

THE 1992 CANADA IN SPACE HOLOGRAM STAMP



NOTE: Lighting and viewing angles can dramatically affect ability to see the details shown on the hologram. Suggest viewer move around slightly and change sight lines in order to get full benefit of hologram. Attempts made to enlarge and enhance important design details.

IMPORTANT ITEMS AND PERSONAL STUDY DISCOVERIES ARE OUTLINED IN RED

PURPOSE: This display class exhibit will review the first Canadian hologram stamp issued October 01, 1992. Examples of these stamps and covers are shown along with some of the varieties that the stamp is known for.

SCOPE: Exhibit starts with a quick review of how a hologram is made and discuss making this stamp. The hologram stamp issued se-tenant with another space stamp, but the exhibit will deal with the hologram stamp.

TREATMENT: After a review of stamp design and production, varieties will show many of the well-known errors and continue onto other overlooked varieties not only in the hologram, but also in the stamp itself.

IMPORTANCE: The hologram stamp was one of the most collectable Canadian stamps of the modern era. Numerous varieties were found and marketed by dealers. First varieties were noted by Kasimir Bilieski, a noted Canadian stamp dealer that led to a stampede of collectors and non-collectors purchasing and hoarding them for possible errors. This resulted in a very scare number of postally used covers of this issue. Only 5,000,000 copies of this stamp were made and most ended up in collections as sheets and blocks. Canada Post planned to remove these stamps from sale after 6 months (01-10-92 to 31-03-'93), but demand resulted in post office running out early.

BACKGROUND: The space hologram stamp of Canada was in response to the United Nations marking 1992 as "The International Year of Space" and was issued during stamp collecting month. The two-stamp issue was entitled "Canada in Space". Hologram stamp was prized by collectors for its design, colourful features, and notorious design errors. Exhibit does not show the most famous variety – the missing hologram. Exhibit instead has focused on more common and affordable varieties that are still being discovered.

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