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CALTAPEX 2023 was held on October 14 and 15 at the Kerby Centre and was a success. More details inside. Above is a view of the auction on Sunday, which had 268 lots.

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THE DEVIL AND THE DETAILS: PART 6

by Tony Doughty

To the best of my knowledge, only two stamps have been produced by Canada Post displaying jigsaw puzzle pieces as shown in the stamps in Figure 1 at right.

The Canadian Literacy booklet (Bk 193, Unitrade B13) and the Mental Health duo (Bk 467, Unitrade B18, and the related Souvenir sheet B17).



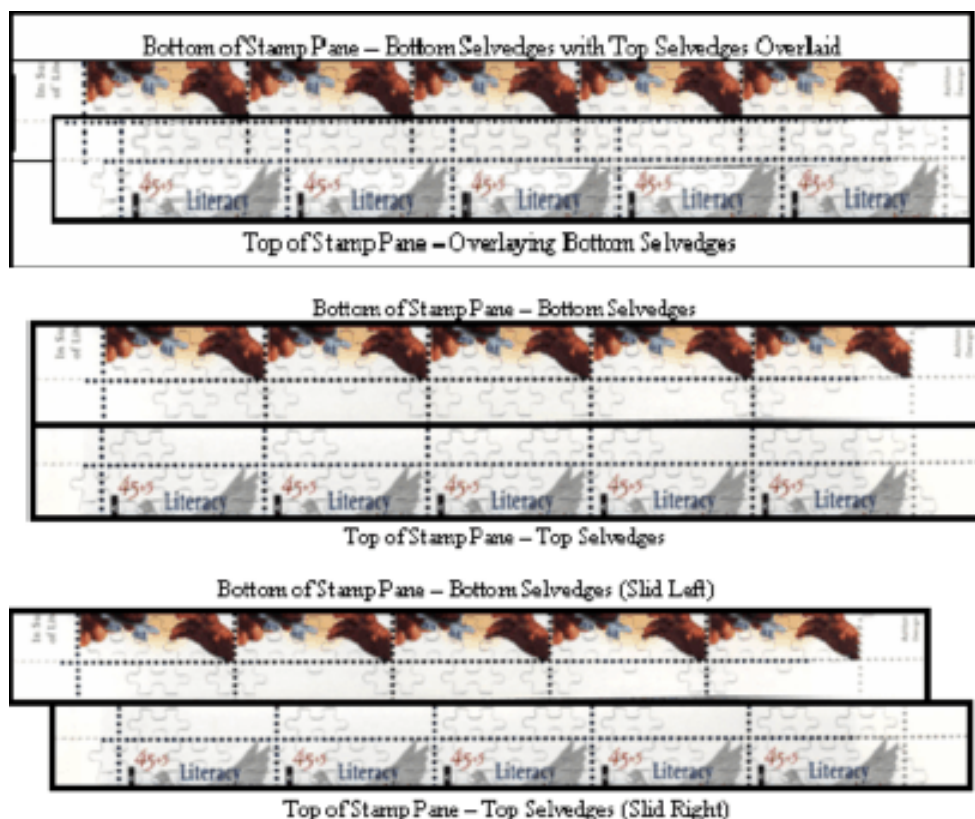
For me, Booklet 193 (Figure 2, shown below) has created a great deal of intrigue. Depicting ten apparently identical stamps, the stamp pictures are overlaid with the outline of jigsaw puzzle pieces. There appears to be seven different stamps to be collected by the discerning philatelist, although without the selvages only four different stamps can be positively identified.

All ten stamps have the middle puzzle piece missing, deliberately omitted, no complaints there, the coloured centre pieces are redundant to this analysis as a hole contains no colour. Judging by the selvage illustrations, stamps 1, 2 and 4 in row 1 appear to be the same. Stamps 3 and 5 differ from the other three, and appear to be different from one another.

On the bottom row, and again judging by the selvages, stamps 7 and 9 appear to be the same, but the remaining three differ from 7 and 9, and differ one from the other. But the differences can only be determined from the selvages on the stamps. So let's examine the selvages. It may be advantageous to study this analysis along with a complete Booklet 193.



Notice from Figure 3 that the puzzle pieces are not intended to interlock between adjacent booklet panes, but if one of the images is slid approximately one puzzle piece left or right the puzzle pieces would interlock, filling in missing pieces along the selvages, as shown in Figures 4 and 5.



Notice from Figure 5 the combination of selvage image puzzle pieces create the illusion of a complete row of horizontally oriented jigsaw puzzle pieces. Also, observe that there are no interspersed vertically oriented pieces along the selvage chain. This can be identified as such by the lack of protruding interlocking “bulbs” on puzzle pieces along the selvage chain, and verified from figures 3, 4 and 5.

Uninstalled puzzle pieces can also be identified on some of the stamps. On the top row there are no puzzle pieces installed on the stamp immediately above the “y” of literacy on stamps 1, 2 and 4, as evidenced by the lack of an interlocking “bulb” in the selvage.

Similarly, the stamps in columns 1 and 5 each have uninstalled puzzle pieces on the vertical edge. Also, the two stamps in column 5 appear to have a damaged puzzle piece installed, or at least an incongruous puzzle piece installed, or is this a security feature?

By way of confirming the position of uninstalled puzzle pieces, I carefully reconstructed the full booklet pane on a black background as would be completed on an actual jigsaw puzzle. The resulting incomplete jigsaw puzzle is shown in Figure 6 below.

The final question now remains: “Can you find the seven different puzzle piece stamps to be collected in your philatelic collection, or are you satisfied to collect one representative example of the Literacy stamp from Booklet 193?”

To identify the significant differences between stamps, Booklet 193 stamps should best be collected with selvages attached. Stamp dealers may have these stamps with attached selvages in stock, but supplies will be very limited as only 375,000 booklets were produced.



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CALTAPEX Celebrates King Charles III Coronation



CALTAPEX 2023, 14-15 October, celebrates the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey, and the RCMP's 150th Anniversary, leading the coronation procession.



Show cover prepared by Dave Bartlet.

CALTAPEX 2023 PALMARES

Five levels of ribbons and certificates were awarded: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. Exhibits were judged according to Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Regional guidelines.

MULTI-FRAME EXHIBITS

Grand Award

Jim Taylor: "Earth Science from Flat Earth to Planetary Tectonics"

Gold Medal

Walter Herdzik: "Imperial Airways first regular flight London to Capetown Jan 20 - Feb 2, 1932"

Jim Taylor: "Earth Science from Flat Earth to Planetary Tectonics"

Vermeil Medal

Dave Bartlet: "His and Hers - A view of Long Johns and Corsets through Advertising Corner Cards"

Sandy Freeman: "Enmity and Gratitude in WW2"

Dave Russum: "Development of Royal Mail 2000 to Present - illustrated with mail to Canada"

Dale Speirs: "Hyperinflation in Ukraine after the Fall of the Soviet Empire"

Silver Medal

Walter Herdzik: "Pretty Prairie Picture Postcards (PPPP)"

SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

One-Frame Grand

Ray Villeneuve: "Usages of Canada's First Special Delivery Stamp: 1899 – 1923"

Gold Medal

Earle Covert: "RCMP - The Postcard Factory Cards."

Donna Trathen: "Canada's First RCMP Stamp (1935)"

Ray Villeneuve. "Usages of Canada's First Special Delivery Stamp: 1899 – 1923"

Vermeil Medal

Walter Herdzik. "E. Peters 1904 Victoria Falls Postcards"

Silver Medal

Dale Speirs: "The Hoodoos Error Stamp"

SPECIAL AWARDS

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) Silver Award of Honor

Dave Bartlet: “His and Hers - A view of Long Johns and Corsets through Advertising Corner Cards”

American Topical Association (ATA) Best in Topicals Award

First Award for best topical exhibit:

Jim Taylor: “Earth Science from Flat Earth to Planetary Tectonics”

British North America Philatelic Society Award for the Best BNA Exhibit

Ray Villeneuve. “Usages of Canada’s First Special Delivery Stamp: 1899 – 1923”

Best BNA 2 to 4 Frame Exhibit: Dave Russum. “Development of Royal Mail 2000 to Present - illustrated with mail to Canada

Best BNA Research Award: Earle Covert. “RCMP - The Postcard Factory Cards.”

Canadian Aerophilatelic Society Award for the Best Airmail Exhibit

Walter Herdzik: “Imperial Airways first regular flight London to Capetown Jan 20 - Feb 2, 1932”

Sterling Achievement Award from WE (Women Exhibitors)

Dale Speirs: “The Hoodoos Error Stamp”

Thunderbird Award from the NW Federation of Stamp Clubs

Dave Bartlet: “His and Hers - A view of Long Johns and Corsets through Advertising Corner Cards”

Jon Johnson Award (Best exhibit by a CPS member)

Walter Herdzik: “Imperial Airways first regular flight London to Capetown Jan 20 - Feb 2, 1932”

People’s Choice

Dale Speirs: “Hyperinflation in Ukraine after the Fall of the Soviet Empire”

Show set-up:

Dave Russum places an exhibit into the frames.



CALTAPEX 2023 AUCTIONS

The auction on Sunday was under the direction of Jim Senecal. Assisting him were:

Murray Bialek

Doug Kollar

Bill Cowling

Mike McPhail

Wayne Dwyer

Russell Sawatzky

There was also a silent auction as shown below.



Two views of the busy dealer bourse.



URGENTLY NEED MORE PRESENTATIONS

by Dave Russum

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I'm looking for CPS members to provide presentations at the monthly general meetings. They don't need to be long presentations. You can share the evening with other presentations. They can be electronic or actual items.

We are particularly interested in what you collect and why. Examples are travelogues based on stamps, topical exhibits, and new ideas for collecting. We have plenty of openings for 2024. Please call or email me if you can help.

CIRCUIT BOOK REPORT

by Larry Tweedale

(403) 282-9726 (please leave message)

The Circuit Books provide members and non-members the opportunity to purchase individual stamps at a substantial saving, usually one-third or less of catalogue value. There is a large selection of stamps on hand, with over 100 books. Both early and recent issues are available in a wide range of countries. Please come and browse.

It is very easy to make a purchase. First get a slip from me at the table, write down the book number (red number on the cover), then the page number and net selling price. Repeat this for each item purchased.

As well as being present at shows, we are at all regular meetings and Wednesday night auctions. If you are a CPS member, you can borrow circuit books and browse them at home. Members are able to put together their own books to sell duplicates. Blank books are just \$1 each.

BNAPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its monthly meeting on September 20 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 16 participants. Arnie Janson showed three brief presentations about the Turkish post office in 1875, poster stamps of the 1939 New York World's Fair, and PNCs (philatelic-numismatic covers).

Dave Bartlet then showed slides of BNAPEX 2023, which was held in Halifax from September 15 to 17. This was a more exciting convention than most because Hurricane Lee just missed hitting Halifax. Not a problem since most collectors stayed in the hotel. An excursion to a seafood restaurant just missed the rain and wind.

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CHRISTMAS SOCIAL ON DECEMBER 6

by Murray Bialek

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Your organizing committee has decided to prepare a list of potluck dishes, in advance of our social, so multiples of the same dish are not donated to the party. If you plan to attend and have not yet signed up for a dish, please contact Murray to find out what dishes are still available and to sign up.

Please bring a friend or your spouse and join in the camaraderie. Get into the spirit and dress in your favourite Christmas clothing. The best outfit will win a prize! You can also win wonderful prizes in our stamp contest and quiz! As well, please bring a donation for the food bank for our less fortunate Calgarians (non-perishable food or cash).

Christmas Social People's Choice Categories:

1. My favourite Queen Elizabeth stamp/cover
2. My favourite cinderella/label
3. The largest and smallest stamp in my Collection
4. The most unclear address on any mail

Mount your item(s) on separate pages for each category and add a comment as to why you chose it. Preferably, put each page into a sheet protector and bring it to the Social to hang on the Stamp Clothesline.

COWTOWNERS OUT OF TOWN

CPS members won the following awards at BNAPEX 2023, held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from September 15 to 17.

Haifa Selo: Silver-Bronze and People's Choice "The Queen Elizabeth II Jubilees And Other Milestones"

Dave Bartlet: Silver "His And Hers: Long Johns And Corsets"

Donna Trathen: Silver "Canada's First RCMP Stamp (1935)"

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its monthly meeting via Zoom on September 27. Dave Russum was the moderator and there were 10 participants. The meeting began with a review of forthcoming stamp shows across Canada. Next was an extended discussion of the details of CALTAPEX 2023 and how the arrangements would work at the Kerby Centre.



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The September bulletin was mailed on September 11 from the Douglas Square Rexall RePO at 24 Street SE and Deerfoot Trail. The Ferries stamps were used. The October bulletin was mailed on October 2 from McKenzie Towne Rexall RePO at High Street SE. The Reconciliation stamps were used.

At the October 4 general meeting, the speaker was Dave Russum, who spoke on the new barcoded stamps now made mandatory by the British post office. The new stamps are a result of the flood of forgeries from China. The President's Pot was given to Larry Tweedale for his work as Circuit Books chairman.

At the November 1 general meeting, the speaker was Willi Beckers Locke on the nature stamps of Papua New Guinea. The President's Pot was awarded to the entire CALTAPEX committee for their work on the 2023 show.

AUCTIONS

Jim Senecal advises that the November 15 auction will be refreshed with many new lots, including bulk lots not previously offered. There are no auctions in December.

The January 17 auction will be displaced by a members' bourse. Tables are \$5 each for CPS members only. Let Jim know as far in advance as possible so that he knows how many tables to have ready. Contact him at (403) 547-7681.

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CPS MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2023

November	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
December	6	Christmas social - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for December bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom

2024

January	3	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	3	Deadline for January bulletin
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	17	Members' bourse - Kerby Centre
	24	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
February	7	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	7	Deadline for February bulletin
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	21	Auction - Kerby Centre
	28	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
March	6	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for March bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	20	Auction - Kerby Centre

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Meetings and **Auctions** are at the Kerby Centre, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, Room 205 (Lecture Room), at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow viewing.

BNAPS (Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society) meets via Zoom on second Wednesdays. Contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca.

CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets via Zoom on fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Russum at russumd@telusplanet.net

Junior Club meetings information from Jim Senecal at 547-7681.