



# **BNAPS NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP NEWS**

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**From the Editor:** Our 200<sup>th</sup> issue of the Newsletter is pretty much done. Just a reminder though, I still need articles for the Newsletter. Please consider writing something: a recent acquisition, a favourite cover, a favourite stamp issue, etc.

### **Newfoundland Study Group ZOOM Session: May 17 2025**

Blair Ashford's presentation was titled, "Beyond the Album: Turning Your Collection into an Exhibit". Blair was the winner of two gold medals for his exhibits at last year's BNAPEX in Kingston. It was his first time exhibiting at a BNAPEX! Twelve BNAPS members were in attendance and his talk stimulated much discussion afterwards. Even "seasoned" exhibitors expressed their thoughts that they too had benefited from Blair's talk. It was recorded by Charles Livermore and he will be posting the recording on the BNAPS website.

### **BNAPEX 2025**

We will be holding a Study Group Meeting at BNAPEX in Vernon BC 19 - 21 September 2025  
Saturday September 20, 10:00-11:30 in the Columbian Room

**WE NEED A SPEAKER(S) for this meeting. Please let me know ASAP if you intend to go to the meeting and if you are willing to make a presentation.**

#### **The convention venue is**

Prestige Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre  
3914 - 32nd Street, VERNON BC V1T 5P1

Hosted by the BNAPS Pacific Northwest Regional Group.

#### **Anniversaries noted**

BNAPEX 2025 Vernon will mark the following anniversaries with special covers and postmarks:

- 50th anniversary of Parliament naming the beaver as an official symbol of Canada
- 60th anniversary of the Canadian flag
- 113th anniversary of the establishment of Vernon Military Camp

#### **Important dates**

- 15 June - End of initial acceptance period for requesting exhibit frames
- 30 June - Last day to register for the BNAPEX convention so as to be entered in the draw for \$100
- 15 July - Last day for requesting exhibit frames
- 31 July - Last day to reserve a room at the convention hotel so as to be entered in the draw for free hotel room for one night (up to a maximum of \$179)
- 15 Aug - Last day to register for the BNAPEX convention
- 15 Aug - Last day to update exhibit synopsis and title page
- 31 Aug - Last day to reserve hotel room at the BNAPS group rate
- 18 Sept - Exhibit mounting and bourse set-up
- 19 Sept - Exhibition opens: bourse and seminars
- 20 Sept - BNAPS Past-Presidents' Reception & Awards Banquet
- 21 Sept - Last day of the convention; exhibit take-down

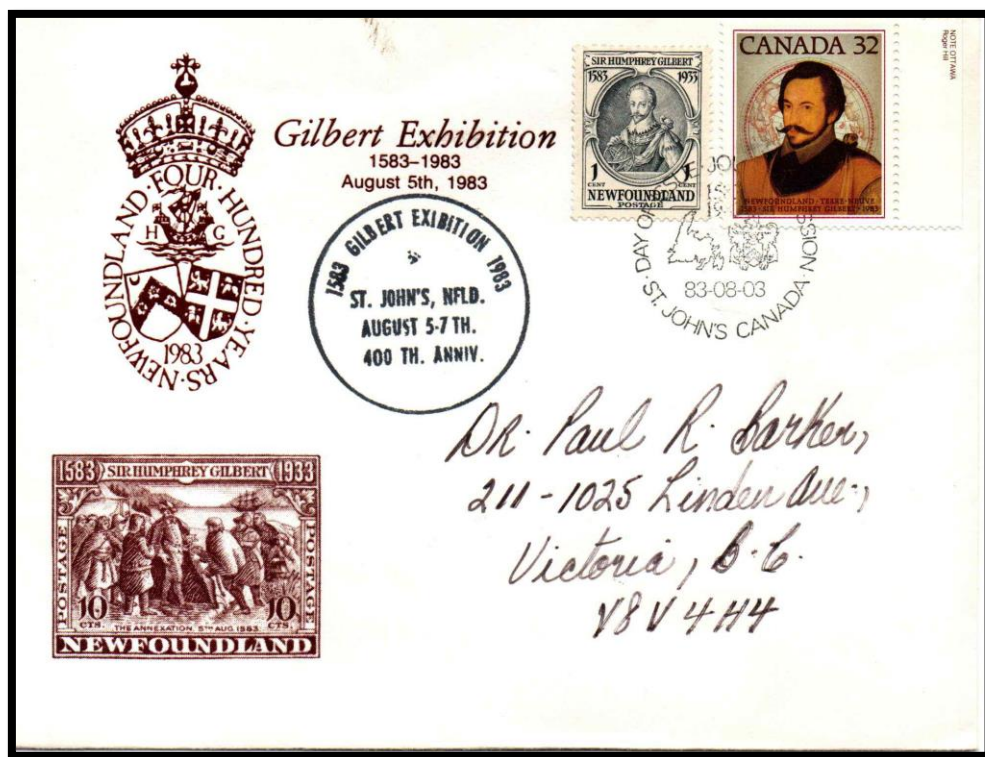
### Registration

You must register to sign up for the day trips or attend Friday's night-out dinner or Saturday's awards banquet. The registration includes access to the exhibition, bourse, and study group meetings. Click [REGISTRATION](#) at left to register and pay.

A walk-in fee of \$5.00 per day is charged to access the bourse on Friday or Saturday for persons 18 years of age or older. Access is free to all on Sunday. This fee is charged **ONLY** if you do not register for any of the special events (the three day trips, Friday night-out, or Saturday awards banquet).

The BNAPEX convention is a great place to view exhibits of Canadian stamps and postal history, talk to fellow attendees, and visit the dealers.

### A Gilbert Cover - John Walsh



That Gilbert cover sure is a beauty.

John G Butt and I had it designed to go with our stamp exhibition that we put on for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sir Humphrey Gilbert in 1983. We had 20 frames displayed at the St. John's Holiday Inn. One display group came from Ed Werner known as Indigo Stamps. He had acquired a fabulous Sir Humphrey Gilbert collection just prior to our show time; it had die proofs, printed stamp errors, covers showing many postal mail rates. Just a beautiful display. Many pages.

Another exhibit had Nfld. pence issues. With plate numbers being another that was displayed.

We even had an exhibit from Mr. William Cushner of Cape Breton featuring beautiful fishing flies presented in mounted frames. It was most enjoyable; some liked it better than the stamps! A year or so later Sharon and I along with Gary Lyon and his missus did visit Cushner at his house; a lighthouse up in the Cape Breton highlands.

The writing is Butt's writing.

We sold the covers at the show and from ads in the earlier version of the Canadian Stamp News.

All covers had a 1cent Nfld. Gilbert on them.

Most interesting was that our cover was chased by collectors versus the version Canada Post issued!

A few dealers were present for the show. All had a great time.

What a show.