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Alliance Trophy On Display

The GTAPA Club Challenge Trophy, which was won by the Bramalea Stamp Club at Stampex '04, was recently on display for all to see at the Four Corners branch of the Brampton Public Library. Bramalea member Freda Brockbank was instrumental in making the initial contacts with library personnel to make use of one of the display cabinets located at the entry to the second floor of the library in full view to the public as they enter that area. To go alongside the trophy Bramalea members prepared three six page frames of philatelic material. Also included in the display case were a GTAPA medal and certificate as well as information about where the club meets, the advantages of being a member of the club and advertising for the Bramalea Annual Show held on February 5th.



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EDITORIAL

A familiar name is missing from the masthead of *PhilaJournal* this month. Frank Alusio has tendered his resignation to the Board effective January 1, 2005.

Frank has decided to reduce his public service to philately in order to concentrate on his own personal collecting interests while remaining President of the West Toronto Stamp Club and Secretary of SIP – the Stakeholders in Philately.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Frank Alusio for his service to the GTAPA. Frank was one of those who attended the first formation meeting of the Alliance. He was influential in the drafting of the Constitution and By-Laws. Frank served as the Chairman for STAMPEX 2003 and 2004 and wrote and produced the programs for each. He was the GTAPA Treasurer from the day we held any funds. In his spare time, Frank edited and produced the last seven volumes of *PhilaJournal*.

Frank, in 2002, was inducted into the Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. He currently serves as a Director of the RPSC and is Canada's representative at the FIP Commission for Thematics. He won the Geldert Medal for his contributions to The Canadian Philatelist. In addition, Frank designed the official cancel for the Canadian Postal Museum.

Is it any wonder he hasn't had time to concentrate on his own collecting interests? I know that he is now in the process of re-writing a multi frame thematic exhibit to be entered at Royal 2005 along with his, just finished, single frame display class exhibit. He is also, at the Club level, co-ordinating the preparations of the West Toronto Stamp Club's 70th anniversary celebration.

When you see Frank at shows and club events, please take a moment to thank him for his many contributions to the well-being of our hobby.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION FRANK.
WE WISH YOU WELL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Big Omission in STAMPEX Review

If you think the only people who read this newsletter are the members of our nine clubs... you're wrong! We send the *PhilaJournal* to approximately 40 members of the philatelic community: all our advertisers, Directors of the RPSC, and "Friends" of the GTAPA. This later group includes Canada Post. In our review of STAMPEX '04 we neglected to include a few thank you messages. It was noticed! We apologized to Canada Post for not thanking them publicly, for their generous contribution to the prizes for our exhibition. Doug Irwin was the winner of the top Canadian exhibit and was presented with a framed collection of the Cunard/Allen stamps. We are pleased to announce that Canada Post was happy to commit to a yearly award for the top Canadian exhibit at future STAMPEX shows. For this we are truly appreciative as we are of all the great support we are receiving from the Canada Post Corporation.

Donations to PhilaJournal Mailing Fund

Thanks are extended to several club members who responded to our secretary's plea for postage donations to be used in mailing out the Journal. Jerry Piotrowski (Bramalea), Elaine Skinner and (the late) Dorothy Attwells (East Toronto), gave "free" stamps and Herb Letsche (North Toronto) and Bill Robertson (Bramalea) provide stamps at a discount, saving the treasury \$30.00. We appreciate the generosity of these folks.

STAMPEX welcomes new members to the Planning Team

The 2005 STAMPEX Planning Team recently welcomed four new members to its ranks:

- **Ingo Nessel** (member of Bramalea, Banking & Insurance and North Tor. Clubs) will co-ordinate speakers, presenters and workshop leaders and the timetable of these events for the three-day show.
- **Alan Hanks** (member of North Toronto and North York Clubs) will be the show Registrar and will be responsible for the Prospectus and Entry Form as well as the organizing of the exhibits.
- **Gus Knierim** (of Conestoga Press and editor of the PHSC Journal) will be responsible for the layout and publishing of the show's souvenir program.
- **Wesley Lorimer** (honourary member of the Scarborough Club) will be the show's official photographer and will provide pictures for the press and our publications.
- **Dave Stone** (member of the Scarborough Club) will be an organizer of the Youth Program and Beginner's Workshops on the Friday of Show week.

We are delighted that these gentlemen have joined our growing list of volunteer workers for this year's STAMPEX Show.

Philatelic Magazines for the Taking

Recently the Alliance received a donation of a few cartons of philatelic magazines. The Greene Foundation Library already subscribes to them so they are not interested in receiving them. Perhaps individual readers or clubs might be.

The following magazines are packaged in yearly sets and are available on a first-come-first served basis. Call me directly to reserve (416-690-4666) and I will take them to the next GTAPA Board meeting and give them to your president. My only proviso would be that after you have gleaned from them what you are interested in, please pass them on to another collector. Our thanks to Mike Madesker, Philatelic Specialists Society, and Gord Payne, West Toronto Stamp Club, for donating these magazines to the Alliance rather than dropping them into the recycling bin.

- **The London Philatelist** (journal of the Royal Phil. Society London, England) sets for 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, monthly issues
- **The Asian Pacific Exhibitor** (journal of the Internat. Assoc. of Phil. Exhibitors) sets for 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, quarterly issues
- **Philatelic Literature Review** (journal of the American Philatelic Research Library). Sets for 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, quarterly issues
- **British Philatelic Bulletin** (magazine published monthly by the Royal Mail) sets in 12 binders covering two years each, 24 issues, from 1979 to 2002

Alliance Clubs Take Advantage of Free Exhibition Frames

Your representatives on the GTAPA Board have been aware for some time that TAPE, the Toronto Association of Philatelic Exhibitions has been negotiating with the Alliance about the use and storage of its several hundred exhibition frames. These frames have been used since the days of CAPEX, for national exhibitions. Storage is a major expense as well as the high cost of transporting them from storage location to the shows and back again. The cost is so prohibitive that some clubs have gotten away from exhibitions, a situation that is upsetting to proponents of exhibiting and the Alliance philosophy.

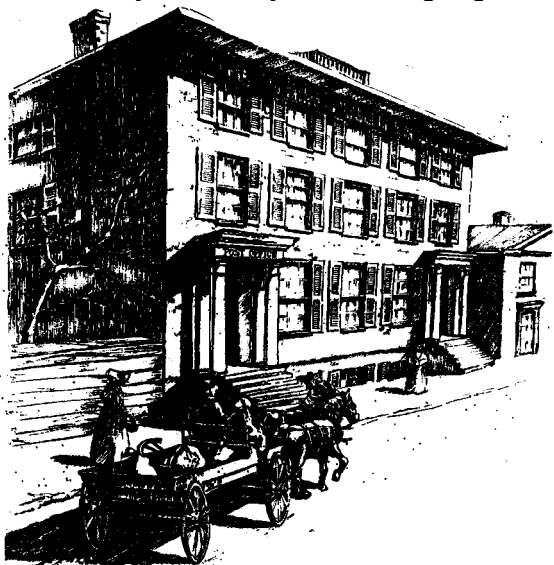
A plan was devised whereby clubs could opt to store a small number of frames for their own club's use, in a members' garage, basement or business location, gratis. The frames will be on permanent loan with the only stipulation being that if a national show requires them in the future, clubs would return them for the few days of the show. Six of the Alliance clubs have agreed to take 10 or more frames for their own use. Over 120 frames are now, "decentralized." Now clubs wishing to have an exhibition using more than the number of

frames they are storing, can simply contact a neighbouring club and reserve them. It's collaborative, co-operative, and it's very cost effective. It's just one more example of how the GTAPA clubs working together benefits the members greatly.

Please Note: The new storage facility is the warehouse of Paper Fibers Inc. a recycling operation in Mississauga. The V.P. and general manager is Peter Mateer, a close friend of Ernie Nyitrai, who negotiated the deal. The real importance of this connection, however, is that the company advertises STAMPEX program and PhilaJournal. Now Peter realizes he probably won't get many customers from such a commitment, but his heart is in the right space for the hobby, for sure! So if you ever hear of someone needing a paper recycling contact, remember Paper Fibers Inc. Patronizing our advertisers is always the right thing to do... especially this one!

GTAPA Gets a Post Office Box Address

I have written about Toronto's First Post Office before and the great relationship we have with postmaster Janet Walters. The Board has held one of its meetings there and Janet's good will and assistance to stamp collectors is well known. The Alliance has now entered into another business arrangement with the post office on Adelaide Street East, that of renting a post office box. This makes good sense for us: officers may change but now addresses won't, the mail will always be secure even when pick-ups are delayed because of holidays, exhibitors will be confident that their mailed-in exhibits will be properly stored, incoming mail will always be dry - outgoing mail will always be nicely cancelled, access to mail seven days a week, parcels from all carriers and couriers other than Canada Post will be accepted and signed for, the list goes on! As a bonus, we are now members of the Town of York Historical Society, a reading room is provided as are quills, ink, stationery, seals and wax. And remember, Janet even lets you cancel your own outgoing mail.



Toronto's First Post Office, 1834
by Andrea Maguire

At the last Board meeting, the Directors approved unanimously, a motion to secure a post office box. It will be used for all GTAPA business as well as for STAMPEX. Here is our new address:

GTAPA / STAMPEX
Toronto's First Post Office
Box 45 - 260 Adelaide Street East
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For postal history buffs, the boxes are reproductions of the 19th century originals used by postmasters William Lyon Mackenzie, Thomas Rideout and Egerton Ryerson. No keys are required and the mail is brought to you by one of the clerks... just like the old days!

Alliance Clubs and the Inaugural National Club Competition

At the last Board Meeting, club presidents were given a draft outline of the proposed new competition at STAMPEX for stamp clubs to consider. Presidents are to share the document with club members and begin planning to enter a contribution from your club. The rationale for such a competition is in keeping with the Alliance's efforts to promote the hobby and enhance the "art of philately." We want collectors to show others what they collect and work collaboratively with their club colleagues to produce a "team effort." It's the easiest way we know to get your feet wet at exhibiting! Here's a few highlights from the draft document. You'll be able to read the entire piece by going to the GTAPA website www.gtapa.org Click on EVENTS, then PRESENT to find STAMPEX '05 and the document.

- Clubs will enter a one frame exhibit which will comprise of 15 one page exhibits prepared by club members. The 16th page will list the contributors.
- The list should include two youth or first-time exhibitors
- The one page exhibits will be judged on a ten point scale, with points awarded for: a title, a statement of intent, the telling of a story, at least three philatelic elements. Additional points will be awarded for creativity, presentation and the selection of material.
- Certificates will be awarded to clubs, ribbons to the contributors and all entries will be displayed at STAMPEX

This innovative activity at our stamp show is based on clubs sharing what they do and learning what others are doing. "We work best when we work together."

Peter Butler

Food for Thought

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priest coughed to attract his attention, but still the man says
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final attempt to get the man to speak. Finally, the drunk
replies, "No use knocking, there's no paper in this one
either."

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Taxe Perçue markings on Polish Mail 1989-1990

by Jerry Piotrowski

In the latter part of 1989 the Polish Post experienced unusual problems supplying postage stamps. This was happening at a time when postal rates were increasing. Printing delays led to the shortage of the higher denomination values required for foreign mail. The highest value at the time was the 200 zloty issue while the 500 zloty and 1000 zloty values, which had been ordered in June, were amongst those delayed.

Universal Postal Union (UPU) regulations adopted in 1984 allow for the use of handstamps indicating payment in cash in the case of either shortage of the appropriate denomination stamps or the lack of sufficient space on a piece of mail for the required amount of postage.

Individual post offices were directed to order their own handstamps locally. The following information had to be shown in three lines. POLSKA, Taxe Perçue, Oplata.....zl. The handstamp would be applied and the postage amount written in by the postal clerk.

The size of the handstamp was to be no smaller than 300 mm². Sizes of actual handstamps vary from a small of 312 mm² to jumbo 3016 mm². Although the directive specified a framed handstamp some offices had them made without frames. The colour of the ink to be used was specified as light red, however various shades of red were used as well as blue, violet, black and green. Spelling mistakes in Taxe Perçue include Taxe Percue, Taxe Pergue and Tax Perque.

This method of paying for postage inconvenienced not only the postal clerks who had to apply the handstamp and write in the amount paid on each item of mail but also the senders of the items since they had to go into a post office with each piece of foreign mail.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

BRAMALEA STAMP CLUB

The annual show was held on Saturday February 5. Thank you to all those who attended and made the hard work of the show organizers worthwhile.

The dealer tables, several silent auctions and the club sales books ensured that there was plenty of material for all to look at and buy. The display portion of the show consisted of 10 exhibits prepared by 7 different people.

Three Bramalea club members exhibited for the first time. Paul Nicholls showed "Opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway", Geoff Green had "Canada Postage Dues" while Steve Johnson exhibited "The Yukon Airways And Explorations Co. Stamp". Although there was no formal judging at the show this year, Ken Magee was gracious enough to take the time to look at the exhibits of the three first timers and provide them with comments and encouragement. Thank you Ken! Hopefully these people have been bitten by the exhibiting bug and will continue as exhibitors not only at local shows but will move on to higher levels.

During the show Bramalea Stamp Club member Steve Johnson was presented with a well-deserved Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance Certificate of Merit in recognition of his outstanding work in preparing and maintaining the Bramalea Club web site. Peter Butler, President of the Alliance and Bob Thorne President of Bramalea Stamp Club made the presentation.

Check out the Bramalea Stamp Club web site at www.tht.neU-stevem/

EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, from September to May, at Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, Cedarvale Avenue, Toronto. After a short business meeting, there is usually a presentation by Club members. Refreshments are always available.

INSURANCE & BANKING PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Don Peach, editor of the Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society's newsletter reported that at their meeting of January 20th, John Wilson, President of the North Toronto Stamp Club, gave a talk on the stamps of early South Africa prior to the union in 1910. His knowledge of the turbulent history of the warring factions vying for territory and power added considerably to the significance of the stamps from the territories and states involved. John's presentation was well received.

Don also reported that member Paul Catling has donated to the Society, as a fund raising initiative, four old Austrian stamps (valued at \$98.00) from the time of the monarchy. The stamps have

excellent cancellations, including one from a Post Office in Turkey. Anyone interested in these stamps might want to give Herb Kucera a call at 416-494-1428.

NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Meetings are held on the **second and fourth Thursdays** of each month from September to June (except December), starting at 7:00 p.m., at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street, east side at Heath Street. The Club's circuit books are available to members and visitors, and some of the members who are dealers provide material for purchase as well.

SPECIAL DATE FOR MARCH MEETING

Our meetings in March are going to be held on the second and **fifth** Thursdays.

PROGRAM

Jan. 27, 2005 Annual General Meeting

Feb. 10, 2005 Rick Hills will give us a presentation on **Luxembourg**

Feb. 24, 2005 Bob Vogel will speak about **Bell Canada Covers**.

Deadline for entry forms for our 62nd Annual Exhibition.

Mar. 10, 2005 Panel Discussion of Mounting items for exhibition.

Mar. 24, 2005 Not a meeting night. Possible exhibition setup at Cedarbrook Community Centre.

Mar. 26, 2005 62nd Annual Club Exhibition at Cedarbrook Community Centre

Mar. 31, 2005 Judges Critique and awards presentation or presentation by Grand Award winner from 62nd Annual Exhibition.

Apr. 14, 2005 Judges Critique and awards presentation or presentation by Grand Award winner from 62nd Annual Exhibition.

Apr. 28, 2005 Annual Spring Floor Auction.

62nd ANNUAL CLUB EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT NEW LOCATION

The North Toronto Stamp Club will be holding its 62nd annual club exhibition on Saturday, March 26, 2005 at a new location. The Civic Garden Centre is closed for renovations and as a result, we have found a new location, (cont....)

**Cedarbrook Community Centre,
91 Eastpark Blvd. Scarborough
Markham Road and Lawrence Ave East**

The center is situated on the south side of Eastpark, adjacent to Cedarbrook Park, behind Cedarbrae Collegiate and two blocks south of the Cedarbrae Mall.

NORTH YORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Our semi-annual auction to be held on March 16, 2005 at the Carnegie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue West (1 1/2 blocks west of Bathurst), North York (Toronto). Auction will commence at 7:00 p.m., viewing of lots will start at 6:00 p.m. We expect 300 to 400 lots, running the gamut from very inexpensive material to better items, Canada and worldwide. Fun is guaranteed. Free admission, free parking.

The North York Philatelic Society will be holding its 47th Annual Show,

NYPEX 2005, on Saturday, May 14th, 2005.

NYPEX will be held at:

Carnegie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue West (1 1/2 blocks west of Bathurst), North York (Toronto)

Show hours are: May 14th - 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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POLISH-CANADIAN COIN AND STAMP CLUB "TROYAK"

Club "Troyak", meets on the last Sunday of each month, except holidays, at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. (just south of Hwy. 403), Mississauga, Ontario.

Club's mailing address is:

2550 Goldenridge Road, Unit 34, Mississauga, ON L4X 2S3.

"Troyak" was established with goals towards education, collecting and preservation of coins, stamps, paper money, orders and medals of Poland's history.

The Club is officially registered member at the Ontario Numismatic Association and is active member of the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance.

The Polish-Canadian Coin and Stamp Club "Troyak" is a non-profit organization, which can always provide assistance in dealing with issues concerning coins and stamps. Persons who are interested in the education and study in numismatic and philatelic matters are welcome.

"Troyak's" Executive Team established in February 2005, "Troyak Junior" Philatelic Club, and its Director is Zygmunt (Ziggy) Borowski. For more

information, contact: Ziggy at 416-454-2790 or bzygmunt@hotmail.com

"Troyak's" next meetings are: March 13, 2005; April 24, 2005; May 29, 2005. at 4:30pm. Refreshments are always available.

For more information, contact: Ignac K. at 905-273-5561 or, Janusz M. at 416-724-4410 or, Robert O. at 416-462-9097.

www.troyakclub.com info@troyakclub.com

Introducing "Troyak Junior" Philatelic Club !

The Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak" Executive Team has established in February 2005, "Troyak Junior" Philatelic Club in Mississauga, Ontario. Official introduction of the "Troyak Junior" Philatelic Club took place during the II Polish-Canadian Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show on February 20, 2005, at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga. Club's Director, Zygmunt (Ziggy) Borowski, invites all children and their parents and also teenagers to join "Troyak Junior" Philatelic Club. Meetings taking place at: John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. (just south of Hwy. 403), Mississauga, Ontario. For more information, contact: Ziggy Borowski at 416-454-2790 or bzygmunt@hotmail.com

TORONTO STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB

Toronto Stamp Collectors Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month from September to, and including, June. Our regular meetings are held at the Royal Canadian Military Institute, 426 University Avenue, Toronto, starting at 8pm. Business attire with a tie is a requirement of the RCMI. Our March 1, 2005 meeting will include a talk by Past-President Arthur Beecham on Canada's fourth issue Postage Dues. For more information contact John Talman at 416-363-9997 or by email at jtalman@interlog.com

SCARBOROUGH STAMP CLUB

The Scarborough Stamp Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays, September to June, at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, two blocks south of Markham and Lawrence and east on Eastpark Blvd., behind Cedarbrae Collegiate. The first Tuesday meeting is given to trading and using the club's sales circuit books. The third Tuesday meeting has a brief business meeting followed by a program activity: speakers, workshops, slide shows, etc. There is often a floor auction. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information call President Peter Butler 416-690-4666.

Meeting Highlights, Past & Future!

The January meeting started the 2005 schedule off in grand style! Rick Penko, RPSC Vice-president was in Toronto on his way through to Ottawa and took time to visit the club's meeting to give an

outstanding talk on stamp printing technology. He showed many great overheads of the lithographic printing process. He provided an excellent handout as well. We had invited the West Toronto and North Toronto Stamp Clubs to join us at this session so we hosted several guests. Over 50 people enjoyed the presentation.

February's meeting will be a presentation on Perforations. It will be a slide show from the Royal Canadian Philatelic Society's slide show collection, and will be presented by Dave Stone.

The March meeting is scheduled to be Quiz Night and a larger-than-usual floor auction, with auctioneer Rick Howard.

The Spring meetings will be a "Carousel." for April, and May and June will be dedicated to creating one page exhibits for the new national STAMPEX club competition. (* A Carousel is a session with several resource leaders at separate tables, presenting a 10 minute talk on a specific topic of philatelic interest. Members attend the group(s) of their choice to listen to the mini-presentations.)

**SCARPEX 2005
STAMP SHOW AND BOURSE**

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91 EastparkBlvd. Scarborough
Markham & Lawrence Area

(behind Cedarbrae Collegiate Institute)

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- ✓ the bourse will have at least 18 stamp dealers
- ✓ club circuit books including 5 & 10 cent books & member's sales table
- ✓ free parking & admission
- ✓ raffle & door prizes
- ✓ refreshments

INFO: Peter Butler, 416-690-4666 E-MAIL:
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WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Regular meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from September to June at the Fairfield Senior's Centre, 80 Lothian Avenue (3 blocks south of Bloor Street West and 2 blocks east of Islington Avenue. The regular meetings feature a voice auction and a silent table auction.

The Study Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday in the same location.

There is ample free parking.

Our November Study group featured the inaugural "single page exhibition" with set judging standards. There were 21 exhibits entered. The first winner of the Frank Alusio Trophy was George MacLean.

December featured the annual Xmas dinner party at the Canadiana Restaurant in Etobicoke.

The April 19 study session will feature John Robertson speaking on "The Royal Train of 1939". The presentation will be supplemented by an exhibition of single page exhibits each of which will be based on a railway theme. All attendees are urged to assemble an entry for this fun exhibit.

The Ted Allen Cup will be contested at the May study session. This fascinating exhibition has no rules. Members are invited to show anything they collect in any form that is suitable or convenient. The winner of this popular competition is by popular vote (secret ballot) of the attendees.

The Drake Trophy competition for single frame exhibits will be held at the June meeting. This is an opportunity to compete and be judged at a more formal level. The top three exhibits are selected as the West Toronto entry to the Challenge Cup at STAMPEX.

As part of the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the West Toronto Stamp Club, a Show is being held at the Fairfield Centre on June 29. The exhibits will include the winners of the Drake and Allen Trophies. A limited number of dealers are being invited to participate.

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Literate Put-downs from Deep Thinkers

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

Clarence Darrow

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."

Groucho Marx

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork."

Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go."

Oscar Wilde

NEW TROPHY AT WEST TORONTO

The West Toronto Stamp Club honoured Frank Alusio with the announcement of a new trophy named after him. The new Frank Alusio Award will be presented annually to the winner of the Single Page exhibition.



Gord Payne presents the new trophy to Frank Alusio

The new competition, introduced by Frank in 2004, is intended to provide an opportunity for more club members to exhibit without going to the effort required to assemble a single frame.

The rules are simple: A one page exhibit with a title, a statement of intent, some philatelic elements and a creative presentation is all that is needed.

The format was an obvious success as evidenced by the inaugural competition. Twenty-one exhibits were entered. Following an opportunity for all to examine the exhibits, each entrant took two or three minutes to discuss his entry. George MacLean was declared the winner in a very tight race.

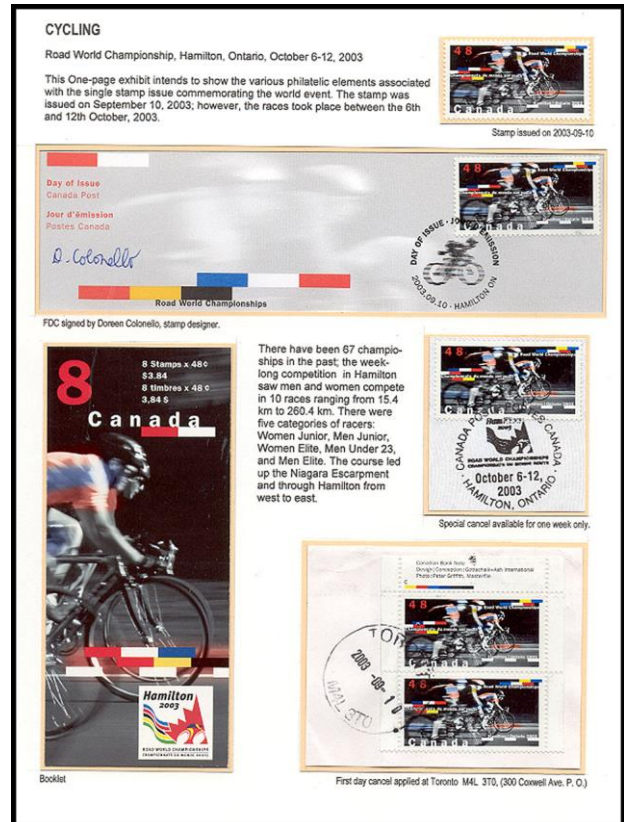


George MacLean and the Frank Alusio Award



Frank shows the new award

EXAMPLE OF A SINGLE PAGE EXHIBIT





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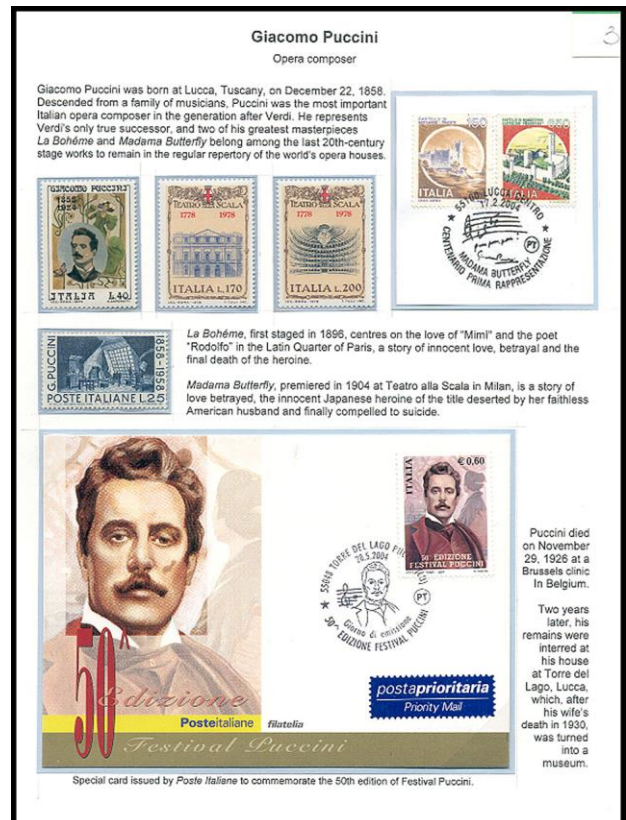
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EXAMPLES OF SINGLE PAGE EXHIBITS



Shown here are three examples of single page exhibits. They were done by Frank Alusio as part of a study session conducted at the West Toronto Stamp Club.

Using the "seven point" scoring system, here is how the judges would view each:

ITALY (upper left) contains a title (1 point), a statement about the material (1 point), a lot of stamps (1 point) and is neatly presented (1 point). The 4-point total would be given a bronze award.

CANADA CENTENNIAL ISSUE (lower left) contains a title (1 point), 5 philatelic elements – stamp, precancelled stamp, booklet pane, used postal stationery and tagging example (3 points), and is well presented (1 point). The 5-point total would be given a silver award.

PUCCHINI (above) has everything. There is a title (1 point), descriptive text (1 point), 3 elements – mint stamps, used stamps on piece with a special cancel and a first day cover (3 points). The exhibit is both creative (1 point) and well presented (1 point). The 7-point total would be awarded gold.

Treat yourself to the fun and the challenge of single page exhibiting. It's coming to STAMPEX in 2005!

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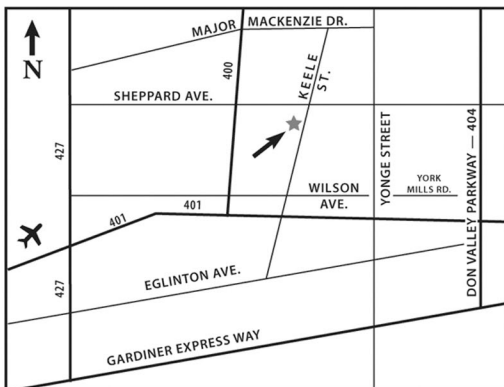
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