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Happy New Year



1 January 1934 – 2am. Looks real to me. Any other January 1 postmarks out there? New Year's Day is a Federal holiday in Canada, so how did this happen? Were date changes supposed to have occurred at the end of the shift or the start of the shift? Any answers from our readers?

Zoom Meetings

The Covid virus continues to keep travel and stamp get-togethers to a minimum. Fortunately we have a number of Zoom meetings in January which should help. If you haven't attended a Zoom meeting I urge you to give it a try. It's not the same as an in-person meeting but you are able to visit and chat with your fellow collectors. And one advantage of these meetings is that there are folks from far-flung locations that you wouldn't ordinarily get a chance to see and talk with. NOTE! *You do not need to be a member of the groups to attend the following meetings.*

King George VI Study Group

On 16 January 2021 at 2:00pm EST the KGVI SG will hold a Zoom meeting. Topics will include a presentation on WWII Motor Torpedo Boats by Peter McCarthy. Additionally, Simon Claughton will show some interesting covers. Invitations can be requested by sending an email to Ken Lemke at:

kwlemke@sympatico.ca

The Royal Philatelic Society of London UK.

On Thursday 7 January 2021 at 15.00 GMT (10am EST) BNAPS member Sam Chiu PhD, FRPSC, FRPSL will present “Canada's C-Force in Hong Kong and its Forerunners: From a Social Philately Approach.

Canada sent two battalions to help in the defence of Hong Kong just before the Japanese Invasion of Hong Kong on 8th December 1941. The Winnipeg Grenadiers and the Royal Rifles of Canada. 1,975 men of all ranks sailed on TSS Awatea and HMCS Prince Robert from Vancouver on 27th October 1941 and reached Hong Kong on 16th November.”

Not being fluent in GMT I Googled *1500 gmt to est* for Eastern Standard Time. Substitute your time zone for *est*.

Here is the link for registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/canadas-c-force-in-hong-kong-and-its-forerunners-by-sam-chiu-frpsc-frpsl-tickets-132228287367>

The Collectors Club of New York (CCNY)

On Wednesday January 20, at 5:30pm EST, the Collectors Club will be hosting “**Cross-Border Mail between the U.S. and Canadian Maritime Provinces**” a live, virtual program presentation with BNAPS member David D’Alessandris, Arlington, VA using Zoom technology.

Here is the link for registration:

<https://www.collectorsclub.org/Live%20Video%20Program/>

Académie Québécoise d’études philatéliques

After almost 40 years in existence, AQEP is launching its new web site, www.aqep.net which makes available to the philatelic community a vast array of its achievements.

On the site are more than 200 documents that can be consulted online, among which conferences, articles and studies found in different formats as well as biographies of honorary members such as the famous stamp engraver Yves Baril. Present and former members are also there along with their contributions published in the Cahiers de l’Académie. All the Opus published in the Cahiers (grouping together in book form the texts produced in the course of a year) can be found with a list of the texts and authors.

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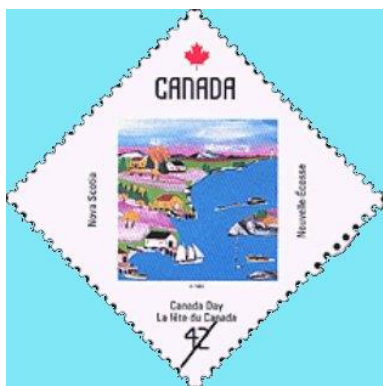
Seeking Joe Norris covers



I have scanned the front of one of the 1992 covers that I am seeking. I am hoping to find the pilot signed cover Joe Norris for #1, #3 #7 and #9.

Norris, (1924-1996), was a fisherman and construction worker until age 49 when a heart attack hospitalized him. As part of his recuperation, he took up painting. During his lifetime he created over

2,000 works of folk art, including the picture on the stamp on the envelope above and to the left.



“Joe Norris and my husband Charles Grantham were 1st cousins. My Charlie (Jr) recalls family gatherings where the boys would go duck hunting for food and sport. Joe and his brothers would row the dory in Prospect Bay while my Charlie would shoot the ducks. Joe`s family was large with 9 children in the family. My Charlie recalls that each time they visited his father always took a basket of vegetables and a bag of flour. I`m sure he returned home with something from the ocean in exchange.” Joe`s painting (seen on the stamp above and left) was chosen by Canada Post as one in a series of art stamps, one for each province and territory, to be released on Canada Day. Joe`s stamp represented Nova Scotia. Cheryl can be reached at ccgrantham8384@hotmail.com

A Covid side interest

Malcolm Montgomery has written from Wales, “I started a side-line collection to off-set 'Coviditis' (lock-down on a Welsh hillside doesn't offer many distractions!) – For the centenary of the issuance of the Penny Black, six stamps were printed in some quantity but, as the issue date came only five days after the British World War II rate increases, not many were used for the intended purpose and, although first day covers are plentiful, examples of every day covers illustrating the sometimes complex wartime rates are quite scarce, It has occurred to me that some BNAPS members may have covers and postcards bearing 'Centenary Issue' stamps, particularly from servicemen in Europe writing home, that they would like to send to a new home. Malcolm can be reached



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