

## Philately: A Life-Long Hobby

The benefits of stamp collecting include:

- Sense of joy, satisfaction, success, pride & accomplishment
- Fun of the search or hunt
- Stress relief
- Educational benefits on a variety of subjects (history, famous people, events, cultures, etc.)
- Adaptable to any budget & time available
- Social benefits of sharing a common interest with others
- Keeps the mind active
- Offers investment opportunities
- Avoids boredom & is a wholesome way to pass the time (winter, COVID, etc.)
- Meeting an organizational challenge bringing order to chaos
- Sentimental value (e.g., nostalgic memories of childhood)



My Personal Journey:

- I have collected for about 60 years
- My interest was originally stoked by two uncles that were collectors
- My pursuit of the hobby varied as time & responsibilities permitted
- Membership in Calgary Philatelic Society took my collecting & interest in philately to another level; it also introduced me to individuals with similar interests
- My collecting interests have broadened beyond Canada & at the same time become more specialized by focusing on particular Canadian stamp issues
- Philately is among my greatest enjoyments and pastimes during retirement

Some of my Stamp Albums & my 70th Birthday Cake with a childhood photo on the image of a Canada postage stamp.