out to a stamp collector. This is a one-of-a-kind cover.

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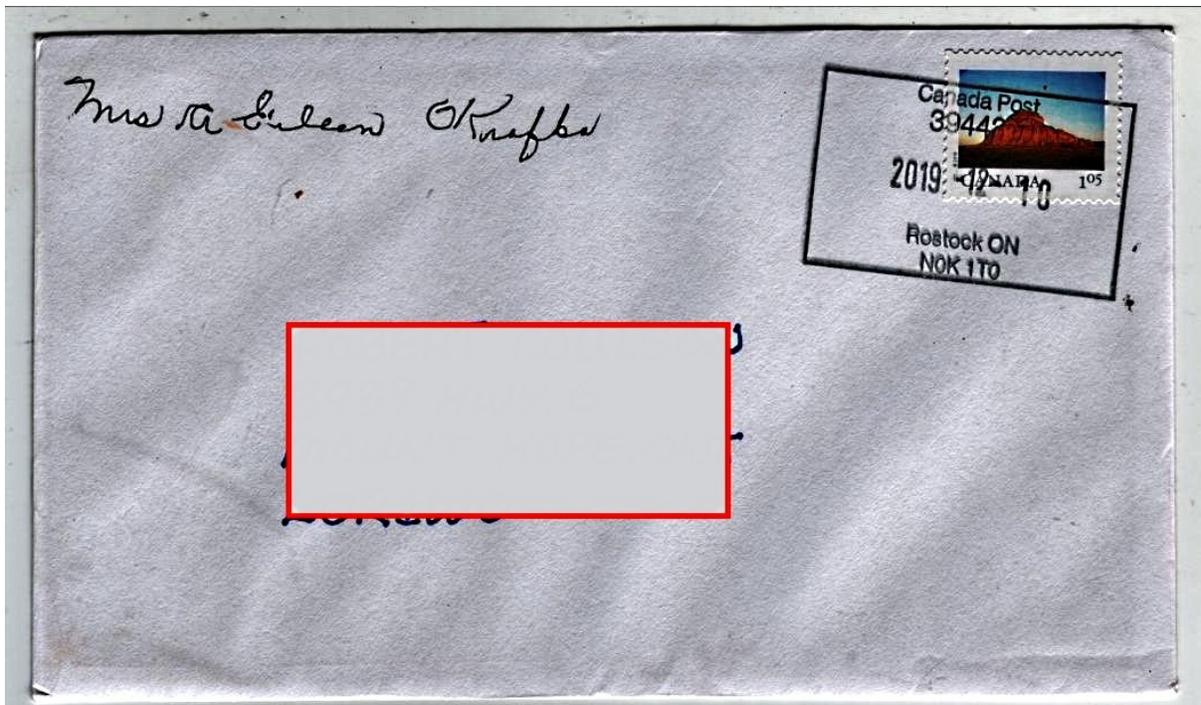
By Robert Coulson

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Mrs. Eileen O'Kraftka

Letter signed by Mrs. Eileen O'Kraftka



Conclusion

Mrs. Eileen O'Kraftka passed away February 10, 2020, at over 90 years of age. She served for 50 years in the Post Station in Rostock, Ontario; the first 20 years as an assistant to the Post Master, and approximately another 35 years or so as the Postmaster in her own right.

Eileen was known for her mischievous sense of humour and dedication to uphold the process of working as a Post Master. She is missed by the residents of Rostock.

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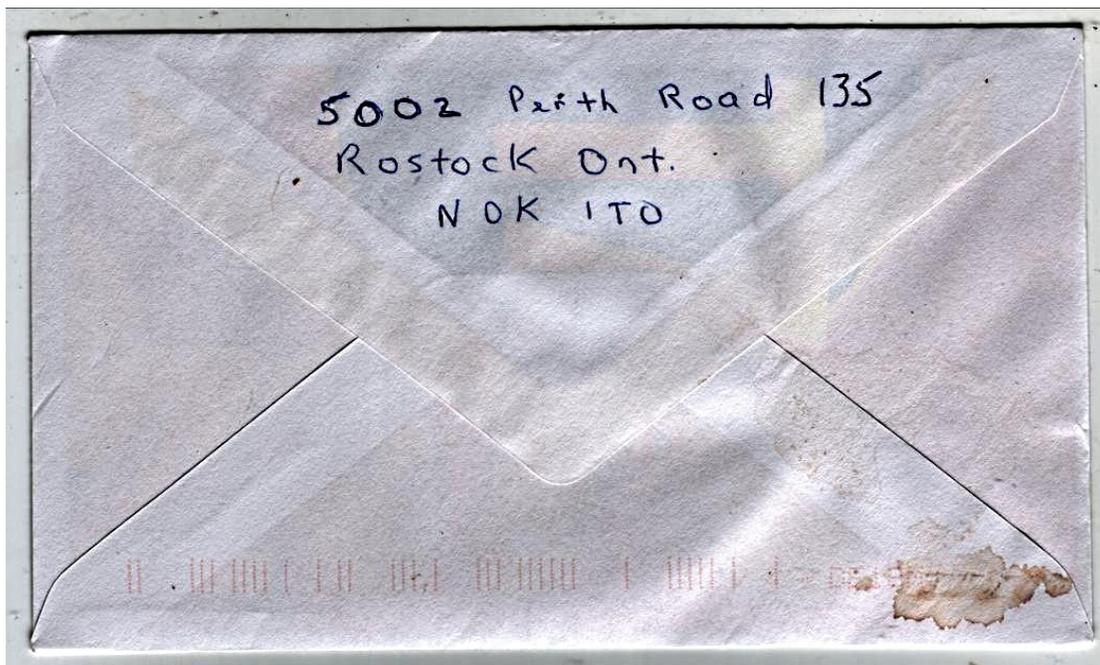
Canada's Oldest Living Postmaster

By Robert Coulson

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It was a pleasure knowing her and I will always remember the conversations I had with her son. I expect she will be known for a long time as **"Canada's oldest living Post Master"**.

Below: the reverse side of the cover, showing the address of the Rostock Post Office.



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What's Up In...

Reports included from the following clubs:

	Bramalea Stamp Club	X	Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society
X	Brantford Stamp Club		Owen Sound Stamp Club
	Burlington Stamp Club	X	Oxford Philatelic Society
	Cambridge Stamp Club	X	St. Catharines Stamp Club
X	Guelph Stamp Club	X	Saugeen Stamp Club
X	Hamilton Stamp Club		Stratford Stamp Club
X	Kincardine Stamp Club	X	Waterloo Region Stamp Club
	Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Reg. Post Card Club		

Bramalea Stamp Club

Information: Bob Thorne 905-792-3526 or Email bobthorne70@gmail.com

Website: bramaleastampclub.org or check our Facebook page under Bramalea Stamp Club.

Brantford Stamp Club

Expectations for the remainder of the 2020-2021 season are not very encouraging. We are currently shut down and likely won't resume until September, unfortunately. Health and safety are our main concerns and we hope everyone is doing well.

Ed Kimberley

Burlington Stamp Club

Cambridge Stamp Club

Guelph Stamp Club

Covid-19 and our Gmail portal:

Over the years our Guelph stamp club community has toyed with the idea of a web site for our club. A properly designed and maintained website or Facebook page is actually a living thing and requires skill and regular attention. There are few of us in the club with the IT savvy and the time to see to a web site. A third of our members do not have e-mail. Also, our club is well featured in the GRVPA web site.

What we chose to do a few years back is set up a Gmail account: guelphstampclub@gmail.com. Because I am the one that set up that Gmail account, it is linked to me. I set it up so that when an e-mail arrives a copy of it is automatically forwarded to my personal e-mail address. This means that I do not need to go in and check our account regularly and my own e-mail address remains private. It keeps things simple. We are also fortunate that our club is listed in the *People and Information Network* PIN : <https://communitylinks.cioc.ca/record/GCL0682>.

Now, a Google search on “**Guelph stamp club**” will give you access to several links all featuring our Gmail address. Since we stopped meeting last February, we have received 15 queries like these:

“I have been collecting stamps for a few years now and I just inherited my grandmother’s collection. I’d like to learn from others what are some options for organizing and what’s important to be looking for. Do you have any meetings and do you share knowledge in them?”

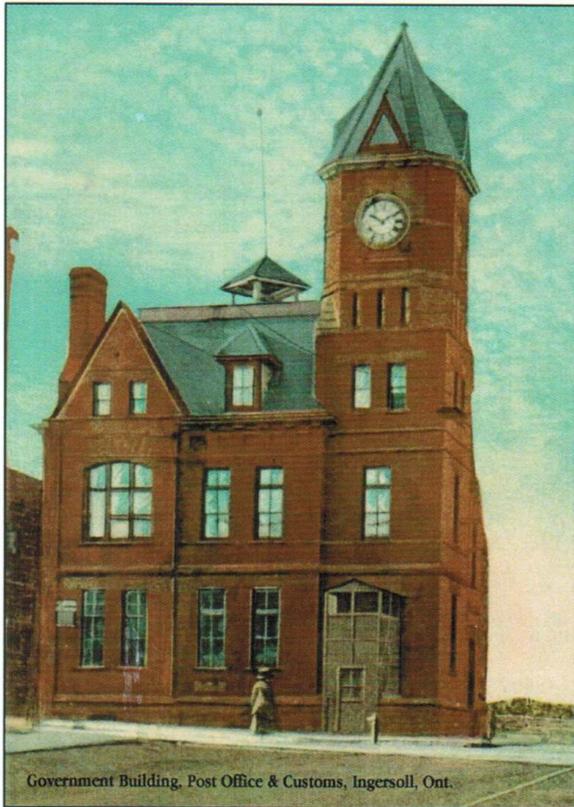
and

The screenshot shows a record page for the Guelph Stamp Club on the PIN website. The page includes the club's name, service type (Collector Club), contact information (Gary Regta, President, Phone: 519-822-2658), and location (Guelph-Downtown Area). The page also features a search bar, a language selector, and a feedback form.

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“Hello – just blindly reaching out for some advice. I have inherited my dad’s stamp collection of Canadian Stamps mostly, with some of the commonwealth. He was meticulous about putting them in albums and has some dating back to the 1800s.”

What is encouraging with receiving these queries is that there is not just a query about value, but also a renewed interest as a result of an inheritance. If just one third of our correspondents were to join our club this would mean five new members! Over the months I have been perfecting my answer document with the commitment to provide lots of info in the hope of encouraging these folks to really get into the hobby and possibly join our club.

I am providing the document for those of you who might like to use it when you receive inquiries about stamp collections. You can adjust it to fit your particular needs.

Paul Latour

A copy of the Guelph’s standard reply letter has been posed on the “Links” page of the GRVPA website. - Editor

Hamilton Stamp Club

Sorry. I have nothing to report.

Clarence Maitland

Kincardine Stamp Club

Wendy, we are like most, still hunkered down and hoping for the best. Everyone is doing online stuff to keep active and interested. One can only hope this will pass in the up coming year and we can restore our meetings and stamp shows. Keep safe, Kincardine stamp club president.

Andrew Lunshof

Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club

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Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society

KW PHILATELIC: JANUARY 25, 2020 - In conjunction with most of its sister organizations, the KW Philatelic Society is zooming (pun fully intended!) into the winter months with a series of on-line gatherings and events. We celebrate that our foray into the world of digital meetings has been gaining support in terms of attendance.

The KW Philatelic has been able to celebrate a steady pace of programs and lively discussions. At our January gathering, Jim Oliver treated us to a fascinating look into the world of Philatelic marketing via Ebay. Jim has been involved with this aspect for quite a number of years now and it was fascinating to gain insight from his experiences.

In looking ahead to our regularly scheduled Thursday night meetings, February 11 and March 11, 2021, we anticipate the presence of speakers. We also extend an invitation to folks who would like to present a "Show and Tell" on a favourite item.

Indeed, what has emerged at our digital gatherings is an informal "chat room," if you will. With the advantage of being in close proximity to their collections at home, participants have been able to draw upon materials as they have become relevant in discussions. Yes, the pandemic has forced everyone to improvise and to some extent, this has been an advantage.

At this time, the KW Philatelic celebrates three of its long-standing members, Leigh Hogg, Jim Oliver and Craig Pinchen, as they recently became recipients of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada chapter volunteer award. We extend our hearty congratulations to these outstanding members!

Olaf

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Oxford Philatelic Society

In September we began planning for Zoom meetings. These have been very successful. Friends would who normally would not drive to our meetings, have been able to join us and are also providing us with presentations. Our Zoom meetings are per our regular schedule on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Meeting information can be found on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Oxford-Philatelic-Society-114909543721498/?view_public_for=114909543721498 or do a search for us. You can also check our website for regular updates at <http://www.oxfordphilsoc.com/home.html>.

On Wednesday, February 10 2021, a presentation titled 'Advertising Stationery from Woodstock Manufacturing Companies, 1870-1920' will be given by Robert Stock from Victoria, BC. He is an encyclopedia on Oxford County postal history. It tells the story of how Woodstock went from a 'market town' with very little industry (e.g. compared to Ingersoll at the time) to being an important manufacturing centre. TIME: 7:00 pm. Please register in advance of the zoom meeting.

We have also launched an auction twice a month on alternate Friday nights. Those who have items to sell, can post these themselves. There are no listing fees and no commission is charged. Arrangements are made between seller and buyer. The buyer pays a nominal shipping fee. Our next auction is scheduled for February 5, 2020 at 7 pm. If you are interested in the auction, please contact Henny at countryowl@rogers.com

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy winter season!

Kindly,
Henny Uyl, President

Saugeen Stamp Club

The Saugeen Stamp Club has cancelled future meetings to comply with the restrictions placed on groups and the closing of our meeting venue. Needless to say, these past 10 months have been very trying for many folks and devastating to many businesses and workplaces. Please do your part to support

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friends/family and local businesses through to the end of all restrictions.

I have spoken with St Matthews Church and have been assured our meeting space will be available to us once this pandemic run its course. In the meantime, stay safe & stay healthy – the COVID-19 virus does not discriminate. Wear your mask, wash your hands, stay 6 feet apart – stay in your family bubble. I know this was difficult to do during the Thanksgiving and Christmas period when we are normally getting together with family and friends.

The catchment area of our club is so large (London, Goderich & Owen Sound), it is not feasible to encourage small group gatherings of members and some members living in rural areas do not have an internet connection, restricting the use of a zoom format. We use the monthly "BULLETIN" to keep in touch with members and to encourage contact with fellow members.

On our club level, the GRVPA has two notices shared in our recent Bulletin... one seeking an individual to be an advertising manager for the Grand News and the other is a notice of the AGM and election of officers.

Support your family and friends by keeping in contact to make sure they are coping with what may be difficult times.

Again, stay safe, stay healthy we want to be able to see all of our stamper friends when the COVID 19 issue comes under control.

Walt Berry

St. Catharines Stamp Club

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2021 Schedule – Start 7:00pm EST

Monday January 11 - **Derwin Mak** - “The Batman First Day Ceremony at New York Comic Con”

Monday February 8 - **David Foot** - “ELDO: Forerunner to the European Space Agency”

Monday March 9 – **Liz Hisey** - [“Telling Stories with Postcards”](#)

Monday April 12 – **Ron Majors** - “Canada/British North America (BNA)-Union and Confederate Postal Cross Border Correspondence during the US Civil War”

Monday May 10 – **Gerard McCulloch** (Punk Philatelist) “Online Philately”

Monday June 14 – **Jane Sodero** “topic forthcoming”

Monday July 12 – **Ed Kroft** “Uncommon Destinations for Mail from Palestine During British Occupation: 1917-1948”

Monday August 9– **Jean Wang** “topic forthcoming”

Monday September 13 – **Robin Harris** [“Evolution of the Unitrade Catalogue from 2005 to the present”](#)

Monday October 11 - **Chris Green** “Introduction to the German Colonies & Post Offices Abroad”

Monday November 8 - **Chris Hargreaves** - “Paying for air mail: Canadian Air Mail stamps and protocols, 1928 - 1939.”

Monday December 13 - **Michel Houde** “From Philatelist to Specialist”

Please email stamptalks@capex22.org to sign up for a registration email.

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Nothing really to report from St. Catharines. Our president, Dave, would like to remind member that - until we can meet again – please continue working on our club project as time permits.

With thanks.

David Pitcher.

Stratford Stamp Club

Waterloo Region Stamp Club

How has COVID-19 improved our collecting experiences? My answer would be ...

1. My passion for specific precancels has grown.
2. My interest in subject matter and/or postmarks on covers is more focused.
3. I am completing successfully more research for the postmarks of small towns and "ghost towns" in Saskatchewan. The communities of Dahinda, Jordan River, and Robsart come to mind.
4. I have time to enjoy creating theme related single page exhibits.
5. I have learned to seek more material for my collection on-line. Now, I am more grateful for the dealers who post photos and detailed descriptions of their stock on-line. Some have printed "catalogues" that are also very helpful to collectors (especially when we are housebound).
6. I am more inclined to research material and recognize that I need to learn more about ...
 - a) "Fleet Mail Offices" in Victoria, B.C. and Halifax, N.S.
 - b) Where was the post office in Sechelt, B.C.? (Can I locate a photo?)
 - c) Historically, which types of post marks were used by the post office in Baden, ON?

The pandemic has given me the time to reflect upon two questions. What do I enjoy collecting and what do I want to learn about the items in my collection? Despite these benefits, I still miss many friends. Best wishes to all.

Reporter, Robert Hadley

Invitation - Seminar Series

Hello,

You are invited to a Stamp Talks Zoom webinar Presented by the R.P.S.C.

When: Feb 8, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: **E.L.D.O.: FORERUNNER TO THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY**

This postal history talk shows the contribution of Australia to the establishment of the European Space Agency. It also illustrates the transition of early post-WWII rocketry from intercontinental missiles to satellite launchers that underlie the modern communication age. In the 1960s, the rocket launch site at Woomera in South Australia was second in activity only to Cape Canaveral in the U.S.A.. The European Launcher Development Organization (E.L.D.O.) was established to develop a satellite launch vehicle for Europe. Covers are shown for all ten Europa-1 rocket tests. Although the covers are primarily collector inspired, they are over 50 years old. They verify the correct dates of each test (confusion exists in the literature) and display considerable variety in cachets and destinations (when mailed). The exhibit also explores the British exit from E.L.D.O. and the subsequent four tests of the British Black Arrow rocket at Woomera that resulted in the successful launch of a communications satellite a week before the final

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Seminar Series

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E.L.D.O. test in Kourou, French Guiana. The talk concludes with covers for the establishment and the 20th Anniversary of the European Space Agency.

Register in advance for this webinar at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0J6JlqkESq20G-c5A7zs0g

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Speaker - David Foot

David is a member of the R.P.S.C. and the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada. He served two three-year terms on Canada Post's Stamp Advisory Committee.

He was born in England, brought up in Australia and studied in the United States, obtaining a Doctorate in Economics from Harvard University. He moved to Canada accepting an appointment at the University of Toronto where he became Professor of Economics. He is now happily retired enjoying travel (when possible), tennis and, of course, philately.



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Hello fellow stamp collectors,

You are also invited to a Zoom webinar presented by the R.P.S.C.

When: Feb 9, 2021. I will open the Webinar at 6:50pm and start at 7pm Eastern Time.

Topic: Stamp Panel Feb 9 - **Collecting and Real Life**

Moderator - Chris Hargreaves

Panelists - David Hobden, Sam Chiu and Bob Gardner

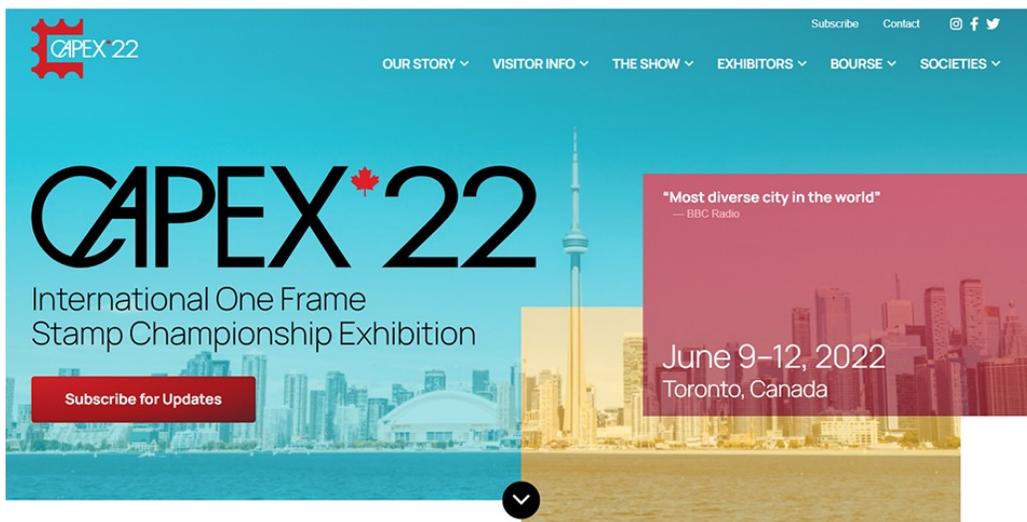
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Joe Trauzzi

CAPEX 22

International One Frame Philatelic Exhibition



CAPEX 22 International One Frame Stamp Championship Exhibition will be held in Toronto, June 9-12, 2022.

CAPEX 22, the **world's first** fully international One Frame exhibition, and with 400 frames available, will be the largest showing of one frame exhibits at a single exhibition. In addition, **CAPEX 22** will host exhibits in the literature class competition in both print and electronic media.

A full complement of Canadian and international dealers is provided, as are seminars, society presentations, receptions, club tables, as well as an evening auction by a major Canadian auction house.

CAPEX 22 will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC) in the heart of Toronto's downtown entertainment district. The Constitution Hall in the 100 level of the MTCC's North Building (255 Front Street West) will be the site of the exhibition and bourse.

Interested in Attending?

Plan to spend a full day or more at the exhibition.

Staying overnight? – A convention hotel and many other nearby hotels are offered.

Registration? – A full exhibition registration package will be released shortly. Save time and money by pre-registering for the exhibition.

Other Family Activities? – Combine your exhibition visit with other attractions. The Ripley's Aquarium, CN Tower, Hockey Hall of Fame, Rogers Centre and ScotiaBank Arena are all less than three blocks away.

Interested in Exhibiting?

One-Frame exhibits from exhibitors that have previously been awarded at least a vermeil medal in any Canadian national or American WSP show, or at least 75 points at any other national show sanctioned by an FIP federation member, are eligible for application. The literature competition has no pre-qualification requirements.

Information for exhibitors and exhibit application forms, are now posted on our website, www.capex22.org. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for more updates.

Join us June 9-12, 2022 in Toronto. Plan to exhibit at CAPEX 22 in Toronto.

Stamp Panels

Have questions? Need answers? Join a RPSC Panel discussion group.

Discussions start at 7pm EST

Topics

***Monday January 18 – Stamp Collecting.** *Where do I get stamps? How do I store them? What tools and supplies do I need? Basic questions and answers?* Ken Lemke(m), Jerry Piotrowski(p), Bob Thorne (p), Stuart Keeley(p)

***Tuesday February 9 – Collecting and real life:** *What does a collector do? How can collecting stamps help in life.* Chris Hargreaves(m), David Hobden (p), Sam Chiu (p), Bob Gardner (p)

Monday March 15 - Moving beyond album collecting: *Why would I want to? What are some areas to collect?* Ken Lemke(m), Ed Kroft(p), Sid Mensinga(p),

***Monday April 19– Thematic collecting:** *What is it? Why is it the newest rage?* Chris Hargreaves (m), Jean Wang(p), Derwin Mak (p), Rob Lunn(p)

Monday May 17– The back of the book: *What does it comprise? Should I collect it? Is it affordable?* Chris Hargreaves(p), Ingo Nessel(p), John Wilson(p)

Monday June 21 – Sample collecting area: *Communications during War. What can I collect? How did it work? Were the soldiers well served?* George Pepall(p), Leigh Hogg(p), David Hobden(p)

***Monday July 19 – Other Considerations:** *Forgeries, basics in spotting them. Insurance, do I need it and where can I get it? What to do with inherited collections?* Chris Hargreaves(m), Garfield Portch (p), Chris Green(p), John Wilson(p)

***Monday August 16 – Clubs:** *Why join a club? Benefits of a club? Where to find a club? What is the RPSC?* Ed Kroft(m), Garfield Portch(p), Ingo Nessel(p), Rob Lunn(p)

***Monday September 20 – Stamp Shows:** *What are they? Why they are worth visiting? Camaraderie and the social benefits of collecting.* Mike Walsh(m), Charles Verge(p), Jane Sodero(p), David Piercey(p)

Monday October 18 – Education and Youth: *Should I get my child involved? What are youth interested in? What can be learned from philately?* Jane Sodero(m), Ted Nixon(p), Joseph Perronep)

***Monday November 15 – Intro into Exhibiting:** *What is it? How does it work? How to get started? It is easier than you think.* Charles Verge(p), Jane Sodero(p), Jean Wang(p), Rob Lunn(p)

***Monday December 20– Research:** *Why should I research my collection? How to conduct research. What resources are available? What is the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library?* Charles Verge(p), John Wilson(p), Robert Timberg (p), Ron Smith(p)

Please consider volunteering to become a panelist.

Email Joe Trauzzi at stamptalks@capex22.org

Zoom registration link coming soon.

* Indicates the panel is full. Please consider volunteering for the remaining panels.

Who, When & Where

A listing of contact information, as well as meeting times and locations, for our member clubs.

Bramalea Stamp Club

Meets the **1st Sunday** (from 2 to 4 pm), October to June and the **3rd Tuesday** (from 7 to 9 pm) year round at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd and Bramalea Rd.) Brampton. Visitors cordially welcome. Information: Bob Thorne 905-792-3526 or Email bobthorne70@gmail.com
Website: bramaleastampclub.org or check our Facebook page under Bramalea Stamp Club.

Brantford Stamp Club

Sept. to Nov. and January to May: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month / June & December - 1st Tuesday only
Branlyn Community Centre (phone (519) 758-1444), 238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford. Access to the facility is via the east (on the left when facing the facility) end around the back. (doors open at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 8:00) Web: <http://brantfordstampclub.com/> / Contact: Paul James (519-751-3513) pamjames1027@gmail.com

Burlington Stamp Club

September to June: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month (7:00 pm). Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St. (off Teen Tour Way), Burlington ON. Contact: Norm Macneall (905-336-8685) macneall@cogeco.ca

Cambridge Stamp Club

November to June: 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 / No meetings in July & August
St. Luke's United Church, 1620 Franklin Boulevard
Currently experimenting with a second meeting on the 3rd Thursday, at another location.
<https://cambridgestampclub.weebly.com/> / Contact: Steve Klages klagesss@gmail.com

Guelph Stamp Club

September to May: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 / June to July: 1st Wednesday of the month only
Dublin Street United Church, 68 Suffolk St. W. (at Dublin St.) / Contact: Joe Servos (519-823-2578) jservos@bserv.com / guelphstampclub@gmail.com

Hamilton Stamp Club

September to June: 2nd & 4th Monday (6:30 to about 8:30 pm)
Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, 1824 Rymal Road East, Hamilton
<https://hamiltonstampclub.ca/> Contact: Charles Morreale - cmorreale@teksavvy.com - 905-664-2066

Kincardine Stamp Club

Jan. - Dec., 1st Wed. (7:00 pm),
Davidson Center (Billiards room), 601 Durham St., Kincardine

Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club

Victoria Park Pavilion, 80 Schneider Street, Kitchener, ON
See website for meeting info: www.kwcrpcc.com Contact: rychmills@golden.net / 519 742-4990

Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society

The Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society meetings are *usually* the 2nd Thursday of the month in the evening from 7 until 9 p.m. in the Community Room at Albert McCormick Arena in Waterloo. **To make attendance easier in the winter we are experimenting with afternoon meetings.** Therefore, the January meeting is now 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday January 12 and the February meeting is Sunday February 16 also from 2 until 4:00 p.m..
Thanks. <https://www.kwstampclub.org/>
7:00 pm at Albert McCormick, Community Centre, 500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo, N2L 5J4

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Owen Sound Stamp Club

September to June: 3rd Wednesday of the month (7:00pm to 9:00 pm). St. Mary's High School, Hillyer hall (student lunchroom), 555 15th Street East, Owen Sound, ON <http://www.owensoundstampclub.org/>

Oxford Philatelic Society

September to May: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. South Gate Centre, 191 Old Wellington Street South, Woodstock ON <http://www.oxfordphilsoc.com/>

Saugeen Stamp Club

January to December: 1st Tuesday of the month (7:30 pm)
St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church, 356 9th Street, Hanover ON. Entrance to the meeting located in the northeast corner of the church complex on 11th Avenue. The club's welcome sign will be at the sidewalk.
www.rpsc.org/chapters/saugeenstampclub

St. Catharines Stamp Club

September to June: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (6:45 pm to 8:45 pm). Grantham Lion's Club, 732 Niagara Street, St. Catharines ON / <http://stcatharinesstampclub.ca/>

Stratford Stamp Club

September to June: 4th Thursday of the month (except December) 7:00 pm. at Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford N5A 6N4

Waterloo Region Stamp Club

September to June: 1st Tuesday of the month (6:30 pm to 8:30 pm) at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth Room (usually – check the TV monitor near the door to be sure), 54 Queen Street North, Kitchener ON
<https://waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com/>



Out and About

I pleasantly surprised to find that David Wells and his friend Richard are still selling stamps every Sunday at the Circle M flea market on highway 5 between highways 8 and 6. This is their main stock. They are located in the big modern building in the far corner of the market. I hope that this is of interest to your readers.

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Zoom Auction – Friday, January 22, 2021

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Looking forward to seeing many of you. Kindly, Henny Uyl

To view the lots available click the link below (note these are added up to day of the auction so check it frequently)

https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/Cat_OTC_List.aspx

To attend the auction on the 22nd click the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89721864873?pwd=anhMWmh3QXBNQk1UUEVzN3BveHo3dz09>

To view the Terms and Conditions of the auction click the link below

[September 2020 Auction Learn More](#)

OPS Zoom Club Meeting – Wednesday, January 27th, 7 pm

Hello Friends! You are invited to join OPS for their zoom club meeting on Wednesday, January 27th at 7 pm. Peter McCarthy will give us a presentation entitled "Mountain Sheep". This is a 24 page slide presentation on the Canadian 15-cent stamp from 1972-1977 Caricature and Landscape definitive issue. We will also adding a show and share time, so if you have something to share, we certainly will be looking forward to seeing and hearing about it. See you on Wednesday! Henny

Topic: Oxford club zoom meeting

Time: Jan 27, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 835 9196 5042

Passcode: 244039

Markham Stamp Club Auction - February 25th

Any collector (not just Markham Stamp Club members) can bid. Registration is required; send your request to sojourner2@rogers.com

Oxford Philatelic Society's 2021 Exhibition & Bourse

March 20, 2021 – see ad to right for details

CAPEX 22 - June 9 to 12, 2022

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for Oxford Philatelic Society's 2021 Exhibition & Bourse

The Oxford Philatelic Society
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On March 20, 2021

St. Mary's Catholic High School
431 Juliana Drive between Norwich Ave. (#59 S.)
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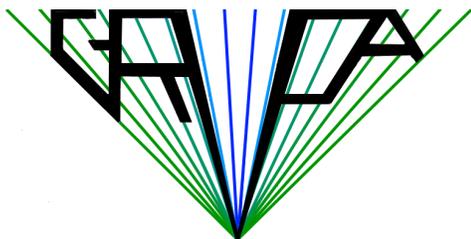
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