Canadian COVID-19 Philatelic Souvenir Covers

Within the Philatelic community COVID-19 has impacted our hobby in many ways. Many of our favourite stamp exhibitions have been cancelled leaving us with fewer avenues to continue our hobby. The absence of the events however has provided opportunity to still have many of those special show items you might normally collect, or even non-show items were produced for various events affected by COVID-19.

The material shown is displayed chronologically to the best of my knowledge.



Montreal Lakeshore Stamp Club 20-21 March 2020

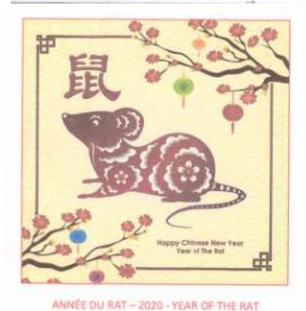
The Lakeshore Stamp Club had their show all ready to go, but circumstances with regards to the pandemic forced the cancellation of the show a week prior to it running. The show had already created show covers and stamps. The show covers were overprinted with a red handstamp for Covid-19 and produced by Francois Brisse Additional cachets were also produced by Dave Bartlet with the show stamp and cancel.



Jack Dempsey, champion poids lourd, parle dans un microphone de l'unité YC3 de Marconi à la station de radio CFCF, à Montréal (Québec), 1922.

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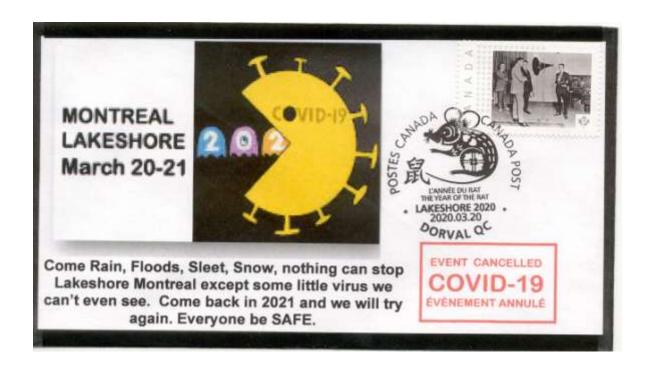
For the show picture Postage stamps were made as shown below in booklets: The themes were Chinese New Year and Radio. At least 10 booklets were made.



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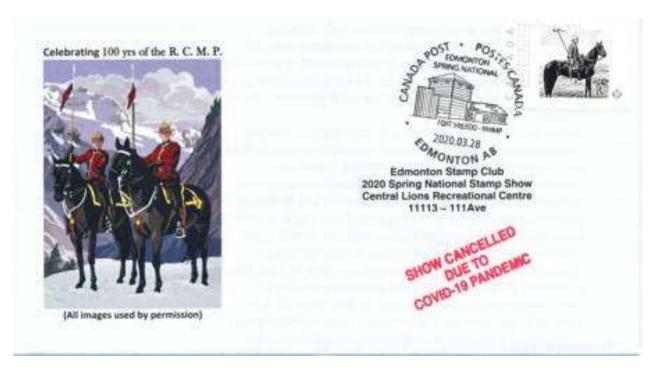
These Lakeshore Covid covers show the 2 different show cancellations. Additional cachets were also produced by Dave Bartlet with the show stamp and cancel.

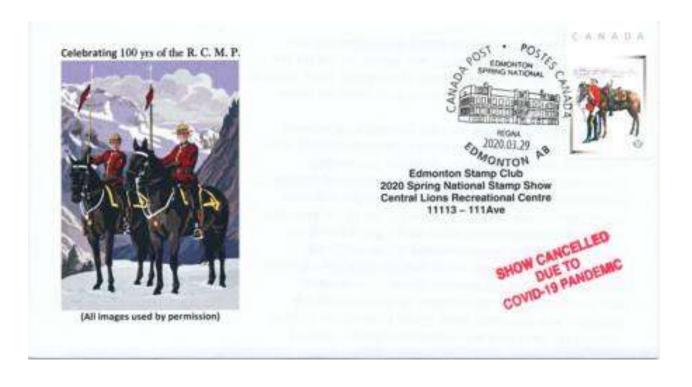




Edmonton National Stamp show 27-28 March 2020

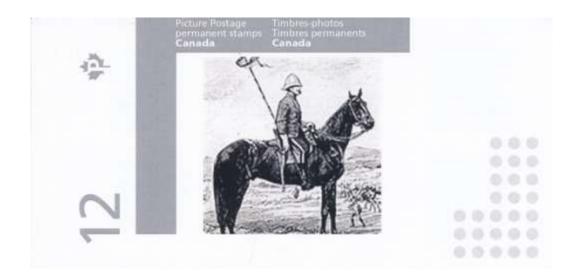
The Edmonton National show is an annual event usually near the end of March each year and is the only annual National level show left in Western Canada. The show was cancelled only days prior to the show. A cancel, stamps and covers had already been produced.

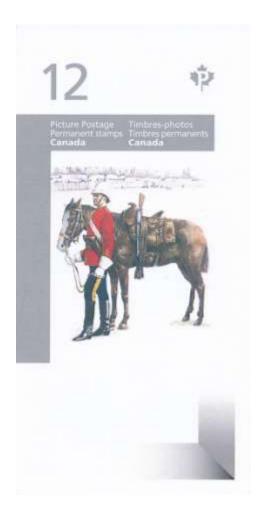




Edmonton National Stamp show 27-28 March 2020

Two booklets were produced for the Edmonton show.





Medicine Hat Stamp Club 4 April 2020

The Medicine Hat Stamp Club made the following cover for their show on 4 April 2020 which was cancelled just weeks before the show.



Union Philatelic Montreal Club April 2020

The UPM club in Montreal made this picture postage stamp to mail out their newletter in the spring after meetings were cancelled. 200 stamps were made, and most were used to mail the bulletin.



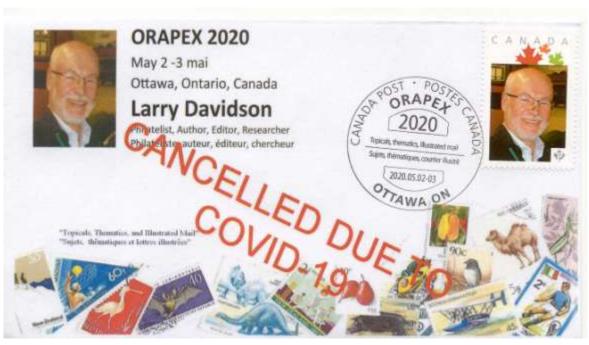
Canada Post Slogan 2020

Canada Post made an inkjet slogan which was used on mail from May through September. An example of it is shown below with the top cover mailed in Calgary on 4 May. The second cover which came from the Netherlands and arrived in Calgary on 26 May has the same slogan which is likely a result of it running through the Calgary sorting machines. The font size is different between the 2 covers.





The ORAPEX annual show usually creates two show souvenirs. For years they have made overprints on the one cent MacDonald precancel stamp, and sold them as singles and in booklets. In addition recent years have seen the introduction of an honoree who has a cover and stamp created in their honor. Examples of this items are shown on the following pages. The honoree covers shows the show cancel, the picture postage stamps, and the overprint stamps. The cover has a red CANCELLED on it.





Using the ORAPEX 2020 overprint stamps, a special cover was cancelled at the Ottawa post office on 2 May. The show cancel was also added as shown in the top and bottom images. The stamps and cancels were done by Doug Lingard, and the cover by Dave Bartlet.





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Using the ORAPEX 2020 overprint stamps, these covers were cancelled with the official ORAPEX show cancel. The top cover has a set of ORAPEX overprints in regular and inverted stamps, while the bottom cover has a set of overprints and 2 limited stamps in the top pair – print on the gum side, and a 6 cent overprint.





Multiple booklets using overprint stamps were made for the show. These booklets below show the inside and outside of the booklets containing the show overprint stamps. The booklets all have the same Green label on the front. There are 3 formats shown and one not - a horizontal pane of 6 with regular and inverted overprints, a vertical pane of 6, and a pane of 10 with regular overprint.



Multiple booklets using overprint stamps were made for the show. These booklets below show the inside and outside of the booklets containing the show overprint stamps. These booklets have a yellow label. Contents include an inverted pane of 6 and a regular pane of 6 in vertical format. The black border on the booklets is done in a mourning style.







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inverted.



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Multiple booklets using overprint stamps were made for the show. A booklet cover has the show cancel at the top. The inside of the booklets have 6 stamps, some done in a mourning fashion and others without the borders. The same applies to the booklet

cover.









Multiple booklets using overprint stamps were made for the show. There was a planned tour a the Lowe Martin facility which was cancelled, and these booklets are shown with the cover and 2 different insides. They contain the ORAPEX overprint stamps, some done as mourning stamps.



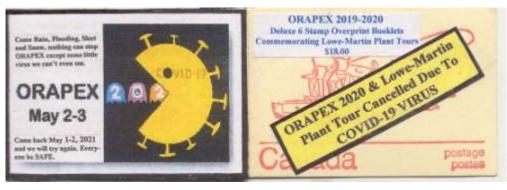






A tour of the Lowe-Martin plant was planned to the Friday prior to the show. These booklets were made for the cancellation of the event. The inside cover shows an image of the 2019 tour on the left and a cancel label on the right. The middle 2 booklets contain both inverted and regular stamps, while the bottom also has both but

vertically.









Medicine Hat Stamp 9 May 2020

Trevor Ashman of the Medicine Hat stamps club made this picture postage stamps to honour the front line employees. Shown also is a similar Australian stamp he made using the same concept.



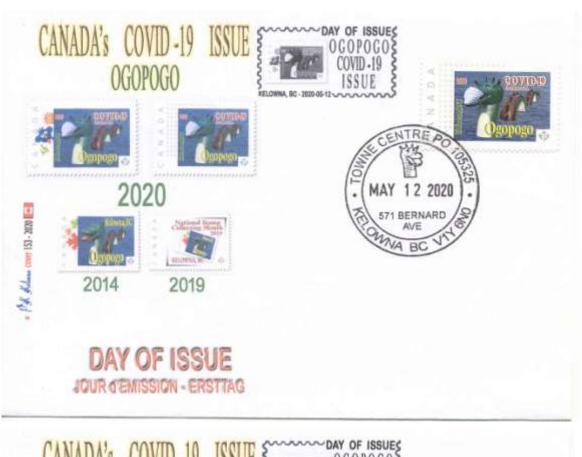


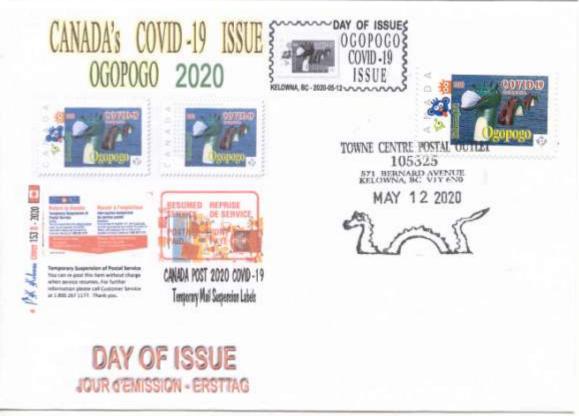
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Kelowna made the first Covid Ogie picture postage stamp on 12 May 2020. Sheets of 25 stamps with an enlarged stamp image are called Keepsake sheets. This is the top portion of the sheet.

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Kelowna Covid Ogie 10 June 2020

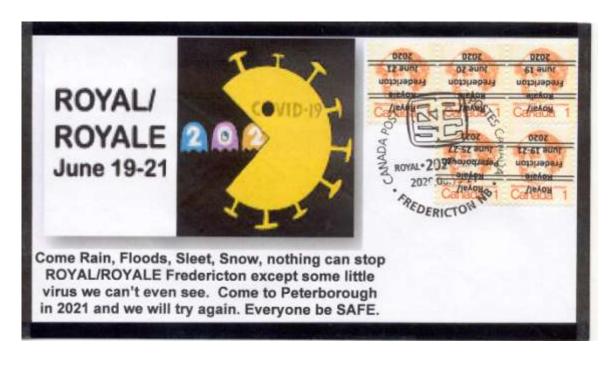
Kelowna made an addition value to the 12 May issue with an Airmail rate of \$2.71 on 10 June 2020.



Fredericton Royal/Royale 19-21 June 2020

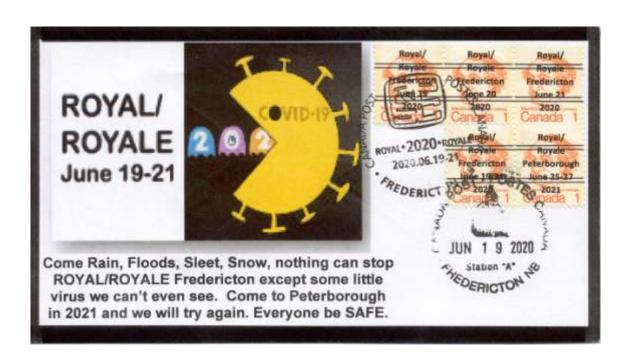
The Fredericton Royal/Royale show was scheduled for 19-21 June 2020. By late April this show was cancelled. The show cancel had already been made. Special stamps were made on overprints on the 1c MacDonald precancel stamps, and the covers cancelled with the show cancel. The stamps come regular and inverted with the top cover having regular stamps and the bottom having inverted.

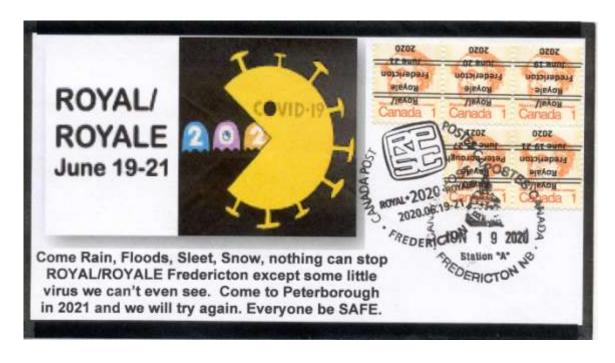




Fredericton Royal/Royale 19-21 June 2020

Some covers were cancelled with a special Fredericton cancel on 19 June. The stamps come regular and inverted with the top cover having regular stamps and the bottom having inverted.

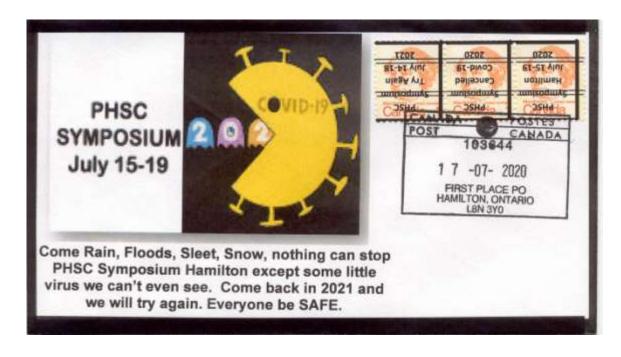




Hamilton PHSC July 15-19 2020

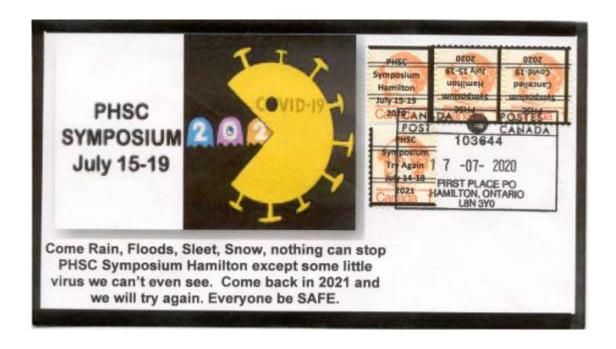
The next major show to bite the dust was the Postal History Society Convention held in Hamilton in July, this year scheduled for July 16-19 with a meet and greet the evening of 15 July, tours and seminars on 16-17 July, and the show/bourse on 18-19 July. The 1c precancel MacDonald stamp was overprinted with 3 different texts, and come regular and inverted. These stamps also have a black border similar to a mourning cover. The regular example is on top with the inverted below.





Hamilton PHSC July 15-19 2020

Some covers were created with a combination of both regular and inverted stamps. The cover below shows this and was cancelled in Hamilton on 17 July 2020.



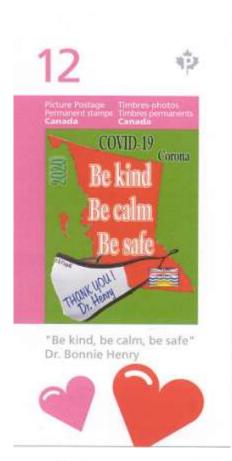
Thanks Dr Bonnie Henry 23 July 2020

From Kelowna, Peter Lepold made a stamp In 4 values thanking the British Columbia Provincial Health Doctor for her efforts during the Pandemic. A first Day cover exists for each value along with the 4 rates of booklets. The P rate was issued on 23 July.



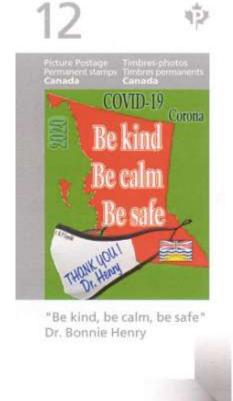
Thanks Dr Bonnie Henry 23 July 2020

2 versions of P rate booklet for Dr Bonnie Henry. At least 15 booklets were made.







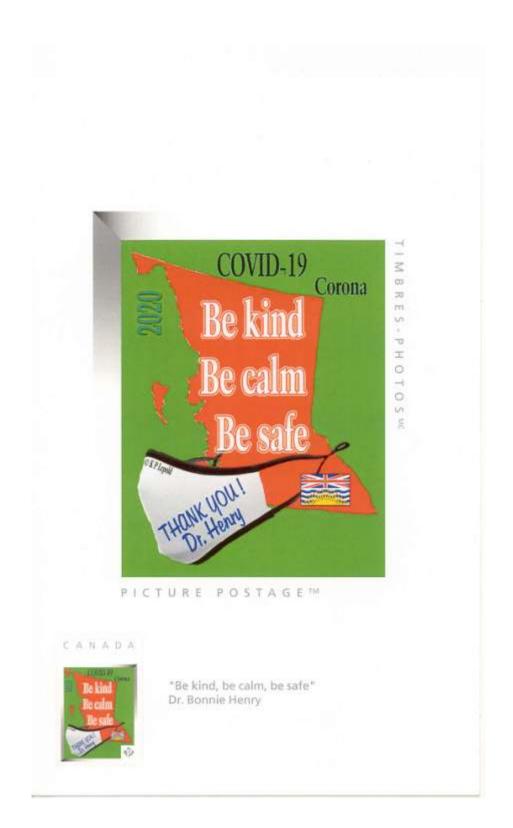






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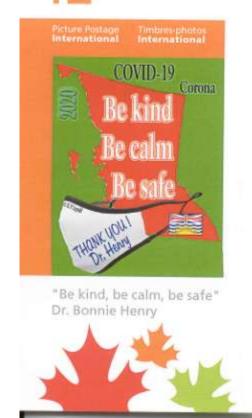
The sheets of 25 had Keepsake which is the top half of the sheet with an enlarged stamp image plus one stamp. The P rate is shown here.



Thanks Dr Bonnie Henry 29 July 2020

From Kelowna, Peter Lepold made the 2.71 stamp issued on 29 July. Examples of the booklet and cover are shown.

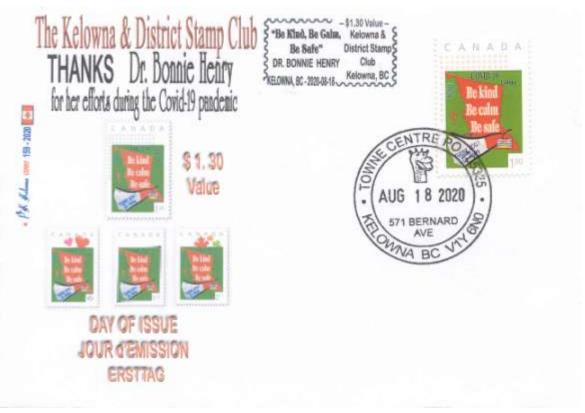


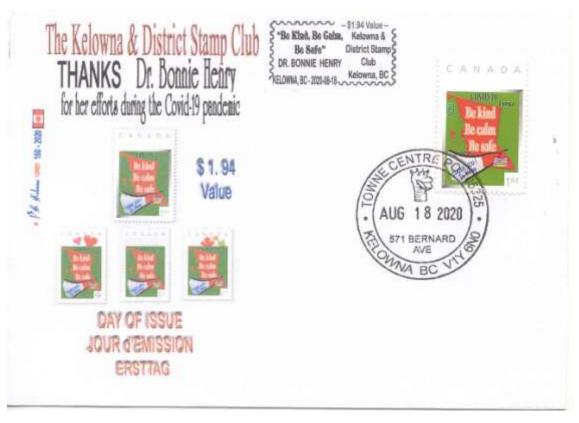




Thanks Dr Bonnie Henry 18 August 2020

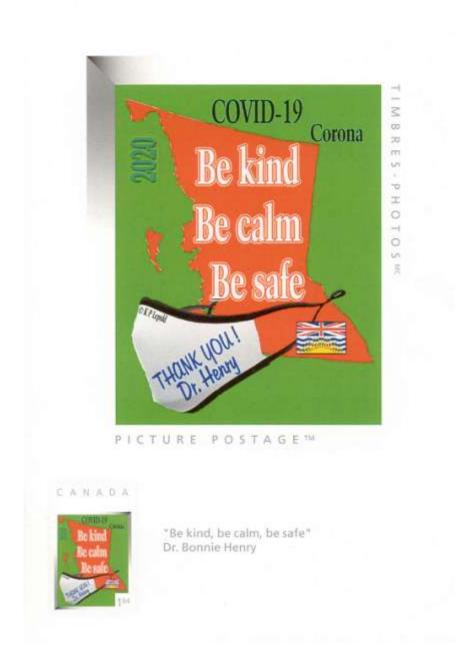
The 1.30 and 1.94 rate stamp and covers for Dr Bonnie Henry were released on 18 August.





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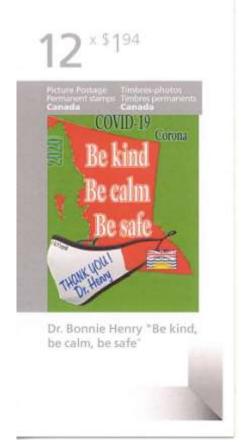
This is the \$1.30 rate booklet for Dr Bonnie Henry. At least 3 booklets were made.





Thanks Dr Bonnie Henry 18 August 2020

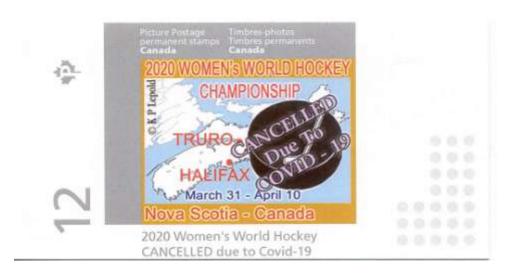
This is the \$1.94 rate booklet for Dr Bonnie Henry. At least 4 booklets were made.





Womans World Hockey Championship 18 August 2020

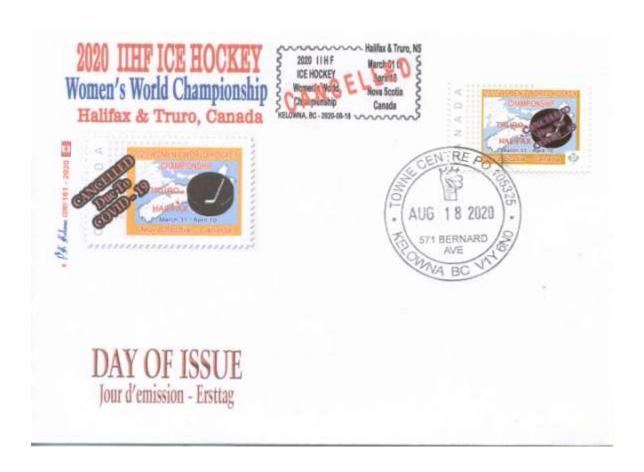
The Women's World Hockey Championship was cancelled in Halifax and Truro which was to run from March 31 to April 10 These stamps were made for the event. These stamps were produced by Peter Lepold of Kelowna. At least 4 booklets were made.





Womans World Hockey Championship 18 August 2020

The Women's World Hockey Championship First Day Cover. Tim Horton's made a gift card for the cancelled event is shown at the bottom





BNAPEX was cancelled in the late spring when it became apparent that large group meetings could not be safely held. In the case of BNAPEX, the show stamps had already been produced in January as a result of a Picture Postage sale at Lowe Martin. There were four booklets of stamps produced. The covers were cancelled in Halifax on 4 September with the assistance of Hugh Rathbun who also designed the stamps.





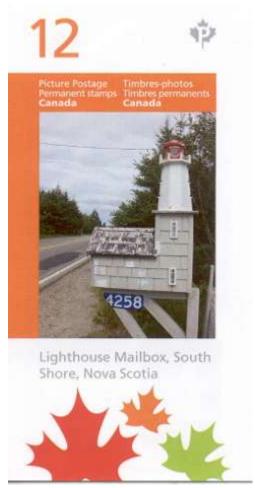
These are the second pair of covers for the BNAPEX cancellation.





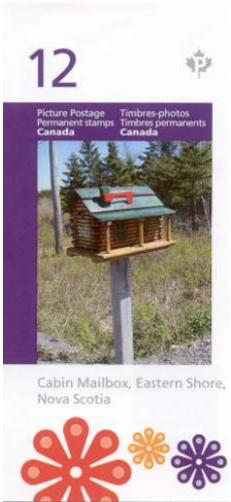
Four booklets were produced for the BNAPEX show. Since this show has been rescheduled to 2023, the booklets are being saved to use in that show. Only a limited number were used to create these covers. 20 of each booklet were made, and 11 of each cover were made.





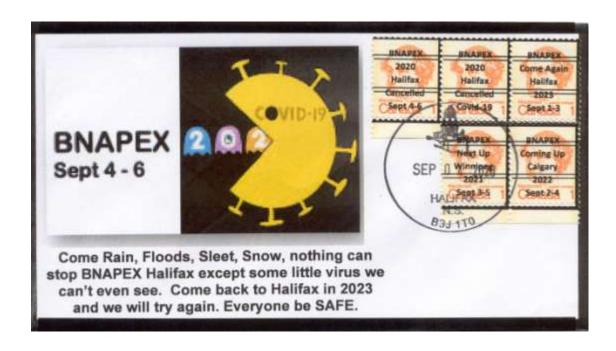
The theme of the booklets was mailboxes. These are the last 2 of them.





Traditional for the last 20 years, BNAPEX has overprinted the 1c MacDonald precancel stamp for their show. For this event, there were 5 different overprints with 2 related to the cancellation of the current show, 1 for the move of the show to 2023, and 1 each for the Winnipeg Show in 2021, and Calgary in 2022. A sheet of 100 was printed with the right side as shown below – the left side of the sheet mirrors the right. There were 18 covers made.

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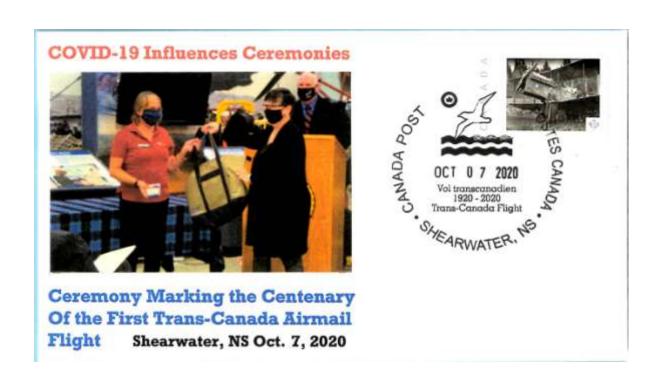
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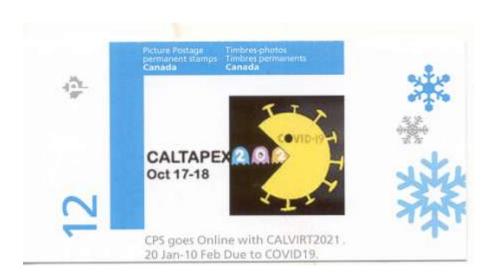
TransCanada Flight Centenary 7 October 2020

In addition to stamp shows, the CAS (Canadian Aerophilatelic Society) helped produce a commemoration for the centenary of the first TransCanada flight from Dartmouth to Vancouver from 7 October to 17 October 2020. At the Dartmouth ceremony on 7 October limited attendance was required at the Shearwater museum, and masks had to be worn. The covers were produced by Hugh Rathbun.



Calgary CALTAPEX/CALVIRT 17-18 October 2020

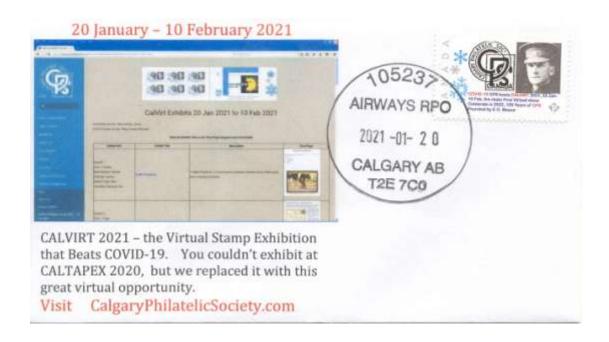
The annual Calgary Philatelic Society had to cancel their annual show in October – CALTAPEX. A booklet was made for the cancelled show, and for the upcoming CALVIRT show. 11 booklets were printed





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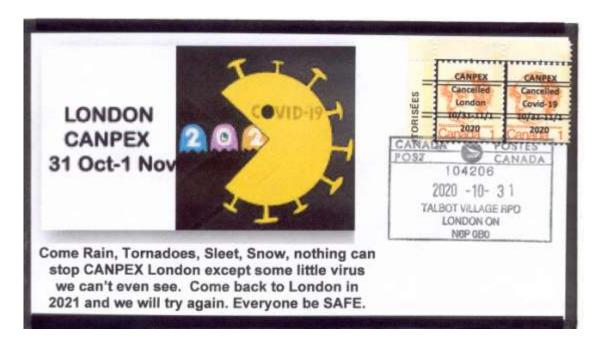
Covers were not produced for the show, however they were used at the CALVIRT show in January 2021 which replaced the CALTAPEX show. 22 covers were produced.



London CANPEX 31 October- 1 November 2020

The annual CANPEX show held in London each year was the next victim which was cancelled in the Summer. The cover, the overprint stamps were cancelled in London Ontario on 31 October. The overprints were done on the 1c MacDonald precancel stamps related to the cancellation of the show. 25 covers were made. On the lower cover, there are guide dots at the top of the stamp at the perforation line at the centre point of the stamp.

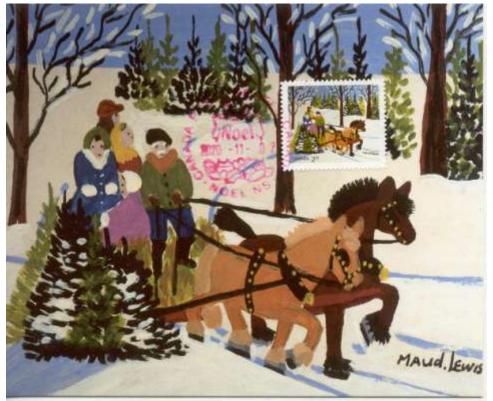




Canada Post 2 November 2020

The Maud Lewis Christmas stamp was issued on 2 November. On Dec 5, Canada Post made a card of the Lewis Christmas stamp and put text on the back which references the Pandemic saying "In this unparalleled year, we have many reasons to be grateful". The postcard at the bottom is from the Maud museum and has a cancel from 2 Nov.



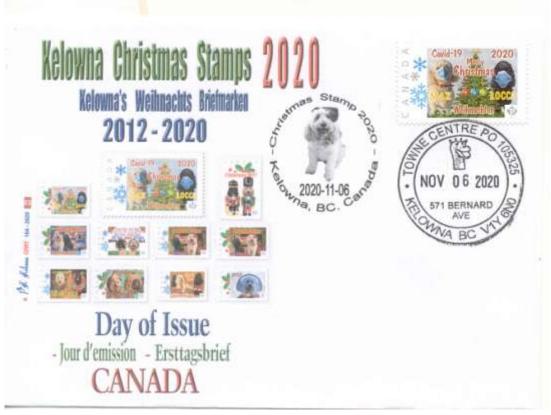


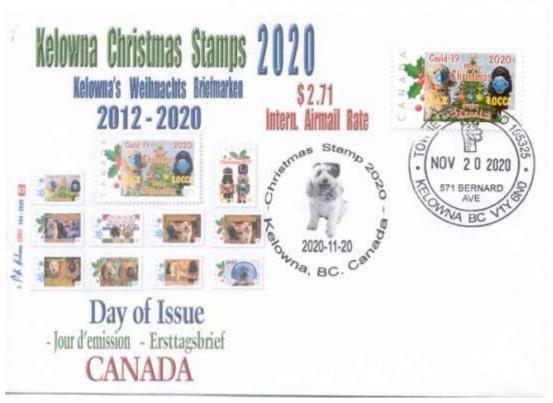
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The Maud Lewis Christmas stamp was issued on 2 November. On Dec 5, Canada Post made a card of the Lewis Christmas stamp and put text on the back which references the Pandemic. This is the French version of the card.



Kelowna created a Covid Christmas Picture Postage stamp of for their annual Dogs stamp on 6 November. The cachet shows stamps from previous years. P and \$2.71 rates are shown. The \$2.71 rate was issued 20 November.





Sheets of 25 stamps were also produced and this is the Keepsake top portion of the sheet for the \$2.71 rate. Issued 20 November 2020.





Booklets of 12 stamps were also produced and at least 12 P rate booklets were produced.





Booklets of 12 stamps were also produced and at least 3 2.71 rate booklets were produced.





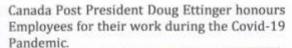
Alzheimer Society Solicitation November 2020

This solicitation for donations using an Admail prepaid postage from the Alzheimer Society was sent out in November 2020 as can be seen from the sorting barcode on the back.



The president of Canada Post Doug Ettinger had the post office gave each employee a gift pack for their work during the pandemic. It contained a card, pin and 2 booklets of Picture Postage stamps. It is estimated there are over 100000 of these booklets in existence. Examples of all the items are shown.

11 of this cover was made for 10 December 2020 and cancelled in Calgary. The front and back are shown.





Employees received a gift of 2 Picture Postage booklets and a pin, designed by Andrew Lewis for their work during the COVID-19 Pandemic. 12 trucks were painted with the special design.



A message from President Doug Ettinger:

November 2020

Dear Colleague:

Canada Post's iconic stamp program is known for celebrating incredible national achievements.

When the global pandemic disrupted everyday life, we were there for our fellow Canadians. We put the safety of each other and our customers first. We provided an essential service and much-needed hope by doing what we do best.

To recognize your efforts and the appreciation of Calindans, we asked a noted designer to develop the special image and pin, for employees only.

I hope it instill a sanse of pride and serves as a reminder of what we can accomplish when we all pull together.

With my sincere thanks.

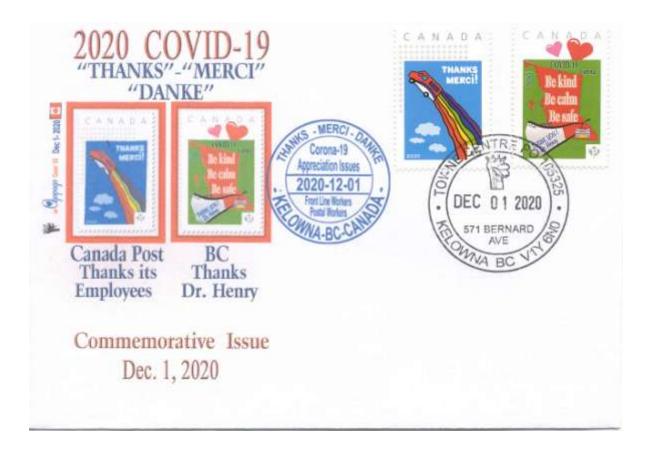


A used stamp cancelled 23 November Prevost, PQ, and the Employee booklet Cover and inside.

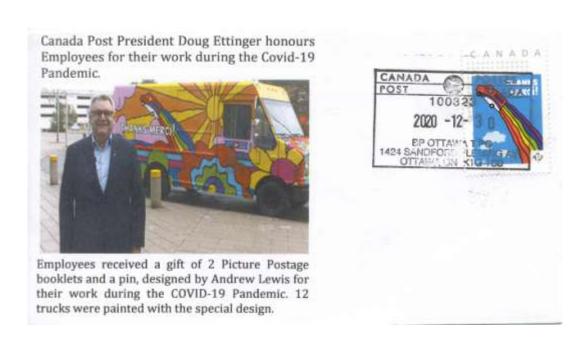




Peter Lepold made an Employee cover which included his Dr Bonnie Henry stamp cancelled on 1 Dec 2020.



11 of this cover were made in 30 December 2020 and cancelled in Ottawa. The pin was mounted on a card and that is shown below too.





Employee stamp commercially used on 4 January 2021.



These covers were made using the Employee stamp. The earliest date seen so far is 23 November. This is the revised cover, with changes to the front text in the cachet, and additional images on the back of the cover. The revised cover was made 12 January and 11 were created and cancelled in Calgary. On 15 January another 11 covers were made and cancelled in Calgary.

Canada Post President Doug Ettinger in front of Canada Post Headquarters at Ottawa, honours Employees for their work during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

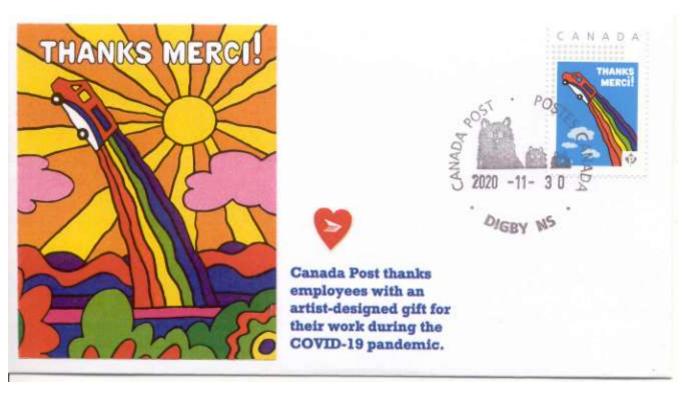


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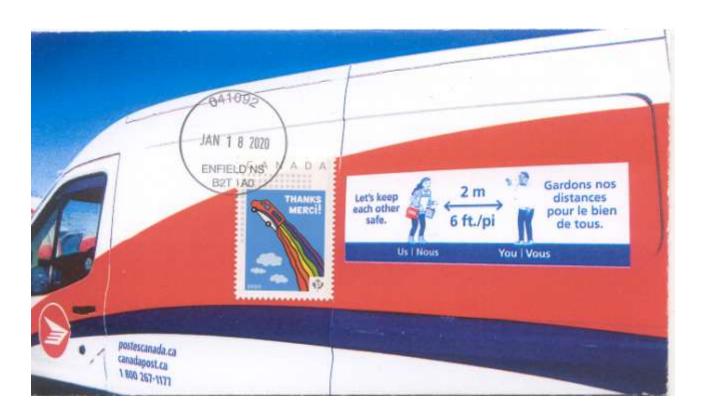


Employee cover made by Hugh Rathbun cancelled in Digby on 30 November with 24 covers made. A second group of 12 covers was cancelled on 24 December with a red cancel from MicMac Mall in Halifax.





Employee cover made by Hugh Rathbun cancelled in Enfield Nova Scotia 18 Jan 2021. The Enfield cover was incorrectly dated Jan 18, 2020 instead of 2021.



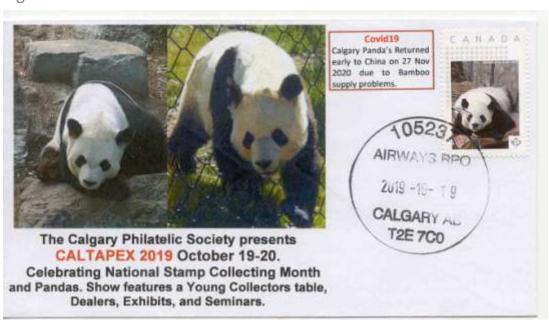


The Employee stamp was used to frank a special Valentines Day cover on 14 Feb 2021 with a special cancel from the town of Saint Valentin Quebec..



Calgary Zoo Panda Return to China 27 November 2020

Prior to the pandemic, the Calgary Zoo obtained the bamboo feed the pandas from China. When the pandemic started, the bamboo which had been flown in, could no longer be done due to cancellation of the flights. Efforts to obtain sufficient bamboo was attempted, but the zoo realized it couldn't be done and started the return of the pandas to China 2 years early. It took 6 months to obtain permits and flights to return the pandas which happened on 27 November 2020. The cover used was created for CALTAPEX show in 2019. An overprint on the front of the cover references the return due to COVID, while the back has been backstamped in Calgary on 27 November 2020 when they went home. The image on the back of the cover is the pandas in their travel cage. 9 covers were made.

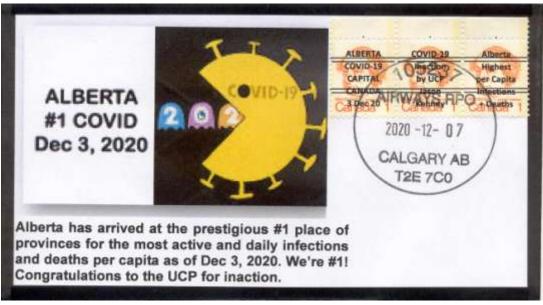




Alberta #1 Covid 3 December 2020

With the pandemic into the second wave, this was worse than the first wave. The Alberta government refused to put on additional restrictions for group meetings or openings, and by 3 December they had more cases per capita than any other province in the country. The government finally put additional restrictions on starting 14 December and the cases started to fall by Christmas. The MacDonald 1c Precancel stamp was used to frank the covers with 3 different slogans on the stamps. The covers were cancelled on 7 December 2020. The strips come in 2 sequences on cover and shown below. The lower cover has guide dots along the top perforation of each stamp at the center of the stamps. 30 covers were made.





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Kelowna Winter Baby Ogie 18 December 2020

Kelowna created a Picture Postage stamp of a Winter Ogie along with Baby Ogie on December 18 2020. At least 5 booklets were made.





Kelowna Winter Baby Ogie 18 December 2020

Kelowna created a Picture Postage stamp of a Winter Ogie along with Baby Ogie on December 18 2020. This is a First Day cover for Winter Ogie.



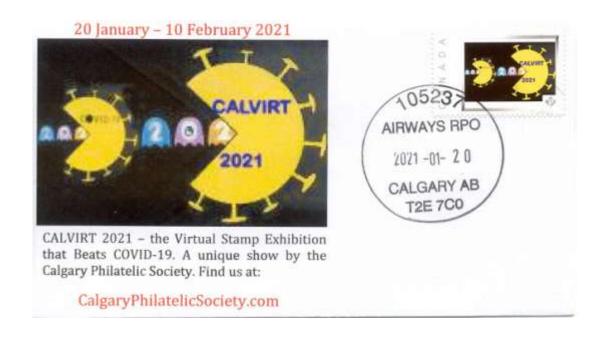
The Year of Cancellations 31 December 2020

Calgary collector Dale Speirs created 6 of these covers to summarize what happened in 2020. The cancel was done in Calgary on 31 December.



Calgary CALVIRT 2021 20 January-10 February

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Calgary CALVIRT 2021 20 January-10 February

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Picture Postage for Nova Scotia Covid Song

On February 15 2021 a stampe to commemorate the Nova Scotia Pandemic song was made by Hugh Rathbun. A picture postage stamp fro a booklet was made to frank the cover which shows the song.

