

The Bulletin

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Learning about Bread with Stamps

I attended the September 17th Zoom meeting of LASO. And I found it quite interesting. There was general chatter before the meeting about interesting finds, shows attended etc that was enlightening. The actual meeting officially starts at 8pm but the moderator opened the Zoom meeting at 7pm and several people were ready to chat.

I think by the time of the official start there were 29 in attendance. Most of whom were seasoned collectors which I found interesting because I wondered why they would go to an online meeting for stamps. Most belonged to other 'in person' clubs but were interested enough in the hobby to interact with people all over the continent. There were a few from Canada and from several states in the US. The basic reason that they were there was to interact with others of like mind.

The program was Bread on Stamps. He started the presentation with stamps showing the plowing of the land,



and then followed by showing stamps of sowing seeds, harvesting grain, milling of the grain,

Horse driven mill in
Szarvas, Hungary



baking of the bread and then concluded showing stamps with bread from all over the world. It was a thematic presentation, rather than a topical presentation which generated a conversation about the place in philately for topical and thematic exhibits.

One person in attendance was Jean Wong of Toronto who has done topical exhibits and won major prizes with them at shows. The general consensus was that the future of Philately will depend on the acceptance of topical and thematic exhibits. To get young people involved we have to offer them a choice that would interest them. Thematic and topical collections could very well be that selling point.

Many years ago I did a slide presentation on "What Stamps can Tell You" for another group to which I belonged. I presented it to my then stamp club and was told by the president that although it was interesting it was arts and crafts not philatelic. I was disheartened but continued collecting stamps for my collection but never really got into exhibiting because I never found a "philatelic" topic that was of interest to me.

Over the years I thought of topical or thematic subjects I would like to tackle and now I am thinking I might try to put a 16 page exhibit together. We will see if time permits for next year.

Diane

Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Tues Oct 1

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed Oct 3

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Thurs Oct 10 Zoom
Wed Oct 16

Guelph Stamp Club
Wed Oct 2
Wed Oct 16

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs Oct 10

Oxford Zoom Auction
Fri Oct 4
Fri Oct 18

LASO Zoom Meeting
Tues Oct 15

Check with the club
before going to its
meeting.

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Dec

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Message from the President – Walt Berry

Twenty four members attended the August meeting at St. Matthew's Church. Thank you for attending and all that you do to make club meetings fun and interesting. Members do more than just attend meetings - tables are set up and taken down / door prizes are donated / tickets purchased. THANK YOU!

The first Saturday in May 2025 has been booked for our annual show. Once again the show will be held in the Clifford Community Hall - the address is 2 William St Clifford ON. The United Church ladies will be asked to provide the lunch counter. They were happy with the result from last year (and I believe everyone enjoyed the offerings the provided).

The Club has ordered a name badge for all members and are available at the meeting. Please pick them up when you attend.

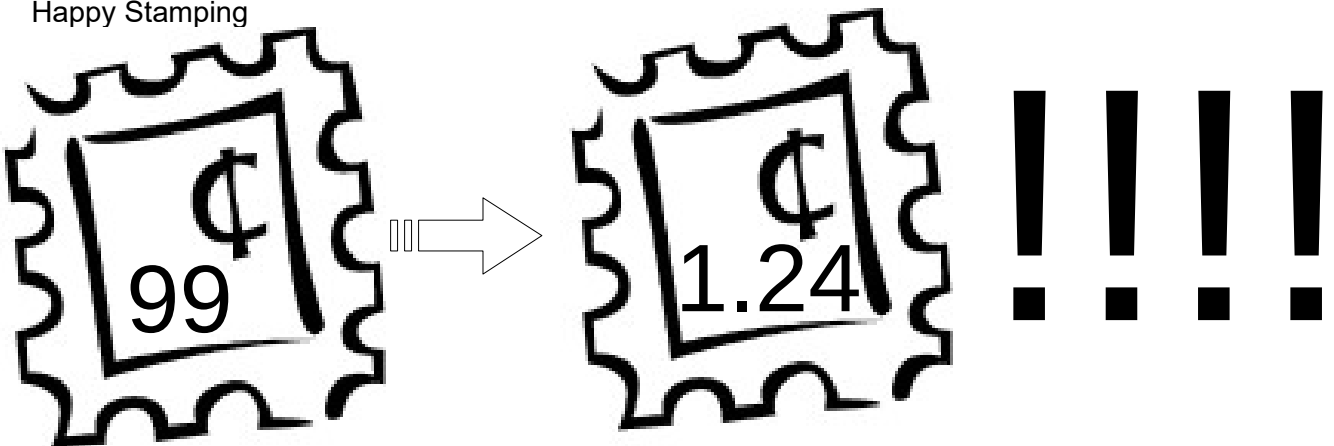
In the last bulletin, the message was that The United States Postal Service raised the price of postage for the second time in 2024 with the most recent increase effective on July 12 - the price of first class postage stamps increased from 68 cents to 73 cents.

Canada Post also implemented a price increase in 2024 when the cost of a single stamp jumped 7¢ to 99¢ if you purchased a booklet; or \$1.15 if you purchased just one stamp. The message for this month is that Canada Post has proposed to increase the cost of postage 25 cents. Guess both postal administrations are dealing with many of the same issues.

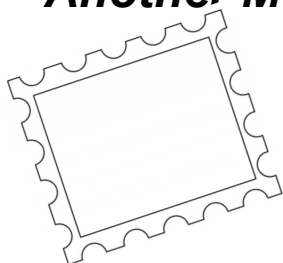
Members are reminded to support the dealers who support our hobby and the various shows conducted by volunteers in areas both near and far.

Our December meeting will once again support the Hanover Salvation Army Food bank with proceeds from the donations from members. Members are encouraged to move some of their material to new homes to provide much needed support to those needing assistance during the holiday / winter season. We believe we can make a difference.

Happy Stamping



Another Measured Moment



How Stamp Collecting Separates the Men from the Girls



Adapted from a newspaper article by Shirley Whittington

I had no idea when I married, that my husband was addicted to pasties. While courting, the only time he mentioned it was when he wanted to lure me upstairs to view it. Only after the honeymoon did I realize the addiction to those little pieces of paper.

As a new bride, I followed recommendations to try to share his hobby. One night I went into his den and perched on the corner of his desk and asked him if I could watch. He was horrified as he watched little scraps of coloured paper flutter down to the floor, asking me to please get off his desk as I was sitting on some other rather valuable stamps.

I offered to pick up the other stamps and started scooping them up like a bunch of Rice Krispies. Then I heard "Don't touch those!", and he carefully picked them up himself. This was something I had not been told about. You only enter the space of a philatelist gently because a slight breeze will catapult those bits of paper, and your relationship, into chaos.

Also you pick up those stamps with tweezers not with your grubby thumb and forefinger. The collectible kind have to be lifted tenderly with the tweezers. Not for hygienic reasons from past licks etc. But so as not to damage the little wiggly bits that are called perforations that collectors set great store by. Over the years I have learned that those tweezers must not be used for any other task, like plucking hairs or cleaning drains.

One day I was cleaning up and threw away a newspaper that was laying flat on the dining room table. Little did I know that stamp collectors soak their little prizes and lay them flat (on a dining room table) between sheets of newspaper.

For some reason there are very few women stamp collectors. I feel that it is a very boring and a picky business and rates right down there with cleaning the oven as far as excitement goes.

But for many men the world over it is a top-rated indoor sport. My thinking is that it fills the mind with unrelated nuggets of information which can be sprung on people at parties. Your average man would be struck dumb by a beautiful woman but not a philatelist. He will fill the airspace with "Guess who invented the pocket watch?" "Give up?" "Peter Henlein, in Germany in 1542." But the highlight of living with a philatelist is that there is a lot of interesting mail which is a nice change from all the bills and flyers.

The other reason, I believe, that men collect stamps is because it gives them an excuse to be alone and undisturbed. Stamp collecting isn't something that can be pursued amongst everyone in a busy household. A philatelist requires a place of his own, with a desk, a good light and a comfortable chair in which to sit and look wise.

As stamp collecting goes it isn't so bad. It's clean, quiet and legal, and I often wish our oldest boy had followed in his fathers footsteps instead of thumping in Gene Krupa's

All things considered, I'd rather be married to a philatelist than to a philanderer. There's only one thing I can't figure out. When the Squire wants to mail a letter, guess who he comes to for a stamp?



Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic
Society of Canada

Chapter 21, Grand River
Valley Philatelic Association

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