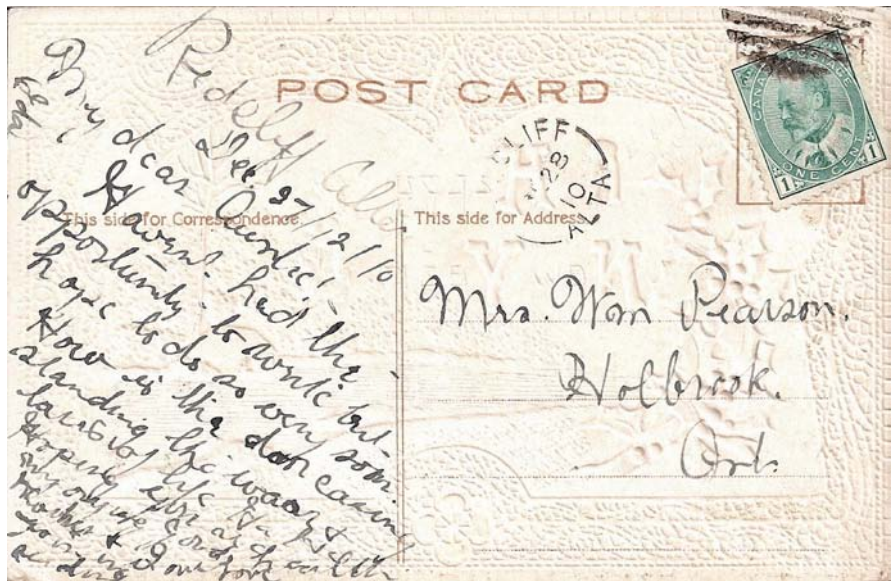


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Not only a New Year's greeting dated December 28, 1910, but an early use from the Redcliff, Alberta, post office, which opened a couple of months earlier on November 1.

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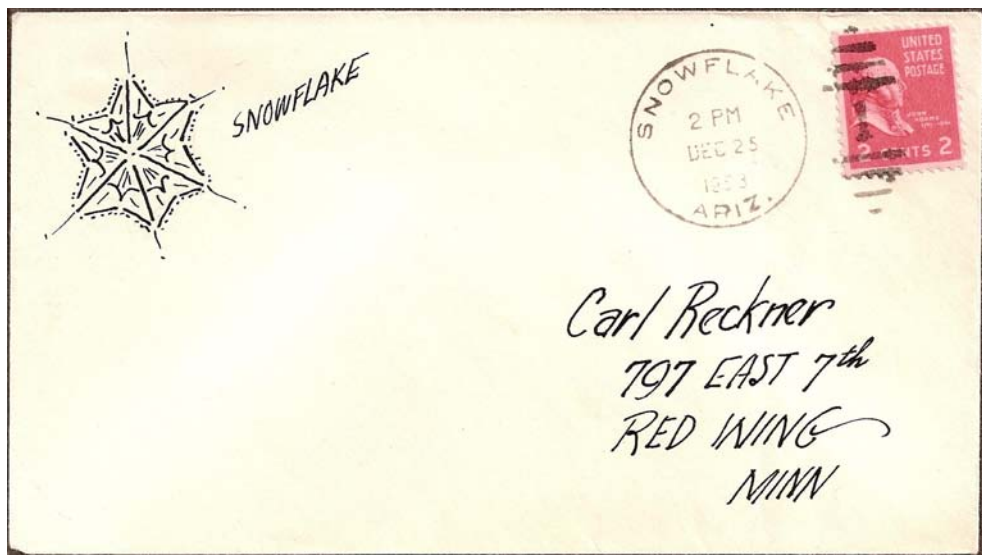
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SNOWFLAKES WHERE LEAST EXPECTED

by Dale Speirs

I sort much of my postmark collection by topic rather than geography. For the winter season, I offer two oddball postmarks that sent me to Google to figure them out.

Although the northern mountains of Arizona occasionally have snow, the town of Snowflake in that state got its name in an entirely unrelated manner, a jest to be precise. The town was founded in 1878 by Erastus Snow and William Jordan Flake. The cover shown below was postmarked on Christmas Day 1953.



Stellar Snowflake Station
October 11, 2006
White Castle, LA 70788

White Castle, Louisiana, is in the subtropical bayous, originally carved out of a plantation of the same name.

For some reason this post office was chosen by USPS management as one of the sites for the 2006 issue of Snowflake stamps.

I sent for a postmark but didn't have the snowflake stamps available. (Graphically cropped from a cover.)

THE DEVIL AND THE DETAILS: PART 8

by Tony Doughty

A corollary to the study of selvages on stamps is the sub-study of the design elements of the Printer’s Inscription. This configuration has been used on perforated stamp counter panes and booklets.

As finalized on Booklet 89, PIs included text indicating the printer’s name, the bilingual word Design followed by the designer’s name, several coloured dots to indicate the colours used in printing the stamps, and a single letter indication the name of the paper manufacturer used to supply the printing paper.

Let’s take a look at a few of the PI configurations used since Booklet 89. Booklets 97 and 98, the 37¢ Parliament booklets of 10 and 30 subjects (Figure 1) printed on Harrison paper, continued the established tradition which would not be not be significantly changed until Booklet 131, Heritage Rivers.

Booklet 131, the Heritage Rivers, was the first booklet to be designed and illustrated by the Waddell team (Eskind and Jan), and the first time the printer’s name was represented in lower case lettering (Figure 2).



Above: Figure 1

Below: Figure 2



Booklet 144, the Winter Olympics booklet discussed in Part 5, showed eleven colour dots (Figure 3) and was the booklet with greatest number of different colours used to print the stamps, although it is not clear that all eleven colours were actually used on all different stamps in the booklet.

Booklet 147 was the first booklet to dispense with traditional dots for the printing colours, substituting coloured rectangular blocks (Figure 4). The PIs also depart from tradition by being printed in all capital lettering, another first.

ASHTON-POTTER LIMITED
Design: Gottschalk+Ash Int'l.



Above: Figure 3

Below: Figure 4

ASHTON-POTTER LIMITED
DESIGN: RAYMOND BELLEMARE
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Booklet 148 returned to tradition, a situation that would not change again until booklet 160, Historic Canadian Hotels (Figure 5) when the coloured icons appear as multi faceted diamonds. Then it was back to tradition until Booklet 171, The Christmas 1994 Greet More Booklet (Figure 6). The same format was used on Booklets 172, 173 and 174.



Above: Figure 5

Below: Figure 6



The next major PI change occurs on Booklet 176, Golf in Canada (Figure 7), which represented another first. Icons representing animation of a full golf swing. Another first occurs on Booklet 185, the Superheroes booklet PIs. The five colour icons are different coloured circles but each circle is filled with an image of one of the five superheroes depicted on the stamps in the booklet. See Part 7 for the Superheroes booklet.

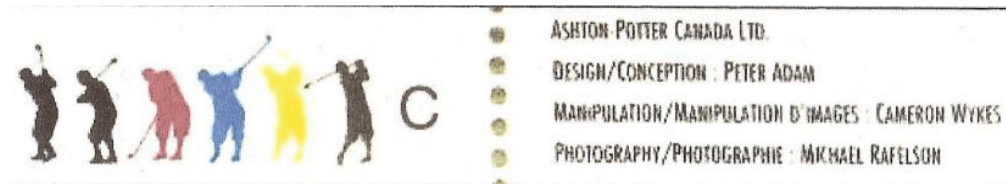
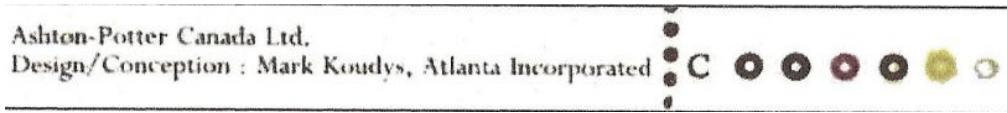


Figure 7

Booklet 192 displays unfilled circles as the printing colour icons (Figure 8) after another series of six booklets displaying coloured dots. This was followed immediately by Booklet 193, the Canadian Literacy booklet discussed in Part 6. The colour icons are represented by 6 jigsaw puzzle pieces (Figure 9).



Above: Figure 8

Below: Figure 9



Booklet 207, Fishing Flies, showed ten black circles pictured against ripples on the water surface, each circle being filled with a different colour. The shading on the black circles gives the impression that the icons are recessed push buttons.

Starting with Booklet 207, a plethora of different printing colour icons are used, including such images as paint brush strokes, angel wings, maple leaves, diamonds, ovals, squares, kites, bells, hot air balloons, Christmas lights, and many, many more styles with increasing frequency. There is so much more variety in PIs so why not explore this completely undocumented PI topic for many devilish surprises?

CIRCUIT BOOKS REPORT

by Larry Tweedale



Happy New Year everyone!
Welcome to 2024: Universal Stamp Collecting Year (my idea, but it sounds good!).

Our circuit books have a 3-cent Jubilee with a Calgary circle date postmark of July 31, 1897 (photo at left) and it could be yours (in Book #923).

The Diamond Jubilee issue of Canada is one of the most popular Canadian stamps produced and was first issued on June 19, 1897. With 16 different values, it arguably could be considered the most beautiful British Commonwealth stamp issue of its time. Please drop by and check out this piece of Calgary history along with our other vintage Canadian stamps available in the Circuit Book program.

NEW YEAR'S DAY POSTMARKS

by Dale Speirs

Since December 31 is usually a regular work day, obtaining postmarks of New Year's Eve is not difficult. The trickier part is getting postmarks cancelled on January 1. The Canada Post offices are closed, but some retail postal outlets open for business if they are in stores that do likewise.

The Millennium postal card shown below was cancelled twice, once on 1999-12-31 and again in the new millennium the next day on 2000-01-01. The RePO number 285099 identifies it as the Crowfoot pharmacy in northwest Calgary when it was a Super Drug Mart. In 2006, SDM was bought out by Paragon Pharmacy (RePO #102012), who in turn were bought out in 2013 by Shoppers Drug Mart (RePO #104342), who are still there today.



Scotsguard, Saskatchewan, is now a ghost town, although its post office managed to survive until 1983. Current population according to Google was two people.

These Millennium postmarks were undoubtedly either pre-dated or back-dated by Canada Post.



The postmark at left is a regular strike from a RePO.

At the turn of the year, we've all incorrectly dated a cheque or postmark, haven't we? I was delighted to get these January 2 postmarks (graphically cropped from cover) where the postmaster forgot to change the year date. She then did it by hand and initialled each change.



Close-up of one of the above corrected postmarks.

I collect calendar dates as a topical. Here are a couple of New Year's Day postmarks from New York State. These were probably pre- or back-dated.



BNAPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its monthly meeting on December 13 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 14 participants. The meeting began with a brief discussion of forthcoming stamp shows and then went on to the theme of Christmas philately.

Rick Yakabowich began with a discussion of the Canada 1898 Map stamp, often considered the world's first Christmas stamp because it has the inscription XMAS 1898. Technically the stamp was not a commemorative for the holiday. The inscription referred to the first day of cheap international postage, when Canadians could mail a letter for 2 cents to anywhere in the world.

Earle Covert then showed Canada Post stationery and postal cards using Christmas stamp imprints which were used to send Christmas cards to customers. Also shown were the Letters to Santa programme, still ongoing, where volunteer posties answer letters sent to Santa Claus, postal code H0H 0H0.

Dale Speirs then showed Christmas mail art covers produced by his mother Betty from 1986 until 2001. She used rubber stamps, hand-drawn art, Christmas seals, and Christmas stamps to illustrate the covers.

Dave Bartlet showed Christmas seals, including the first one from Denmark in 1904, and the first Canadian seals from 1908. Also illustrated were the short-lived Stick 'n Tick labels issued by Canada Post in the 1980s.

Doug Lingard showed Santa Claus letters addressed to North Pole, Alaska, and some Map Stamp covers. Mark Oakley finished up with a Christmas Island, Indian Ocean, presentation book showing stamps on the 12 days of Christmas.

Two nights later, on December 15, a Christmas social was held by the BNAPSers at the Danish-Canadian Club on 11 Avenue SW. 14 members and guests attended and a good time was had by all.

ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom software is free and can be viewed on laptops, smartphones, or tablets, regardless of operating system. It is best to view the meeting on Wifi. If you use your data allowance, a typical meeting consumes about 200 megabytes per half-hour. For technical assistance, please contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

If you have not been taking part in Zoom meetings, email Dave so that he can put you on the mailing list. A day or two before the meeting, you will receive an email containing a link to the meeting. About five minutes before the meeting, click on the link and Zoom will automatically connect you.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Murray Bialek

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The Calgary Philatelic Society has had a very busy year in 2023. Our membership has slowly been increasing as we approach 150 members. Your Board, Committee Chairs, and their assistants, and so many volunteers have been involved in many activities over the past year.

To name a few:

The continued and successful publication of our newsletter by Dale Speirs

Monthly auctions - Doug Kollar and Jim Senecal

Member bourses – Jim Senecal

Juniors Club – Jim Senecal

Circuit Books – Larry Tweedale

Speaker Presentations – Dave Russum

Spring Bourse and CALTAPEX – Walter Herdzik

Treasurers – Cary Hatcher and Dwayne Eadie

Library – Donna Trathen

Membership – Willi Beckers Locke

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Communications – Peter Fleck

Life Members – Jan Brookes

Monthly BNAPS and CAPE meetings on Zoom

A number of members entered exhibits and won prizes not only at the Edmonton Spring National Show but also at our own CALTAPEX show in October.

Eleven CPS Board meetings were conducted via Zoom in 2023 except for a combined live Board meeting and summer BBQ held in August. And to finish off the year, a Christmas Pot Luck Social and stamp contest was our final event this December.

In January, we will start the process of forming a committee to host our big show “Royal 2027 Royale” (awarded to us by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our club’s first public exhibition in 1927. If you want to help please let me know by sending me an email.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB SPRING NATIONAL SHOW 2024

Many Calgarians attend this show. The venue is Central Lion’s Rec Centre, 113 Street and 111 Avenue, Edmonton. The event will be held March 23 and 24, from 10h00 to 17h00 on Saturday and 10h00 to 16h00 on Sunday. Dealers bourse and exhibits. More information from www.edmontonstampclub.ca

CPS members compete each year in the exhibits. The deadline for exhibit entries is February 28. Rules and entry forms are available on the ESC website. This is a chance to contend in a national-level show sanctioned by the RPSC.



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CLUB NEWS

The December bulletin was mailed on December 11 from Beddington London Drugs (Centre Street NW and Beddington Blvd). The Christmas Madonna stamps were used.

Publications by CPS members:

Tony Doughty has a series about Queen Elizabeth II definitives of Canada running in the EDMONTON STAMP CLUB BULLETIN, issues of September, October, and December 2023.

Cecil Coutts had an article on the St Paul de Metis post office published in the December 2023 issue of POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF CANADA JOURNAL.

At the January 3 general meeting, the speaker was Phil Wolf, who showed some interesting covers with unusual markings or histories. The President's Pot was awarded to Milton Lowe for his work assisting with the library and other behind-the-scenes jobs.

MEMBERS' BOURSE ON JANUARY 17

by Jim Senecal

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On the normal auction night of January 17, the CPS will instead host a Member's Bourse so the individuals can sell their own material to their members. Cost is \$5 per table. The event begins at 19h00 until 21h00. To reserve a table, contact Jim Senecal.

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CPS MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2024

January	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
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
April	3	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	3	Deadline for April bulletin
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	17	Auction - Kerby Centre
	20 and 21	Spring Bourse - Kerby Centre gymnasium
	24	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
May	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for May bulletin
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre

Vehicles in both Kerby parking lots must have licence plate numbers registered inside the building at the computer terminals. This is a 24/7 policy and the CPS is not exempt. Otherwise your vehicle will be clamped or towed.

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.