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UP and COMING

October 8 Club Meeting
What I Collect - Ralph Hawley
Auction

October 17 Friends of Philately
NS Museum Boardroom, Halifax

October 26 Fredericton District
Stamp Club Show and Sale,
Fredericton High School, 10 am -
4pm

November 2 Moncton Stamp Fair
St. John's on Church & Alma St.

November 12 Club meeting
TBA, Auction

November 21 Friends of Philately
NS Museum Boardroom, Halifax

December 7 Moncton Stamp Fair
RC Legion, 100 War Veterans Ave.

December 10 Club meeting
TBA, Charity Auction

May 30 - June 1 2014
Royal 2014 Royale, Halifax
Lord Nelson Hotel

www.royal2014royale.com

Travelling? Check out time and
place of other shows at

www.rpsc.org/shows.html or

www.csdaonline.com/shows



Canada Post - A
new release in
September—
Superman. Avail-
able in five differ-
ent booklets of 5
each containing 10
stamps of 5 de-
signs. A souvenir
sheet (of 5 designs)
and the coil design
as shown here.

Stamps and Alex Colville

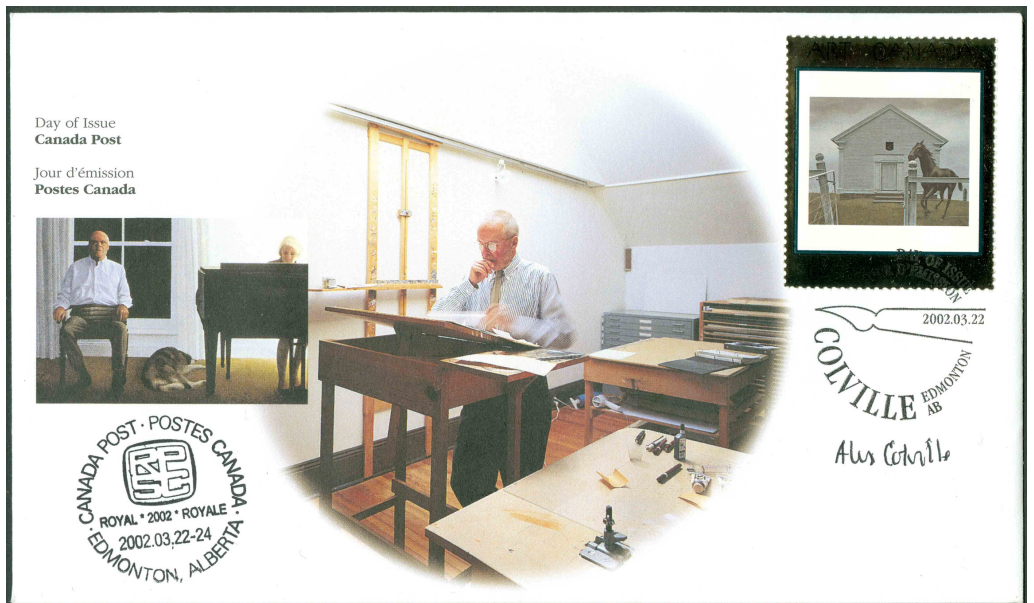
by Michael Peach

Noted Canadian artist and Wolfville resident Alex Colville died recently. His work has been featured twice on Canadian stamps, in the 1982 Canada Day set and the 2002 Masterpieces of Canadian Art series.

The 30¢ Canada Day stamp has a value for the basic inland letter rate. In the 1955 painting Family and Rainstorm, Alex captures the capricious weather of the seacoast in Nova Scotia. His wife Rhoda is seen holding the car door open for two of her children, eldest son Graham and daughter Ann. The location is the shores of the Minas Basin, probably near the Colville cottage at Evangeline Beach, looking across to Cape Blomidon. The painting hangs in the National Gallery, Ottawa.



The Masterpieces of Canadian art stamp, \$1.25, the international rate, shows the 1964 painting Church and Horse that is in the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. The tiny church is the United Church at Hastings, outside Amherst. Alex's family lived in Amherst. The stamp has a gold frame, that unfortunately does not show very well in the pictures. The stamp was unveiled at the 2002 Royal in Edmonton. Alex was not able to attend, but did attend a gathering in the Acadia University Art Gallery. Alex is shown in the picture at the Wolfville event (courtesy Hugh Rathbun). The first day cover signed by Alex, shows Alex working in his studio at his home in Wolfville.



In the News...

The New York Times recently reported on a Brooklyn, New York woman who was facing charges of first-degree conspiracy and second-degree criminal solicitation after allegedly offering \$60,000 in rare postage stamps to an undercover NYPD officer to kill her husband.

The USPS reported a smaller loss in the 3rd quarter of this year as compared with the previous quarter, \$740 million as opposed to \$1.9 billion. Mail volume continues to decline but ad mail (or junk mail) is on the increase by 3% this quarter.

Earlier this year (May) Finland released a series of 1st class stamps to honour its weird and wonderful sports - wife carrying, air guitar playing, anthill sitting, boot throwing, old-geezer carting, and swamp soccer. This followed on the heels of the March release of the prettiest outhouses issue.

In the UK, The Treason Felony Act 1848 makes it an offence to do any act with the intention of deposing the monarch, but it seems unlikely that placing a stamp upside down fulfils this criterion. The Act itself certainly does not refer to stamps. According to the Royal Mail, it is perfectly acceptable to put a stamp upside-down.

Smithsonian National Postal Museum—Railway Mail Car

The exterior of the Railway Mail Service car on exhibit in the Museum's atrium was fabricated by exhibition designers. The interior, below, consists of authentic furniture and pieces removed from a retired Railway Mail Service car. RPO clerks faced more hazards than normal railway employees. Between 1890 and 1905, one hundred and forty-three RPO clerks were killed in accidents or incidents onboard the trains. Robberies were also of concern, because the rail cars tended to make it easier to ship heavier packages, especially those containing gold, that were entrusted to the rail clerks

Source: Smithsonian National Postal Museum



Nova Scotia Stamp Club Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>

Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

Dues are C\$15 per person (US\$20 US, US\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple payable to:

Nova Scotia Stamp Club
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Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8
webnews@nsstampclub.ca

Advertising rate for the newsletter or website is \$50 (CDN) per year.

NOVAPEX 2013 REPORT

The NSSC kicked off the 2013-2014 year with the annual exhibition and bourse Novapex 2013, held September 20 and 21. A somewhat smaller show than usual, it was nonetheless a stellar show, with a wide array of exhibits and ten attending dealers. The members had their own material for sale as well at the members table and this year's junior table was one of the most well attended in recent memory.

The event wound up with a four star banquet that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the George MacKenzie Aero-philately Award. This award has been in our competition for quite some time now, but with the decline of local airmail exhibitors, until now it had never been awarded. The club was highly honoured with the presence of George's wife Blanch MacKenzie, who along with daughter Heather, presented the trophy to Jack Forbes.

With the presentation of the Dave Cooper trophy, head judge Rob Lunn pointed out another first: the winning Nova Scotia Stamp Club Team has never won the award before (while the Fredericton club has three victories in the seven year history of the Cooper).

The evening finished off with the presentation of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award to Hugh Rathbun.

NOVA PEX 2013

PALMARES

Regional Exhibition
September 20 & 21

Medal Awards

Certificate of Merit

Lorraine Rasmussen - Great Works of Art on Post Cards

Bronze Medal

Brainard Fitzgerald - The Valley Apple, it's Blossoms, it's Story

Jim Graham - Perforated Stamps with a Maritime Connection

John Hall - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Silver Medal

Doreen Fitzgerald - The Chatauque Lake Local Post

Brainard Fitzgerald - Cacheted First Day Covers of Canada's Coronation Stamp of 1937

Carl Munden - The Oval Duplexes of Newfoundland and Their Look Alikes

Michael Peach - Registered Inland Mail - Victorian Britain

Michael Peach - Postal Stationery Registered Envelopes: Postal Union Usage - Victorian Britain

Michael Peach - British Postal Stationery of the Victorian Era - Later Usage

Ron Smith - Fancy Cancels Used in New Brunswick during the Small Queen Period

Vermeil Medal

Raymond Corbett - Edinburgh Penny Post: Head Office Delivery Time Marks

Doreen Fitzgerald - Through the Lens of Paul Yates

Ron Smith - Fancy Cancels Used by Prince Edward Island Post Offices 1873-1897

Gold Medal

Jack Forbes - Cyprus - Air Mail Usages Paid with King George VI Definitives

John Hall - Canadian Fiscal War Tax Stamps of World War I

Rob Lunn - Internal Mail and Postage Rates of

Pre-Confederation Prince Edward Island

Sean Weatherup - Cancellations of the Railway Post Office Halifax to Yarmouth

Club Awards

Peoples Choice Award

John Hall - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Dave Cooper Memorial Trophy

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Team

Rev. Raymond Corbett, Doreen and Brainard Fitzgerald, Michael Peach

Ken C. MacDonald Postal History Award

Sean Weatherup - Cancellations of the Railway Post Office Halifax to Yarmouth

George MacKenzie Aerophilately Award

Jack Forbes - Cyprus - Air Mail Usages Paid with King George VI Definitives

J.J. MacDonald Award

Sean Weatherup - Cancellations of the Railway Post Office Halifax to Yarmouth

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award

Hugh Rathbun

Club President, Sean Weatherup's introduction to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award for 2013.

I would like to announce this year's recipient of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award. The parameters of the award read "For outstanding contributions to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club and/or the advancement of philately in Nova Scotia". This year's recipient works diligently on both sides of this line, year after year. It is a great pleasure tonight to honour Hugh Rathbun.

Hugh is a constant presence at our regular club meetings. You will always see him off to the side with another member or two, sharing some treasure he or the other has discovered. You turn around and 10 minutes later he's off in another corner with someone else. He is a quiet presence, but if he has your ear you are sure to learn something you didn't know earlier that day. Hugh's knowledge of the postal history of this province is, while not complete, as thorough as any else's you may meet in these parts. And Hugh is continuously expanding this knowledge. How many of you here tonight have had a conversation with Hugh that starts out "the other day I saw" or "I just read the other day"... This actually happened today at the BNAPS meeting. As you are all aware Hugh travels far and wide visiting the Post Offices within the province, keeping up with the latest hammers they may be using. He is probably on a first name basis with a majority of Nova Scotia Postmasters. Well today at the BNAPS meeting Hugh informed everyone of a new post office opening in a Shoppers Drug Mart in Halifax. It wasn't enough for Hugh just to know this. He went in a spoke with the folks and now we all know that their hammer isn't right and there will be a new one forthcoming.

Hugh's expertise is recognized far and wide. Hugh is the latest member of the NSSC to have an exhibit published in book form by BNAPS. Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia: Communications of the 1700's and Postal Markings of the 1800's.

He continuously brings the past to the present. Each year Hugh produces covers commemorating some event of note, and lately has been producing picture postage for these covers. But he isn't stuck in the past. Not that long ago he focused on the new letterboxes of the day; and this year he has come up with a terrific cover and stamp combination paying respect to the Halifax Moosehead's 2013

Memorial Cup Victory. Last month he

See Novapex Pg 4.

Classifieds

Amanda Lewis has begun a business selling stamps and supplies - more details will follow in future editions. You can contact Amanda at : ARL1964@yahoo.ca.

STAMP SWAP: Available - Better worldwide and Canada for trade by want list:

penny.auction.stamps@gmail.com

Douglas J. Gray Supplies Sale

While supplies last! (tax included)

Vario Sheets: 4 packs for \$20.00

Hinges: 2 packs for 5.00

All mounts: 20% off cat.

Call me with your order at 461-0528 and I will bring them to the next meeting.

For Sale - Frames

I have 6 of the old club 8 page wooden frames in good condition for sale. Price \$10 the lot, or \$2 each. Please contact:

Michael Peach, 832-1662.

Framed Bluenose Keepsakes consisting of the 1929 50c Bluenose stamp, a 1937 Dime and a piece of the new replica Bluenose II½, is available for \$50 each and can be purchased through Marcus Brauer (466-4339). Photos of the project development and available frames can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/c42o6te> and <http://tinyurl.com/c5hy7vz>. This endeavour is supporting local Scouting.

Philatelic Books For Sale.

I am getting old and it is time to reduce my Philatelic Library.

Please contact

Dave Harvey 435 1517

daveandsyl@eastlink.ca

Novapex continued

produced a series for the BNAPS convention showing Prince Edward Island Post Offices. His territory is expanding folks...

We could attribute all these accomplishments to the Advancement of Philately in Nova Scotia, but all this leads to Hugh's personal contribution to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. Each year Hugh generously allows the club to sell his covers at our



shows and help us raise a good deal of revenue, and I am sure public interest in our club. The fancy cancels we used on our show covers are also due to Hugh. Hugh is the club liaison with Canada Post and each year for so long as I remember, he procures suitable designs to cover the event.

Hugh works tirelessly at all of this and I am sure if any of us were to try to walk in his shoes we wouldn't last a month.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you Hugh Rathbun, this year's recipient of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award.

President Sean reading the citation to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award as 2013 recipient Hugh Rathbun looks on.

Have your Say on the Future of Canada Post

Canada Post wants to hear your views on the future of mail delivery. Whether you live in a rural or urban community, your input is important and will help shape future mail delivery services. **You can submit your comments online at www.canadapost.ca or by mail to:**

The Future of Canada Post
2701 Riverside Drive, Suite NO800
Ottawa, ON, K1A0B1

Newsletter Articles Urgently Needed

This is a tedious exercise for me to chase down items of interest for the newsletter. Please send me your articles and cover stories now. Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. Thanks for all those who have contributed in the past year and I look forward to hearing from you **all** soon. **The deadline for the October issue is October 25, 2013.**

NSSC Re-elects Officers

Few changes were seen in this year's election with most if not all incumbents reoffering for another term.

The 2013-2014 Executive is...

President Sean Weatherup

Vice President John Hall

Past President Keith MacKay

Secretary Bob Boehner

Treasurer Marilyn Melanson

Newsletter Editor Jeff Parks

Directors: Gary Steele, Lealand Frizzell, and Marty Zelenietz

Novapex / Royal Chair John Hall

Appointments...

Archivist Lloyd Melanson

Auctioneers Stan Dunfield / Jeff Parks

Auditor Dave Harvey

Librarian Heather Mackenzie

Membership Chair Jeff Parks