



BNAPS eLetter

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Zoom Meetings

North Toronto Stamp Club

Thursday, June 17, 7:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Jean Wang: Social Philately: A Window to the Past.

Registration required, email: NTSC.President@gmail.com

Canadian Stamp News – Philatelic Events

BNAPEX Vernon Convention 2025

The website for 2025 Vernon BNAPEX convention is up and running.

Hotel – the hotel is **filling up** fast and you should make your reservation as soon as possible. Suites are sold out, King rooms are only available Thursday to Saturday nights. Book rooms by phoning 250-545-3385 and use code **BNAPS** to get our group rates. You can cancel your reservations up to the day prior to arrival, so there is no reason to delay. 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.

Exhibit – CUTOFF is in 2 weeks and we are looking for 50 frames of exhibits (also see **Wanted** which follows). 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 end of July. You do not need the body of the exhibit completed to submit and exhibit – that part can even wait until September (except the title page). 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>

WANTED – Similar to Kingston, we are going to have some frames dedicated to mini-exhibits that are **1 to 2 pages** (single or double) on smaller **British Columbia** topics of your choice. There will be **NO CHARGE** for these small exhibits, NOR will they be judged. You just need to create it and send the image to me in PDF or JPG format. No synopsis is needed, but the exhibit should tell the viewer what it is about. Contact info at the end of this article. Please let me know if you are creating one, how many pages and the proposed title so I can track what people are submitting. Contact bnapexexhibits@bnaps.org for more information.

Registration- Registration is up and running on the BNAPS website. 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>

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 important events are the night out at the beautiful Gray Monk Winery (pictured at



left) on the Friday evening, and note that the Banquet will be held on SATURDAY evening providing for all exhibitors and dealers an opportunity 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 either the Night out or 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:

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 \$550 return, from Ottawa and Montreal under \$750 and Halifax under \$800 (these exclude Ultra basic fares which can be \$100+ less eg, YYZ-YLW for basic \$260 but you need to add a bag fee). 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.

Shuttle - 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. If you already know your airport arrival and departure times, please **contact Mark with those times** so he can see what the demand is and make a schedule.

Incentives – watch for incentives for early hotel booking and registrations that are done by 15 July.

Contact: registration questions to Mark Oakley at bnapexregistration@bnaps.org. For US 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

BNAPS is very pleased to announce that cataloguing of

CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED PERMITS

will be continued by Cindy Covert Esau,
daughter of the late Dr. Earle Covert,
and her husband Robin.

Please contact Cindy at:
covertpermits@gmail.com
for details on how to submit new Permit
scans or paper copies.



Study and Regional Group Contributions to the BNAPS Website

In June, the website saw five newsletters and a meeting report.

- British Columbia Postal History Study Group: June newsletter, No. 134
Link: <https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-bcr.htm>
- First Day Cover Study Group: July-Sept. newsletter, *First Impressions*, No. 55
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/FDC/newsletters-fdc.htm>
- Lower Canada / Bas Canada Regional Group: report of 25 May meeting at the Quebec City Stamp and Old Paper Show
Link: <https://bnaps.org/regional/LowerCanada/RG-LowerCanada-Reports.php>
- Squared Circle Study Group: June newsletter, *The Roundup Annex*, Vol. 46, No. 3
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/squaredcircle/newsletters.htm>
- Newfoundland Study Group: June news bulletin, *BNAPS Newfoundland Study Group News*
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Newfoundland/newsletters.php>
- Re-entries and Constant Plate Varieties Study Group: June newsletter, *Dots and Scratches*, No. 38
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/re-entry/newsletters-reentry.php>

Post Office Savings Bank

A member has asked: Would any of the BNAPS study groups happen to have a list of persons serving as Superintendent of the Post Office Savings Bank between 1953 and 1969? The trail of my own research has gone

cold at January of 1953, with Eugenio Rodriguez serving as acting superintendent following the death of Alphée-Simon Pothier in October 1952.

He has since filled in a couple of blanks: " I've also contacted the reference desk at the National Archives on this matter. They were able to identify three more superintendents at three points in time in that span: Eugenio Rodriguez in November 1957, J.E.G. Demers in July 1958, and E.R. Temple in January 1960. Other than that, I haven't been able to find anything else out. Hopefully, somebody will be able to work with what I have."

Send responses to Charles Livermore at charleslivermore@hotmail.com

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.

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

The Greene Foundation's "A Day of Philately" is just 2-1/2 weeks away. A limited number of tickets are still available to be purchased in advance, at \$20 per person. RSVP via: <https://bit.ly/DayofPhilately>

Join us as we celebrate The Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation's 50th anniversary with a Day of Philately – a unique event philatelists will not want to miss! Hosted at the historic Campbell House

Museum, 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>

Greene Foundation's 50th Anniversary Anthology

As another part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations, the Greene Foundation is preparing an anthology of articles on the memories the Greene Foundation and the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library. Perhaps you knew Vinnie or Harry. Perhaps the library and our library personnel have helped your research philatelic research or loaned books by mail. Is a Greene Foundation publication a key reference in your personal library or reference in your collection or exhibit? Did the Greene Foundation expertization service confirm an important find in your collection? Was there a memorable presentation in the Greene Foundation that impacted your collecting journey. Were you a recipient of the annual Vincent G. Greene award presented to the author of the best article or series of articles appearing in *BNA Topics*? To include your article on how the Greene Foundation and Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library have impacted your philatelic journey, please send us a 250-word article, with images where appropriate, by email library@greenefoundation.ca. The anthology will be published in late fall 2025 so there is still opportunity to include your article.

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

Another view of the Gray Monk Winery



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

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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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 2025**

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 Mississauga, ON

SUNDAY:
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ADMISSION: \$3

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Vernon, BC



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