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Zoom Meetings

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Collecting the slightly more unusual Bob Vogel, Doug Quine and David Ball

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Monday, June 9, 7:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Mirko Zatka - Specialty Collecting Areas for Modern Canada

Registration required, visit <https://www.rpsc.org/> for the registration link.

British Empire Study Group

Thursday, June 12, 6:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Smokes for the Troops - British and Canadian Tobacco Funds during WWI - Dr. Jean Wang

[Canadian Stamp News – Philatelic Events](#)

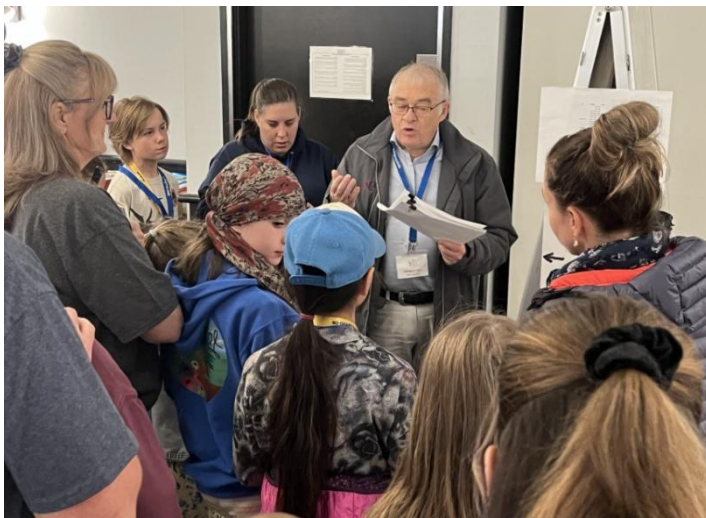
Our Future Philatelists

On May 24th and 25th at the Quebec Stamp and Old Paper show (organized by BNAPS members Hugo Deshaye and Gregoire Teyssier) we saw first-class exhibits by the young people you see in the picture to the right. They were mentored during the year by Mrs. Claude Lacasse (far right) as an after-school project. She assisted, but the students did the research on their projects and selected the material to be displayed. In keeping with the overview of the show, both old and young philatelists were limited to one-page exhibits. Pages could be up to two 8 ½ x 11 or one 11 x 17 inch page.



In addition to our young philatelists being able to display their interests, a special room was set up for them and organized by another BNAPS member, Sebastien Crete. To the left is Yan Turmine offering pointers on effective exhibiting.

Of course, there were stamps available, but in many cases, they were carefully organized by various categories, making it easier for our young philatelists to find their way through the thousands of stamps available. Computers were also available on which games involving stamps could be played. They were well used over the two-day show.



At the banquet on Saturday evening, the children were presented with their medals. The parents of the children were an integral part of all of these activities, and there was a competitive Duo Parent-Child competition too. Parents accompanied their children as they received their medals. I, for one, look forward to seeing the youth activities next year and hope to see many of the same exhibitors next year as they hone their exhibiting skills.

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: <https://bit.ly/DayofPhilately>

Philatelic Fakes & Forgeries display at Toronto's First Post Office May 2025 to May 2026.

The Greene Foundation's 50th Anniversary celebrations continue with an exhibit titled "Philatelic Fakes and Forgeries" on display at Toronto's First Post Office, 258 Adelaide St E, Toronto Ontario, from now until May 2026. The exhibit prepared by Natalie Mitchell, Library Manager, and Sophie Andrade, Librarian/Social Media Content Creator at the Greene Foundation, comprises nine 26" high wall-mounted display pages. The display outlines the terminology surrounding the study of fakes & forgeries, the detection of classic and modern fakes and forgeries, and a discussion of a storied Canadian creator of fakes. Complementing the wall-mounted displays are examples of modern fakes and exhibit pages prepared by Garfield Portch and mounted in a display case.



Plan a visit to Toronto's First Post Office Museum and enjoy the Greene Foundation display and other events at the museum. Current information is available at www.townofyork.com

Earle Covert - Obituary

Dr. Earle Covert died in hospital May 3, 2025, in Lethbridge, Alberta. His two children, Lawrence and Cindy, as well as his second wife, Jean, were all present at the end.

He grew up in Ottawa and received his medical training at Queen's University. He'd already married Audrey when he went north to begin practice in Hay River in 1964.

Earle and Audrey were inveterate birdwatchers, and Jean and I discovered on various road trips that they could turn an hour-and-a-half drive into five hours.

His collection of Canadian postal stationery was one of the best ever formed, and postal stationery is undoubtedly the specialty that would come to mind for most when thinking of him. Earle and I bought Jim Webb's catalogue after his Fourth Edition and carried it through the next four editions. We finally secured a publisher for the Ninth and had just begun work when he fell ill and died.

Earle wrote prolifically on many BNA subjects. He authored numerous articles in journals and contributed often to Robert Lemire's BNAPS Postal Stationery Newsletter. His handbook *Strike, Courier and Local Post of the Elizabethan Era* became a standard reference, as did his extensive listing of Byron Harmon view cards.

He updated his ongoing chronicling of illustrated Canadian permit mail only weeks before his death - a resource available on the BNAPS website. Mike Street's Exhibit book publications have included at least two of Earle's gold medal exhibits.



Earle began exhibiting postal stationery when judges knew little about it and cared less. One judge told him many decades ago that he'd never fare better than a bronze medal with what he called "that junk." Earle remembered that judge's comment with typically modest pleasure the year one of his stationery exhibits won the BNAPEX Grand Award.

He exhibited many other things as well, including tobacco stamps from his extensive collection. Oddball sidelines of other sorts always intrigued him, and he often exhibited them to show other collectors the possibilities they offered.

He was a member of every major Canadian-related philatelic society. He was most notably active in BNAPS, which he joined in 1971. He served the Society in many capacities, including many long years as Chairman of the Convention Committee. He served on the Board of Directors from 1990 to 1996, as the Society's Vice President from 1996 to 1998, and as President from 1998 to 2000.

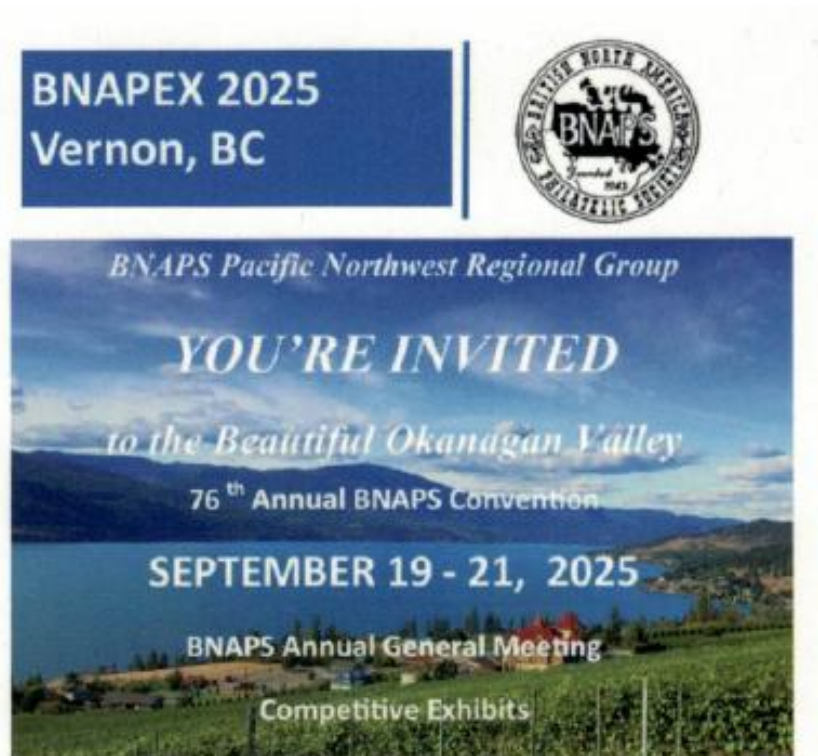
His sharing of philatelic knowledge and his service to BNAPS led to his 1990 induction into the OTB (Order of the Beaver), the BNAPS honors society. He was the longest-surviving member of the Order.

After Audrey's death in 2016, he remarried. His second wife's name was Jean, so my wife became Jersey Jean to avoid conversational confusion.

Earle was more than a gentleman – he was a gentle man, and a man of faith. When he moved to Raymond, he continued his medical practice for years and continued to serve the community in many ways even after retirement. The news of his death brought an overwhelming outpouring of sympathy beyond the philatelic world.

Like so many others, I miss my old friend.

William C. Walton



Illustrated Permits Cataloguing Project

The purpose of this email is to contact collectors who contributed to Earle's Canadian Illustrated Permits cataloguing project. The British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) would like to continue Earle's work. We are looking for someone who would be willing to continue where Earle left off.

The work entails gathering permits from contributors like yourselves,



either actual paper versions (to be scanned) or actual scans of new Permits, then placing reduced versions of the scans chronologically and alphabetically in existing MS WORD files.

If you are interested in helping the philatelic hobby and continuing Earle's work, please contact the undersigned.

Mike Street
Kanata, Ontario, Canada
mikestreet1@gmail.com

BNAPEX Vernon Convention 2025

The basic website for 2025 Vernon BNAPEX convention was launched in mid-May. **Exhibit** entry launched a week ago, so please get your exhibits prepared and submit your entry. To submit an entry, the Title page and Synopsis are not initially required – you need to get them into the system by the middle of July. There are just over 110 frames for you to enjoy by either viewing these fabulous exhibits, or to submit your own (or both). The frame fee is \$30 per frame either one-frame or multiframe. The link below will take you directly to the Exhibit Entry page – remember you will need to sign into the website to submit an entry:

<https://bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2025-Vernon/exhibits.htm>

Registration- We expect the registration page will be ready by the end of the week. The link below will take you to the Registration page – you do need to sign into the website:

<https://bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2025-Vernon/registration.htm>

In a short time, you will be able to register to a beautiful fall weekend in the Okanagan in Vernon. 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. The import events are the night out at the beautiful Gray Monk Winery on the Friday evening and note that the **Banquet will be held on SATURDAY** evening, providing the opportunity for all exhibitors and dealers to attend the banquet while the convention is on.

Bourse – for those who register for events or volunteer to work at the convention, access to the bourse is included. For those NOT registering for both the Night out and the Banquet the admission fee is \$5 a day for Friday and Saturday, and free on Sunday (Under 18 are free all days). To save time at the registration table, we would appreciate that you register for this admission so that a badge can be prepared for you in advance.

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. The discount is ONLY available by phone.

Getting there – Driving - You can drive from Vancouver in about 5 hours, Calgary in 6 hours, Edmonton in about 8 hours. You might also think of flying into Calgary, rent a car and take a drive through the Rockies to see all the wonders that are on the way as you head to the convention or as you go home.

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 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. Remember these days that airfares tend to rise a lot within 30 days of departure, so you do need to pick a sale price within the next 70 days or so.

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 will be a nominal fee for this ride which is about 30 minutes.

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

Contact: registration questions to Mark Oakley at bnapexregistration@bnaps.org. For U.S., registrants contact Mark or Dave and we will assist to take a payment via PayPal (but you would pay the fee).

Exhibits questions to Dave Bartlet at bnapexexhibits@bnaps.org

Looking for a roommate – contact bnapexroomie@bnaps.org

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 U.S. 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.

Study and Regional Group contributions to the BNAPS website

May flowers include three newsletters, a meeting report, and a compendium.

- Map Stamp Study Group: May newsletter, *Xmas 1898 Map Stamp Report*, Vol. 5, No. 1
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Digital/meetings.php>
- Newfoundland Study Group: May news bulletin, *BNAPS Newfoundland Study Group News*
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Newfoundland/newsletters.php>
- Lower Canada / Bas Canada Regional Group: meeting report, 25 April at Royale 2025 FILEX
Link: <https://bnaps.org/regional/LowerCanada/RG-LowerCanada-Reports.php>
- Pence-Cents Era Study Group: May newsletter, Vol. 14, No. 2
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/PenceCents/newsletters.htm>
- George Manley compiled *The Canadian Precancelled Postal Stationery Envelopes Used during the Reigns of K.G. V and K.G. VI*, published in 1986 by the Postal Stationery Study Group. The Study Group recently published George Manley's revised 1991 compilation as Special Issue No. 2A of its newsletter, *Postal Stationery Notes*.
Link: <https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-ps.htm>. Scroll down to "Special Issues & Collected Articles".

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: charleslivermore@hotmail.com



You're invited to:

A Day of Philately

Hosted by the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation and the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada, in conjunction with the Royal Philatelic Society London

Featuring a presentation titled "Exploring the Contours of Context Philately"
by Alexander Haimann and displays by Canadian RPSL members



Previous attachment



and



The 10th Harry Sutherland Philatelic Lecture

With guest speaker David R. Beech, MBE, FRPSL
presenting
"Philatelic Libraries: The Final Frontier"

Saturday, July 19, 2025
Campbell House Museum
160 Queen St. W, Toronto, ON M5H 3H3
2-8pm Tickets: \$20 per person
Questions? Email marketing@greenefoundation.ca

RSVP here! →





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Au collège Jean-de-Brébeuf 3200 Côte-St-Catherine



National Philatelic Exhibition
Exposition Philatélique Nationale

October 18-19, 2025

The Hellenic Community Centre
133 Southdale Rd. West, London, Ontario
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
Free Admission, free parking, lunch counter.

Hosted by the The London-Middlesex Stamp Club
(Chapter 9 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada)

The theme of the 2025 exhibition is the 200th anniversary of postal service in London, Ontario. On March 26, 1825, Lawrence Lawarson was appointed Deputy Postmaster of London, County of Middlesex, in the Province of Upper Canada.

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