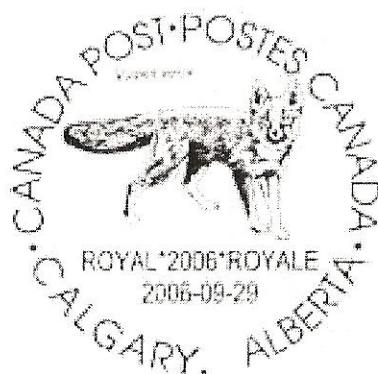
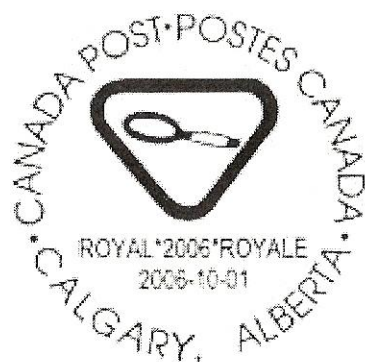
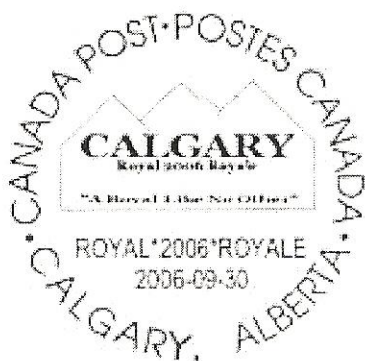


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THE HISTORY OF SCATTERED MAIL: PART 4.

by Dale Speirs

Small World Mail: Introduction.

It has long been customary for people to hand-carry mail from a friend to an address, especially in the old days before reliable postal systems developed. This type of private carriage is not scattered mail. Stunts and serious research have been done whereby a letter was handed to someone travelling in the general direction of the addressee with a request to pass it on and to have subsequent handlers document who they are. This has become famous to the general public as the “six degrees of separation” technique, although scientists use the term “small world”. Stanley Milgram, of lost letter fame, was the first person to publicize this method [64], although he did not invent it. A small world letter is essentially a chain letter with only one copy. Small world letters are very susceptible to failure because of the high likelihood that one person in the chain will not pass it on.

In today’s parlance, the small world technique can be stated as “The median length between any two people chosen at random is five, with a range from two to ten”. To explain by an example, I have never met Queen Elizabeth II. However, I am within the range of two people in a chain linking us. My high school biology teacher in Red Deer, Alberta, was Bob Mills. He later went into federal politics and has been a Member of Parliament at Ottawa for many years. Mills knew former Prime Minister Jean Chretien, who in turn met the Queen on several occasions.

Unlike lost letters, which were and still are a popular technique in the Papernet but failed in the Internet, the small world technique never caught on as real mail because it was so difficult to trace who handled a letter being passed on by hand. With the advent of the Internet, where e-mail routes and Website links can be traced automatically by computer, the small world technique suddenly bloomed into a major field of network science, and today is widely studied as part of computer science.

A 1956 small world chain used packs of postcards to trace a route [65]. Participants were told by the postcards that it was a test of how fast a civil defence emergency message could be diffused in time of atomic war (this was the height of the Cold War, remember). They were asked to return one postcard with details of when and where they received it, and to pass the rest of the pack randomly onwards, with no chosen destination.

Milgram’s 1967 small world study was originated in Nebraska with a Boston stockbroker as the intended destination [66]. He noted that different chains of

small world mail often went through some of the same people. This cluster effect was confirmed in the early 2000s on the Internet. We now know that small world mail does not proceed in uniform steps from origin to destination. Rather, it is circulated within one cluster, then suddenly jumps to another cluster which may be far away geographically but closer to the destination. To use my personal example cited above, my connections to the Queen are not uniformly spaced across Canada, but jump from Alberta to Ottawa in one step, and do not go through the intervening provinces of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. When Chretien met the Queen, it was on her visit to Ottawa, not a series of steps across eastern Canada and over the Atlantic Ocean.

It is now established by modern network studies that information can be forwarded at random in about six steps even if the originator is not familiar with the non-local portions of the network [67]. The clusters are not random groups of people; they are communities of people such as a group of scientists collaborating on a research project [68]. Most people who have large social networks will have about one-third of their friendships independent of geography, that is to say, not people who live in the same neighbourhood [72].

Small World Mail: Mail Art.

Although mail art is well documented within the art world, and new books on the subject are appearing constantly, it is little known among most postal historians. Mail art is artwork which is exchanged by mail. It may be homemade postcards, decorated envelopes, or miniature art enclosed in a letter. It is a decentralized Papernet network with no governing body or authority. Mail artists tend to cluster by language, not geography. Anglophone mail artists trade with each other, and bilingual artists trade into two different clusters. Mail art may be a unique piece, or it may be photocopied or printed art scattered widely on the Papernet.

In recent years, a type of small world scattered mail has developed known as add-and-pass-on. The originator prepares a sheet of paper with some initial artwork and his address and instructions. He mails it to an acquaintance with instructions to add additional art and address, and photocopy it. The photocopy is sent to the originator to help him track its route, and the modified original is passed on to someone else. The process is repeated until the sheet has no more room, and the original returned to the originator. Since every mail artist has a different set of correspondents, the add-and-pass-on sheet will travel randomly around the world. Usually the chain breaks somewhere en route, and most such mail never returns home. This type of mail is so easy to start and so common that it is now considered the mail art equivalent of spam.

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ROYAL 2006 ROYALE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

by Ron Tabbert

CPS members are invited to provide donations of stamps for youth who attend Royal 2006 Royale. Obviously topicals and more interesting commemoratives off paper are preferred, but all donations will be put to good use. A minimum of 50 giveaway bags is planned. Supplies and other donations are also welcome. Bring them to Marge Hunt or Jim Senecal at the September meeting or regular auction. If you have questions, you can contact me at Box 959, Golden, British Columbia V0A 1H0, telephone (250)344-5939, or relich@redshift.bc.ca

Welcome to the 84th year of the Calgary Philatelic Society. It is an honour to be your President in what is likely to be one of the most exciting years in CPS history. Royal 2006 Royale and the arrival of the Queen’s Exhibit give us a unique opportunity to rekindle interest in stamps and stamp collecting in Calgary.

We, like many other clubs, struggle with an aging membership and dwindling volunteer base. A vibrant stamp collecting community is a benefit whether you are new to stamps, a long-time collector, or looking to liquidate your collection. Many initiatives have been pursued in recent years including CAPE (Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors), the Youth Group, and electronic bulletin board, the Stamp Line, and one-page exhibiting. We must do more to make collecting stamps an interesting and relevant hobby for all age groups in the 21st Century. Expanding CPS membership by at least 25% should be a reasonable target for this year.

My time is limited and I have many other obligations but I will attempt to pursue a number of new opportunities this year. Your support, feedback, and ideas are vital. I need to hear from you, particularly if you are not active in the CPS. Phone me, e-mail me, or even send me a letter!

IN MEMORIAM: JACK COTTON (1912-2006)

Jack Cotton passed away in August at the age of 94. After serving in the Army during the last war, he joined Royal Bank of Canada and was with them for many years. He is survived by his wife Julie, two daughters, four grandchildren, and a great-grandson. Jack joined the CPS in 1959. He was a Society director 1960-61 and 1975-77, and Auction (regular) chairman from 1961 to 1970. Thereafter, he worked behind the scenes for many decades, particularly at the auction table as a recorder and also on the Show committee. He was named Honourary Life Member in 1981 for his years of faithful service.

QUICK FINDER FOR TOPICALS ON CANADIAN STAMPS TO 2005:
PART THREE
compiled by Dale Speirs

Biology, animals			
leopard	2005	50	
lynx	1989	43	2002 48
mammals, fossil	1994	43	
marmot	1981	17	
monkey	2004	49	2004 140
moose	1953	3	1988 37
	2003	500	
musk ox	1955	4	1989 59
muskrat	1988	3	
narwhal	1968	5	2000 46
oxen	NL1897	6	
panda	2002	48	
porcupine	1987	2	
porpoise	1990	63	1993 43
proboscideans	1994	43	
rabbit	see also under Biology, animals, hare		
	1999	46	2004 49
reindeer	2004	49	
reptile, fossil	1991	40	1993 43
	1998	45	1999 46
seal	NL1866	5	NL1880 2
	NL1897	15	NL1932 15
	NL1932	25	NL1937 15
	NL1937	25	
	1977	12	
sheep, domestic	1982	30	1982 35
	1997	45	2003 48
, bighorn	1953	4	1972 15
, Dall’s	2002	48	
skunk	1988	10	
snake	1998	45	2000 47
	2000	105	
squirrel, flying	1988	1	
tiger	1998	45	
turtles and tortoises	1979	17	
walrus	1954	4	1977 12
	1989	44	2005 100
whale,			
, beluga	1990	78	2000 46
, blue	1999	46	2000 46
	2003	125	
, bowhead	1979	35	2000 46
, killer	1988	57	
wolf	1990	61	2000 75
wolverine	1990	46	
zebra	2002	48	

Biology, DNA	see under Biology, genetics	
, fungi	1989 38	
, genetics	1996 45	2004 49
Biology, plants		
general or unidentified	1996 45	
algae	1990 39	
botanists	1981 17	
crops, potatoes	2000 46	
, wheat	see also under Agriculture, grain	
	1988 37	2000 46
ferns	1998 45	
plant cell	1970 6	1996 45
flowers,		
general	1980 17	1993 43
avens, mountain	1966 6	1995 45
arum	2004 50	2004 85
bergamot	2005 51	
chrysanthemum	1991 40	
columbine	1977 2	
crocus	1965 5	
daffodil	2005 50	
dogwood	1965 5	1970 25
fireweed	1966 5	
gentian	1977 1	
hepatica	1977 4	
iris	2004 145	
jewelweed	1978 12	
lily, tiger	1965 5	1979 17 (flag)
, white	1964 5	1970 25
, yellow	1977 3	
Mayflower	1965 5	
nasturtiums	1992 50	
orchid, lady-slipper	1965 5	1977 10
	1999 46	2005 89
, other species	1999 46	2005 105
pitcher plant	1966 5	
poinsettia	1987 36	
poppy	1991 40	1997 45
	2005 149	
rose, cultivated	1981 17	1991 40
	1994 43	2000 47
	2001 47	2001 non-denominated
, wild	1966 5	1992 5
shooting star	1977 5	
sunflower	2005 50	
trillium	1964 5	1970 25
tulip	2001 105	2002 48
violet	1965 5	1979 15
fruits,		
blueberry	1992 1	
crowberry	1992 3	
kinnikinnick	1992 10	

fruits,	raspberry	1992 6	
	rose hips	1992 5	
	saskatoon	1992 25	2005 50
	strawberry	1992 2	
shrubs,			
	lilac	1991 40	
	rhododendron	1991 40	
trees,		see also under Forestry	
	general	1963 2	1990 39
		2002 48	
	apple	1991 48	1992 49
		1994 50	1995 52
	apricot	1994 88	
	aspens	1977 15	
	birch	1977 12	
	cassia	2003 48	
	chestnut	1995 71	
	Christmas	1981 15	1987 72
	fir	1977 20	
	fossil	1991 40	
	hazelnut	1992 67	
	hickory	1994 69	
	Maple Leaf	Symbolic leaves; trivial appearances such as frame ornaments are not listed. Maple leaves on flags are listed under Flags, Canada.	
		1964 5	1966 5
		1981 A	1982 5
		1982 10	1982 30
		1983 32	1983 8
		1996 45	1998 45
		2000 47	2002 48
	maple	1971 6	1971 7
		1977 25	1994 43
		2001 60	2003 48
		2003 49	2003 80
		2003 140	2004 non-denominated
	oak	1973 8	1978 30
	peach	1995 90	
	pear	1992 86	
	pine	1967 10	1979 35
		1990 39	
	plum	1991 84	
	spruce	1970 6	
	walnut	1991 65	
	Birds	see under Biology	
	Bishop, Billy	1994 43	
	Black, Martha	1997 45	
	Blacksmith	1972 8	
	Bombardier, Joseph-Armand	2000 46	
	Bondar, Roberta	2003 48	
	Books,		
	general	1999 46	
	binding	1999 1	
	publishers	2000 46	

Boome, W. Hanson	1989	38	
Borden, Robert	1951	3	1973 3
Bossy, Mike	2003	48	
Bourassa, Henri	1968	5	
Bourgeoys, Marguerite	1975	8	
Bourque, Raymond	2003	48	
Bow and arrow	see under Weapons, bow and arrow		
Bowell, Mackenzie	1954	5	
Bower, Johnny	2004	49	
Boy Scouts	see under Scouts and Guides		
Boys and Girls Club	2000	46	
Bracken, John	1998	45	
Brant, Molly	1986	34	
Bridges,			
general or not specified	1989	38	2000 46
arch	1977	12	1998 45
	2004	50	
canal	1998	45	
cantilever	1928	12	1995 45
	2005	50	
concrete form	1995	45	1997 45
covered bridge	1995	45	
railroad	1977	12	
suspension	1995	45	2005 50
swing or drawbridge	2005	50	
wooden	2005	51	
British Columbia,			
general	1958	5	1971 7
	1982	30	1984 32
	1996	45	
Barkerville	2001	105	
Buchart Gardens	2001	60	
Fort Rodd Hill	1983	32	
Fraser River	1993	43	1995 45
Glacier National Park	1984	100	
Howe Sound	2000	55	
Inside Passage	2003	65	2003 125
Mount Hurd	1928	10	1982 35
Mount Robson Park	1993	43	
Nootka Sound	1978	14	
Sea to Sky Highway	1997	45	
Shannon Falls	2004	50	
Vancouver	1938	50	1972 100
	2002	125	2003 125
	2004	49	
Victoria	1935	50	1962 5
	1993	43	1995 43
British Empire	see under Commonwealth		
Broadcasting	see under News media, broadcasting		
Brock, Isaac	1969	6	
Brown, George	1968	5	
Brule, Etienne	1987	34	

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR ROYAL 2006 ROYALE

(Editor's note: This schedule is subject to possible change before September 28, but is reasonably firm. Please note that some meetings or events are closed to the general public. Ask the Show Chairwoman, Jan Brookes, if you are not certain.)

Thursday, September 28

10h00	Bin room opens for exhibits
14h00	Exhibit set-up
16h00	Dealer set-up
17h00 to 20h00	Registration desk opens
19h00	Hospitality suite opens

Friday, September 29

08h30	Registration desk opens
09h30	Opening ceremonies
	- White Hat ceremony
	- Guest speakers
	- Canada Post stamp launch
	- ribbon cutting
10h00	Show opens to the public
10h30 to 11h30	Seminar: USA Transport Mail Issue of 1941-44 presented by Steve Davis
13h00 to 14h00	Seminar: German Inflation of 1919 to 1923 presented by Jeffrey Shapiro
14h30 to 15h30	Seminar: Thematic/Topical Collecting presented by Rob McGuinness and Donna Trathen
18h00	Show closes for the day
18h30 to 21h30	Presidents' Reception and silent auction

Saturday, September 30

- 08h00 Pancake breakfast in hotel parking lot
sponsored by Talisman Energy (weather permitting)
- 09h00 Registration desk opens
10h00 Show opens to the public
- 10h30 to 11h30 Seminar: 1911-1928 Admiral Issues Of Canada
presented by Glen Lundeen
- 11h30 to 12h30 Seminar: Boy Scouts On Stamps (Lawrence Clay)
- 13h00 to 14h00 Seminar: Trans-Pacific Clipper Postal History
presented by Jeffrey Shapiro
- 14h00 to 16h00 Seminar: Paper Repair And Restoration
presented by David Dailey
- 14h00 to 15h00 Seminar: The One-Page Exhibit (Peter Butler)
- 15h00 to 16h00 American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors
17h00 Show closes for the day
- 18h00 Awards banquet

Sunday, October 1

- 08h30 to 10h00 British North America Philatelic Society breakfast
Guest speaker - Charles Verge
on The Royal Philatelic Collection
- 09h00 Registration desk opens
10h00 Show opens to the public
- 10h30 to 12h00 Judges' critique of the exhibits
- 12h00 to 13h00 Seminar - Newfoundland meters (Rob McGuiness)
- 13h00 to 15h00 Seminar - Exhibiting (David Piercey)
- 16h00 Show and bourse close
- 16h15 Exhibits take-down
- 16h45 Frames take-down



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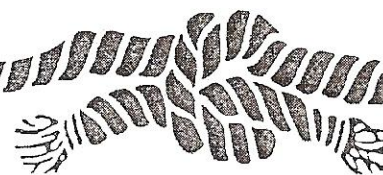
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September	6	General meeting
	6	Deadline for October bulletin
	10	Sunday bourse
	20	Auction
September 29 to October 1		Royal 2006 Royale
October	4	General meeting
	8	Sunday bourse
	18	Auction
November	1	General meeting
	1	Deadline for December bulletin
	5	Sunday bourse
	15	Auction
December	3	Sunday bourse
	6	Christmas social

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SUNDAY BOURSE is at Palliser Community Centre, 2323 Palliser Drive SW, from 10h00 to 16h00. Details and table rentals from Bill Szaroz at 337-3260.

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