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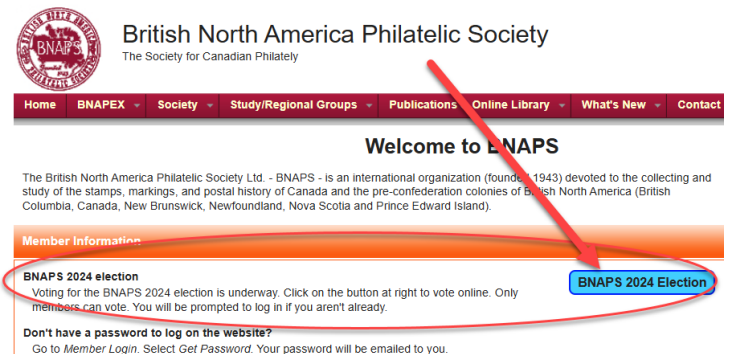
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The BNAPS 2024 election is open. Please vote.

By the time you receive this eLetter, voting for the 2024 BNAPS election will be open. You may cast your ballot electronically by going to <https://bnaps.org>. There you will find a link to the election, including biographies of the candidates and the office for which they are running and a link to a ballot enabling you to vote for the candidates of your choice. If you have any questions you may email secretary@bnaps.org or call 917 863 9011.



Zoom Meetings

2 July 7:00pm (Eastern Time)

West Toronto Stamp Club

“I really like this subject- Any philatelic item/story based on the letter I.”

16 July 7:00pm (Eastern Time)

West Toronto Stamp Club

DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, “Stampless Covers”.

18 July

North Toronto Stamp Club

More information and an invitation can be obtained from NTSC.President@gmail.com

Dave Bartlet Appointed as Conventions Committee Chairman

Following Earle Covert’s retirement as Conventions Committee Chairman last year, I am pleased to appoint Dave Bartlet to fulfill the Conventions Committee Chairman role. Dave is an experienced and frequent exhibitor at the annual BNAPEX exhibitions and other regional and national exhibitions in Canada. He has also served on exhibition organizing committees both regionally and nationally. From 2016 – 2022 Dave served as the BNAPS Vice President Regional Groups. The annual BNAPEX convention is our hallmark event and with his experience as exhibitor, organizing committee member, Vice President Regional Groups, and his keen interest in the role, I am confident that we can look forward to more memorable BNAPEX conventions under his leadership as Conventions Committee Chairman. Please join with me in congratulating Dave Bartlet on his appointment and in thanking Earle Covert for his many years of service as Conventions Committee Chairman.

David McLaughlin, President

Calgary and Edmonton Regional Groups Merge

The Edmonton Group has now been merged with Calgary to form the **Alberta Region**. Dave Bartlet will be the Regional Chair for both Alberta AND Saskatchewan provinces. If you have questions, he may be reached at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

Study group contributions to the BNAPS website

June was a bonanza month for study group contributions to the website:

- British Columbia Postal History Study Group: June newsletter, No. 130
Link: <https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-bcr.htm>
- British Columbia Postal History Study Group: published a monograph (No. 8) with its newsletter, *Cable Repair in the Pacific: 1937–1942* by Ian Kimmerly and Gray Scrimgeour
Link: <https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-bcr.htm>
- Squared Circle Study Group: June newsletter, *The Roundup Annex*, (Vol. 45, No. 3)
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/squaredcircle/newsletters.htm>
- RPO Study Group: published the article “Oshawa-Waterloo, Ontario Registered Letter” by Frank R. Scheer
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/rpo/reference-rpo.htm#Articles>
- Newfoundland Study Group: June news bulletin, *Study Group News*
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Newfoundland/newsletters.php>
- First Day Cover Study Group: July-Sept. newsletter, *First Impressions*, No. 52
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/FDC/newsletters-fdc.htm>
- Air Mail Study Group: June newsletter, *The Pilot’s Log*, Vol. 17, No. 1
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/AirMail/newsletters.php>

- Air Mail Study Group: members will want to view the exhibit by Gary Steele in the ORE area, *Canadian Mail Sent via the Empire Air Mail Scheme 1938 - 1939*
Link: <https://bnaps.org/ore/ore-WhatsNew.php>
- Dead Letter Office Study Group: June newsletter, No. 14
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/DLO/newsletters-dlo.php>
- Elizabethan II Study Group: the Study Group met at ORAPEX 2024 where Leopold Beaudet gave a presentation entitled *Constant Plate Flaws on Elizabethan Stamps*. It is posted in the ORE area.
Link: <https://bnaps.org/ore/ore-WhatsNew.php>

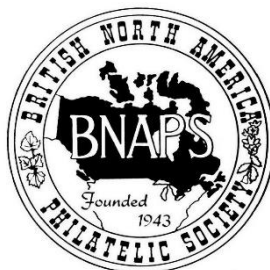
Charles Verge receives Lichtenstein Award

BNAPS member Charles J.G. Verge, who was born in Montreal and now hails from Toronto, is widely acknowledged as one of Canada's foremost living philatelists, although he has been active all over the world. Verge has been an international leader in the organizing and judging of philatelic exhibits, serving since 1995 at over 150 national and international stamp shows in North America, South America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia, most recently at Capex '22 in Toronto. For the International Federation of Philately (F.I.P.), he acts as lead trainer and develops the curriculum for the jury academy. He himself has exhibited in every major exhibit category except two (maximum cards and astrophilately). "I believe that, as a judge, one should understand the regulations and complexities of exhibiting in all classes." A historian by training, Verge is the author of four books, including one on Canada's 1959 St. Lawrence Seaway 5¢ invert error, and countless articles. For many years he was the stamp columnist for the *Ottawa Citizen*, and he is a frequent contributor to the *American Philatelist* and *Canadian Philatelist*.

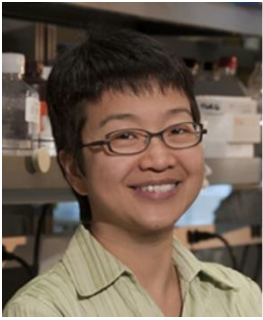


As a member of the Council of Philatelists advising the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum in Washington, he brought to bear his experiences as a board member of the Friends of the Canadian Postal Museum in Ottawa, where he had helped curate some of the material in its collection. Verge is a 2020 signatory of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

Alfred F. Lichtenstein (1876-1947) was widely considered one of the greatest American philatelists of the first half of the 20th century. The award in his memory was established by the Collectors Club in 1952.



Jean Wang receives Best Meeting Presentation Online Award by Collectors Club



BNAPS member Jean Wang has been recognized by the Collectors Club of New York for her exceptional presentation titled "Evolution of a Thematic Exhibit - Blood: A Modern Medicine." This recognition was unveiled at the Collectors Club's gala dinner on May 11, where outstanding individuals in philately were celebrated, including recipients of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Philately. Wang was bestowed with the award medal and certificate by mail, adding to her collection of accolades for her dedicated and expert work on the blood exhibit in thematic philately. Included among Wang's philatelic memberships are the North Toronto Stamp Club and the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada.

BNAPLEX 2024 Update

Exhibits

Exhibit entries for BNAPLEX 2024 closed on June 23rd. Thank you to both returning and new BNAPS exhibitors who have entered a wonderful selection of exhibits over a wide range of topics. A few entrants have not yet submitted the synopsis for their exhibit. Please submit your synopsis as soon as possible so the full information can be provided to the judges for their preparation.

Registration

Full registration includes a Friday night 3-hour buffet dinner cruise on the 1000 Islands Cruise Line Island Queen with cash bar & guided narrated tour plus the Sunday Night Past Presidents' Reception with passed canapés followed by the Awards Banquet with plated meal & cash bar at St. Lawrence College (SLC) Event Centre. The cost for full registration is \$250.00 per person.

Partial registration is available for either the 3-hour Buffet Dinner Cruise on the 1000 Islands Cruise Line Island Queen, cash bar & guided narrated tour or the Sunday Night Past Presidents' Reception with passed canapés followed by the Awards Banquet with plated meal & cash bar at St. Lawrence College (SLC) Event Centre. The cost for either partial registration option is \$140/person. Plated meal options for the Sunday Banquet in either the Full or Partial Registration are shown on the registration form on the website.



The deadline for full registration and for partial registration for Sunday banquet is July 26th. The deadline for partial registration for the Friday night dinner cruise is August 12th. No exceptions nor extensions will be made as these are the dates by which quantities are required by the caterers.

Registration for an optional Friday Night Out Rider Only Cruise is available providing a 3-hour Cruise with cash bar and guided narrated tour, without dinner. The cost for the Rider only Cruise option is \$65.00 per person. Transportation from the SLC venue to the docks & return for the 3-hour cruise will be provided with the generous sponsorship of Beddows Philatelics.

Bourse

The BNAPEX 2024 bourse is full with 17 BNA dealers participating plus the BNAPS books table. Participating dealers include BNAPS Books, Beddows Philatelics, *Canadian Stamp News*, Hugo Deshayé Philatelist Inc., Durbano Stamps Inc., Eastern Auctions Ltd., C. Frank Hoyles, Longley Auctions, Gary J. Lyon (Philatelist) Ltd., J. Claude Michaud, Andy Palochik, Royal William Stamps Ltd., Roy's Stamps, Sparks Auctions, Grégoire Teyssier, ESJ van Dam Ltd., Bill Coates, Lee Stamp Sales and Tom Watkins. Contact information for each of our bourse dealers is on the BNAPEX2024 website page. If you are looking for something specific contact the dealers in advance regarding your specific interests.

Seminars & Meeting

Twelve BNAPS Study Group meetings have been booked for the two seminar rooms during the BNAPEX 2024. Four meetings are being held as hybrid meetings as shown with green highlighting on the website listing. In addition, a meet the webmaster session is planned plus Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada and Postal History Society of Canada meetings. Plan to attend some of these sessions to learn more about the many interesting and exciting aspects of BNA philately and postal history.

Court of Honour Display

The special 10-frame display titled "The Philatelic History of Kingston from 1673 to the Present Day" curated by Chris Anstead and Chris Hargreaves will be in the Concourse at the entrance to the Event Centre. The special display includes pages contributed by many BNAPS members and a 16-page frame provided by Library and Archives Canada, with each page focussing on an aspect of Kingston's philatelic history.

Accommodation

At the time of writing, SLC Residence rooms are still available for booking. Check the accommodation tab on the BNAPEX 2024 website pages for details on both the SLC Residence accommodation and the Best Western Fireside Inn room block. The deadline for booking at either is July 22, 2024.

Plan to visit historic Kingston this year for BNAPEX 2024.

Meet BNAPS Member – Jane Sodero

I was one of just three women who exhibited at BNAPEX in Halifax last year.
I have been asked what my husband collects.
I have been dismissed by dealers.
I have been discouraged from becoming a national level judge.
But I have had allies and mentors throughout my philatelic journey.

Like many, I started collecting stamps as a child. I was in 2nd grade and had a project on beavers. My parents took me to Stu Blumenthal's Scotia Stamp Studio where I happily searched through a bin of stamps. A gentleman took an interest in my search and soon after I received an envelope of stamps in the mail. For a time, a correspondence with Charles Davis continued but the interests of a 7-year-old are varied and it fell to the wayside. I did, however, continue my collecting supported by my parents who are both stamp collectors.

Four years later, I had joined the Junior club of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club and I exhibited for the first time. The subject was Machin Heads, this was 1983 - who knew the series would continue for another 39 years! I continued



to collect and exhibit Machin Heads until I learned about postal history. Nova Scotians were extremely active in local postal history research in the 1980s and 1990s.

With encouragement from Hugh Rathbun among others, I began collecting Guysborough County postal history. Guysborough County is an often-overlooked part of Nova Scotia – a geographically large county with an extremely small population employed mainly in resource industries. There is no rail service, no air service and most ships travelled only within the province. But, my grandmother's cousin, Laurier Grant, had been postmaster in the county's largest community, Guysborough, from 1922 until 1961, and he was happy to share his knowledge of the post office operations with me.

After a hiatus during university, I found myself in St. John's, NL. J. Don Wilson, OTB took me under his wing and made sure I became a part of the St. John's Philatelic Society.

Since then, I have continued to collect and exhibit through four international moves. With encouragement of Charles Verge and David Piercey, I became a National level judge in Canada in 2008 and in the United States in 2009. In the spring of 2024, I graduated to the International stage as the Commissioner for Canada at EFIRO 2024, an international FIP exhibition in Bucharest, Romania.

In addition, my collecting interests have evolved. While I still collect Guysborough County, I also collect postcards from specific areas of Nova Scotia, the 1936 Vimy Memorial stamp issued by France and, most currently, the 1955 Canadian kayak stamp.

As I prepare to judge at the Great American Stamp Show, I appreciate all those who encouraged me along the way and acknowledge the many women who are in leadership roles in the hobby including Elizabeth Sodero – former VP of the RPSC; Jean Wang – member of many boards including the American Philatelic Research Library, the Vincent Graves Greene Foundation and the Canadian Stamp Advisory Committee, and APS Board of Directors - Cheryl Ganz, President; Liz Hisey, Member-at-Large and Kathryn Johnson, Treasurer

So, what can be done to encourage more women and newer collectors to join organized philately?

Ask what they collect, acknowledge and share what you collect.

Ask if they would like to join study groups which correlate to their interests.

Ask what they would like to learn about and help them to find resources to answer their questions.

But most importantly, don't ask what their spouse collects!

Not all collectors want to be involved in organized philately - it may not fit their schedule, their style of collecting or their geographic limitations.

One takeaway from the pandemic is the value of virtual meetings, YouTube content and virtual clubs. Some people are concerned that this takes away from in-person shows and meetings but I believe it is a valuable way of making connections in our hobby. These modern means of communication can allow people from areas without a club and people who may not be able to access in-person meetings to participate. It has even spawned "meet-ups" where on-line acquaintances meet at an in-person show.

Remember that many collectors may not be interested in participating on boards or committees - it may seem too much like their work life. This is a hobby - it is supposed to be fun. Perhaps they have other expertise that they are willing to share - web or graphic design; running Zoom meetings; organizing a hospitality room for a show...

Cinderella Stamps:

Clayton Rubec and Ron Lafrenière have published a wonderful book on the Cinderella stamp issued by unions in Canada and Newfoundland. The book is available (electronically) on the BNAPS website at: RubecLafreniere-UnionDuesStamps_Jan2020.pdf (bnaps.org). It describes, lists, and illustrates the stamps issued by unions in Canada and Newfoundland for the payment of dues by union members. Includes international unions based in the U.S. with locals in Canada and Newfoundland. 152 pages.

Cinderella stamps can be found for many areas of Canadian philately and can add depth and interest to almost any exhibit or article.



Union dues card for the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, and Express and Station Employees (1934-1935).

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 Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-3

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APRIL 6-7 2024 | **SEPTEMBER 7-8 2024**

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