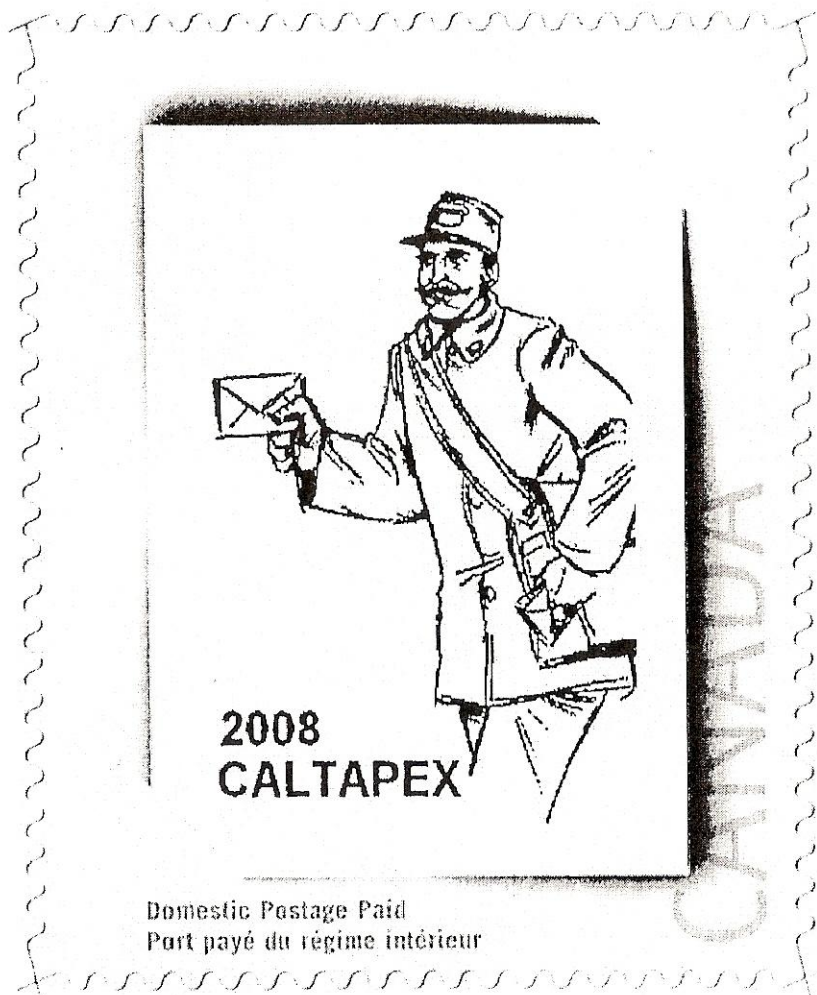


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CALTAPEX 2008 will celebrate the 125th anniversary of Calgary's post office with this Picture Postage stamp of an early letter carrier. Artwork by John Delaney (Vancouver).

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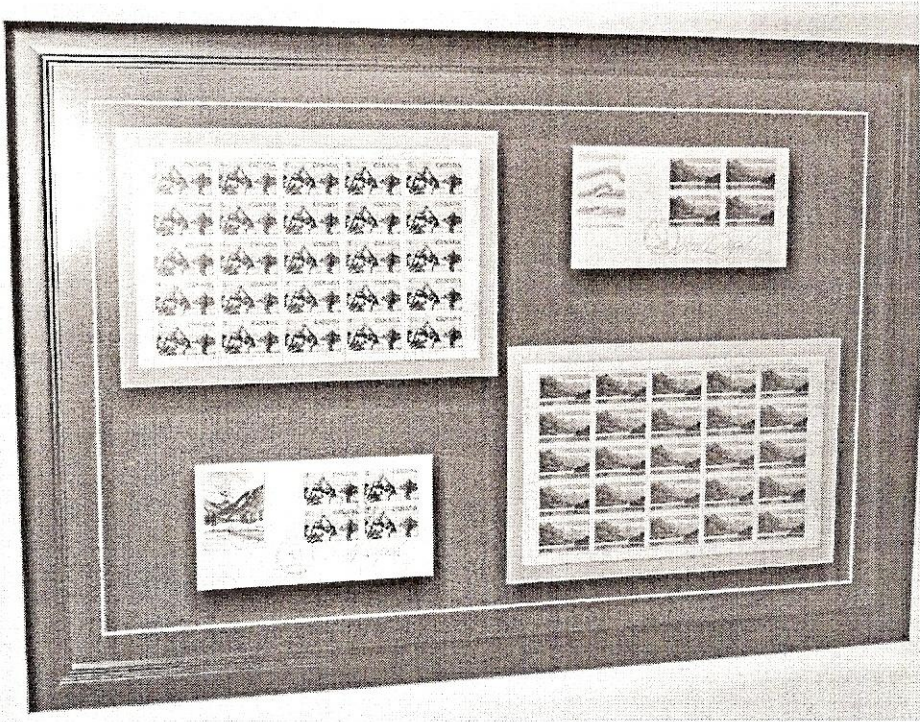
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OUT OF THE ALBUM AND ONTO THE WALL

by Gordon Demke

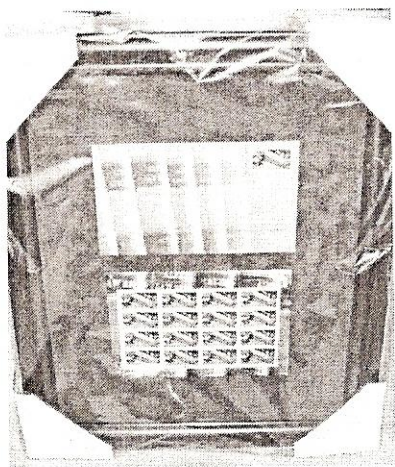
Do you have family and friends who are less enthusiastic than you about your hobby? Is your stamp collection hidden away in albums located in a bookcase or cabinet out of the sight of others? Here is one possibility to address this situation: philatelic material framed for display for family and friends to enjoy.

Reputable framing shops will be knowledgeable about conservation framing so that no harm will come to the philatelic material. Special techniques and materials are used to protect the artwork. The process used is entirely reversible to leave the philatelic material in its original state. The materials for the frame, mat, spacer, backing, and hinging are 100% acid free. Glazed glass is used which filters out harmful ultraviolet rays.



I will provide two examples of framed philatelic material from my own experience. The first (see photo above) displays the Waterton Park and Glacier National Park high value definitives issued by Canada Post 1982-06-18 and 1984-08-15 respectively.

I was drawn to this subject because I love the artwork of Calgary artist Brent Laycock, whose work is depicted on these stamps. His Website www.brentlaycock.com shows a lot of his work, The FDCs and sheets were purchased from local philatelic dealers and on eBay. Mr. Laycock kindly autographed the two first day covers and also the two sheets in the upper right hand margins. The presentation I selected was a simple navy wood frame and a double mat (navy blue with a white groove, and light blue). In the book WATERTON BRUSH & PEN, paintings by Brent R. Laycock, prose by Fred Stenson (Fifth House Ltd., Calgary, 2008), the biographical note states: "Laycock's commissioned work ranges in size from large murals and a football field-sized work on a hotel rooftop, to small paintings he completed of Waterton Lakes and Glacier National Parks for Canada Post's 1982 \$1.50 and \$1.00 stamps." We have this miniature art displayed in our home for daily enjoyment.



As a second example, I had the Alberta Law Society 100th Anniversary domestic rate stamp issued by Canada Post 2007-09-12 framed as a gift (see photo at left). I was drawn to this subject by the occupation of the recipient and wanting to give a unique gift. I purchased the First Day Cover and Sheet through Canada Post's philatelic service, and again had the sheet and cover autographed by the designer of the stamp, Xerxes Irani of nonfiction studios inc. I located him at the design firm TAXI Canada Inc. Mr. Irani had

been an invited guest speaker to Calgary Philatelic Society to talk about the Biosphere Reserves stamp issued by Canada Post in 2005 which he also designed, so I felt at ease approaching him. I had the sheet and cover conservation framed, and selected for presentation a beautiful mahogany wood frame and a mat with a rich suede-like finish. The philatelic items were float mounted so that they did not touch the glass (again UV inhibited). I attached to the backing the Canada Post articles and press releases relating to this stamp. The gift appeared to be well received.

These are just two examples of how the enjoyment of philately can be shared with others in a very non-threatening way. The possibilities are endless and only limited by ones imagination!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dave Russum

Notice: The Constitution and Bylaws of the CPS have been revised to meet current legal requirements for Societies in Alberta. While there has been considerable reordering and rewording of clauses, the only material change has been to change the CPS Financial year-end from June 30th to August 31st of each year. The complete document can be found on the CPS Website at: www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com If you are unable to access the website and wish to have a copy of the document please contact Dave Russum at (403) 284-4775. A motion to accept the new Constitution and Bylaws will be presented at the September General Meeting.

CALGARIANS EXHIBITED AT ROMANIAN SHOW

Two CPS members exhibited internationally in late June at EFIRO 2008, held in Bucharest, Romania. This international-level show was held to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Romania's first postage stamps, the famous Bull's Heads. Jon Johnson won a vermeil for "Canadian Military Hospitals At Sea", while Don Wilson won a silver-bronze for "Foreign Mail From Australia 1891-1912". The latter exhibit will be the subject of the October general meeting of the CPS. Canada sent 17 exhibits, which won medals varying from silver-bronze to large gold. There were only three international exhibitions held this year, and judging is much more stringent than the regional and national levels. Well done, Jon and Don!

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS

by Janice Brookes

CAPE is a group of 10 to 15 stamp collectors interested in showing other people their stamps. Exhibiting is basically showing off your collection and philatelic knowledge to other people. Even if you never exhibit a single stamp competitively, it is amazing what you can learn about stamps from this fun group of people. We meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Cardell Homes building boardroom. Many of our group are working on old and new exhibits. We discuss in turn problems and progress we are making with them. We also learn a lot about networking current auctions, stamp dealers, and sources for researching our exhibits. We regularly have a guest speaker. For more information, please contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698. I am planning to write updates on how the members of this group are doing with their exhibits and the awards they have won. If you have any news for this column, please contact me at 251-1769.

CAROLINE CENTENNIAL

Caroline, Alberta, opened its post office on November 4, 1908. The first postmaster, Harvey Langley, named the post office after his 8-year-old daughter Caroline. The local community will be issuing a commemorative cover for this event on November 4. The cover is a #10 envelope with a cachet of Langley and his family, and will have a Picture Postage stamp showing Langley with the team of horses he used to carry the mails. Covers are being sold for \$5 each by the Community Historical Society of Caroline, Box 535, Caroline, Alberta T0M 0M0.

CALTAPEX REPORT

by Janice Brookes

CALTAPEX 2008 set-up is Thursday, October 16 at 18h00 at the Kerby Centre on the main floor. We need to move the stage, so we need a few husky men who work out. We have frames to set up, and more people make for lighter work. Please contact Penny Borrowman to volunteer for shifts during the show.

I need a volunteer to help me as an assistant, with the idea of taking over the Show Chair's job. This is for local shows only, and does not require running any major national shows, which are separate organizations. The assistant that is needed will follow along with the Show Chair over the next few years learning the ins and outs of running the Spring Bourse and the autumn CALTAPEX. This ranges from organizing the committee volunteers, arranging advertising in the newspapers, getting in touch with the media, choosing the judges, etcetera. I find the whole position very rewarding in seeing a well-run show and bourse for everyone in the society to enjoy. If you are interested, please get in touch with me at 251-1769 and we will arrange a time to talk. Thanks.

AS OTHERS SEE US

"I don't know of any one thing that gives the Postmaster General more annoyance than the application for special issues made by the stamp cranks."

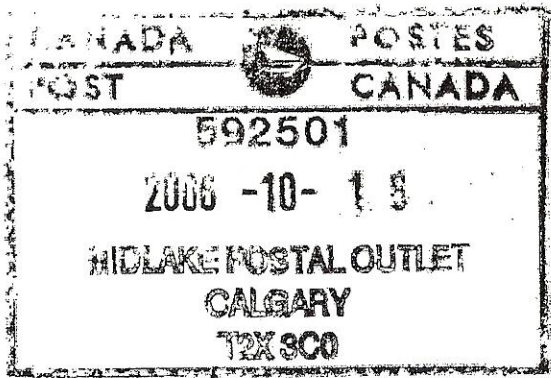
US Postmaster General Harry New, 1928

CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 6

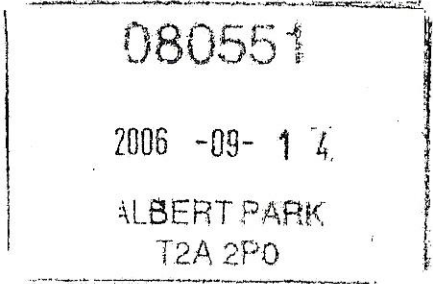
by Dale Speirs

Southeast Calgary.

Midnapore: Midlake Blvd SE and Macleod Trail, 7-Eleven



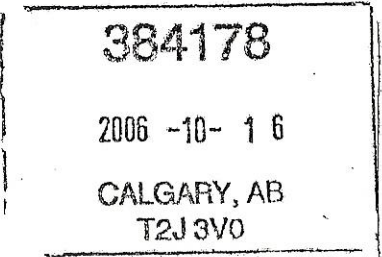
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30 Street, Shoppers Drug Mart



Ogden: 18 Street SE and Glenmore Trail
Shoppers Drug Mart



Mackenzie Towne: High Street SE
Rexall Drugs



Southcentre Mall: Macleod Trail SE
and Anderson Road
Shoppers Drug Mart

Foothills Industrial: 61 Avenue SE
and 36 Street, Quik Stop
This is an error postmark; the unit
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the shopping plaza at 3715 - 61 Avenue SE.



Southwest Calgary.

Millrise: Millrise Blvd SW
Shoppers Drug Mart



Highfield Industrial: 42 Avenue SE
and 9 Street
Copy Inn Ltd.

Northwest Calgary.



Creekside: Beddington Trail NW and
Kincora Blvd
Shoppers Drug Mart

by Leanteri Polvikoski

Authors Of Their Lives by David Gerber (2008, trade paperback) looks at letter writing by immigrants and how they maintained connections with loved ones forever left behind in the Old Country. This is an academic tome and is sometimes heavy reading. We who today can quickly communicate by telephone or e-mail, or get on an airplane and land on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean the same day, may not appreciate what letter writing meant to immigrants in the 1800s. It was unlikely that an immigrant would ever return to the Old Country, and the only communication was by letters that took months for a reply.

The study of immigrant letters in archives shows that literacy was more common than often believed. The Polish peasant settled in New York City may not have known English, but he could write letters home in his native language. The Finns who settled west-central Alberta subscribed to Helsinki newspapers and kept up their correspondence. At each end, letters were commonly read aloud to family and friends, and extracts published in the village newspaper. The postal service was one-to-one as far as the envelope was concerned, but the letter was many-to-many. There was a practical reason for many-to-many letters as well, the high cost of postage. In those days, trans-Atlantic postage was often a day's wage, while today even at minimum wage a stamp is only ten minutes labour to earn.

The 1800s were an era in which slow and expensive postal service gave way to fast and regular mails. Paper to write the letter was difficult to find and poor quality, ink was homemade, and reed pens or quills were standard. There were no rubber erasers to correct mistakes, and wax was used to seal the letters. Letters had to be written at the end of the work day, when the writer was tired, and by the light of flickering candles, very hard on the eyes.

Correspondents had to know how the letter might travel. It was not a matter of simply popping a letter into the street box (there were none). One had to go to the post office and consult with a clerk as to what the best and cheapest route would be. To mail a letter from Toronto to London, England, might involve sending it via Montréal and Halifax, or else overland to New York City and thence to England. One had to specify what ship the letter would go on, which meant consulting the shipping news. Studies on the dates that immigrant letters were written show that before the postal reforms of 1840, letters were written to synchronize with the rare mail pick-up by couriers. After 1840, when daily regular service began to spread, letters were dated more evenly throughout the month. Exchanges of current mailing addresses were common and important, especially in the new lands where immigrants moved house frequently.



[to be continued]

CALTAPEX 2008

Free admission!

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- Location:** Main floor, Kerby Centre
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- Dates and Times:** Friday, October 17 10h00 to 18h00
Saturday, October 18 10h00 to 17h00
Sunday, October 19 10h00 to 16h00
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WANTED: Any covers, wrappers, or postcards from Great Britain sent after May 31, 1951, bearing 1d postage. Excellent prices paid for good items. Contact Dave at 284-4775.

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WANTED: Tanna Tuva, especially covers. I used to have a few and now starting over. Phone Keith at (780)437-1787 (Edmonton)

WANTED: Stamp show catalogues, Canadian and international shows. The older the better. Please contact Ed at 274-0021 or harrise@shaw.ca

WANTED: Owl stamps worldwide. Cash or trade. Call Pat at 238-3435.

TRADE: Need automotive work done on your car? Let's trade my labour for your stamps that I need. I am a licenced mechanic with 20+ years experience. Phone Doug Kollar at 547-3838.

WANTED: Advanced collector of World Wildlife Fund (anything with the panda logo) stamps, postally-used covers, FDCs, postcards, maximum cards, even cookie cans. Top dollar paid! Phone Jan at 251-1769.

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2008

September	17	Auction
October	1	General meeting
	15	Auction
	17 to 19	CALTAPEX 2008
November	2	Sunday bourse
	5	General meeting
	5	Deadline for December bulletin
	19	Auction
December	3	Christmas social
	7	Sunday bourse

CALTAPEX is at the Kerby Centre, main floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW.
Information available from Janice Brookes at 251-1769.

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, 2nd floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow bidder viewing

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.

CALGARY REGIONAL GROUP OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets second Wednesdays. For details about meeting places and times, contact Ed Harris at 274-0021.

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS meets fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.