

# THE NEWFOUNDLAND NEWSLETTER



## OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP OF BNAPS

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### Newfoundland Study Group News

- **Correction to NN 175.** On page 10 the last box of the table reads as follows:  
**HAWKER MAIL with overprinted stamps cancelled May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1919**  
It should read  
**“Covers with overprinted stamps IN OTHER MAIL”**

My apologies to J.C. Vasseur for the error. Malcolm Back (editor)

#### Thompson wins Pratt Award for Newfoundland articles:

- BNAPS member Anthony B Thompson of Saltsjö-boo, Sweden, has received the prestigious Pratt Award for 2018 from the Collectors Club of Chicago (CCC) for his articles entitled “Gum: The later Newfoundland issues printed by Perkins Bacon, Waterlow, and others” (BNA Topics, Volume 75, No 1, 2018) and “Newfoundland’s foreign mail—basic rates and colours for the letter, post card, and printed paper stamps” (BNA Topics, Volume 75, No 4, 2018).

The CCC Pratt Award is named for Robert H Pratt, the eminent Newfoundland stamp and postal history collector, researcher, and author. In 1997, the CCC initiated the award, which is annually bestowed on the author(s) of the philatelic article(s) or book(s) published on Newfoundland’s philately judged best in that year. The annual Pratt Award is a prize of one thousand dollars US.

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**Newfoundland Study Group News**

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- As usual I am always looking for articles and news items for the newsletter. **I have nothing for the next issue** so please sharpen those pencils and consider writing an article to share with your fellow Newfoundland enthusiasts.
- I recently read the articles by Jean-Claude Vasseur in the Newfoundland Newsletter, and enjoyed them very much. I should be grateful if you could forward this letter of Appreciation to Mr. Vasseur for me.

Sincerely, Dr Graham Worrall, Glovertown NL.

- As you will see on page 16, **BNAPEX 2019** is in Ottawa from August 30 to September 1, 2019. I would like to arrange for a Study Group meeting, and presentation(s). If you would like to give a presentation at this meeting, or if a number of you would like to give a shorter presentation, please let me know as soon as possible. Let me know the length of your talk and a working title and I will make the necessary arrangements. Look forward to seeing you there.

Malcolm Back (editor)



- There is a nice article in the most recent BNAPS Topics on the Newfoundland 1887 ½¢ Dog: A detailed study of its correct release date and other discoveries by John M Walsh, FRPSC and Julian J Goldberg.
- There is also an article by Clarence A Stillions, OTB, detailing an interesting NFLD cover from Newfoundland to Fiji!
- Eastern Auctions had an important auction on June 14 & 15. It included the Specialized Collections of C.A. Stillions featuring the Resource issues of 1932-1938 and 1941-1944, and included proofs, imperforates, varieties, plate multiples and postal history. Catalogues may still be available.
- Treasurer Martin Goebel has expressed some concern about our financial position as we did not receive a stipend from the BNAPS this year. There is no immediate crisis but we need to be fiscally responsible. We could raise dues or we could cut costs in order to avoid future shortfalls.

I would like to propose the latter for now. The easiest way to do this is to cut out the colour pages on hard copies. They cost us 40¢ each, so for each issue  $0.40 \times 4 \times 35 \times 1.15 = \$64.40$ . Note that on an annual basis this saving is \$257.60. Colour pages remain available to all e-mail subscribers (60 right now). If you would like to switch from a mailed copy to e-mail copy please let Martin know. You can download high resolution PDF's with all relevant pages in colour. We could still make available hard copy colour pages at cost to whoever would like them. Thank you for your understanding.

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**MY REV. CANON E. E. RUSTED COVER**

by Malcolm Back

One of the great pleasures that I have discovered as a member of the Newfoundland Study Group and as co-editor of this Newsletter with the late Norris (Bob) Dyer, is access to the variety of interests and expertise of the members of this great study group. I have been fortunate to learn so much from so many of you that I really can't thank you all enough.

After learning about the Rusted family from the writings of Bob in BNA topics, Vol. 2, No. 4, NN160, pg.1 and Bruce Robertson in NN168, pgs.6-7, while I was perusing the stock of a dealer at one of the local Toronto shows, I immediately recognized the name on the return address of this envelope.



It was from the Rev. Canon Ernest E. Rusted, the father of Nigel Rusted whom Bob Dyer had written about. As Bob had noted in his article, the good Reverend was also an avid stamp dealer in his off hours, much the same as the Rev. E. A. Butler of Sandy Point fame.

This is a registered letter to Mrs. Hailey Williams, re-directed to Old Holbans, Broad Oak, Heathfield, Sussex, (England). Bearing 3 – 5¢ Grenfell stamps, cancelled at Carbonear on December 1, 1941. It also has a faint "PASSED" censor stamp to the lower left and it is a first day of issue cover. While the reverse of this cover is unfortunately a bit rough with thins on the flap that removed part of the Wilmington receiving cancel, and a Newfoundland T.P.O. cancel, it fortunately still had the enclosure that gives an interesting glimpse into the stamp dealings of the Reverend.



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The Rectory  
Carbonear  
Newfoundland

Mrs. Hailey Williams      Nov. 25, 1941

Dear Madam

On Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> a stamp is being  
issued to commemorate Sir Wilfred  
Grenfell's work in Labrador -  
Newfoundland, & am sending you  
a 1<sup>st</sup> day cover, which I trust  
will reach you safely.

I hope my Christmas letter sent  
several weeks ago has reached  
you safely.

With revered best wishes for Christmas  
& the New Year.

Yours very sincerely

E. E. Rusted.

The Rectory, Carbonear, Newfoundland, Nov. 25, 1941

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**GILBERT ISSUE DIE PROOFS**

by Malcolm Back

When I attended a recent stamp show, I visited the booth of Bill Coates, Philatelist, Thorold, Ontario. He showed me some of the Sir Humphrey Gilbert die proofs that were part of his stock.

Bill kindly agreed to allow me to publish scans of these examples.



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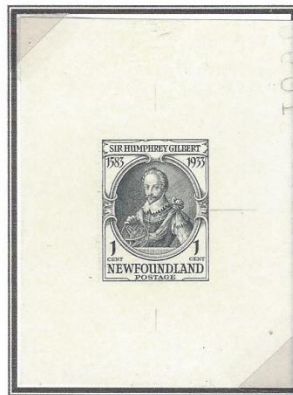
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*SIR HUMPHREY GILBERT ISSUE*

*Die Proofs in Black on Watermarked Wove Paper (.0035" thick)*

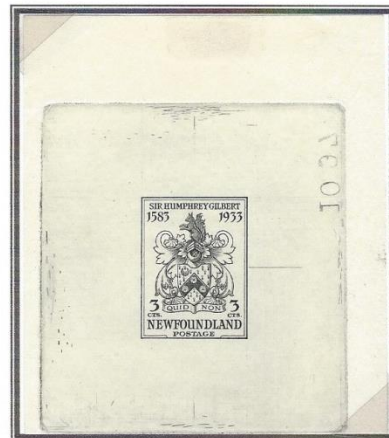
*AUGUST 3, 1933*

*1c Sir Humphrey Gilbert*



*3c Gilbert Coat-of-Arms*

*2c Compton Castle*



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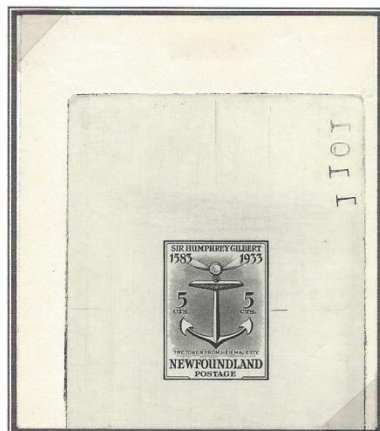
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*AUGUST 3, 1933*

*4c Eton College*



*5c Token from Queen Elizabeth I*



*7c Receiving Royal Patents*





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*SIR HUMPHREY GILBERT ISSUE*

*Die Proofs in Black on Watermarked Wove Paper (.0035" thick)*

*AUGUST 3, 1933*

*8c Fleet Leaving Plymouth*



*9c Fleet Arriving at St. John's*



*10c Annexation of Newfoundland*





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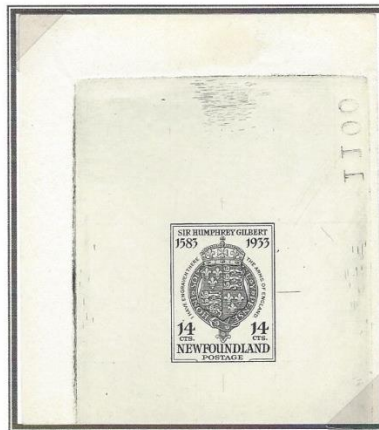
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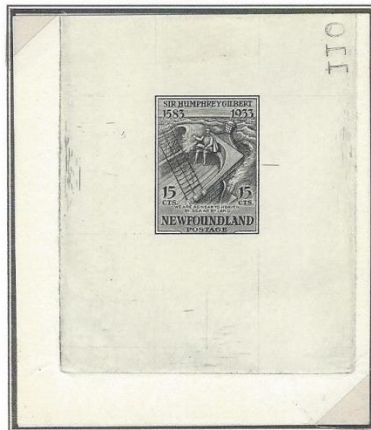
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*AUGUST 3, 1933*

*14c England's Coat-of-Arms*



*15c Gilbert on The Squirrel*



*20c Map of Newfoundland*



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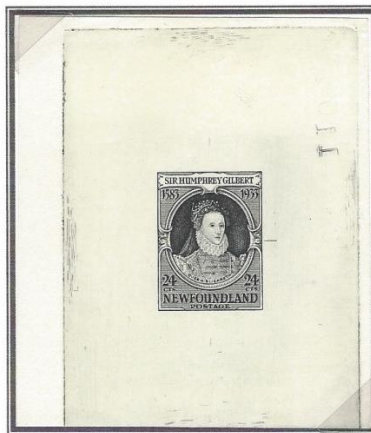
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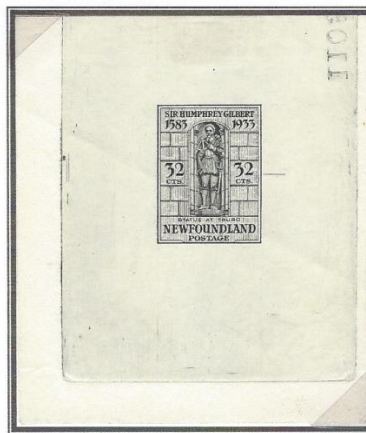
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*AUGUST 3, 1933*

*24c Queen Elizabeth I*



*32c Gilbert Statue at Truro*



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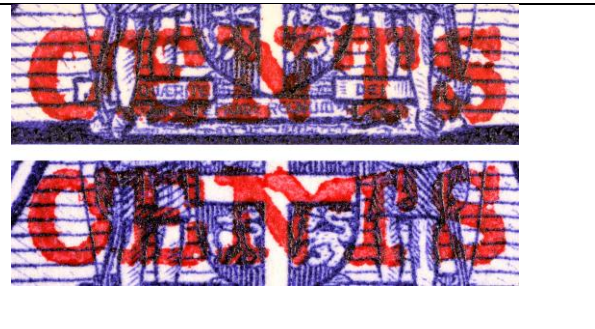

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**NEWFOUNDLAND 1939 ROYAL VISIT WITH “NY” SURCHARGE ERROR**

by Anthony Thompson

This 4c overprint of the 1939 Royal Visit to Newfoundland was included in a recent lot from Weeda Stamp's ([www.weeda.com](http://www.weeda.com)) bidboard. It shows a distortion and joining of the N and T of CENTS giving an NY appearance. The upright of the N is broken to the left and the bar of the T sloping obliquely downwards. The red letters, including the NY, all show a darkening around the edge, and it appears that there is a fault in the lettering on the overprint plate. Scott (2008:251i) and NSSC (2016:234b) list the CENTL variety, and the latest Unitrade catalogue notes "There are many varieties of broken letters and figures in the settings of these surcharges." Overprints with missing parts of letters due to lack of ink seem well known. However, I can find no mention of this NY variety where the letters appear properly printed but damaged. Is this a constant variety? Has anyone seen it before?

	<p>Figure 1. 1939 Royal visit 4c on 5c surcharge showing “NY” error in CENTS.</p>
	<p>Figure 2. Normal (upper) and error (lower) showing CEN(NY)TS.</p>
	<p>Figure 3. Detail of N and T showing distortion and join.</p>

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**MORE ON THE PROOFS OF THE 1942-49 RESOURCES ISSUE**

- submitted by John Walsh, FRPSC

Attached are 3 PDFs from my exhibit (it is on the ORE area BNAPS), just to add to the piece on the 8 cent Resource proofs in NN 174

© Walsh Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue (NSSC)

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Perkins Bacon still printed and supplied definitives since 1932. Their plant was destroyed on May 10, 1941. With loss of the printing plates a scramble ensued to get contracts filled. Waterlow and Sons copied and printed these designs. Differences in image sizes, perforations and plate layouts occurred. Newfoundland Post Office pressed the denominations into use upon receipt. Images are of current Royal Family and from the previous resources and manufacturing. This issue has design width on narrow side  $> 20.5 < 21$  mm; except the 48¢ ( $> 20.2 < 20.4$  mm). Some values exist with a *skeleton key* styled watermark which is part of sheet layout for the watermark. This set exists as '*plate proofs*'. Found as imperforate, gummed, with hole punches; "security hole punch" is term often used.

NSSC #252 & 253 also exist in this manner; all from company archives.

NSSC #236 (1¢); 238 (3¢); 240 (5¢); 243 (10¢); 252 (4¢); 253 (5¢) exists as '*plate proofs*' sans holes.

Ex archives basic perforated sets exist with security hole punches; often called 'requisition order proofs'.

Many large die proofs have imprint of a hole.

LC = left center

Type 1 - center numerals with  $\perp$  only in perfs. of stamp with numerals (1 plate) TC = top center

Type 2 - center numerals with stamp right of numerals having  $\odot$  and  $\perp$  (1 plate);

should be collected as piece that shows a corner plus all of the above info; otherwise it looks as Type 3

Type 3 - center numerals and layout as Type 2 plus same numerals are now in 4 corners (5 plates)

Type 4 - center numerals + same numerals in 4 corners (5 plates)

Type 5 - numerals in 4 corners only (4 plates)

RESOURCES ISSUE OF 1942 - 49

FIRST PRINTING STYLE

Plate 41601

8¢ red with top center

13 M issued

***no example of 8¢ top center plate in perforated form has been found***

PLATE PROOF  
in colour of issue

Plate 41601

imperforate 8¢ red value  
from the printers archives





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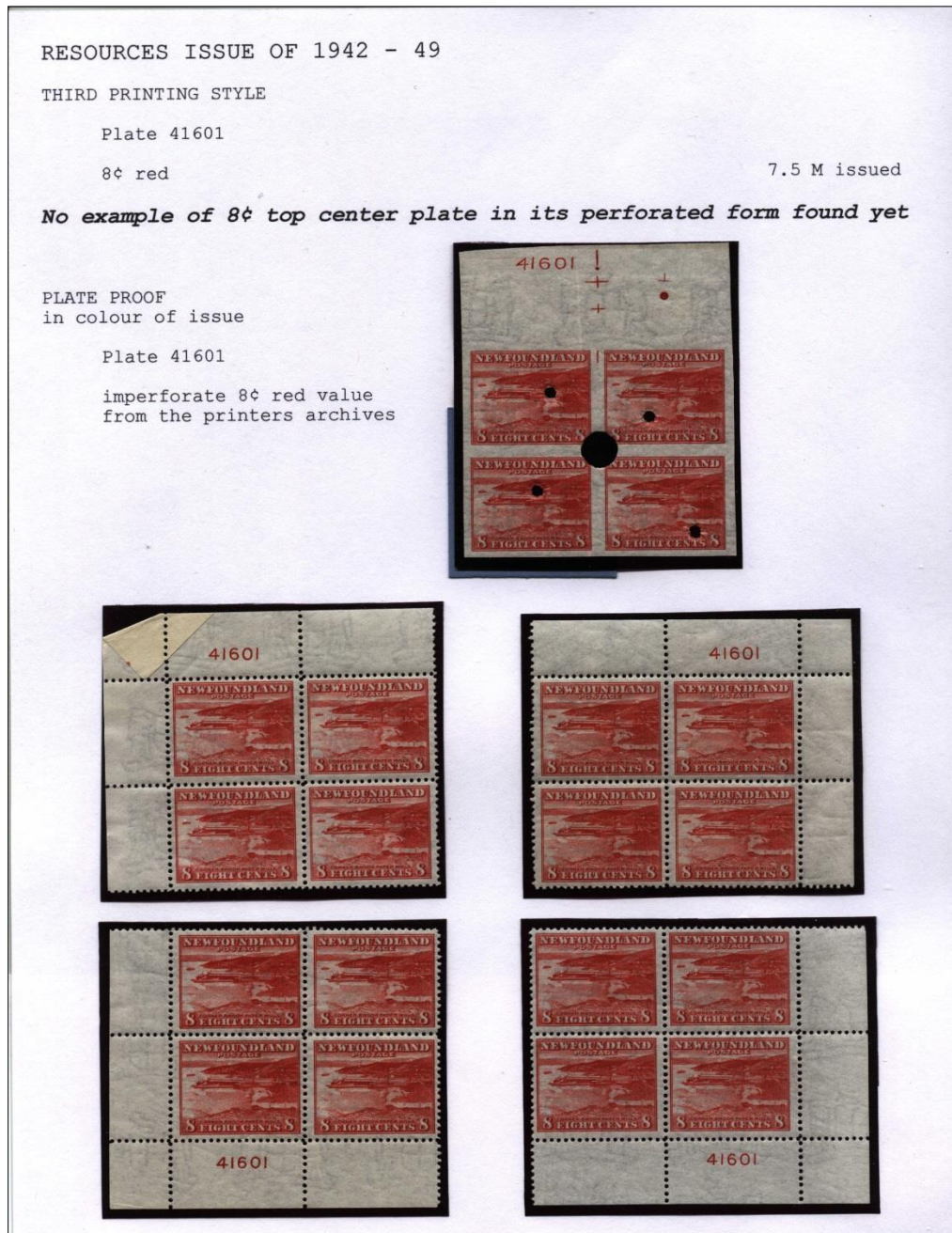
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**JUST AN INTERESTING OBSERVATION**

- submitted by John Walsh, FRPSC

Look at the two proofs; 41 (fig.1) and 41 colour trial (fig.2). Note the right side development. Observe the nice detailed outer frame lines. Now look at the left side. Not there or remnant thoughts placed there. Yet these are die proofs!



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Now look at the issued stamps N.S.S.C. 41 violet brown and N.S.S.C. 42 green. The released printing plate proof has been developed the same way. It is as if the engraver forgot to do the outer frame line on the left. Just to show how complete development of both sides of a frame are not always done.





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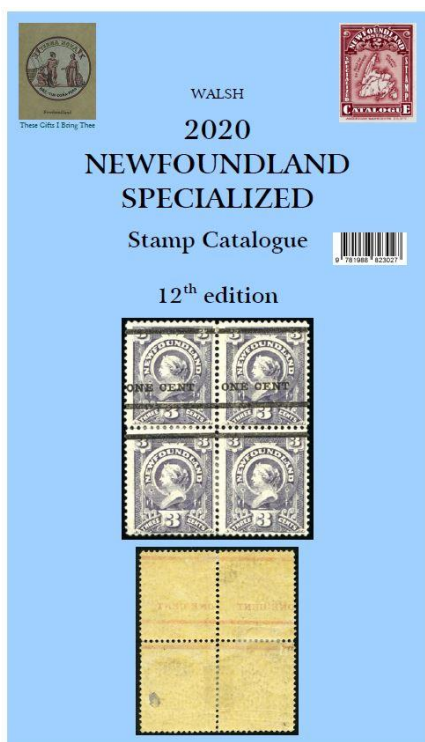
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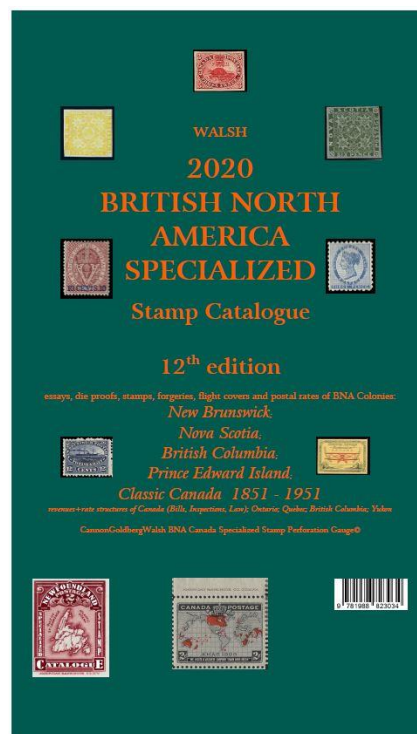
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**BNAPEX 2019 Ottawa**  
**BNAPS convention, exhibition, and bourse**  
**30 August - 1 September 2019**  
Friday (10:00-18:00) Saturday (10:00-17:00) Sunday (10:00-15:00)

Delta Hotels Ottawa City Centre, 101 Lyon Street North, Ottawa K1R 5T9

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BNAPEX 2019 will mark three anniversaries:

- The 100th anniversary of the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier
- The 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy
- The 125th anniversary of the declaration of Labour Day as a national legal holiday by the Parliament of Canada

**Important dates**

- 15 April - Last day for initial acceptance period for requesting exhibit frames
- 30 June - Last day for subsequent acceptance period for requesting exhibit frames
- 29 Aug - Exhibit mounting and bourse set-up
- 30 Aug - Exhibition opens: bourse and seminars
- 30 or 31 Aug - Evening out - venue to be announced
- 1 Sept - BNAPS Past-Presidents' Reception & Awards Banquet

**Registration**

Access to the exhibition and dealer bourse is free. If stamp collecting interests you, you are encouraged to view the exhibits, talk to fellow attendees, and visit the dealers.

You must register to go to the study group seminars, sign up for the tours, or attend Saturday's supper and Sunday's awards banquet.

Come to BNAPEX 2019, visit Ottawa-Gatineau and the Ottawa Valley, and spend a few extra days touring our beautiful and historic region. We hope to see you in Ottawa!