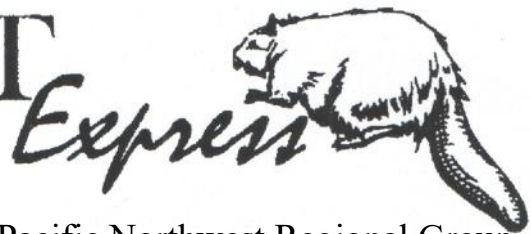


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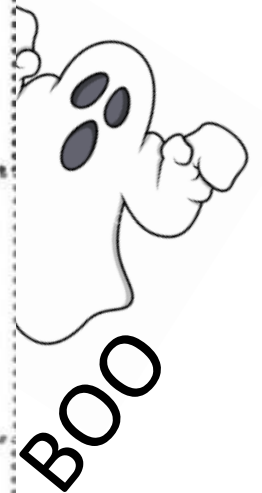
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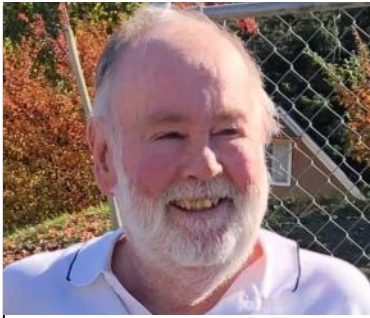
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HAPPY Halloween



Haunted Canada

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A Letter from the Chair

Happy Halloween

2021, members of BNAPS Pacific Northwest Regional Group.

The front page illustrates Canada's haunted places series issued over 3 years, 2014,5 and 6. Not being a collector of modern Canada, I must admit I hadn't seen these issues before but upon review they are an interesting group. Now to find any on cover may just be the greatest challenge.

In my last column I exhorted road trips this summer coincident with the increasing availability of COVID vaccinations. That was before the D Variant. And here we are 18 months later still living in uncertain times. The situation continues to be fluid. Regardless I have made my room reservation for the Victoria Stamp Bourse on November 21. Looking forward to meeting old friends, zoom friends and browsing the bourse table. We have had a small show here in the Okanagan in September and it was really good to see the members. Unfortunately Calpex was cancelled for this year but rescheduled for 2022.

Did you attend the Virtual BNAPEX in September? This virtual show was a great weekend and in many respects superior to an actual show. The exhibits were just outstanding. Being virtual, I could take my time and read through them in some detail from the comfort from my armchair! The ability to enlarge the images for greater inspection was very handy. There was a full slate of Zoom seminars. I attended several that were not in my areas of interest and surprise, they were totally enjoyable. In fact I joined one of the BNAPS study groups. Check out the study groups at

<https://bnaps.org/study.php>

Everyone is becoming more comfortable with the zoom platform and the comraderie that pervades our organization is seeping into the electronic format. We have some good times, particularly during Dave Bartlett's presentations on Okanagan Vineyards and the drinking tour of Canada. Cheers!

BNAPX 2022 will be held in Calgary in September 2022. Save the date in your calendar—I'm going.

Coming up is **RPSC Royal-2021-Royale** is a Virtual National Philatelic Exhibition on **October 14—17**. Its virtual—you can attend from anywhere in Canada at:

<http://www.canpex.ca/>.

See you there!!

Zoom—love it or hate it—its here to stay. It has become a remarkable tool and has opened venues for our hobby that were available only to the few that lived in the major centres where study groups met. We can now attend seminars and study groups all across Canada without leaving your living room. Technology is invading all aspects of our lives. I guess that's called progress and our hobby is progressing with it. From my own perspective, I have learned more about our hobby in the last 18 months that I did in the previous 55 years. And along the way have met some remarkable individuals.

Genealogy and genealogical research used to be a labourious time consuming hobby that took months and years to trace ancestors. In about 2000, the Mormons in Salt Lake City opened their database to the public and the hobby of Genealogy moved to the top hobby in the world almost overnight. That's the impact of technology.

Our next Zoom meeting will be on using genealogical research to enrich the study of philately. It will be led by the esteemed chair of the BNAPS Study Group on Digital Philately, **Dr. Darin P. Cherniwchan**

Some family trees have beautiful leaves, and some have just a bunch of nuts. Remember, it is the nuts that make the tree worth shaking.



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<http://www.bnaps.org/>

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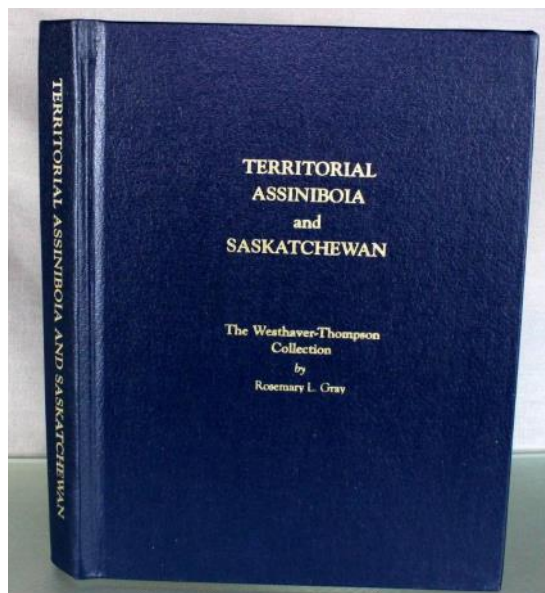
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WANT LIST

Searching for a used copy of this publication in furtherance of my Oakley, Assa research. If any member has a used copy they would like to part with, I would be pleased to purchase. In the alternative, if you were able to look up a citation —that would also be most appreciated. BNAPS-PNW@shaw.ca



WESTERN CANADA POSTAL HISTORY - Territorial Assiniboia and Saskatchewan - The Westhaver-Thompson Collection, by Rosemary L. Gray, published in 1990, navy blue hardcover edition, 422 pages



Canadian Special Delivery cover bearing #E3

Wanted, E3 special delivery on cover.

Please contact Mark at BNAPS-PNW@shaw.ca

(Please note the above image is not the authors and I did not record the source when I saved the image. My apologies to the rightful owner)

**Help Me -
I'm Stuck**



WANT LIST - HELP WANTED

Please submit your “want” items for publication. Who knows what may be lurking in someone's closet.

Submit your philatelic questions if you need help. We have an amazing pool of members eager to help other members.

Maple Leaf in Autumn

Date of Issue	September 3, 1971
Year	1971
Quantity	26,550,000
Denomination	7¢
Perforation or Dimension	11
Series	The Maple in four Seasons
Series Time Span	1971
Printer	Ashton-Potter Limited.

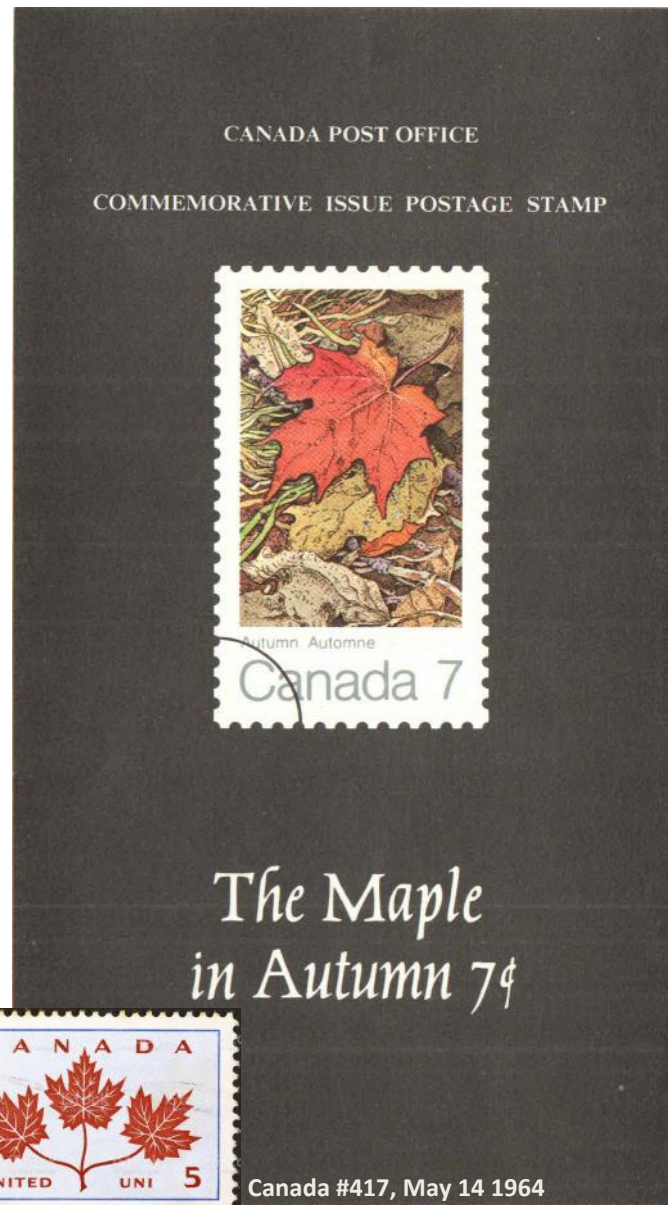


An ever popular subject for Canada Post is our National Emblem, the maple leaf. CPC produced a series of “The Maple Leaves in Four Seasons”, one of their best series, in the writers opinion. In keeping with the Fall theme of this newsletter, we present the Maple leaf in Autumn, the third issue in the series.

“The autumn splendour of maple leaves has been captured on this the third in a series of four special stamps illustrating the growth cycle of the tree whose leaf has always been so closely associated with Canada's history.

The evolution of symbols comparable to Canada's Maple Leaf has a deep-rooted significance in the minds of man. References to the maple leaf are interlaced in the annals of Canada's comparatively short history and researches have concluded that our symbol was looked upon as a fit emblem as early as the seventeenth century.

Many years were to pass before the formalization of these passing references, however, in 1868 the maple leaf appeared in the



On the 15th February 1965 Canada's National Flag, centred by a stylized red maple leaf, first flew from the mast heads of Federal establishments throughout the world. Recommended by the House of Commons on the 14th December and by the Senate on the 17th December 1964, it had received Royal approval on Christmas Eve of the same year.

It is recognized that the genus *Acer*, common to the northern hemisphere, once had a natural habitat extending into the Arctic regions. The genus *Dipteronia*, also part of the maple family of plants, is found in central and southern China.

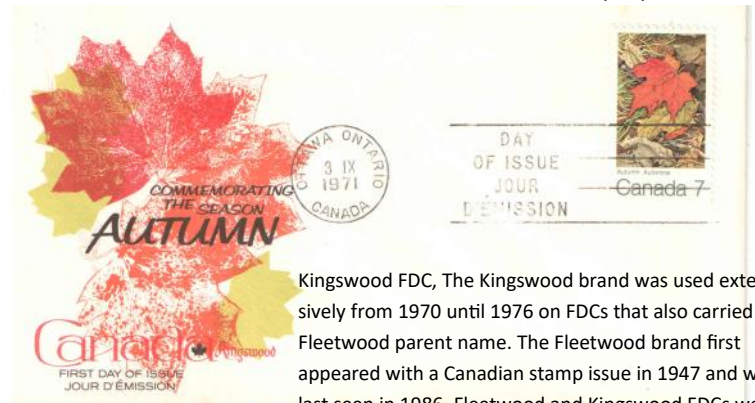
Ten species of maple trees native to Canada are the Vine, Broadleaf, Douglas, Mountain, Striped, Red, Silver, Sugar, Black and Manitoba. The winged seeds or Samaras, the fruit of the maple, often referred to as "Keys", mature, depending on the specific species, at varying periods throughout the months of growth. Falling to the ground, those that find suitable soil germinate as fledgling plants which, in some species, eventually lead to tall timber with a valuable commercial usage.

The re-birth of life after a winter hibernation is exemplified in the setting of a maple key in the fresh, delicate greens of early spring. The full-bodied summer greens lead in turn to the glory and splendour of autumn red and golds which have a magnificence seldom excelled in nature. In winter snow the maple leaf remains an object of infinite beauty.

Maple syrup and sugar, products concentrated from the sap of the maple tree, is a crop unique to North America. Delicious confections, they

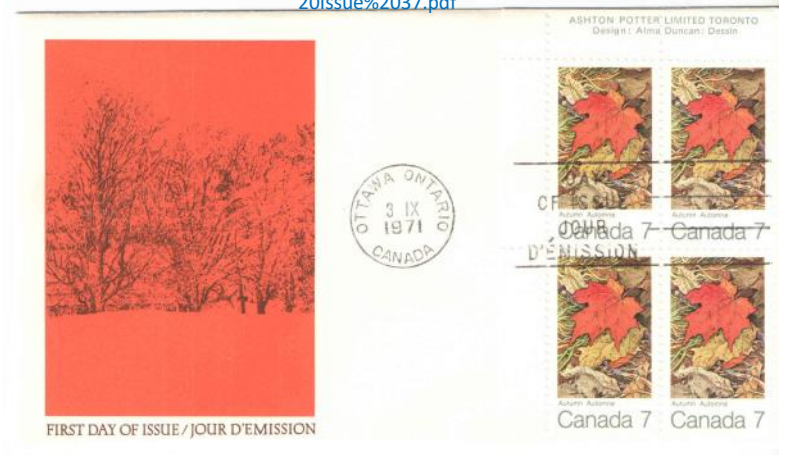


Canada #2808i 2/15/2015



Kingswood FDC, The Kingswood brand was used extensively from 1970 until 1976 on FDCs that also carried the Fleetwood parent name. The Fleetwood brand first appeared with a Canadian stamp issue in 1947 and was last seen in 1986. Fleetwood and Kingswood FDCs were products of Unicover Corporation based in Cheyenne, Wyoming which sold its Fleetwood Division to the Mystic Stamp Company of Camden, New York on April 2, 2007.

<http://canadafdc.org/Publications/FirstImpressions/FI%20Issue%2037.pdf>



Unaddressed FDC Canada Post



Canada #1524b 6/30/1994

are also one of the oldest crops yielded by Canada's forests. Native Indians in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River regions are known to have tapped trees for their succulent products prior to the arrival of white settlers. Legend has it that an Indian woman discovered the peculiar qualities of maple sap when she accidentally used it instead of water to boil venison provided by the hunters of her tribe. Today, with a fluctuating yield because of varying year to year climatic variations, maple syrup production, principally in the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, has a yearly value of between ten and fifteen million dollars. As one of the great food producers of the world, it is appropriate that Canada has a leaf as a national emblem. Leaves, the basic food producers, manufacture food for plants which ultimately nourish all creatures of the land."

Stay tuned for our next installment, Maple Leaves in Winter. Ed



First Day Cover: September 3, 1971

This is the third stamp in a series depicting the Maple Leaf in four seasons. In autumn the frost-tender leaves of the maple are a combination of incredibly brilliant colours—from greens, golds, to all manner of reds. The handsome maple graces our cities and woodlands from coast to coast and provides a seasonal splash of colour before the whiteness of winter closes in.



Private FDC issued as part of its National drug marketing programs with the Medical Community by Schering Corporation, produced by CANECO, Canadin Envelope Company. For an excellent discussion on this subject, we refer you to a paper written by R.D. Vogel presented May 15, 2019 Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada

[https://www.philatelicsspecialistsociety.com/presentations.php?file=048-\[VOGEL\]-The-Canada-Envelope-Company.pdf](https://www.philatelicsspecialistsociety.com/presentations.php?file=048-[VOGEL]-The-Canada-Envelope-Company.pdf)

Small Queens of Canada—Mark Oakley

An ever popular area of study is the Small Queens Issue of 1868—1897. Attractive not only in design but also in the various cancels, papers, varieties over this long issue. Here are a few of my favorites. If you are also a fan, consider joining the BNAPS Large and Small Queen Study Group

<https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-lsq.htm>



Strip showing the full Montreal flag cancel, Victoria 1837 1897, Lacelle Fancy Cancels Catalog number 1394 and was used in Montreal between July and August 1897



Way letter cancel . A way letter, or way bill, is a list of goods sent in the care of a common carrier, such as a railroad. This cancel simply reads WAY LETTER inside a single ring. <https://www.rpsc.org/Library/admiral/cancels.htm#P25>



Real or Bogus?

Ken Pugh presented at the BNAPex Virtual in September some of his latest findings on Ottawa Crown and Esquimalt Crown Cancels adding additional types to both types, 4 of the Ottawa and 2 of the Esquimalt.

In discussion of what constitutes “real” versus “fraudulent” cancellations, it does make one ponder the items in ones own collections.

Contact Ken for a copy of his recent publications at <https://kenphughphilately.wordpress.com/> e-mail to kpugh@shaw.ca phone (604-858-0544)

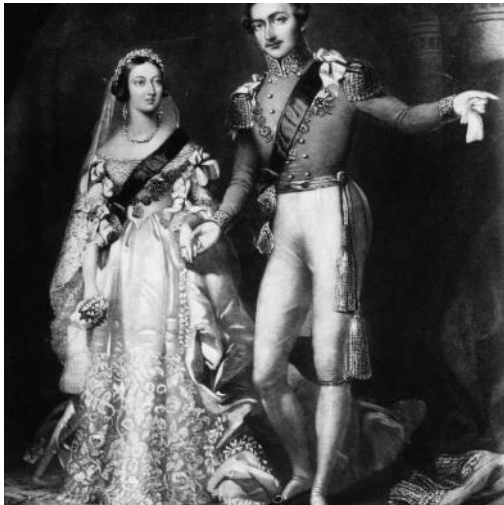


All stamps illustrated from the authors collection.

My Favorite Cover



Nice flag cancel on this 3 c cover from 1897. The cover, although somewhat unspectacular also came with an enclosure making the contents more interesting than the cover. From the newly weds to their Aunt and Uncle. A very heartwarming story—read on...



35 Bernard Ave
Toronto Oct 10/97

Dear Uncle Peter
and Aunt Mattie

Here we are at our little home, in our little sitting room, which has at last assumed the appearance of comfort, (which, a new room with fresh paper, curtains, furniture pictures &c, sometimes objects to do.) enjoying our first month of married life - We have got well started in our honeymoon which we know will last to all time.

We often talk of the fine times we have spent at your lovely home and are looking forward to paying you another

short visit, perhaps at New Year,
if you will have us.

We also beg to inform you
officially that there is a spare
room at 35 Bernard Ave which
is all ready dusted & kept clean
for occupancy whenever your
two dear selves make up your
minds to take possession of it.

I received Uncle Peter's kind
letter with the enclosure and
also the paper & have read
them all with great interest. I
would be glad to welcome the
day when I was proprietor
of a poultry farm on the
lines & of the size of the one

referred to in our conversations last summer.

I think it would be a pleasant, healthful,
interesting, & profitable pursuit, but I can't very well
leave the Canada Permanent [1896] now that they
give us such a nice clock.

Our fine solid silver spoons are
occasionally used — and always admired.

Love to you both from both of us

Your loving nephew
Arthur

VANCOUVER DEAD LETTER OFFICE

We were fortunate to have Dr. Brian Plain present to our Regional Group this year on the Dead Letter Office. An excellent presentation on the any facets and operations of the DLO as it evolved over the course of its existence. Brian was kind enough to send along this unique DLO scan of an officially sealed showing the 1879 Officially Sealed OX3 in use. A beautiful stamp with Queen Victoria Widow Weeds portrait on a rare and not often seen cover.





ROYAL-2021-ROYALE

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October 14-17, 2021

Royal-2021-Royale is a Virtual National Philatelic Exhibition conducted by The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and is hosted by CANPEX. Exhibits are displayed in both multi-frame and single frame classes.

Single frame exhibits achieving a level of vermeil or higher will be eligible to submit their entry to [CAPEX '22](#), the International One Frame Exhibition, June 9-12, 2022 in Toronto, Canada.

Seminars are scheduled over all four days covering a variety of topics and many are offered in your choice of Canada's two official languages.

October is Stamp Collecting Month. We hope you enjoy Virtual Royal - 2021 - Royale. Be sure to visit the dealers, view the exhibits and attend a seminar.

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English Virtual Seminars

1st up on **Oct 14** starting at 7:30pm eastern time we have Garfield Portch talking about Street Post Offices of Toronto 1881-1901. Please register at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8Wfh0wooQ8mAXBlw9EpWPw

2nd up on **Oct 15** starting at 7:30pm ET we have Ingo Nessel speaking on Why I Collect Hong Kong. Register in advance for this webinar https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PEC77bmVQw6PKeNipgVbpw

3rd up on **Oct 16** starting at 7pm ET we have Dr. Darin P. Cherniwchan speaking on Digital Philately Workshop - A hands on Experience. Please register at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xMwtMkINSkGDen0zal5Khv

And 4th up on **Oct 17** starting at 1pm ET we have a judging seminar hosted by international judge and chair of the RPSC Committee on Judging and Exhibiting chair of the Joel Weiner. Register at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I4wg1s-T-i6k9y8QBTsyw

THANK YOU to our Presenters

BNAPS PNW is honoured and privileged to have a membership that shares their research and knowledge for the enjoyment and education of the membership. In my editorial remarks made earlier, I said that the Zoom platform and technology has expanded our philatelic knowledge significantly in the last 18 months since the COVID pandemic started in March 2020.

We started our first Zoom session one year ago and look how far we have come. We have adapted to the technology and those individuals below have stepped forward for our mutual benefit. Not only have these individuals presented to our regional group, but to others as well and at our National BNAPex event and to other organizations as well. Zoom sessions are generally open to all interested collectors. You are always invited.

We are indebted to you for your service. This is indeed the hobby of Kings

This is best summed up in a comment I received from a member following a Zoom session:

“People who collect these little pieces of paper are some of the nicest and friendliest people on the planet”

Date	Presenter	Topic
Oct 19 2021	Dr. Darin P. Cherniwchan	Using genealogical research to enrich the study of philately
July 27	Dr. Gray Scrimgeour	Burrard Inlet - Indian Arm Postal History
June 29	Dr. Brian C. Plain	Dead Letter Office
May 25	Ken Pugh	The Tormented Life of Andre Frodel - A Different Perspective
April 27	Dr. Darin P. Cherniwchan	A systematic approach to analyzing your stamps, cards or covers
March 23	Dr. Morris Beattie	CPR “Crowsnest Route” in Southern BC
Feb 23	Dr. Brian Copeland	Postal history of the CPR on the Prairies (up to about 1900).
Jan 12 2021	Ken Pugh	Research Sources for Stamp Authentication
Dec 16	Dr. Gray Scrimgeour	The history of the Nicola and Similkameen
Nov 18	Ed Croft, LLB, QC FRPSC	Uncommon Destinations for Mail Sent from Palestine during British
Nov 18 2020	Dr. Darin P. Cherniwchan	Dr. Dewey’s 2 cent small queen

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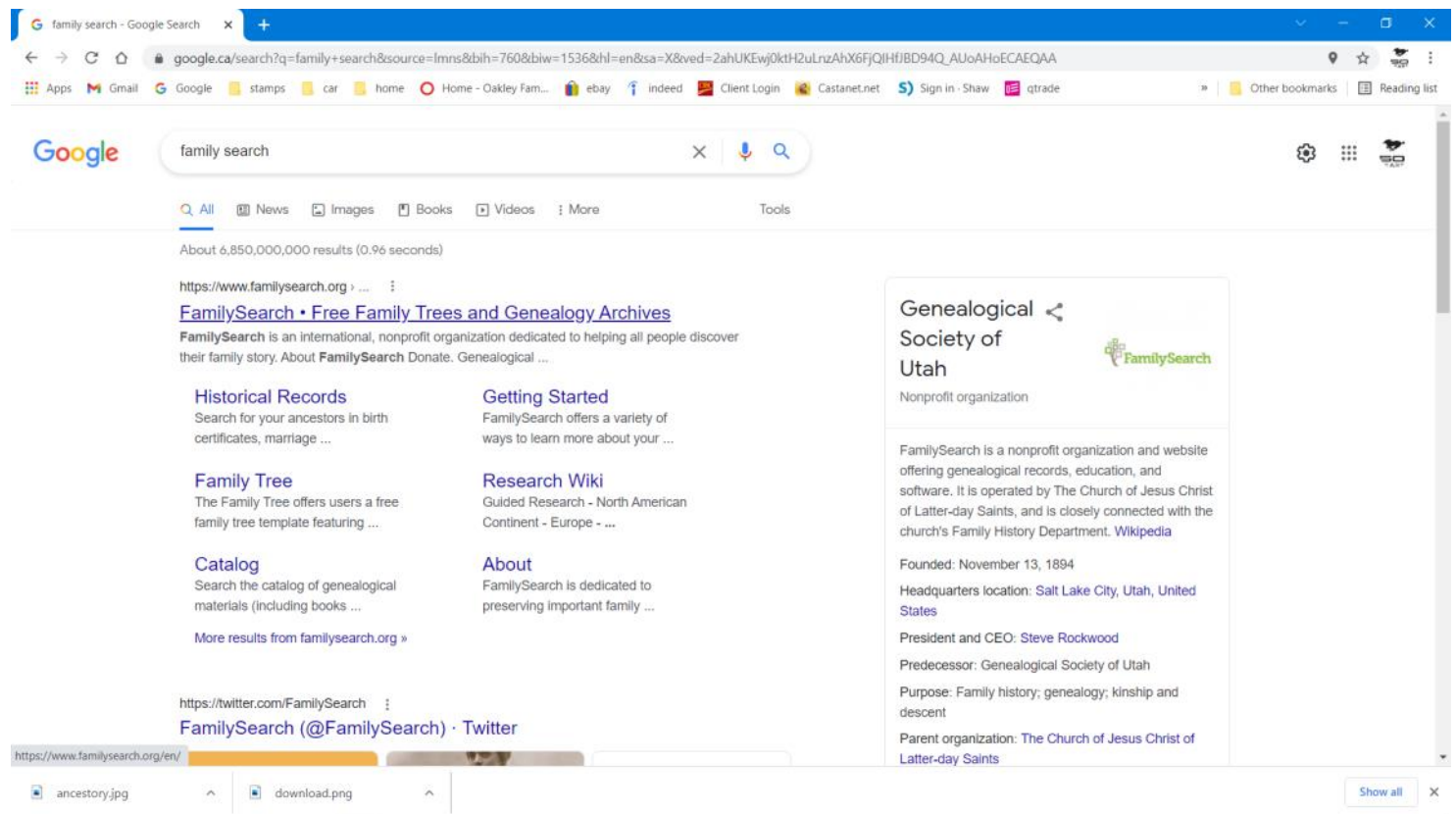
BNAPS Pacific Northwest Regional Group October 19 Tuesday 7 PM

Topic Using Genealogical Research to Bring Life to Your Research

Presenter: Dr. Darin P. Cherniwchan, BSc(Pharm), MD,CM,CCFP,FCFP



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88081787883>



<http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/>

October is National Stamp Collecting Month

National Stamp Collecting Month began in 1981 by the Council of Philatelic Organizations and the United States Postal Service.

October has been the month set aside to celebrate and introduce people to one of the most popular hobbies on our planet-stamp collecting! In fact, in order to attract as many people as possible, especially youngsters, special stamps are often issued for the event (most often pictorials). Past issues around the world have commemorated space, and other themes. We still have to wait and see what, if any, special issues will come out. Other countries celebrate stamp collecting also, and have even issued stamps with a higher value than the postage value (Semi-Postal stamp), the difference paid being donated to a foundation promoting stamp interests.

<https://blog.arpinphilately.com/what-is-national-stamp-collecting-month/>

Here are two internet sites that have rotating exhibits which you find interesting on a rainy fall day with a hot cup of java.



<https://postalmuseum.si.edu/>

<https://www.historymuseum.ca/event/the-canadian-stamp-collection/>

ONLINE EXHIBITIONS

The Museum has a number of online exhibitions related to postal history and heritage.

[A Chronology of Canadian Postal History](#)
[Her Majesty's Stamps](#)

[Chris Bennedsen – Scrapbook of a Life in Letters](#)

[The Labour Stamp](#)

[Winged Messenger: Airmail in the Heroic Era, 1918-1939](#)

[Postal Reform in Early 19th-Century British North America](#)

[The Origins of Dogsled Mail in the Yukon in the 1890s](#)

[Before E-commerce, a history of Canadian mail-order catalogues](#)

Did You Hear...

When Brian Grant Duff's client asked him to find a 12d Black pair, the All Nations' operator knew where to start: Facebook. Having previously found a mint Canada #1 for sale there, and placing it, Grant Duff had been offered some 12d Blacks by the same seller, Canada Stamp Finder.



Through Facebook Messenger Grant Duff

learned two Mint 12d Black pairs were available at between \$300,000 and \$500,000 each.

A consolation prize of a creased, but nice looking used pair, was also bruited at \$165,000.

At 56, Grant Duff is still very much a phone guy, but if Facebook Messenger is the medium, then that is where the deal is made.

Grant Duff acquired the pair on behalf of his client the Douglas Collection. It arrived in good order and passed muster.

When the new owner took his used 12d Black pair home, Brian figured he better let him sleep on it, and check in the next day to ensure he was pleased with it.

When the phone rang that afternoon, the client asked Brian, "what did my wife say when I showed her the pair in my album?"

Knowing that many stamp families might not be supportive of a \$175,000, with tax, stamp purchase, Grant Duff calmly played along. "I don't know, what did she say."

My wife said, "I'd like them better if they were mint."

He then asked Grant Duff if he could borrow half a million.

The used 12d Black pair the Douglas Collection acquired through All Nations is shown, with two other pairs, in Howes' 1911 Canadian Stamp handbook. It's first auction appearance seems to be in April 1945 when Harmer, Rooke sold Charles Lathrop Pack's Canada. Since then it has passed through a number of leading collections, including those of Adler, Cantor, Hillmer, Jephcott, and Leggett.

Leggett cut up one of the used pairs into singles and it appears that there may only be two used 12d Black pairs extant. Five mint 12d Black pairs are known, though some of these are in institutional collections.

All Nations has been in business in Vancouver since 1949 and conducts weekly online auctions at <https://www.allnationsstampandcoin.com>.

Brian Grant Duff can be reached at (604)684 4613 or collect@direct.ca, and, of course, on Facebook.

ZOOM ZOOM

Upcoming Meetings

Pacific Northwest Regional Group

Topic: Genealogy and bringing your research to life

Presenter: Dr. Darin P. Cherniwchan, BSc(Pharm), MD,CM,CCFP,FCFP

Time: Oct 19, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: Presenter needed—please consider volunteering

Time: Nov 23, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Pacific Northwest Regional Group

Topic: Christmas Party and the Twelve Days of Christmas

Presenter: Mark Oakley

Time: Dec 21, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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To Promote Stamp Collecting on Southern Vancouver Island In 1992, the Gerald E. Wellburn Philatelic Foundation was established from capital funds donated by Gerry, a well known local collector. The Wellburn Foundation promotes stamp collecting activities on Southern Vancouver Island. This has included shows, bourses, stamp clubs, youth and school activities and related endeavours. Future goals include promotional activities, seniors' programs, and other ways to encourage the hobby. We are always looking for additional contributions and volunteers to attain these goals.



The Wellburn Philatelic Foundation had its 2021 recently AGM and elected 2 new Directors: Hugh Armstrong (webmaster of the www.vicstamps.com website for our local clubs and Jannie Hofmeyr (an advanced philatelist and World Series of Philately contestant exhibitor). We also enjoyed several large donations of stamps to the Foundation.

Bill Bartlett (our Foundation Secretary-Treasurer) has prepared hundreds of new free Wellburn stamp packs - many of these will soon be placed in the Little Free Libraries (400 or more of them are scattered around Victoria!).

His Stamp Packs are really a labour of love as Bill carefully applies the Golden

Rule in making every one. In other words, stamps are selected and his



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