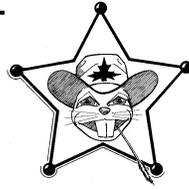


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October 19 MEETING IN COLLEGE STATION

We will meet at the St. Mary's Catholic Center, Church Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840, meeting wing on the second floor, probably Room 207, but it should be easy to find. Map p.2

DRESSER WINS GOLD FOR MAMMALS EXHIBIT AT BNAPEX IN OTTAWA

Escott Presentation March 2

Longtime PB member Nick Escott, MD, presented rare western Ontario covers associated with the boundary between Manitoba, Keewatin, and Ontario in the late 1882-1900. He showed town cancels indicating the transitions as well as confusion over the status of the land. On the Sunday after the meeting Nick picked up his wife at the Houston airport for a supposed balmy stay in the Corpus Christi area, instead being besieged by hurricane force winds for much of the next week. Sorry about that, Nick, helps you remember Texas weather- wait a bit and it will bite you. You area currently missing 98-100 degree days in mid-September, so bear up with your cool northern clime.

PB Chairman and Order of the Beaver member George Dresser received a gold medal for his exhibit of the 1987-90 Canada definitive series of mammals. His exhibit was extraordinarily complete given current knowledge about production of the series and errors, as well as proper usages of the various denominations, some of which are very difficult to find. For a 30 year old series, the stamps exhibit many classical attributes related to perf varieties, imperforate emissions, and range across first and second weight values for both domestic and foreign usages.

In addition to the gold medal, George received the White Queen award, given to the best Queen Elizabeth era exhibit.

Vic Willson, OTB, receives the Hall of Fame Award at BNAPEX 2019

For some unknown reason your editor received the Hall of Fame Award by BNAPS. This award is given at the discretion of the current President of the Society for whatever he/she feels is appropriate. Publications and holding various offices were mentioned- hopefully not a harbinger of imminent decease.

BNAPEX ROUNDUP 2019

The 2019 BNAPEX was a well-planned and executed convention. The venue was located in downtown Ottawa and easy walking to many venues of interest. The Friday night trip to the Natural History museum was a great success with night access to the dinosaur wing, which had a large number of large-boned toothy predators and herbivores, ground-based, flying, and swimming. A pleasant buffet meal rounded out the time.

The show was both well attended and well populated with dealers. The exhibit was a bit light with only 127 frames, but the quality of exhibits was quite high, with 18 golds awarded among 33 exhibits, 12 of which were 1-frame exhibits that received a majority of the golds (your editor was one of the judges).

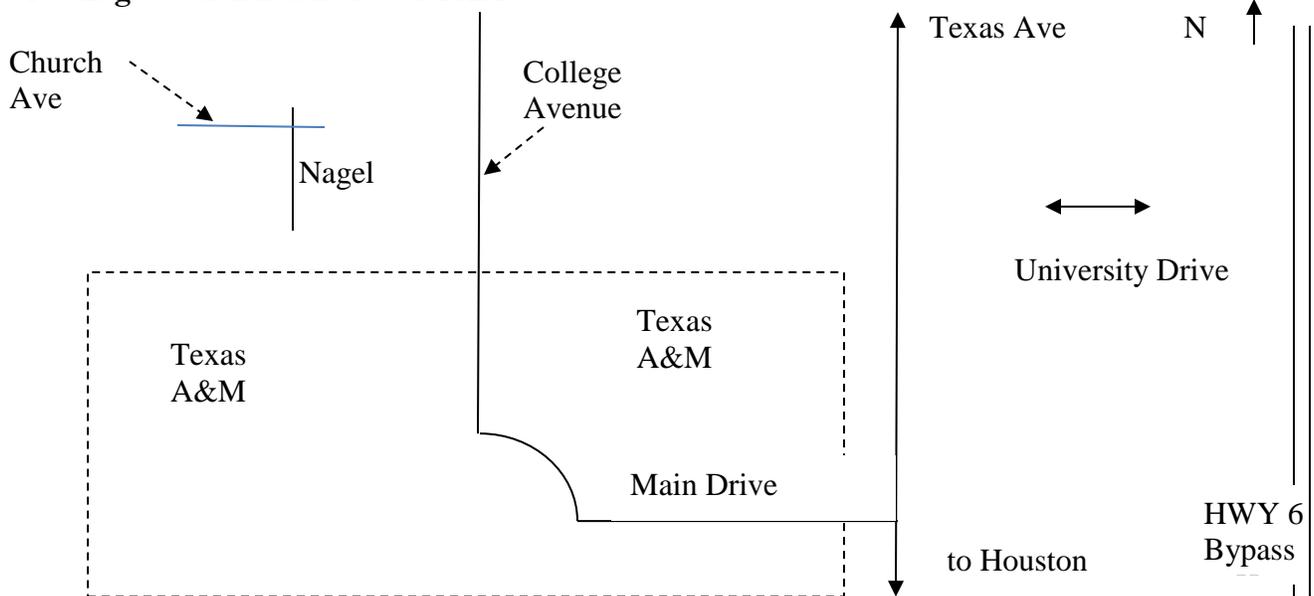
The seminars by study groups were outstanding this year, with every active group having a meeting.
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PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, October 19, 2019

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

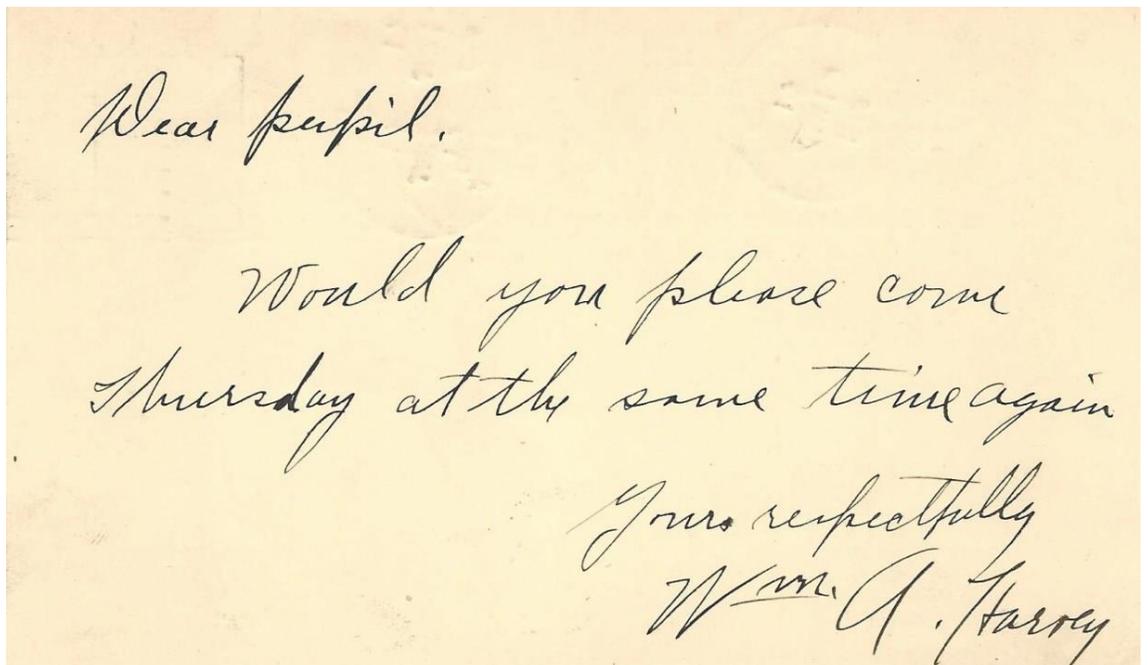
8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, donuts, informal
9:00 - 9:15	Introductions
9:15 - 9:45	Book reviews- new BNAPS books, auctions
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Swap
10:15 - 11:00	Presentation: The Mammal Definitive Series of Canada: George Dresser
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:15	Business meeting
1:15 - 2:00	Presentation: Plating the 12½ Cent Large Queen: Vic Willson
2:00 - 2:30	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
2:30 - 3:30	1 Page Story competition- bring a page with stamps that tell a story of your choosing that you present. 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd places voted on by attendees. Prizes given
3:30 - 4:00	Swap, sell, buy, trade. Bring silent auction items, 10% to PB if sold
4:00 - 4:30	TBA
4:30 - 5:00	Wrapup Leave for dinner at local venue

Map of College Station north side of TAMU



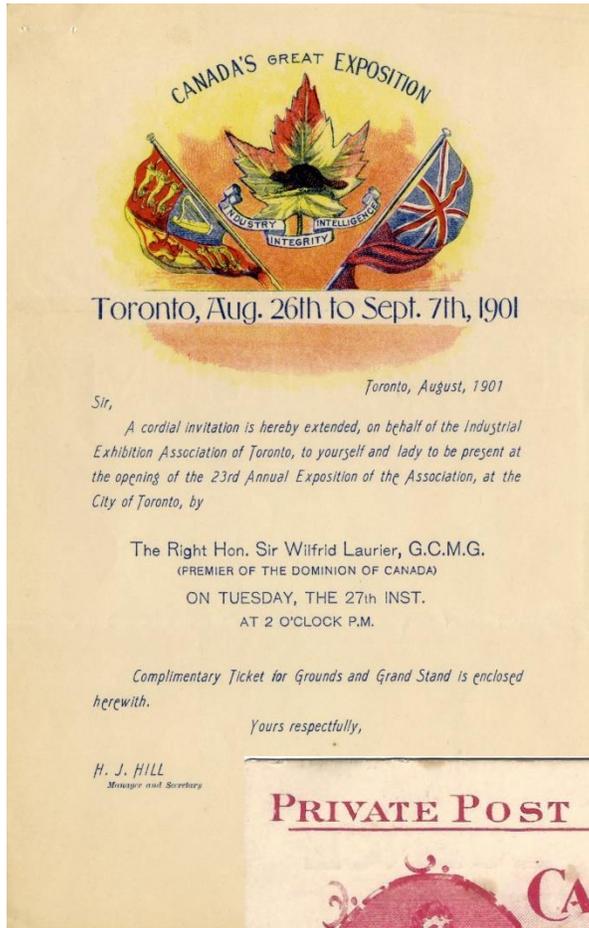
SPECIAL DELIVERY POSTCARD – George Dresser

Pictured is a 1 cent green King George V regular issue post card with an E1 special delivery stamp added and post marked Sarnia, Ont. January 19, 1914. This looks like a common item and would be but for the special delivery stamp. Special delivery post cards are scarce. I was pleased to find this item at BNAPEX from stamp dealer Hugo Deshayé to add to my collection of Canada's first special delivery stamp. The message side of the card reads: "Dear Pupil, Would you please come Thursday at the same time again. Yours respectfully, William A. Harvey"



CANADA'S EXPOSITION ADVERTISING POSTCARD- George Dresser

This private post card is advertising for Canada's Great Agricultural & Industrial Exposition, Toronto, August 26th to September 7th, 1901. Posted marked in Toronto on May 30, 1901 the card has an attractive cancellation listed in Coutts, *Slogan Postmarks of Canada* as C-150, CANADA'S EXPOSITION TORONTO AUG.26 TO SEP.7 Oval on Flag 12. Also shown is an illustration of an invitation to the Exposition opening ceremony.



(Ed. Note: the slogan cancellation shown on the card with letter D left of the oval also comes with E and F letters. The shield version of the slogan shown below, C-155, had letters A, B, and C.)



5th CLASS MAIL WITH LEAF STAMPS- Vic Willson

I recently acquired this 5th class parcel tag. As the rate was discontinued and folded into 4th class mail as of Jan. 1, 1899, this is presumed to be an 1898 or possibly 1897 usage. The rate was 1¢ per oz., so this paid for a 3-4 oz. item. It is the only 5th class item I have seen with ½¢ Leaf stamps, although I once owned a registered 5th class cover that had a 5¢ Leaf paying the registration.

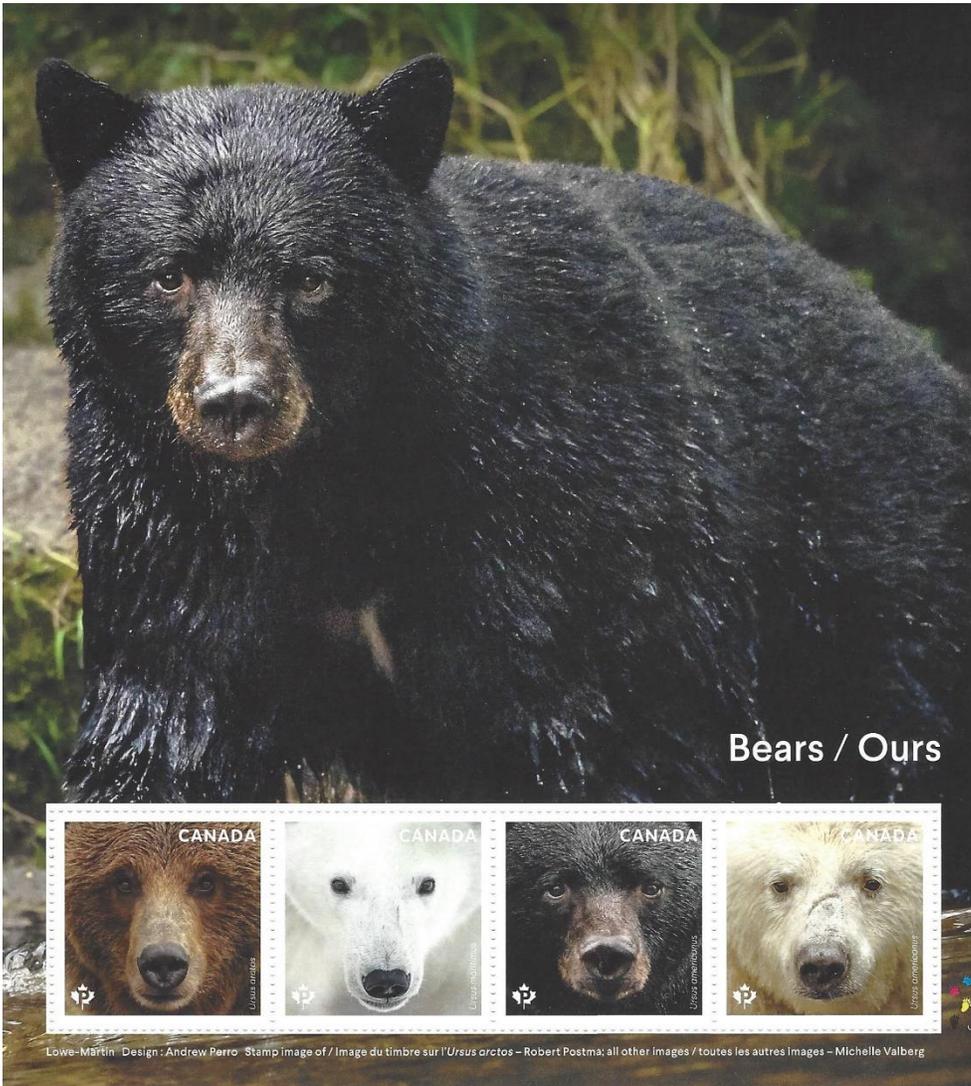


VICTORIA MOURNING COVERS- Vic Willson

When it rains it pours division. Some time ago I picked up the March 19, 1901, cover shown below as a nice way to show domestic 1st class postage using the ½¢ Numeral. Earlier this year I got the next cover to England sent Feb. 23, as a nice way to show the British Commonwealth 2¢ per 1/2 oz. rate with the same stamps. Then, in Ottawa, what shows up at Hugo Deshaye's table but another, this to India mailed Mar, 4, illustrating the rate to a different country. Jeff Switt showed an example in his Canada Mourns exhibit book, a domestic use. Now I wonder how many places this particular design was sent to. I have not seen it sent overseas prior to these.







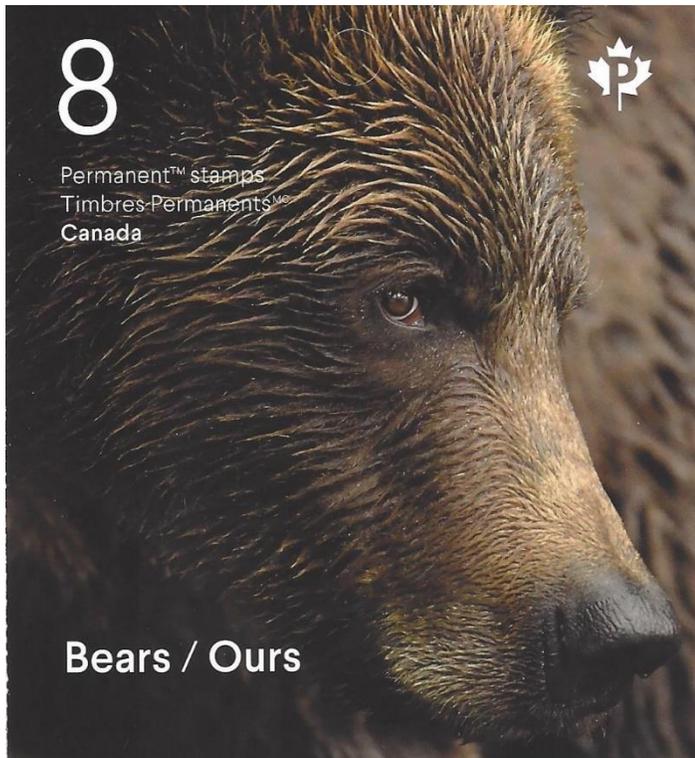
The Four Bears – George Dresser

On July 24, 2019 Canada Post issued a P (Permanent) stamp showing four bears indigent to Canada in four formats, a booklet of 8 stamps, a pane of 4 stamps, an Official First Cover and an uncut press sheet. Canadians and Canada Post are fond of their bears. The \$8 Grizzly issued on October 15, 1997 is a favorite and a delight to receive on a package. With the exception of the press sheet the other formats are shown here.

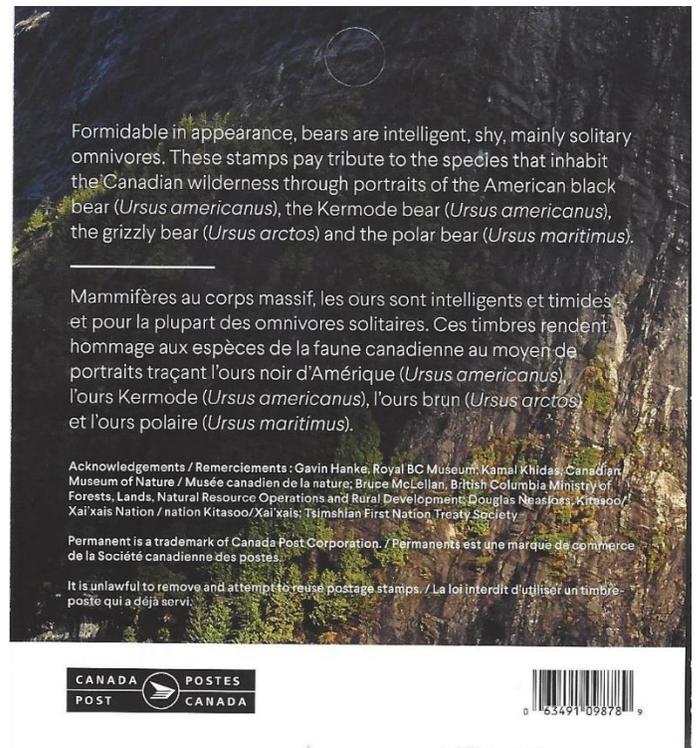
Stamp sheet

FDC front





Booklet front



Back of booklet

Booklet stamps



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