

# **BNAPS** eLetter

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#### **ZOOM Meetings**

#### Royal Philatelic Society of Canada – Stamp Talks Monday 12 May 2025 7:00 pm Eastern Time Gregg Redner: Collecting Auxillary Labels and Markings Open to all, but registration is required: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3017406828318/WN\_7RNtZQOUQYm7120UCVe4xA</u> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Alberta Regional Group (BNAPS) Wednesday 14 May 2025 7:00 pm (Mountain Time)

Topic: To be announced

Newfoundland Study Group (BNAPS) Saturday 17 May 2025 Noon (Eastern Time) Topic: To be announced

#### Postal History Society of Canada – Under the Covers Tuesday 20 May 2025 6:00 pm (Eastern Time)

A curated Show & Tell - On a variety of interesting topics, presented by our members. Open to all, but registration is required. Registration by email to <u>PHSCpresentation@gmail.com</u>

## **Canadian Stamp News – Philatelic Events**

#### **BNAPS Virtual Convention 2025**

The 2025 BNAPS Virtual Convention has now come and gone and I can now provide the survey results. Thank you to the additional members who filled it in. We had 14 responses. Here are the main responses to the questions:

- 1. Best One Frame Jim Andre Re-Entries and Plate Flaws on Newfoundland's Second Cents Issue's 3c Queen Victoria
- 2. Best Multiframe Chris Ellis Canadian Pacific Railway "Green View" Pictorial Cards
- 3. Best Overall Jim Andre Re-Entries and Plate Flaws on Newfoundland's Second Cents Issue's 3c Queen Victoria
- 4. Zoom sessions most attended Large and Small Queens, Admiral, Judges' Feedback
- 5. Enjoyment everyone, issues mentioned included uploading exhibits, some Zoom sessions not focused by the group
- 6. Length of virtual convention -85% preferred 1 day
- 7. Previously exhibited 75% had exhibited previously at some level
- 8. Organizations while everyone responding was a BNAPS member, the second highest group was the APS
- 9. BNAPEX 2025 50% hoped to go to Vernon

For those requesting a special survey cover it should reach you in June.

Thanks again to all those who participated in the Virtual Convention.

#### Study group contributions to the BNAPS website

April saw three newsletters and one video. There were also two Online Resources & Exhibits (ORE) contributions directly related to study group interests.

- Digital Philately Study Group: video of 23 March seminar: *Digital Microscopy for the Practical Philatelist* Link: <u>https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Digital/meetings.php</u>
- Squared Circle Study Group: April newsletter, *The Roundup Annex*, Vol. 46, No. 2 Link: <u>https://bnaps.org/studygroups/squaredcircle/newsletters.htm</u>
- Newfoundland Study Group: April news bulletin, *BNAPS Newfoundland Study Group News* Link: <u>https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Newfoundland/newsletters.php</u>
- Perfin Study Group: April newsletter, *The BNA Perforator*, No. 173 Link: <u>https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Perfin/newsletters-perfin.htm</u>

- Of interest to the Admiral Study Group is the ten-frame exhibit by John F. Graham, *The Postal Rates of the Admiral Era (1912-1928)*
- Of interest to the Railway Post Office (RPO) Study Group is the two-frame exhibit by Sean Weatherup, *Halifax – Yarmouth Railway Post Office Clerk Cancels and Related Paperwork*

To view the list of recent ORE contributions, go to: <u>https://bnaps.org/ore/ore-WhatsNew.php</u>

#### **BNAPEX Vernon Convention 2025**

The Vernon website will launch around mid to late May. Watch the website and the June eLetter for more information on our Vernon convention. Mark Oakley of the Pacific Northwest Regional Group, VP Regional Groups and 2025 Convention Chairman, has prepared a great convention for you, and you won't want to miss it. Make sure you mark your calendar for 19-21 September 2025.

Here is some information for you to help with your planning:

**Hotel** – you can already book this by phoning 250-545-3385 and use code BNAPS to get our group rates. There are Double Queen rooms for \$156 a night, Double Queen Interior for \$164 and Double Queen poolside or King for \$172



**Getting there – Driving** - You can drive from Vancouver in about 5 hours, Calgary in 6 hours, Edmonton in about 8 hours.

**Flying** – the closest airport is Kelowna (YLW). There are direct flights from Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto – other cities connect through any of these direct cities. WestJet, Air Canada, Porter, and Flair all fly to Kelowna with 2 to 8 flights a day, depending on the airline. A good fare from Toronto is under \$500 return, from Ottawa and Montreal under \$600, and from Halifax under \$800. It is suggested you avoid the Basic fares as they have no changes, cancels or bags. The savings are quickly eliminated by the costs of taking a bag or picking a seat. Either Econo or EconoFlex type of booking is recommended as these allow changes and bags. Just watch for the fine print of fees to determine which fare has the best value. There are usually sales every 1 to 2 weeks – watch for them.

Kelowna to Vernon – while you can rent a car in Kelowna, we expect to run a shuttle for attendees coming in during the main times on Wednesday and Thursday, and leaving on Sunday and Monday. There may be a nominal fee for this ride which is about 30 minutes.

**Exhibits** will be accepted when the website is up. Frame fees are \$30 each frame for single or multiple frames. Standard BNAPS rules will apply, but due to limited frames the maximum number of frames will be 8 in an exhibit.

Incentives – watch for incentives for early hotel booking and registrations that are done by 30 June.

#### Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain Convention 2025

Graham Searle is interested in getting BNAPS participants at their next convention. The 2025 CPSGB Convention will be holding this year's event over Zoom in the week commencing 6 October, a couple of weeks after BNAPEX. Using the Zoom format opens the door to a larger number of North American collectors being able to take part this year and to facilitate this we are planning to hold all the main philatelic displays in the evenings UK time.

Putting these factors together, we would love to get a few Zoom displays from Canadian or US based collectors whose material is rarely, if ever, seen over here.

Since the pandemic many collectors have become fairly expert in giving online displays over Zoom or Teams and North Americans have ready made displays they may have given to local or regional groups that have never had a showing over here.

The programme will include a range of different philatelic items including-

a) some larger displays of 1 hour plus duration (think 40 - 50 slides plus). These would not be restricted to CPSGB members but could equally be given by BNAPS or PHSC members

b) at least one evening devoted to members short displays (could be as little as 1 slide but think a max of 16 - so one frame or less). The idea here would be to get the widest possible mix of material and for those of you who have attended our, in person Conventions, this would be a digital version of the Members Sheets slot.

c) our usual one frame competition - open only to CPSGB members.

The April issue of Maple Leaves will include a call out for members to contribute under topics b) and c) above, including the usual Competition Entry Form.

Please contact Graham Searle if you have any questions at searle711@btinternet.com.

#### **CBC Spotlights Philately**

At the 2024 Royal Philatelic Society's annual convention in Fredericton, NB, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation brought a film crew to create a wonderful addition to their *Land and Sea* series entitled, *The Stories Stamps Tell*. Mike Walsh (Canadian Stamp News) tells that the video came about as the result of a filmmaker, Rachel Brower, having a conversation with a friend's sister. That sister turned out to be BNAPS' own Jane Sodero. Jane's enthusiasm, warmth and insight into the stories that stamps reveal convinced the filmmaker that there was good content for a video. Out of all of this evolved a 22 minute video revealing the storytelling magic that stamps contain.



Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYc43-B9Pw0

#### The Greene Foundation's "A Day of Philately" on July 19, 2025

Join us as we celebrate The Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation's 50th anniversary with a Day of Philately – a unique event philatelists won't want to miss! Hosted at the historic Campbell House Museum in Toronto on July 19th, the day will kick off with a lecture titled Exploring the Contours of Context Philately by Alexander Haimann, FRPSL.

Guests will enjoy displays on a variety of topics by Canadian RPSL members, followed by a cocktail hour that will precede the main event: our 10th Harry Sutherland Philatelic Lecture featuring David R. Beech, MBE, FRPSL. Mr. Beech will present Philatelic Libraries: The Final Frontier.

We look forward to seeing you there!

When: Saturday, July 19, 2025, 2-8pm

Where: Campbell House Museum, 160 Queen St. W, Toronto, ON M5H 3H3 Tickets are to be purchased in advance, at \$20 per person. RSVP via: <u>https://bit.ly/DayofPhilately</u>

#### Canada Post Office Blotters



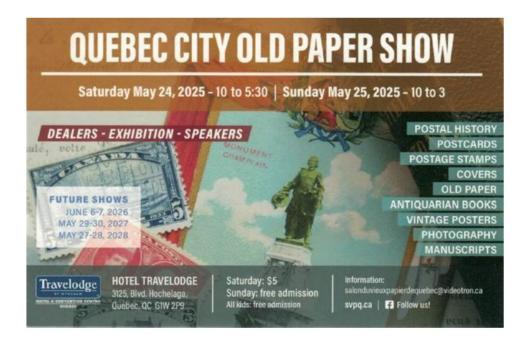
Cleaning house can lead you to things you had long forgotten. The above blotters are two such examples. They measure approximately  $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$  inches (155mm x 95mm). If anyone has other examples, please send scans or copies along and they can be included in future newsletters.

The blotters duplicate slogan cancellations. The *Correct Addressing* slogan first appeared in Toronto in 1954. The *Parcel Post* slogan first appeared in Owen Sound and Woodstock, Ontario, in 1926. It is not known when the blotters were created.

**The eLetter is published monthly by the BNAPS Membership Committee**. 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. If you have a question about an item you own – send a copy and your question. Contact email: <a href="mailto:charleslivermore@hotmail.com">charleslivermore@hotmail.com</a>







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Samedi 24 mai 2025 - 10h à 17h 30 | Dimanche 25 mai 2025 - 10h à 15h



