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Summer Road Trips

I love the random aspect of the summer season. The longer hours of daylight seem to make more things possible. Daily life is more flexible. There are so many choices about what to eat, where to eat and when to eat, as well as, where to go and how to get there. Summer is freedom.

I prefer traveling by road or rail in the summer. In the winter I just want to get to my destination but in the summer getting there is often the highlight of the trip!

We are looking forward to taking the train to "the Big Apple" to attend The World Stamp Show NY2016. It is a fourteen hour trip but the relaxation factor and the scenery while travelling down the Hudson River Valley will be well worth the time. Ten years ago we attended the same show in Washington, D.C. We loaded the cooler with treats, borrowed audio books from the library and had two wonderful days "on the road". Of course as soon as we arrived, the car was permanently parked in central Washington. The Washington World Philatelic Exhibition was a week of philatelic overload. We loved it!

Another summer trip for us this year will be to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, home of the American Philatelic Society. We will volunteer our time for a week. Folks gather from all over the United States to help out. It is a lot of fun. Staff at APS are getting ready to move the American Philatelic Research Library so I know that my tasks could swing from physically moving books to adding bar codes to computer input. Peter always works in donations so he has fascinating stories relating to his interesting "finds", when we get together at the end of the work day.

The drive to Bellefonte is beautiful, as soon as you get over the Toronto to Fort Erie stretch. South out of Buffalo, New York we take highway #219 for most of the way. It is a two lane highway through Appalachia and several old, small valley towns. Of course there is very little traffic because most people prefer to take the four lane, high speed option.

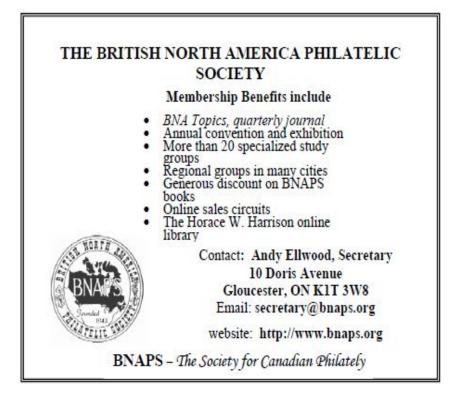


Wherever you go this summer I hope that you arrive back home safely, feeling healthy, happy and, of course, with some philatelic items to remind you of summer 2016!

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The President's Viewpoint Larry Friend lfriend@sympatico.ca

Recent Travels

As usual I have been busy travelling both near and far. In March when I was on a cruise, I finally got to the Penny Black Stamp Shop in the Cayman Islands. Guess what! It was closed! I was so disappointed. However, a kind lady called Ivan Burges, the store owner, who came and opened up the shop.



While I was there, a family arrived and we spent time sorting through Ivan's treasures together.

I helped Ivan by selling some of his treasures to the young ladies, Madison and Bella. *(shown on the left)*

Ivan even asked me if I would l like to work there!

Currently, I am arranging a penpal stamp trader for the girls.

As president of GTAPA, I am committed to visiting as many clubs as I can. This season I have attended the Kawartha Club in

Peterborough as a guest speaker/dealer and then attended their auction. I have been to Cobourg as a guest speaker/dealer and to Trenton as guest and dealer. I will return in May to be their Auctioneer. I also attended the Fenelon Falls auction and then again, as a guest dealer.

In April I was co-ordinator and auctioneer, along with Jim Stevenson, at the Oshawa/Whitby/Brooklin auction with 115 bidders in attendance. It was a very successful auction, with six GTAPA club presidents in attendance and twelve different GTAPA club members noted amongst the bidders.

At many of the club auctions I have noted that more collectors are getting more realistic about pricing their items. People are realizing that it does not make sense to price items so high that they do not get a bid. If you do not want to take your items home, price them so that they will sell.

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Coveting Covers John Wilson wilsonjn@sympatico.ca

Mayhem in the Sand Dunes

With the rise of the so-called "Trucial States" into active nationhood came a host of philatelic problems. These Arabian Gulf sheikdoms had been overawed by British naval might in the 1840's and had accepted British "protection" in return for the suppression of piracy. A local set of stamps had been issued in the 1950s but with the granting of actual independence from their protected status (in Fujeira's case, in 1952), new arrangements were being made.

One such case was Fujairah, a sheikdom of little wealth. It was approached by Finbar Kenny of J and H Stolow New York, a philatelic entrepreneur, and a contract was made between the two. Kenny, operating as the "agency" to be known as the "Post Office of Fujeira", would arrange for the fledgling state to maintain a local post office, staff it, and arrange for the production of stamps and forms, as well as enter into the necessary contracts to have mail carried. Of course, he would propose the designs and timing for new issues, though the government would have input. The parties would split the cost of printing the stamps supplied; the agency would pay only fifty percent of the face value of the stamps they drew from the printing orders, and every three months would forward fifty per cent of their revenues back to the government. Kenny guaranteed a steady increase in sales over the five years of the contract, but insisted that he could have unlimited supplies of cancelled stamps for "maximum publicity benefits to the government and to accelerate the demand for mint stamps".

Understandably, the philatelic evidence of these issues is scanty. Used loose examples are inevitably the cancelled-to-order copies that Kenny used to publicize the issues. Shown here (on left) is a "genuine" postal use, containing the publicity announcement for the 1967 issue of definitive stamps in the revised currency. Note that the old *naye paise* and *rupees* were replaced by *dirhams* and *riyals*, the currency of economically and politically potent neighbouring state, Kuwait. The *rupee* and *dirham* were worth about twenty-one U.S. cents in the 1960s.

This cover still contains its order form and publicity sheet. One could remit to the British Bank of the Middle East in Dubai, which did indeed hold the stock of printed stamps. Three "provisional" overprints are attached, to a total value of sixty *dirhams*. There is no postal indicator of where it entered the post but the hexagonal violet ink postmark is associated with the Stolow publicity machine. Although the contract between the Emir and Kenny was renewed in 1970, things went badly and it was denounced by the Government in mid-year. The over-production of stamp designs for this penniless area had been condemned as early as 1968 and catalogue listings were terminated. Stamps were produced bearing the name of Fujeira until 1973 but in fact the United Arab Emirates (incorporating Fujeira as of December 1971) took over all postal functions in August 1, 1972, when the various Gulf stamp contracts were terminated.

Thus we see a very collectable, though perhaps not at all rare, cover from a period of considerable philatelic intrigue.

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Focus on Italy Ron Dell'Agnese rdellagnese@rogers.com

Stamps of the Italian Aegean Islands

The Italian Islands of the Aegean Sea are known as Isole Italiene dell'Egeo and are part of the Greek islands of the Dodecanese. These islands originally belonged to Turkey. Italy seized 13 of these islands during the Tripoli War of 1911-12. The island of Castellorizo was originally Turkish, then French, and was ceded to Italy in 1922.



The 13 islands are: Calchi, Calino, Caso, Coo, Lero, Lisso, Nisiro, Patmo, Piscopi, Rhodes, Scarpanto, Simi, and Stampalia.

All of the islands issued Italian stamps overprinted with the island's name. Rhodes also issued

its own stamps. It is the largest island and was the capital of all of the islands. In the city of Rhodes are situated many of the government buildings which were used by the Italians to govern the islands. Most of the residents of the islands were Greek.

Prior to issuing stamps for the individual islands, Italy issued Italian stamps overprinted with "EGEO" which were used on all the Italian Islands. In 1912, the Italian stamps began to be overprinted with each island's name. In 1932, stamps for the individual islands stopped and the stamps reverted to a common overprint "ISOLE ITALIANE DELL'EGEO". These were in use until 1947 when the islands were returned to Greece.

12 of the islands issued 26 stamps each. Rhodes, the capital, issued a total of 133 stamps, including air mails, special delivery stamps, postage dues, and parcel post stamps. Castellorizo issued a total of 39 stamps while under Italian domination.

Used stamps of the islands are generally worth more than mint stamps. Trying to create a collection of stamps from these islands is very challenging.

Stamps of the Italian Aegean Islands





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Unusual Postage Stamps Jerry Piotrowski jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com

Austria's Lederhosen Stamp

In previous articles in this series I have presented stamps printed on materials other than paper, as well as stamps on which materials such as ash from burnt timbers, ash from volcanic eruptions and even crystals have been embedded on the surface of the stamps.

Austria used both of those processes in September 2015 to create a shaped stamp depicting a pair of lederhosen, traditional wear of the people in the Austrian Tyrol alpine region. Whereas traditional lederhosen are often made from deerskin, this Austrian stamp was laser cut from synthetic leather called Alcantara Leather. Tiny Swarovski crystals were used for the buttons instead of traditional buckhorn.



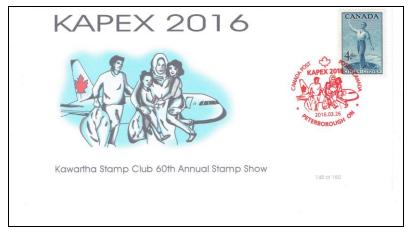
Swarovski is also a landmark of the Tyrol region. Founded 120 years ago, in 1895, the Swarovski business is located in Wattens in the Tyrol.

The Swarovski company designed and printed the new Lederhosen stamp in a quantity of 150,000.

Tom Fortunato of Rochester, New York recently sent me a link to an exhibit of Unusual Stamps. It can be seen on his web site: http://www.frontiernet.net/~stamptmf/

Select the option "Stamp Exhibits" then choose "That's A Postage Stamp?"

If you have information about unusual stamps and would like me to add it to future articles on this subject please email me using 'Unusual Stamps' in the subject line or, give it to your club GTAPA representative to pass along to me at a GTAPA board meeting



The KAPEX 2016 cover



Pictured are three generations of KAPEX Show Cover cachet artists: Karl Wysotski, his son David and his granddaughter Julia.

Note that they are standing next to Rick Stankiewicz's exhibit of *KAPEX Covers since 2001* for which he won "gold" at the show.



Rick Stankiewicz Co-Chair, KAPEX 2016 stankiewiczr@nexicom.net

The Kawartha 2016 Bourse

March 26, 2016 was the day that the Kawartha Stamp Club (KSC) held its 60th annual Stamp Show in Peterborough. This year was another successful show with great weather. There were lots of options for the collecting public: live auctions, club books and free hourly draws. With 10 dealers from across Ontario plus Canada Post and hundreds of the public in attendance (including a number of young collectors) it made for another great show. Club members appreciate the community support.

There were also 62 frames of excellent calibre exhibits at the show with a cross-section of competitive exhibits including; multiple frame exhibits on Great Britain, Canada, Commonwealth, a variety of topicals, a number of one frame exhibits and one page exhibits. Our judges were Rodney Paige and John Wilson, who both did an excellent job for us, as usual. It is this aspect of KAPEX that really sets us apart from many other shows.

This year, as for 13 other years, there was a special offer for those in attendance as we continued to produce a limited edition Show Cover released for KAPEX 2016 (shown top left). There were only 150 envelopes canceled with the date of the show and offered for sale at \$3.00.

The cover theme this year was Canada's Citizenship and Immigration, with a specially designed cancel for the occasion, by Canada Post. The cachet of the envelope incorporates a copy of an original watercolour by Julia Wysotski (shown on left with her father and grandfather) and is complimented by the 1947 commemorative, the 80th anniversary of Canada's Citizenship Act. KSC member, Susan Kyle, created the design for the cover. As an added bonus, there is a sleeve insert that describes the background of the cover commemoration.

This is the annual fundraiser for the KSC, with only limited quantities of covers still available. If you are interested in purchasing a cover, they are available at a cost of \$4.00 (including postage). Contact: John A. Ross 1-705-742-4069 jross@nexicom.net 29 Crystal Springs Dr. Otonabee, ON K9J 6Y3

We are already looking forward to next year's 61st annual philatelic exhibition in Peterborough, tentatively set for April of 2017. Hope to see you there!

MUSKOKA STAMP CLUB

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Dis-Organization Meetings Across Canada!

Exciting news! The article about a Dis-Organization meeting in Etobicoke as reported in the Spring PhilaJournal (page 16), has elicited responses from two other groups in western Canada...Saskatoon and Victoria! Perhaps there are more. If so, please let us know!

We have learned that the Saskatoon Stamp Collectors Club has held Dis-Organization meetings in the past. President Ernie Wlock writes,

"Our Philatelic Java Group was active for about seven years. Just this past December we put it "On Hold" as only three or four members showed up. but will try in a month or two to revive it And, yes, we discussed everything from stamps to hockey."

(We hope things soon 'perk up' for the group!)

Some PhilaJournal readers may also have heard about the infamous "Muffin Break" group that meets every Tuesday morning in Victoria, B.C. Current member Gray Scrimgeour writes,

"The Muffin Break <u>IS</u> great fun. No organization, just two to three dozen collectors sitting at a big L-shaped table talking at Cedar Hill Rec Centre from 9:00 to 10:30. It's so busy that I go home tired and have a long afternoon nap every Tuesday. I learn a lot there.

I'm one of the first half dozen founding members. It was held in a small restaurant at first (called Muffin Break) and started with three people. It expanded slowly at first with Paul Parizeau, Dave Creech, and George Arthur. All three are gone now, unfortunately. Don Shorting, Robin Clarke, Bob Heasman and me, added later, are all going strong."

You can read more about the Victoria BC Muffin Break get togethers at www.vicstamps.com/muffin_break. Even though you cannot enjoy a muffin, they do have philatelic treats on their website! Check it out.

VGG librarian Kathy Hartley has it on good authority that broken cookies contain absolutely NO calories. Earle Covert, retired M.D., and avid philatelist, offered that prescription when she phoned him after the Christmas Holidays to thank him for his generous addition of 'non-caloric' treats he mailed to the library. We'll have to ask Earle if the same applies to muffin tops.

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An Idea for Collectors of Canadian Mint Stamps

The article "Variations in the Value of Canadian Mint Stamps" by Peter Butler, in the Spring 2016 PhilaJournal was most interesting and informative. However, I had hoped he would have answered a question that I have, namely, "What is the value of a single self-adhesive stamp from a booklet with the perforations clearly visible?"

Peter partially covered the question in his third paragraph about a single stamp with the backing paper cut well away from the stamp. But by that operation, you have lessened the value of the other three stamps that surrounded the one in question, and made them useful for snail mail only.

To me, a postage stamp with perforations showing is more attractive than a stamp with straight sides (no offence to collectors of imperforates). So in order to obtain such from a self-adhesive booklet, (e.g. for a special collection), one has to resort to a little bit of ingenuity and work.

Using Peter's example, i.e. the bottom-right stamp of the booklet, you firstly peel back the top of the wanted stamp a few mm's, then with scissors (and some dexterity) cut along the tip of the perforations of the stamp above. Pressing the wanted stamp back, this leaves the perforations showing nicely as there is no backing paper just behind the perfs.

You do the same operation on the left side of the wanted stamp, cutting along the tip of the perfs of the stamp to the left. This only leaves the right and bottom sides of the now detached stamp to be done. Peel back the right side of the stamp a few mm's sufficiently to be able to cut the backing to a depth of the perforations. This takes a little careful estimation, but with practice it will look like the top and left sides.

Finally, do the similar operation to the bottom of the stamp. Voila! a beautiful stamp, almost like the Post Office Quarterly pack, but backless just behind the perforations. And the other stamps of the booklet are left undisturbed. If a bit sticky, a bit of talcum may be rubbed on the exposed gum.

Back to the question posed at the start. Because the original backing paper is still on the stamp, I would call this a mint stamp. And because it now looks similar to a water-activated stamp, it should have the same value.

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Tristan Da Cunha and the Italian Connection

When I was a young stamp collector, I was always looking for stamps of remote places, particularly of islands. I cannot explain why the Atlantic islands of St. Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha attracted so much of my interest. The fact that Napoleon had been deported to St. Helena, which at that time was considered one of the most remote places in the world, was certainly one of the major factors that triggered my curiosity. I remember spending hours looking at an atlas, trying to figure out how people could live in such isolated communities. Looking at the map, it was apparent that Tristan da Cunha was even more isolated than the other two islands. I used to dream that one day I would be able to find work on a cargo ship, and manage to reach Tristan da Cunha, in order to spend some time there. Unfortunately, that dream will forever remain unfulfilled. With a population of three hundred people and no airport, this island cannot be reached easily.

Recently, I discovered a new reason to be even more interested in Tristan da Cunha. Most of the island's population is formed by eight families: two of English origin, two American, one Scottish, one Dutch, and two...Italian! Apparently an Italian sailor was one of the first three inhabitants of the Island in the early 1800s, and later on, in 1892, an Italian ship, on route to South Africa, was badly damaged by a fire, and somehow managed to land in Tristan da Cunha. Two members of the crew, Gaetano Lavarello and Andrea Repetto, were fascinated by the island and its style of life. Ultimately they decided to stay there. It is easy to understand how they were attracted by the life in the island: a place where there is no crime, with a truly democratic administration, in which the wealth and expenses are equally shared by the entire population. There is plenty of space for everyone, a unique and beautiful natural landscape, a reasonably pleasant climate and a spectacular volcano.

In 1961, a volcanic eruption in the island forced the population to leave and to move to South Africa, and then to England. They did not adapt well to the new life in England and, as soon as the eruptions ended, in 1963, they asked to return to Tristan da Cunha.

Nowadays, the island sustains itself through fishing, agriculture, and through the issue of stamps and coins. The local language is a curious

mixture of English, Gaelic, Italian, and Afrikaans.

In my stamp collection, I have a unique souvenir of Tristan da Cunha: It is a cover stamped on board the ship M.V. Bornholm on November 1963, when the population was returning to their island after the volcano eruptions. The cover is signed by some of the passengers, in particular by John Lavarello (top of list on cover) and Joe Repetto (lower left), two of the inhabitants of Italian descent. Currently, a member of the Lavarello family is the Chief Islander, reporting to the Governor of Saint Helena.



Tristan da Cunha is such a beautiful and inaccessible island. Who knows, things could change. They could build an airport or organize a seaplane shuttle with St. Helena. In that case, I would be very keen to buy a ticket and pay a visit to the Repetto and Lavarello families. It could happen. I had better start saving some money for the trip.

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DO NOT DELIVER ON SUNDAY



When Belgium introduced Sunday mail deliver in the 1800s, there were some who objected strenuously to this on the grounds of "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy." The solution was a compromise.

The Post Office attached a small perforated tab to the bottom of its stamps. The tabs read "NE PAS LIVRER LE DIMANCHE" (French) and "NET BESTELLEN OP ZONDAG" (Dutch) meaning "DO NOT DELIVER ON SUNDAY".



The stamps of Belgium from 1893 to 1912 show the perforated tab saying: "DO NOT DELIVER ON SUNDAY".



It would be interesting to know what the Post Office would have done in this case where only one tab has been removed. The tab on the other stamp remains in place.



Another country, that gave its citizens the choice on Sunday delivery, is the Netherlands. Again, to accommodate people on either side of the question, they chose a compromise.

In this case, in 1912, the post office supplied red labels saying: "NIET BESTELLEN OP ZONDAG" which means "DO NOT DELIVER ON SUNDAY".



In July 1919, the post office switched things 180 degrees and issued labels indicating "BESTELLEN OP ZONDAG" which means "DO DELIVER ON SUNDAY" or more appropriately "ITS OK TO DELIVER ON SUNDAY". The illustrations above shows different labels issued over the years. The labels were finally abandoned in 1940.



Fenelon Falls Stamp Club says THANK YOU!

On March 11, 2016 club members gathered to say thank you to "Lloyd and Mo" McEwan for the wonderful contributions that they have made (especially in growing FENPEX) over the past 10 years as president and secretary. Of course there was cake to go along with the thanks. The good news is that they are staying on as members, especially to help Jim Breadner and Yvan Racine with the transition.



Toronto Stamp Collectors Club Certificate of Merit

At the February 9, 2016 meeting of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club, President John Wilson, on behalf of TSCC, the North Toronto Stamp Club, Insurance & Bankers Philatelic Society and the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance, made a special presentation to Elizabeth White, wife of Owen White.



This unique, and most-deserved, recognition was given to a nonphilatelist because she has wholeheartedly supported her husband through difficult times in many club related duties. *MJGraf, secretary, TSCC*

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Two Men from Almonte

The small town of Almonte, ON, near Ottawa, was the birthplace of two Canadians of note: Dr. Robert Tait McKenzie and James Naismith. Both were born in the same decade (1867 and 1861 respectively), and both moved to the United States to follow successful careers.

After teaching at the McGill Medical School, McKenzie joined the University of Pennsylvania as Dean of the new Department of Physical Education. He was also an accomplished sculptor who created forms of the human body to illustrate his lectures. As the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal were approaching, Canada Post issued two stamps showing two of his statues. They were both issued on March 14, 1975 (Scott's 656, 657) with the \$1.00 stamp of *The Sprinter* (designed in 1902) and the \$2.00 stamp of *The Plunger* (designed in 1925).



Mackenzie became a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Philadelphia Council Board in 1911 and remained a member until 1938. It was only natural that he would be asked to create a statue to represent the values of scouting. In 1915, he finished *The Boy Scout.* It was 18 inches in height, with 10 originally casts. In 1937, he recreated a life-sized version that stands in front of a number of scouting buildings in the United States, as well as, at Gilwell Park in England.

Robert McKenzie returned to Almonte and bought an old mill which he restored as a summer home and studio. After he died in 1938 this Mill of Kintail became a memorial and museum of his life.

James Naismith also studied physical education in Montreal before moving to the United States where he received his MD. He was also a chaplain, a sports coach and innovator. He invented the sport of basketball in 1891 while teaching at the International YMCA Training School (now Springfield College) in Springfield, Massachusetts. On November 6, 1961 (exactly 100 years from his birth date) the U.S.A. issued a stamp (Scott 1189) to honour his achievement.



On October 25, 1991 Canada Post issued a stamp and a souvenir sheet (Scott's 1343 & 1344 a, b, c) to honor the 100th anniversary of basketball.

The co-incidences between these two Canadians are amazing. Both were Uited States, were doctors who had a career in sports, became internationally known and served in the military (where McKenzie specialized in reconstruction of battlefield injuries). If you are ever near Almonte, stop by to see the Mill of Kintail, just outside of the town, or sit beside James Naismith on the main street!



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SPECIMEN

The application of SPECIMEN on stamps worldwide has an interesting genesis. The meaning, in all cases, was a 'sample' or an 'example', of a given issue. Toward the end of the 19th century as it became apparent that international postage would become an important part of world communication and the need arose for uniform rules and procedures. A series of postal conferences from 1874 ended with the setting up of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).



An essential element to ensure that the correct postage had been paid in the country of origin was that of identification. Thus stamps were sent

by the issuing authority to the UPU for distribution to member countries. Those of the British Commonwealth were generally either overprinted or



perforated 'SPECIMEN'.



A specimen stamp is a postage stamp or stationery indicium postal sent to postmasters and postal administrations so that they are able to identify valid stamps and avoid forgeries. The usual method of stamps invalidating the is either overprinting in ink or perforating the word SPECIMEN across the stamp and where English is not the common language, the words MUESTRA (Spanish), MONSTER (Dutch), MUSTER (German) SAGGIO as pictured on the left) (Italian or ОБРАЗЕЦ (Russian,) have been used

instead. The use of specimen overprints is not restricted to postage stamps. It has also been used on revenue stamps and postal stationery, including International Reply Coupons.

They are collected today but there are two distinct eras, classic and modern. Classic Specimen stamps are listed in specialized catalogues and they can be very valuable.

The more modern SPECIMEN stamps are of a more dubious nature. I am referring to those that are sometimes given away free with stamp magazines or sometimes given away at stamp exhibitions. These are interesting but not particularly respected. Some countries sell specimen stamps and the reason for this is less obvious. But at least these latter modern examples are more affordable. I do remember that a prominent philatelist raised the question in another thread as to whether or not modern specimen stamps qualified as Cinderellas. My view is that as far as modern examples are concerned, I would say quite possibly.

How many of these stamps filter back into the philatelic world remains a bit of a mystery. But there is no doubt that scarcity remains a significant factor in their interest to collectors.



Kathy Hartley, librarian at the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library at the VGG Foundation, is looking for several copies of *Topical Time*, the bimonthly magazine of the American Topical Association.

The library has copies of the magazine dating back

decades, all hardbound. Unfortunately, several copies are absent from the collection. Volumes cannot be hardbound until the copies, listed below, can be located.

PhilaJournal readers are asked if they have any of these copies and wish to donate them to the library, to contact Kathy. The donation would be appreciated. (Note: This is a case of lapsed subscriptions that were not discovered until recently.)

Please contact Kathy at 416-291-2077 or library@greenefoundation.ca if you can help.

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The Kawartha Stamp Club Certificate of Merit

Marie Olver was nominated for a GTAPA Award of Merit at a recent club meeting. Current club president, John Ross, recommended Marie because she has been the "mainstay of the club for many years, serving as a highly effective president, and a key member of the executive who was always willing to take on jobs that no one else would do. Currently, Marie organizes the annual Christmas party which attracts 80-90 people and coordinates the exhibits at KAPEX. She is a highly successful exhibitor, an engaging presenter and, most importantly, she is a mentor to a large group of collectors. Her ability, and willingness, to attract, and maintain, a large and vigorous cohort of female collectors distinguishes Kawartha from most GATAPA stamp clubs." Congratulations, Marie!



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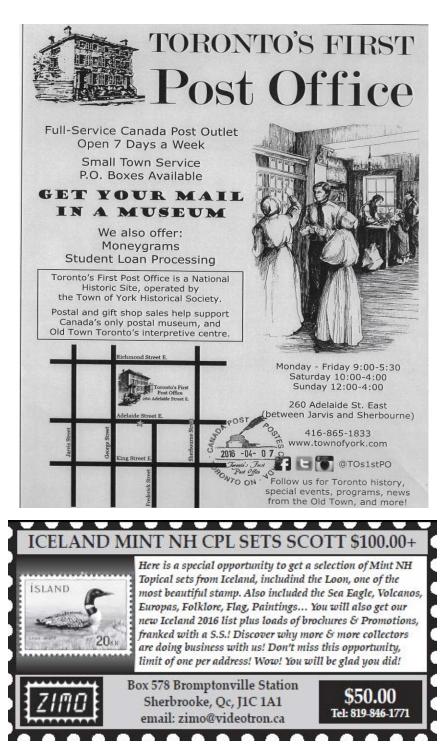
In the January 2016 issue of Stamp Magazine I was quite taken by this short news item about a new stamp issue.

Belgium has attracted international attention for its plan to issue a stamp promoting religious coexistence, featuring a bishop, a rabbi and an imam. Not scheduled for release until October 2016, its design is based on a photograph of Roman Catholic Bishop Johan Bonny, Rabbi Albert Guigi and Imam Khalid Benhaddou with hands clasped together. The inscription at the foot of the 1st class stamp translates as, "Everybody equal, everybody different".



The article and stamp, shown above, made me reflect on the current violence in Europe, especially the bombings that led to loss of lives and injuries in France and Belgium.

Belgium's postal authority seems to be taking a positive step, philatelically, by attempting to promote community co-operation and acceptance of religious groups. Congratulations to the Belgium Postal Authority for this commendable initiative.



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