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Zoom Meetings

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada August 11, 2025 7:00pm (Eastern Time)

Arnie Janson: Canada's Large and Small Queens

Open to all but registration required: Webinar Registration - Zoom

Here are some links to previous Zoom presentations you may have missed.

BNAPS: https://bnaps.org/ore/VideoList.php (96 videos)

North Toronto Stamp Club: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRUvgJSWuE_a2wP6asX0ATA) (58)

Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada: https://www.philatelicspecialistssociety.com/presentations.php (44)

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada: https://www.rpsc.org/zoom/index.php (66)

Société philatélique de Québec: https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1022119632379738&ref=sharing (1)

West Toronto Stamp Club: https://www.westtorontostampclub.org/discussion.htm#program (40+)



There will be a BNAPS Regional Meeting at BALPEX '25 this year. BALPEX will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090, September 5-7. The Regional group meeting is tentatively set for Saturday, the 6th, program TBD, and a meet

and greet thereafter. For more information: Baltimore Philatelic Society - BALPEX

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BNAPEX Vernon Convention 2025

Hotel – the hotel is **filling up** fast and you should make your reservation as soon as possible. Our block of rooms will automatically release 17 August and then you will have to pay regular rates. We have 8 rooms remaining each night. 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 – Exhibit entries are closed. Exhibitors can use the link below taking you directly to the Exhibit Entry page where you can update title page, synopsis or description until 15 August:

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

WANTED – We 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 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. Deadline to submit these is 15 August. 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- Thank you to those who have registered. If you are planning on attending, please do so even if you are not planning on going to the banquet or night out – anyone entering the bourse needs to register in advance or wait at the registration table. As we need to provide catering numbers weeks in advance, please action this as soon as possible.:

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 on the Friday evening, and note that the Banquet will be held on SATURDAY evening providing the opportunity for all exhibitors and dealers an opportunity to attend the banquet while the convention is on.

Bourse – We have added 2 additional dealers to the bourse for your collecting interests. 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 – If you are flying you should complete your air booking before mid August as the airfares tend to get



higher when you are within 30 days of departure. 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.

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** (to help pay for gas) for this ride which is about 30 minutes. For those with air bookings already, please either fill in the online form on the website to request a shuttle to Vernon, or answer the email that Mark sent to registrants. The link below takes you to the Shuttle Request form:

https://bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2025-Vernon/BNAPEX2025AirFlight.php

Incentives – The advance incentives have all ended.

Contact: registration questions to Mark Oakley at <u>bnapexregistration@bnaps.org</u>. 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 (I have one male and one female looking for a roommate) – contact bnapexroomie@bnaps.org

Post Office Savings Bank

Last month there was a request from a member about the Post Office savings bank. James Jung sent the following reply.

I googled "canada Superintendent of the Post Office Savings Bank 1953" and came up with this:

"In 1953, the Superintendent of the Post Office Savings Bank in Canada was John Edward Longworth. He held the position during that year and was responsible for overseeing the operations of the Post Office Savings Bank."

When I changed the year to 1954, I got this: "In 1954, the Superintendent of the Post Office Savings Bank in Canada was not a specific individual, but rather the role was held by the Postmaster General of Canada. The Post Office Savings Bank was administered by the Post Office Department, which was headed by the Postmaster General. J.C. Stewart was the first superintendent appointed to look after the service, according to Library and Archives Canada. However, the overall responsibility for the bank resided with the Postmaster General." I assume you can keep on changing the year and googling onwards."

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 5 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

Study and Regional Group Contributions to the BNAPS Website

Would you believe 202 newsletters added to the website in July?

- Newfoundland Study Group: July-Sept. newsletter, *Newfoundland Newsletter*, No. 200 Link: https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Newfoundland/newsletters.php
- Newfoundland Study Group: July news bulletin, *BNAPS Newfoundland Study Group News* Link: https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Newfoundland/newsletters.php
- Air Mail Study Group: July newsletter, *The Pilot's Log*, Vol. 18, No. 2 Link: https://bnaps.org/studygroups/AirMail/newsletters.php

The Elizabethan II Study Group decided to post all the issues of its newsletter on the BNAPS website. It also decided to make the newsletters available immediately upon publication. All 199 issues, including the latest published about two weeks ago, plus supplements, are posted.

Link: https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Elizabethan/newsletters-eliz.php

Greene Foundation 50th Anniversary Anthology

The Greene Foundation will publish an anthology of articles near the end of our 50th Anniversary celebrations this year. Short articles are solicited from anyone who has a story to tell about a specific experience or ongoing relationship with the Greene Foundation, its staff, resources, or services that enriched your knowledge or enjoyment of philately.

Perhaps you were able to have a rare find expertised. Perhaps you were able to borrow books from the library in person or by mail. Perhaps you have purchased a key reference book published by the Greene Foundation or from our used books sales, which is now an important resource in your personal library. Perhaps you were able to do research using our reference collection of Official Postal Guides and Postmaster Generals Reports in our library or to access the Greene Foundation collection of Monthly and Quarterly Supplements to the Postal Guides which are now digitized and searchable on our website. Perhaps you have been able to attend a club or society meeting, or event hosted in the Greene Foundation meeting room, once or regularly. Perhaps you have been able to continue accessing the late Ralph Trimble's re-entries.com website now archived on the Greene Foundation website.

Share your singular experience or ongoing Greene Foundation relationship, which has enriched your philatelic experience, with your fellow collectors by writing a short article for the Greene Foundation's 50th Anniversary Anthology.

Articles should be submitted to Natalie at library@greenefoundation.ca

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













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