



# BNAPS eLetter

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## Coronavirus hits BNAPS

### NOTICE!!!



**BNAPEX 2020 Halifax**  
**BNAPS convention, exhibition, and bourse**  
**CANCELLED due to COVID-19 pandemic**  
**4-6 September 2020**

Friday (10:00-17:00) Saturday (10:00-18:00) Sunday (10:00-15:00)

Hello Everyone

Many philatelic shows have been cancelled and as a result there have been serious discussions about BNAPEX 2020. The Host Committee, the Convention Co-Chairs and the BNAPS Executive have discussed the issue of cancelling the convention for the past few weeks. The overwhelming decision was that we should cancel BNAPEX 2020 now.



It is with sadness and regret that we are therefore officially announcing the cancellation of BNAPEX 2020. This was not an easy decision. The plan is that BNAPEX 2023 will be held in Halifax/Dartmouth.

Although there has been some encouragement with respect to the virus, there is still an expectation that restrictions and caution will be in existence for some time. Currently, non-residents of Nova Scotia must go into a fourteen-day quarantine if they wish to enter the Province. Movement of Nova Scotian residents is currently highly restricted.

There were numerous factors that were considered such as reluctance to attend and the issue of group meeting restrictions. The major factor, however; was the health and safety of our members where the age demographics of the majority puts them in a high-risk category.

We trust everyone will understand and support the decision. We look forward to seeing everyone at BNAPEX 2021 in Winnipeg and hopefully at an earlier philatelic event.

Please feel free to circulate this announcement.

Best Regards and Stay safe

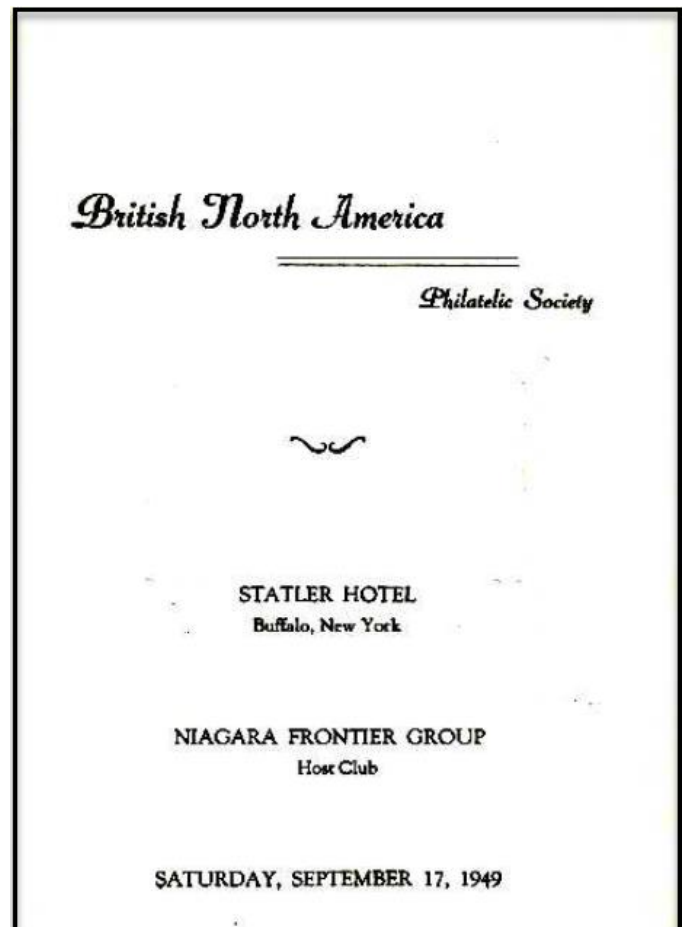
Ken Lemke

President

British North America Philatelic Society

## The First BNAPEX – Buffalo, New York - 1949

The first BNAPEX was held in Buffalo NY (The Statler Hotel) in 1949 and has been held every year since. A nostalgic look may be in order.





The **Grand Award** went to William and Daniel Meyerson for their exhibit “Newfoundland: Postal History; Pre 1900; After 1900; Airmails”

**Gold:**

C George Kemp - Prince Edward Island

**Silver:**

Goodwin R Harris - Canada Revenues

**Bronze:**

- J Alex. Park - General Canada: BNA Pre-Confederation; BNA Victoria & Edwards; BNA Large & Small Queens

**Honorable Mention**

- Ian C Morgan - Military Postal History of Canada: Military Covers; Air Letters
- Harry W Lussey - Canada King George V Issues
- Harry W Lussey - Canada Stampless Covers
- Thomas E Bogg - Canadian Stampless Covers

**Also Exhibited were:**

- Frank W Campbell - Canada Stampless Covers
- William O Lea - Canada Peace Issues
- Harold R Meyers - Canada Postal Stationery
- John S Siverts - BNA Large Queens
- Mervyn V Quarles - Canada Pre 1900

The jury members were Walter S. Bayley, Winthrop S. Boggs and Fred Jarrett.

**Toastmaster** - Walter S Bayley

**Speaker at the Banquet** - L J Mills, Director of the Financial Division, Post Office Department, Ottawa

The above information is from our website at: <http://www.bnaps.org/bnapex/PreviousBnapex.htm>

## Member Biography – Leopold Beudet

Leopold Beudet began to seriously collect Canadian stamps in 1971 when hibrite paper varieties on Centennial definitives started appearing in post offices. He has written about Elizabethan stamp varieties, and was awarded the RPSC Geldert Medal for the series of articles entitled “Canadian Stamp Varieties” that appeared in Canadian Philatelist between 1980 and 1986. He did extensive research on the Centennial definitives at Library and Archives Canada, culminating in a detailed article in the D. Robin Harris catalogue, Centennial Definitives Series 1967 – 1973. He has also written articles for BNA Topics, Maple Leaves, PHSC Journal, Canadian Stamp News, and several BNAPS study group newsletters. In 2014, he became BNAPS Webmaster.



In 2001, Leopold began editing the BNAPS Admiral Study Group newsletter, The Admiral’s Log, and wrote about his examination of the Admiral plate proofs at Library and Archives

Canada. In 2011, he collaborated with members of the Admiral Study Group on a two-frame exhibit of the Admiral issue to mark its centenary. The exhibit was shown in the Court of Honour at BNAPEX 2011 in North Bay, ON.

Leopold is a member of RPSC, BNAPS, CPS of GB, PHSC, SHPQ, and PSSC. He is a Fellow of the Royal and a member of the BNAPS Order of the Beaver.

## Member Requests – Michael Pierce

In 1970 Canada issued a twelve design Christmas issue that resulted from a national design contest sponsored by Canada Post Office in the Christmas season of 1969. The winning designs were selected from more than 50,000 designs submitted by Canadian school children from all across Canada.

2020 marks the 50th anniversary of this issue and Michael is seeking articles, covers or stories about this issue that members would be willing to share.





He notes that it has been an exciting project to date and suspects it will continue to be so. “Not your Small Queens or Admirals or Jubilees issue studies but still an important part of Canadian Postal History in so many ways”.

Michael can be reached at: [mpierce@bellaliant.net](mailto:mpierce@bellaliant.net)

BNATopics articles on this stamp issue. <http://www.bnaps.org/hhl/hhl-index.php>  
w293 p245; w307 p323; w560 p39

Photograph of attendees at the first BNAPEX – Buffalo – 1949



Top Row: Allison, F. Johnson, Gaylord, H.A. MacMaster, Moll, C.F. Foster, Makepeace, Rockett, Culhane, Kessler  
Third Row: W. Meyerson, Jephcott, Law, Sissons, Dempsey, Whiting, C. Armstrong.  
Second Row: Carter, T. Boggs, Sharpe, Walton, Beatty, Brazer, Purdy, Gerald Johnson, Mrs. E.W. Whiting  
Bottom Row: Greene, D. Meyerson, Hackspacher, Hedley, Levine, Meyers, Peterman, McDonough

Courtesy of Harry Lussey

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**Membership Committee.** The goal is to publish monthly. Philip Atelic is looking for biographies of BNAPS members. If you know of someone who has an interesting story to tell let us know. If you have an illustration and a one or two sentence explanation send it along. Contact email: [charleslivermore@hotmail.com](mailto:charleslivermore@hotmail.com)