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February 2019; Lot 9  
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2c laid paper, used CDS, the finest of three known.  
October 2014; Lot 1193  
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2p scarlet vermilion, used  
February 2019; Lot 108  
Realized \$17,775



2p rose, rouletted  
February 2019; Lot 86  
Realized \$34,365



1/8c Leaf progressive die  
October 2020; Lot 666  
Realized \$27,255

12p black, a superlative mint example, widely regarded as the finest in existence

ex. *Duven, Dale-Lichtenstein*  
February 2013; Lot 353  
Realized \$224,250



3p laid paper red cancel  
November 2017; Lot 429  
Realized \$4,025



Hawker Flight, mint NH  
Feb 2019; Lot 208  
Realized \$44,435



1875 registered cover to Norway with three examples of the 10c pale milky rose lilac shade  
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# SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Co-Chairmen	Murray Bialek and Dave Freeman
Secretary	Donna Trathen
Treasurer	Dwayne Eadie
Hotel Liaison	Jon Johnson
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Dealer Bourse	Ray Villeneuve
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Frames	Walter Herdzik
Judging	Janice Brookes
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Registration - front table	Milton Lowe
Registration - loot bags	Sandy Freeman
Registration - tickets	Wayne Dwyer
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Webmaster	David Bartlet
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Banquet Master of Ceremonies	Eldon Godfrey



**Venue:** Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary, Alberta, corner of 7 Avenue SE and Centre Street

## WELCOME FROM THE SHOW CO-CHAIRMEN

by Murray Bialek (President, Calgary Philatelic Society)  
and Dave Freeman (Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS)



At left:  
Murray Bialek



At right:  
Dave Freeman

We welcome you to the CPS 2022 BNAPEX show held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel from September 2 to 4, 2022

As a show committee we have been working for over 2½ years to present a national level show in Calgary to celebrate the 100th anniversary of stamp collecting in Calgary. Dr. E.G. Mason and friends established the club 100 years ago to support stamp collecting and postal history in Calgary.

The Calgary Philatelic Society is still going strong with 145 members. We look forward to celebrating this 100th anniversary with you and we hope that you enjoy your time with us at the show and your time in Calgary.

We thank the British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS) and the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) for their support with the show, exhibits and judges. This show is a joint effort by the Calgary Philatelic Society and the Calgary Regional BNAPS Group.

We would especially like to thank all our volunteers for the countless hours of work for bringing this show together through some challenging times.

Please enjoy looking for that next treasure for your collection from the dealers, experience the exhibits, participate in the auction on Saturday and take part in the study group presentations. Meet new friends and catch up with old friends and enjoy your time experiencing the many aspects of postal history and stamp collecting. This show is for you, so have fun and enjoy.

# WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

by Ronald E. Majors



It is with great pleasure that I welcome all of you to CPS 2022 BNAPEX, the 73rd annual convention of the BNAPS, convening here in Calgary for the fourth time in the last 15 years. Obviously, the Calgary folks know how to run a stamp show!

It is especially exciting to have the first face-to-face member meeting in the last 2+ years due to the COVID-19 pandemic which shut down many live philatelic activities all over the world. I hope that all of you, your family and friends were not touched by this dreaded affliction.

Besides a live meeting, there is much more to celebrate. The year 2022 represents the 100th year since the founding of the Calgary Philatelic Society (CPS). It is remarkable that philately has been going strong for all that time in Calgary and strengthened with the addition of the Calgary BNAPS Regional group in 1956 and later with the Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors.

The success of a Convention depends on many contributions. The partnership of the CPS and the BNAPS Calgary Regional Group with co-Chairs Murray Bialek and Dave Freeman, and their many volunteers are to be thanked for again hosting this convention.

The exhibitors who put together their displays, the Study Groups who are the core of our collective strength, the dealers who provide new treasures for our philatelic needs and provide financial support, and the various sponsors and advertisers who help in off-setting some of the expenses are all to be thanked.

For non-BNAPS attendees, you are cordially invited to partake in all BNAPS events, Study Groups, Tours, Dinners, etc., to get a taste of what the Society has to offer in the Canadian/BNA philatelic world.

And last but not least, those of you who have traveled far and wide to visit Calgary and partake of what the city and surrounds have to offer, welcome on behalf of BNAPS. I hope that you find your trip here to be worthwhile and find that missing stamp or cover at a dealer's table, make a new friend or two, or just relax and welcome your old friends whom you may not have seen in the last 2+ years.

If you so choose, an active social program including several day trips and two evening dinners will keep you and/or significant other quite busy with non-philatelic endeavours.

# ABOUT THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) is an international organization devoted to the collector and researcher of the stamps, postal markings, and postal history of Canada, the pre-Confederation colonies, and Newfoundland.

BNA TOPICS, the official journal of BNAPS, is published quarterly and mailed free to members. Each issue, which averages over 80 pages, is packed with information, original articles, and continuing columns about BNA philately.

In several areas throughout the United States and Canada BNAPS members have formed regional groups. Some meetings are much like mini-conventions, some lasting the weekend, during which strong philatelic friendships flourish, and both knowledge and material are exchanged. Other groups, such as the Calgary Regional Group, meet monthly.

A popular activity within BNAPS are the many study groups that afford members the opportunity to communicate with other members sharing similar interests. Each group publishes its own newsletter in which group members can exchange opinions, ask questions, and report findings.

The information published in study group newsletters can lead to the production of specialized handbooks by the BNAPS Publications Committee. Each group has its own elected officers and minimal dues, which help to cover printing and distribution of the newsletters.

The BNAPS Exchange Circuit contains stamps and covers which are offered for sale by BNAPS members. BNAPS holds an annual convention which moves about Canada and the USA. The main activities are the exhibits and the dealer bourse, but there are also seminars, a banquet, and non-philatelic tours of local tourist attractions.

The BNAPS Website is located at: [www.bnaps.org](http://www.bnaps.org)



# WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE RPSC

by Dr Sam Chiu



On behalf of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, I extend this message of congratulations to the Calgary Philatelic Society on its 100th anniversary. Few philatelic societies in Canada have achieved this very important milestone.

This is a testament to the work and dedication of your officers and members throughout this century who have kept your society relevant and attractive for all members.

Over the years, the members of the Calgary Philatelic Society have been active not only in your local area but all over Canada and the United States. I have often met CPS members at stamp shows in both countries as visitors, exhibitors, and judges.

The Calgary Philatelic Society's large and active core group of philatelists, exhibitors, and judges is unmatched across Canada and is a reminder of the diversity of our hobby. The CPS is a shining example to us all of inclusion and engagement with the entire community.

During the pandemic, the CPS has successfully adapted to offering virtual meetings and has continued with many activities now with even a wider reach to all of Canada. We applaud such flexibility and think you will be well positioned for another century of philately.

The original Calgary Philatelic Society constitution specified that *"The object of the Society shall be the furtherance of the science of philately and the promotion of good-will and fellowship amongst its members."*

Over the last 100 years, the Calgary Philatelic Society has indeed demonstrated good-will and fellowship in creating a welcoming group for philatelists throughout southern Alberta and beyond.

As President of The RPSC, I wish the Calgary Philatelic Society many more years of fostering the hobby of philately. The Vice President of The RPSC, Ken Lemke, will be at the show and will present a plaque on behalf of The RPSC to commemorate your 100th anniversary.

## **ABOUT THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA**

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) is Canada's national society for philatelists. The RPSC speaks for all Canadian collectors at provincial, federal and international levels of philately and is a member of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie and the Federation Inter-Americana de Filatelia.

Six issues (four print plus two electronic) are published annually of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. Access to back issues as pdfs are available for research and information on your area of interest. There are regular newsletters from the RPSC Board of Directors and eLetters.

Membership will offer collecting materials to acquire for your particular interests, new collector knowledge and social interchange. Members can use the Sales Circuits to buy and sell stamps. Purchased stamps are typically at 25 to 30% of catalogue. The circuit you receive is custom assembled to your collecting interests.

Customized collection insurance at special low rates is available to members.

Members have the opportunity to exhibit at our annual conventions.

Virtual education programmes and speaker series exist. The RPSC has presented a series of Zoom stamp panels and stamp talks.

The RPSC website is located at: [www.rpsc.org](http://www.rpsc.org)





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This certificate presented to

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Alberta and to all of Canada



Presented at CPS 2022 BNAPEX  
Calgary, Canada  
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Sam Chiu, President,

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Ken Lemke, Vice President,



## Calgary

Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome on behalf of City Council to all attendees at the CPS 2022 BNAPEX annual convention hosted by the Calgary Philatelic Society (CPS) and the Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS).

This weekend promises to be entertaining, with participants coming together to share pieces of our collective history in the spirit of sentimentality, collaboration and friendship. It's incredible to think of all the world events and societal changes these stamps have seen over the decades. Thank you for all of your efforts made to preserve our history for generations to come.

I would also like to give two hearty congratulations – one to CPS as they mark their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the other to Mr. Eldon C. Godfrey for his appointment to the Order of Canada. Please enjoy your celebrations with wonderful company and lively conversation!

Best wishes for a fun and inspiring convention.

Sincerely,

Jyoti Gondek  
Mayor of Calgary



## ABOUT THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Calgary Philatelic Society was founded in April 1922 by Dr. Edward George Mason, and has been in continuous existence since. The CPS provides a meeting place for local stamp collectors to get together and share their interest in stamps and postal history. It is Chapter 66 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Chapter 1360 of the American Philatelic Society, and Chapter 91 of the American Topical Association.

Some of the benefits to members:

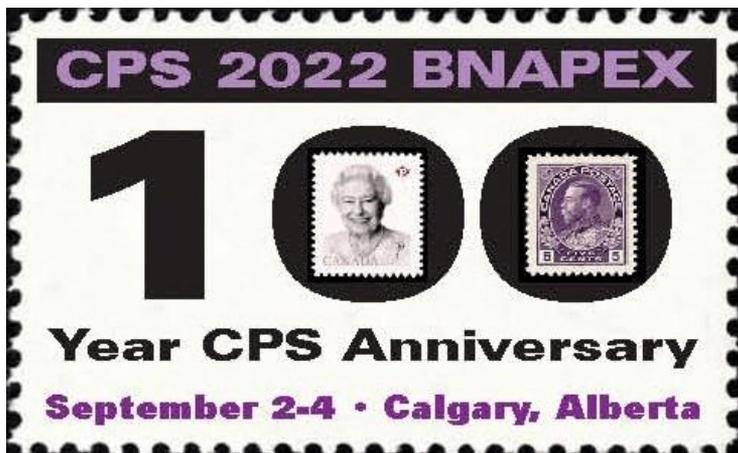
- 1) enjoying social interaction with other stamp collectors
- 2) opportunity to buy, sell, trade, and exhibit philatelic material in auctions or circuit books
- 3) subscription to our award-winning bulletin, the Calgary Philatelist
- 4) access to our excellent library, with resources for all aspects of philately
- 5) two philatelic shows per year: CALTAPEX in October, and a Spring Bourse in April.

Visitors and guests are always welcome. Meetings and auctions are held beginning at 19h30, with the doors opening at 19h00. The location for the General Meeting and the monthly auction is: Kerby Centre, Room 205 (Lecture Room), 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, Calgary. (If you park in the Kerby parking lots, you must register your licence plate on the computer terminal inside the building.)

General meetings, are held on the first Wednesday of the month except July, August, and December. They include a mini-auction, a short business meeting, and a philatelic presentation by one of our members. Regular auctions are held on the third Wednesday of the month, except July, August, and December. Auction lots should be in before 19h00 to allow viewing.

The CALGARY PHILATELIST is published monthly. Every issue contains club news, original articles on philatelic subjects or postal history, members' advertisements, and a schedule of meetings and upcoming events.

The CPS Website is located at: [www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com](http://www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com)  
Real-mail address is Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6.



## **ABOUT THE CALGARY BNAPS REGIONAL GROUP**

The Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS is the oldest continuously meeting such group within BNAPS. The earliest mention of this group is in the May 1957 issue of BNA TOPICS. Robert S. Traquair was secretary of the group at that time. Meetings were on second Tuesdays in member's homes.

The June 1961 issue of BNA TOPICS reported that Mrs. Kathleen Lane was secretary, and the group met second and fourth Tuesdays at the Anglo-American, 330 - 9 Avenue SW. Over the years, meeting places have varied from business boardrooms to homes to private clubs.

Murray Devlin was secretary from July 1963 to September 1968, then Renee Benningen until sometime in the 1970s. (BNA TOPICS did not list Regional Groups for a ten year period, hence the uncertainty.) From January 1982, Phil Wolf was secretary for several years, succeeded by Jim Karr in 1995.

Nowadays Calgary BNAPSers meet on second Wednesdays, with usually a dozen or so people turning out. During the pandemic, the Group met via Zoom. There is a brief business session, followed by a presentation on BNA philately. Next is a show-and-tell session. Members bring along a philatelic item related to the meeting's subject and explain it to the rest of the group.

These are just like-minded stamp collectors talking with each other on topics of mutual interest. The December meeting was usually held as normal, with a separate Christmas social on a weekend night in some restaurant. There were also occasional June picnics or barbecues in local parks.

Calgary BNAPSers have been influential in the main organization. Sam Nickle (deceased) held positions in BNAPS as follows: Board of Governors 1968, Vice-President 1969 and 1970, and President in 1971 and 1972.

Edmund Harris (deceased) was BNAPS Treasurer from 1975 to 1982, Board of Governors 1983 to 1985, Vice-President 1986, and President in 1987 and 1988.

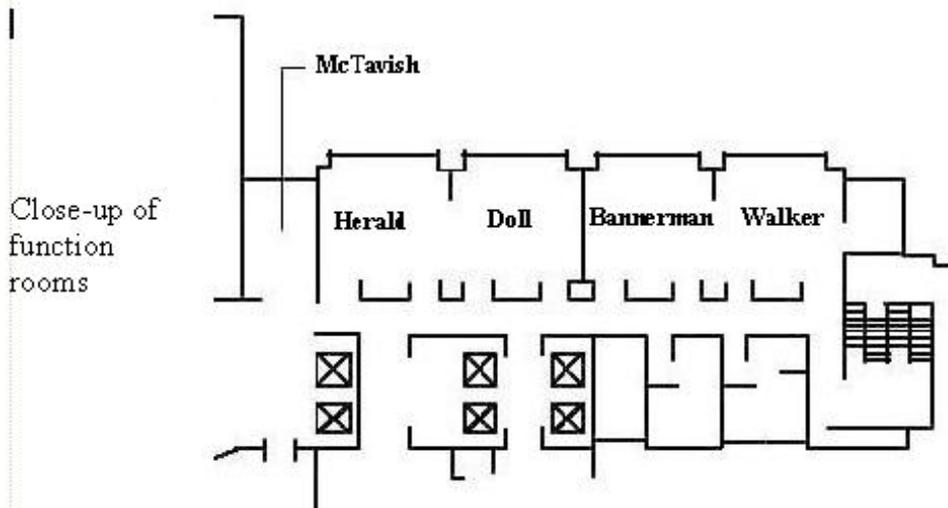
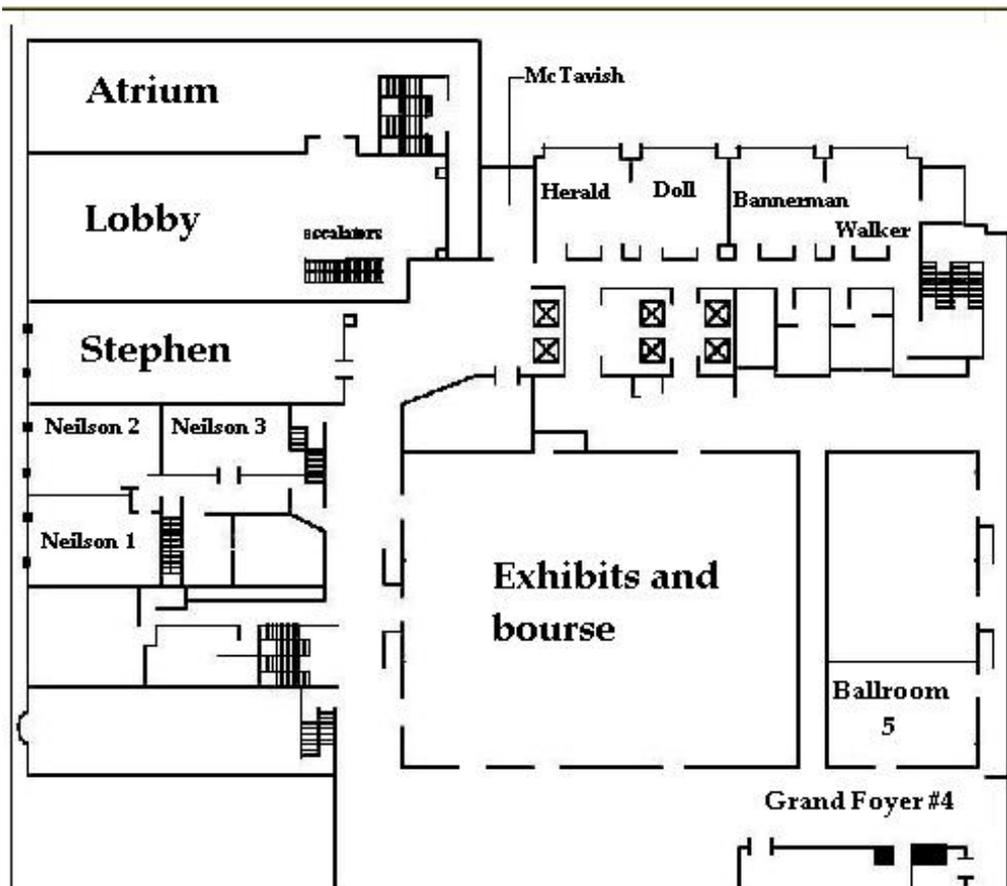
Earle Covert was BNAPS President for the 1999-2000 term. He has served the society in many capacities and was chairman of the Conventions Committee.

Bill Pawluk was on the Board of Governors from 1985 to 1992 and was President for the 2007/08 term.

Eldon Godfrey became BNAPS President for the 2016/18 term of office.

Sam Nickle, Edmund Harris, Earle Covert, and Bill Pawluk are members of the Order of the Beaver, i.e. honorary fellows of the Society.

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Circuit books

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Locations are on third floor of hotel unless otherwise stated.

## Thursday, September 1

- 09h00 BNAPS Board of Directors meeting (Bannerman Room)
- 17h00 Registration desk opens (hallway in front of ballrooms)
- 19h00 Show set-up begins (Ballrooms)
- 20h00 Hospitality Room opens (location to be announced)

## Friday, September 2

- 08h00 Exhibitor and dealer set-up
- 09h00 Registration desk opens
- 09h45 Opening ceremonies (front doors of ballrooms)
- 10h00 Exhibits and dealer bourse open
  
- 13h00 Military Study Group (Doll Room)
- 14h00 Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada (Herald Room)
- 14h30 Meet the BNAPS webmaster (Doll Room)
- 15h00 Tour to Military Museums departs hotel
- 17h00 Night Out and dinner at Military Museums buses begin departing
- 16h00 Admirals Study Group (Doll Room)
- 18h00 Exhibits and dealer bourse close
- 21h00 Hospitality Room opens

## Saturday, September 3

- 07h00 Order of the Beaver breakfast meeting (not open to public)
- 09h00 Show open to dealers and committee members
- 09h30 Registration desk opens
- 09h30 Large/Small Queens Study Group (Herald Room)
  
- 10h00 Airmail Study Group and Canadian Aerophilatelic Society (Doll Room)
- 10h00 Tour to the Bar U Ranch departs hotel
- 10h00 Exhibits and dealer bourse open to the public
  
- 11h00 Digital Philately Study Group (Herald Room)
- 11h30 Newfoundland Study Group (Doll Room)
- 12h30 Postal Stationery Study Group (Herald Room)
- 13h00 Elizabethan Study Group (Doll Room)
  
- 14h00 Squared Circle Study Group (Herald Room)
- 14h30 Perfins Study Group (Doll Room)

## **Saturday, September 3**

- 15h30 King George VI (Herald Room)
- 16h00 Pence/Cents Study Group (Doll Room)
  
- 17h00 Exhibits and dealer bourse close
- 17h00 Viewing of auction lots
- 18h00 Auction is called
- 20h00 Hospitality Room opens

## **Sunday, September 4**

- 08h00 BNAPS annual general meeting (Bannerman Room)
- 08h00 Birdwatching tour departs hotel
- 09h00 BNAPS judges' feedback (Bannerman Room)
  
- 09h30 Lecture on the 3d stamp (Doll Room)
- 09h30 Registration desk opens
  
- 10h00 Exhibits and dealer bourse open to the public
- 10h30 RPSC judges' feedback (Bannerman Room)
- 11h00 Fakes and Forgeries Study Group (Doll Room)
- 12h00 Fancy Cancells and Miscellaneous Cancells Study Group (Herald Room)
  
- 13h00 "How To Improve Your Exhibit, Both Single And Multi-Frame" (Doll Room)
- 13h30 Lecture on the 12d stamp (Herald Room)
  
- 15h00 Show closes.
- 15h00 Teardown of exhibits and frames
  
- 18h00 Past Presidents Reception (Stephen Room)
- 19h00 Awards banquet (Stephen Room)

## **CPS CIRCUIT BOOKS**

Since 1925, the Calgary Philatelic Society has operated circuit books for those seeking single or inexpensive stamps. Only CPS members can prepare the books but they will be available at the show for anyone to buy from. Worldwide material can be had for inexpensive prices. Sit down for a few moments at the CPS table and have a look!

## JUDGES

### **BNAPS Judge: Gary Steele**

The first BNAPS exhibition Gary Steele visited was at BNAPEX 1971 in Halifax. After attending several Calgary Regional Group meetings, he joined BNAPS in 1983.

His activities within the Society include Exhibitor (Horace W. Harrison Grand Award, 2008 and 2012), Judge, Director, Past Chairman of the King George VI Study Group, Chairman and Editor of the Dead Letter Office Study Group, Secretary of the Precancel Study Group, BNAPS Investment Committee, and Exhibits Chairman at three BNAPEXes.



Gary writes for BNA Topics, Maple Leaves and other journals, and is the author of two volumes in the BNAPS Exhibit Series. He believes that promoting BNAPS, concentrating on key elements to our long-term goals and having people apprentice their way along within the Society, is key for the successful long-term stability of BNAPS.

### **RPSC Judge: Joel Weiner.**



Joel Weiner was born in Montreal and has been collecting stamps since the age of 9. His collecting interests include Palestine Mandate stamps and postal history, Great Britain stamps and postmarks and modern Canada. He is a life member of the Edmonton Stamp Club, the American Philatelic Society and the Society of Israel Philatelists, as well as RPSC, BNAPS, PHSC, PSSC etc.

He is Vice President of the SIP, a Director of RPSC and a Fellow of RPSC. He has exhibited extensively in Canada, the United States and Great Britain with several gold medal multi-frame and single frame exhibits.

He compiled the Canadian Inkjet catalogue published by BNAPS. He has been a national level RPSC accredited judge for over 20 years and has judged at shows in Canada, the United States and Australia. He is a Distinguished University Professor Emeritus, a former Vice Dean of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the World Innovation Foundation. He has published over 200 research papers on biochemistry and holds several patents. He is married to Linda and they have two grown sons and two grandsons.

**BNAPS Judge: Steven A. Friedenthal**

I began collecting stamps at age nine when my father brought home a world-wide stamp album and a large manila envelope filled with stamps. After a hiatus for undergraduate and graduate school, I started collecting again.

I currently specialize in slogan/advertising cancels of Canada (prior to 1920), Czechoslovakia (First Republic), Ireland and Canada World War II patriotic postage meter slogans. I also collect Portugal, Israel, Egypt, Uruguay and Lord of the Rings stamps.



I have written the books *Canada Handstamp Slogan Cancels* and *Czechoslovakia Machine Advertising Cancels: The First Republic Period* (large Vermeil). I am the current editor of *The Revealer: Quarterly Journal of the Eire Philatelic Association* (silver). I am currently working on the 10th edition of my book on Czech advertising cancels and researching Canada World War II patriotic postage meter slogans.

I am a member of the Edmonton Stamp Club, RPSC, BNAPS, Postal History Society of Canada, PSSC, Society for Czechoslovak Philately, Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Great Britain, Eire Philatelic Society and have recently joined the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and the Meter Stamp Society.

**BNAPS Judge: David Hobden**

David Hobden will serve as an apprentice judge at CPS 2022 BNAPEX. David's first extensive collection were the stamps and postal history of the Small Queen issue. He has considerable experience as a collector and exhibitor.

He is the only Canadian to have ever won an International Large Gold medal for exhibiting Canadian postal history, a feat he has accomplished twice.

Additionally, he was awarded the Grand Prix National at CAPEX 2022. He also has an extensive collection of pre-Confederation Upper Canada/Canada West postal history.



David has served as president of the Postal History Society of Canada, Chair of the PHSC Symposium and as a member of the V.G. Greene expertising committee.

### **RPSC Judge: Jan Brookes**

Janice Brookes will serve as an apprentice judge. She was born in Edmonton and has been collecting stamps since she was 14. Her collecting interests include the World Wildlife Fund, Giant Panda postcards and Japan.

She is a life member of the Calgary Philatelic Society and has won the Grand Award at CALTAPEX several times.

Jan has worked for Canada Safeway for the past 46 years and has two daughters, three grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Jan's granddaughter Amelia is a highly acclaimed youth exhibitor with many international awards.



### **BNAPS Judge: Ken Lemke**

My interest in philately dates to the acquisition of my father's stamp collection. As a youngster, my interest in the hobby could more accurately be described as stamp collecting. My collecting became more serious in the 1970s when I joined BNAPS and the APS while living in New Jersey. However, like many others, I drifted away from the hobby while raising a young family.

I rejoined BNAPS (Past President) about 2006 with my primary interest being the King George VI era, which includes all forms of postal history, censor labels, air mails, postal stationery etc. I also have an extensive collection of the varieties that exist on the Canadian KG VI stamps. My other primary collecting interests are the postal history of Hamilton, Ontario, and the Lady Boats.



After returning to the hobby, I also joined CPS of GB, RPSC (current Vice President), PHSC (Secretary), CAS, APS AAPE, ATA, and the PSSC (Director of Programs). I have been married to Jane (nee Christmas) for 56 years. We have three children, seven grandchildren and one very spoiled English Springer Spaniel.

### **RPSC Judge: Jan Hofmeyr**

Jan joined the Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town (RPSCT) in 2015, just in time to enter a five-frame exhibit for the World Stamp Show in New York in 2016. His exhibit on the 1861 3c stamp of the USA was awarded gold and special awards for rarity and research. He has exhibited at the national level many times, in South Africa, the USA, and Canada.

Jan qualified as a judge in South Africa in 2017 and in the USA (and therefore also Canada) in 2022. He has judged shows in South Africa, the USA, and Canada, both as an apprentice and a fully qualified judge.

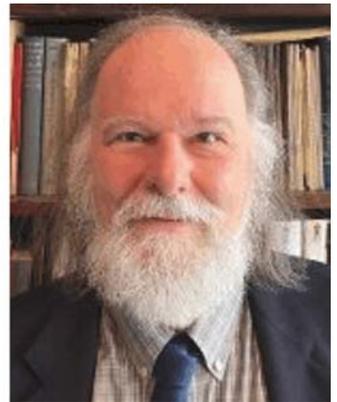
His first love is philatelic research. He has written extensively on the patent and experimental essays of the decade of the 1860s in the USA. His research into philatelic patents culminated in major changes to the Essay and Proof section of Scott's Specialised catalogue of the USA in 2021. He is also an enthusiastic member of the Institute of Analytical Philately. At the 4th symposium of the IAP, held virtually in 2020, he presented a paper on the use of spectrometry to formalize shade classification of the USA 1861 3c stamp.



### **RPSC Judge: John Wilson**

John has twin passions in collecting, the town cancels of the British Empire, and philatelic literature. In practice, he concentrates on the philately of British Guiana and Hong Kong (but digs enthusiastically in dealers' red boxes).

He is a member of the Hong Kong Study Circle, was editor of its Journal for a few years, and still contributes articles or notes. He is a member of the Philatelic Specialists Society, Exhibition Chair of the North Toronto Stamp Club and President of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club.



# **SHOW AWARDS**

## **Medal Levels**

Five levels of ribbons and certificates are awarded: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. National-level exhibits are judged according to Royal Philatelic Society of Canada guidelines. BNA exhibits are judged according to British North America Philatelic Society guidelines.

## **Calgary Philatelic Society Awards**

Grand Award  
Reserve Grand  
One-Frame Grand Award  
Best Youth

## **Royal Philatelic Society of Canada**

Excellence  
Treatment  
Material  
Presentation  
Title or Synopsis

## **Postal History Society of Canada**

Best BNA Postal History Exhibit  
Ritch Toop Best Military Postal History Exhibit

## **American Philatelic Society Medals of Excellence**

Pre 1900 Material  
1900-1940 Material  
1940-1980 Material  
Post 1980 Material  
Research Award

## **American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors**

Gold Pins (2)  
Creativity Award  
WE Award  
Epilogue Award

## **Philatelic Specialists Society Award**

## **American Topical Association**

ATA First Award for best topical exhibit  
Youth Award

## **Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs**

Thunderbird Award for an exhibit of merit, one that has potential or special appeal. (2)

## **Canadian Aerophilatelic Society**

Best airmail exhibit

## **British North America Philatelic Society**

Horace Harrison Grand Award  
Best Exhibit in show

Allan Steinhart Reserve Grand Award  
Runner-up to Best Exhibit in show

William G. Robinson Award  
Best Exhibit of Railway Post Office postal history

John D. Arn 'White Queen' Award  
Best Exhibit of QEII stamps and/or postal history

Order of the Beaver Novice Award  
Best exhibit by a member exhibiting for the first time at a BNAPEX

Herbert L. McNaught One Frame Exhibit Award  
Best Single Frame exhibit awarded Silver or higher

Canadian Military Mail Study Group Award  
Best Exhibit of Canadian Military Postal History

Wilmer Rockett Revenue Award  
Best Exhibit of Revenues

Meyerson Award  
Best Exhibit of Provinces before Confederation or Territories.

Ed and Mickey Richardson Award  
Presented to the exhibit that best represents one or more of the following elements of BNA philately: originality, innovativeness, research and high standards of presentation

# LIST OF EXHIBITS

(Numbers before the exhibit title are the frame numbers.)

## Court of Honour

- 1 to 3            History of the Calgary Philatelic Society  
CPS Archivist
- 4                France 1934: Anti-Tuberculosis “Stamp” Campaign  
James R Taylor
- 6                United States 1928 to 1960 mail for St. Pierre & Miquelon via the Gull Fast  
Train through Maritime Canada  
James R Taylor

## Mini-Exhibits

- 7 to 10           1 to 4 pages (judged by People’s Choice)  
various exhibitors

## Competitive Exhibits

- 11 to 15           Canadian Postal Rates of the War Tax Era 1915 to 1926  
John Hall
- 16                International Stamp Cancelling Machines used in Brandon, Manitoba  
1907 to 1919  
Darcy J. Hickson
- 17 to 19           Squared Circle Postmarks of New Brunswick  
Paul Grimm
- 20                A Spectroscopic Look at Three Canadian Issues Described as ‘Aniline Ink’  
Richard Judge
- 21 to 22           The Fall of the Twin Towers  
Dale Speirs
- 23 to 30           Use of Canadian Wilding Definitive Stamps, 1954 to 1963  
Robert J. Elias
- 31                Ottawa Dead Letter Office Handstamps 1872 to 1898 Decentralization  
Gary Steele

## Competitive Exhibits

- 32 to 38      Czechoslovakia Krag Machine Advertising Cancels: The First Republic Period  
Steven Friedenthal
- 39              Canadian Stamp Errors: Misperforations  
Murray Bialek
- 40              The BNA forgeries of Giovanni Patroni  
Ken Pugh
- 41 to 44      The 1893 Columbus Issue of Argentina: Successes and Problems  
Ken Pugh
- 45 to 50      Development of Royal Mail, 2000-2022: Examples from GB to Canada mail  
Dave Russum
- 51 to 58      The Great War Internment Camps of Canada  
J. Michael Powell
- 59 to 60      The World of the Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus Plexippus*)  
Amelia Kelbert
- 61              The Jacques Cartier Commemorative Issue of 1934  
J. Michael Powell
- 62 to 69      St. Pierre et Miquelon Colonial Series through First Pictorial  
James R Taylor
- 70              Sewell Camp Field Post Office 1915  
Darcy J. Hickson
- 71              A Soldier's Postcards Mailed from The Somme and Flanders WWI  
Don L. Hedger
- 72 to 79      Enmity and Gratitude in World War II  
Sandy Freeman
- 80              15 Decades of Mail to Canada: Rates and Efficiency of Service  
Dave Russum
- 81              Three Cents Small Queen 1870 to 1877  
Richard Thompson
- 82 to 83      Variations in the Key of "G"  
David A Biltek

## Competitive Exhibits

- 84 to 88      Earth Science From Flat Earth to Planetary Tectonics  
James R Taylor
- 90            Queen Mary's Dolls' House  
Donna Trathen
- 91 to 96      Foreign Mail from the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan  
Donald Wilson
- 97 to 100     The First Decimal Issue of Canada 1859 to 1868  
Richard Thompson
- 101           First Post Office Airmail by Brian Peck June 1918  
David Bartlet
- 102 to 105    Special Delivery Service in Canada: Forms and Labels 1933 to 1993  
Raymond Villeneuve
- 106 to 108    The Philatelic Scene during the Admiral Era  
Leopold Beaudet
- 109           Canada Postal and Philatelic Counterfeits: 39c Coil Definitive (1990)  
Ken Pugh
- 110           The Postcard Factory Cards of the RCMP  
Earle Covert
- 111           Trans Canada Air Flight 1920  
David Bartlet
- 112 to 119    Cancelled by COVID  
David Bartlet
- 120           Epic of Vimy: A Canadian Pilgrimage  
Don L. Hedger
- 121           John McCrae: In Flanders Fields  
Bill Longley
- 122 to 129    Steamship Mail in the Early Decimal Period of Newfoundland 1865 to 1910  
David Piercey
- 130           Fiscal History of the Third Bill Stamp Era in Nova Scotia (1868 to 1882)  
Mark Berner

## Competitive Exhibits

- 131                    1978 Blair Atholl International Scout Camp  
J. Alex Hadden
- 132 to 135            Identifiable Mail To and From Canadian Naval Personnel 1939 to 1945  
Peter McCarthy
- 136 to 137            Cyprus Publicity Handstamps 1934 to 1940 and 1950  
John Forbes
- 138 to 139            The Square Circle Cancels of Bradford/Yorkshire, England  
John Forbes
- 140                    Excise Tax Payments On Documents Using CPR Perfins  
Jon Johnson
- 141 to 150            Fishing the North Atlantic  
David Piercey
- 151 to 155            Christina Broom, her work as a Photographer  
Donna Trathen
- 156 to 159            Imperial Airways First Flights, London-Mwanza -London, 1931  
Walter Herdzik
- 160                    Usage of King George VI 1c Mufti: Transmission of 3rd Class Matter,  
April 1, 1937 to June 30, 1942  
Eldon Godfrey
- 161                    The Postal Markings of Guysborough, Nova Scotia, 1838 to 1937  
Jane Sodero
- 162 to 165            Canada's C-Force in Hong Kong  
Dr. Sam Chiu
- 166 to 168            Ontario House of Assembly Postmarks, 1867 to 1981  
Grégoire Teyssier
- 169 to 171            Imperial Airways First Flight, London to Cape Town Christmas Flight,  
December 9 to 21, 1931  
Walter Herdzik
- 172 to 178            1897 Tobacco Stamps of Canada  
Earle Covert

## **Competitive Exhibits**

179 to 182 Canadian Postal History: Overseas Rate and Route Study using Decimal (Cents) Franked and Stampless Covers  
Ronald E. Majors

## **BNAPS SERVICE AWARDS**

Vincent G. Greene Award  
Best article or series of articles in BNA Topics in the previous calendar year.

John S. Siverts Award  
Best Study Group Newsletter(s) in previous calendar year.

Jack Levine Fellowship Award  
Honours the spark plug of a Regional Group.

E.R. "Ritch" Toop Memorial Award  
Best Canadian Military mail article or book published anywhere in previous year.

Order of the Beaver Lifetime Achievement Award  
Presented to one or more philatelists who deserve recognition for their contributions to BNA philately but who may not meet the criteria for induction into the Order of the Beaver.

The Order of the Beaver  
Recognizing one or more philatelists who meet the criteria for induction for their contributions to BNAPS and to BNA philately.

BNAPS Hall of Fame Award  
The award recognizes one or more philatelists who have made a significant and highly visible general or specific contribution to the work of the Society.

## **CALGARY AND TREATY 7**

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai.

We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Metis Nation (Region 3), and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

Treaty 7 was signed in 1877. Today it covers, roughly speaking, southern Alberta south of the Trans-Canada Highway, the Bow River valley in the mountains, including Banff National Park, and angles up to Red Deer, then down to Medicine Hat.

# **AUCTION**

The auction will be held on Saturday, September 3, in a separate room just to the north of the main exhibition area. There is a separate access door from the hallway.

Sellers may drop off lots from 14h00 to 16h00. Viewing to start at 17h00. Sellers will use a bidder number obtained when they register. All bidders must have registered prior to the auction. Sellers are limited to 10 lots each.

This auction will be called shortly after 18h00. Only 2-bid lots will be auctioned but single bid lots will be noted. Once the auction has finished buyers will be allowed to pick up and pay for their lots. Payout will follow. It is requested that cash be used to simplify payouts.

## **Auction Rules**

1. Lots will be accepted from 14h00 to 16h00. To obtain placement you must first register with Murray Bialek, who will provide a bidder number. This will also be used as your owner number on the auction lots you are submitting. Sellers are limited to 10 lots each.
2. Viewing will be from 17h00 to 18h00. The live auction will open as soon as possible after 18h00. Timings may vary at the discretion of the auctioneer.
3. All bidders must be members of the CPS, RPSC, or BNAPS. Those who do not have a current membership may purchase a short-term CPS membership from the auction registrar. Those wishing to bid must have obtained a bidder number from the registrar. This bidder number will also be used as the owner's number on the lots which have been submitted.
4. Bidding increments will be \$1 to \$20, \$2 to \$50, \$5 to \$100, \$10 above \$100, \$25 above \$200.
5. Lots which have two or more bids will be auctioned. Single bid lots will be announced but will not be open for floor bidding.
6. Purchasers must pay for their lots immediately after the auction. We ask that cash be used to simplify the paying of vendors. Individuals who have purchased short-term membership are expected to pay cash. Information on the location of bank machines will be available at registration. Payouts to sellers will be immediately after buyers have paid and picked up their lots.
7. In the event of a dispute the auctioneer will be the ultimate authority to re-open a lot for bidding or in resolving a dispute between bidders.

We ask for your patience and cooperation in the auction process. We will try to have an informal and fair auction for the benefit of both buyers and sellers.

## **GROUP TOURS**

The convention will have several away functions.

### **The Military Museums.**

The Military Museums are a merger of several Calgary museums representing each branch of the services, gathered together in one complex of buildings at Amiens Road SW. They are located in the Garrison Woods suburb, which was formerly the Married Quarters section of CFB Calgary until the base was closed in 1997.

The MQ were redeveloped as a residential neighbourhood and the school turned into an army museum. Originally called The Museum of the Regiments, the facility was later merged with other military museums in Calgary. Since then several large additions have been added for naval and air force displays.

Registration is required for the tour and meal, which will be Friday, September 2, from 15h00 to 21h30.

### **The Bar U National Historic Site.**

This ranch was founded in 1881 and had as many as 30,000 head of cattle and 1,000 horses at its peak. It covered 59,000 hectares of rangeland and feed grain fields. Several of its owners through the years were prominent in founding the Calgary Stampede rodeo. In 1891, one of the cowhands working there was Harry Longabaugh, aka The Sundance Kid.

During the 1950s, most of the land was sold off. The central remnant was purchased by Parks Canada in 1991 and made into an historic site.

Registration is required for the tour. The bus leaves the hotel at 10h00 on Saturday, September 3, and returns approximately 15h00. Lunch is not included but there is a cafeteria at the ranch.

### **Birdwatching Tour.**

This tour will be led by CPS member Dave Russum, who is an experienced amateur ornithologist, and his wife Susan. The tour will go to the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary in central Calgary. Departure is Sunday, September 4, at 08h00, from the foyer of the hotel. The trip will probably be about two hours.

Registration is required. All registered participants will be emailed with details closer to departure date.

# Thank you, Pacific Western!



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Over many years they have provided transportation for our show tours. They have wished us good luck with this year's convention.

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# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

by Dale Speirs

## Origin.

In late 1921, a Calgary stamp collector named Dr. Edward George Mason began action to form a stamp club in the city. Announcements were made to likely members and to the press. In April 1922, five men met and decided to go ahead with a formal organization. The minutes of that meeting read as follows:

*“The meeting was called to order at 8:30. Present at the meeting were Mr. K. Hall, Dr. G.R. Johnson, Dr. E.G. Mason, Dr. D.C. Howland, and Mr. M. Thomas. Moved by G.R. Johnson, and seconded by M. Thomas, that a Committee consisting of Mr. K. Hall, Dr. E.G. Mason, Mr. D.C. Howland, be appointed to procure a Constitution and Bylaws for the Society.  
[signed] E.G. Mason, Prest.”*

Membership fees were set at \$2 per year plus an initiation fee of \$2. By the end of 1922, the CPS had 14 members. The CPS held its first auction in 1925 and established circuit books that same year. The first public stamp show in Calgary was held on October 22, 1927.

The Great Depression initially shook the club, but it survived because stamp collecting was an inexpensive hobby for the times. World War Two had a far worse effect, as members were lost to the military or to civilian war service.

In the 1950s, the CPS began to recover, and grew steadily through the next several decades. Today the club has two auctions per month, hundreds of circuit books, an annual autumn show CALTAPEX, and a spring dealer bourse. Membership totals fluctuated over the years with the fortunes of Calgary and now averages about 140.

The CPS publishes a bulletin called the CALGARY PHILATELIST. It has a website at [www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com](http://www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com). It is Chapter 66 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Chapter 1360 of the American Philatelic Society, and Chapter 91 of the American Topical Association.



A full history of the CPS is available as a free pdf from the website. This is a 16-megabyte file about 150 pages long, so it may take a few moments to download. The book covers the history of the club in great detail.

As a coincidence, in 1922 the world was still recovering from the influenza pandemic of 1918, just as today we are slowly getting over the COVID-19 pandemic. Being a medic, Mason would have been working in the heart of that pandemic.

This photo of Mason is courtesy of his great-granddaughter Beth Saunders.

April 1922 89

# The Calgary Philatelic Society.

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Mr K. Hall

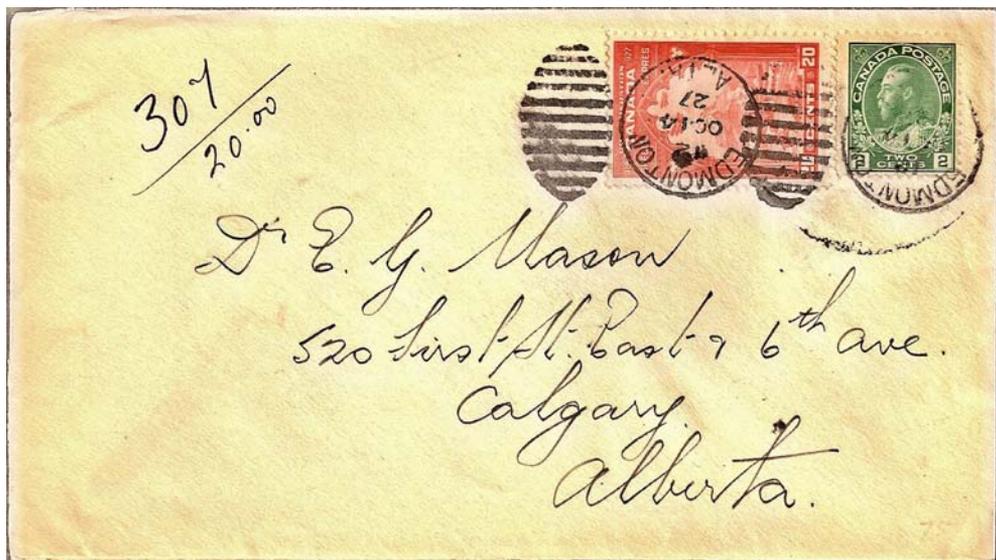
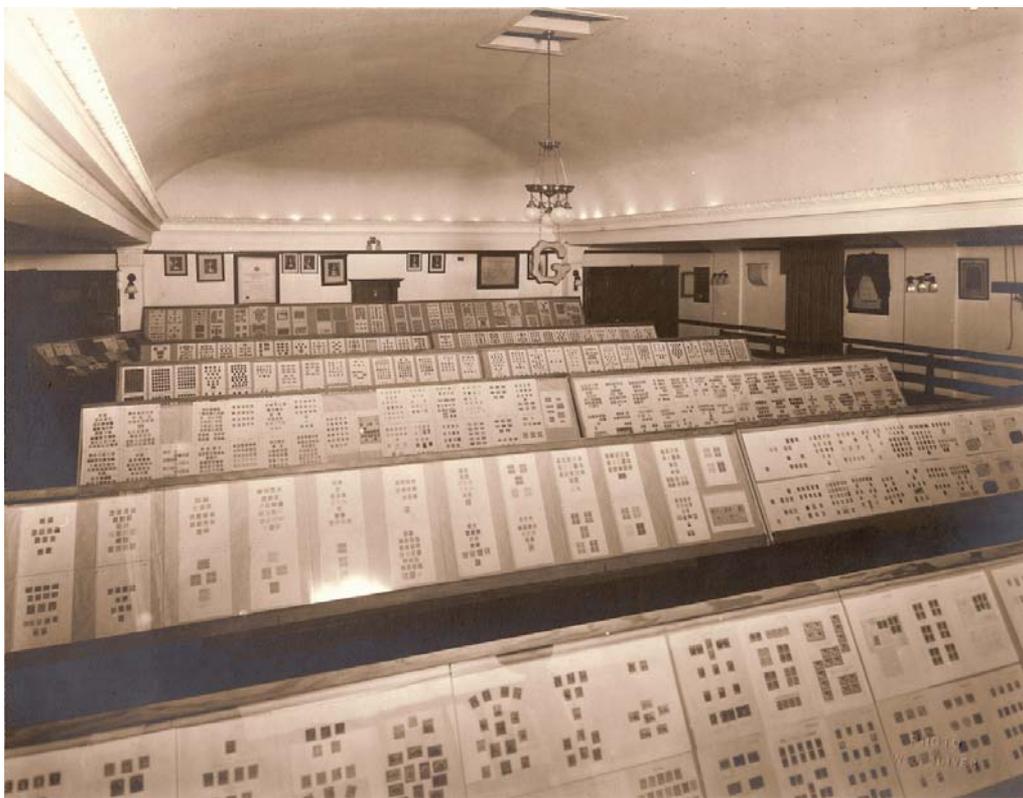
Dr E. G. Mason

Mr D. C. Hubbard

be appointed to procure a Constitution and Bylaws for the Society.

E. Johnson  
Presd

The CPS hosted the first public stamp show in Calgary on October 22, 1927. The photograph shows the exhibit room. The registered cover was sent to Dr Mason a week before the show and almost certainly dealt with show business.



## The Life And Times Of Dr. E.G. Mason

Dr. Edward George Mason was the first President of the CPS from its formation, and remained in that post until 1929. His seven-year term is the longest consecutive service as President. For many years the CPS held its meetings in Mason's office in the McNeill Block or at his house. Mason had membership #1 in the Society, and was the first person elected as Honourary Life Member.

Mason was born in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1874. His medical training was taken in Montreal at Bishop's College, and later McGill University. He graduated in 1902 and came west to Calgary that same year. By his wife Katharine he had two daughters (Elizabeth and Katharine Jr) and a son (Anthony), all three born before World War One [1].

Mason was active in many community organizations besides the CPS. In his younger days, he had played football in school and also for the Hamilton Tigers. On coming to Calgary, he helped establish the Calgary Tigers rugby club. He also involved himself in the Calgary Gun Club, the Victoria Curling Club, the Calgary Golf and Country Club, the Glencoe Club, and the Calgary Medical Association.



When World War One broke out, he was senior major in the 31st Battalion. He was made responsible for recruiting men into the 50th Battalion. Acting as commanding officer, with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, he took the 50th overseas.

His men thought highly of him and the battalion was nicknamed "Mason's Man-eaters". One of his soldiers, who later wrote the history of the 50th Battalion, said that Mason had "*... welded and forged the 50th Battalion Infantry into a superbly effective infantry unit which subsequently had proved its fighting and tactical skill under attack and defence conditions alike.*" [2].

His wife and children accompanied him as far as England. Mason was the only physician to command an active Canadian Battalion during the war. On arrival at the Western Front, he led the 50th Battalion into the trenches. Thereafter, he made it a point to walk up and down the trenches several times a day talking to his men.

Mason was wounded in France at the Battle of Ancre Heights in October 1916 when a poison gas shell detonated in his face. He was sent back to England for treatment, and his departure from the front was recorded as being a terrible blow to the morale of the battalion.

Upon his release from hospital, he was sent into the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, which had a shortage of medical officers. His commanding officer was General (Sir) Sam Steele, the well-known figure in western Canadian pioneer history.

Mason took over command of the Shorncliffe Medical Hospital in England, remaining there until June 1919, at which time he returned home to Canada. Again, he received praise for his work, this time in the official history of World War One published by the Canadian government [3]. Of him, it was written: *“The final location [of the hospital] was in a commodious barracks at Shorncliffe where the training school reached its highest efficiency under Lieut.-Colonel E.G. Mason who was in command for nearly two years until it was disbanded June 6, 1919.”*

Mason and his wife Katharine kept up an interest in the health and welfare of the veterans. She organized a Ladies Auxiliary of the 50th Battalion in July 1919 to visit the sick and give any other help they could to the veterans. Mason worked as a physician for the military at Col. Belcher Hospital in Calgary until he took a pension from them in 1926.

In his subsequent medical career, he was neuro-psychiatrist with the Department of Pensions and Health, later renamed the Department of Veterans Affairs. He specialized in treatment of shell-shocked veterans. The University of Alberta made him a Doctor of Psychiatric Medicine in 1928. In 1946, one year before his death, he was given life membership in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and declared a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Mason was awarded the Jubilee Medal at the Coronation, and was granted the Order of the British Empire. He became ill in December 1946, and died on January 3, 1947, aged 72 years.

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The Dr Edward G. Mason Long Service Award is presented annually to a person contributing to the operation of the CPS.



Dr Mason with his family on Christmas Day, 1944.  
From left to right: Edward, Katharine Jr, Katharine, Elizabeth, Anthony  
Photo courtesy of Mason's great-granddaughter Beth Saunders.

## CENTENNIAL PIN

The Calgary International Pin Club produced a pin honouring the CPS centennial. They will have a table at the convention.



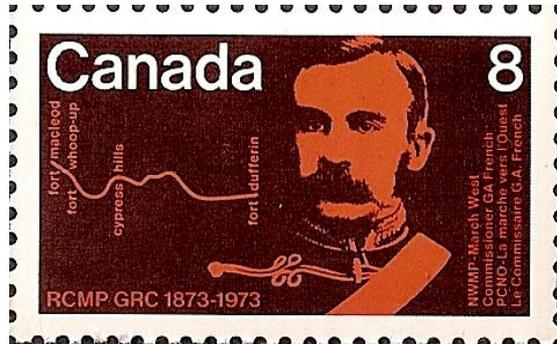
# CALGARY ON STAMPS: A THEMATIC VIEW

by Dale Speirs

## In The Beginning.

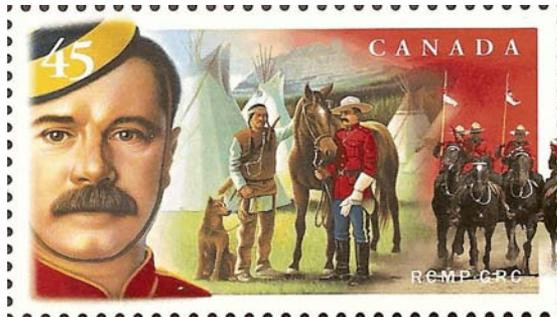
After the continental ice sheet melted away about 8,000 years ago, humans followed the retreating ice from the south. The major tribes present in the area by the time Calgary was founded were the Cree, Siksika (part of the Blackfoot Confederacy), Nakoda, and Tsuu T'ina.

The Tsuu T'ina settled southwest of Calgary and their Reserve is now contiguous with the city. The Nakoda settled west of Calgary upstream on the Bow River and along the foothills further south. The Siksika lived all over southern Alberta but were eventually confined to a Reserve east of the city. Chief Crowfoot was the leader of the Siksika.



Calgary was founded in 1875 by the North West Mounted Police, as the Mounties were then known.

F Troop, under the command of Lt. Ephram Brisebois, forded the Bow River at its junction with the Elbow River and built a fort there.



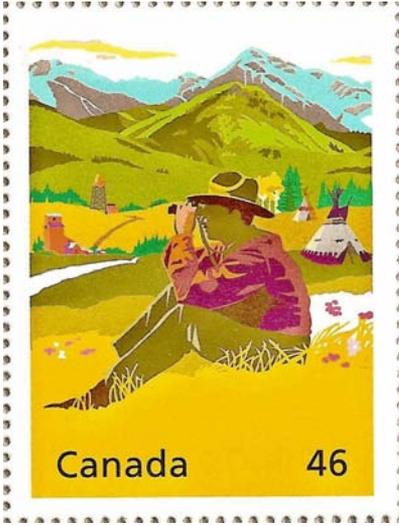
## The Name Of Calgary.

The Lieutenant named the new outpost Fort Brisebois, but he was unpopular with his men and complaints arose. His superior officer Col. James Macleod countermanded the name and ordered that it be called Fort Calgary, after its namesake on the Isle of Mull, Scotland. Macleod was born in the Scottish isles.

Calgary's name appeared on many precancel stamps, designed to speed up bulk mailings by allowing the sender to bypass the cancelling stage. On some precancel stamps, the Calgary name was replaced by its post office identification number 8160.



## Geography.



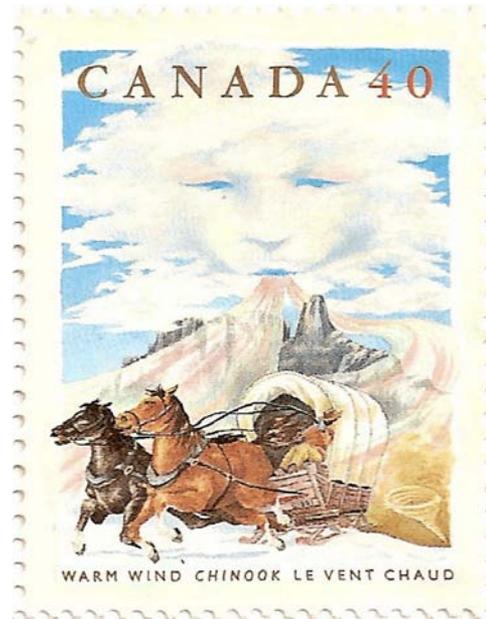
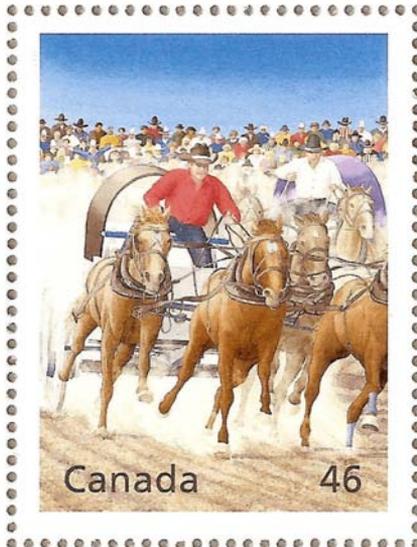
Calgary is located on the edge of the Rocky Mountains and the foothills of southwestern Alberta. The stamp at left, issued for the Millennium, shows what the general area looks like.

Calgary commonly gets chinook winds in the winter, which in an hour or two will raise the temperature from  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+10^{\circ}\text{C}$  and sublimate all the snow directly into the air.

The stamp below illustrated a popular pioneer joke about a homesteader who raced his sleigh home to beat a chinook. The front skis were on snow and the back skis scraped the ground.

## Sports.

Calgary's worldwide fame rests on the annual Stampede, first held in 1912. It is the world's largest rodeo, with 1.4 million paid admissions over ten days in 2019, before the pandemic. The entire city dresses western for the Stampede, and free pancake breakfasts and barbecues are a fixture.



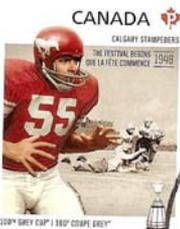
The Calgary Flames NHL team came to the city in 1980. They won the 1988-89 season Stanley Cup. When Canada Post began issuing NHL stamps on a regular basis, it made the Calgary Flames the most common Calgary thematic stamp.



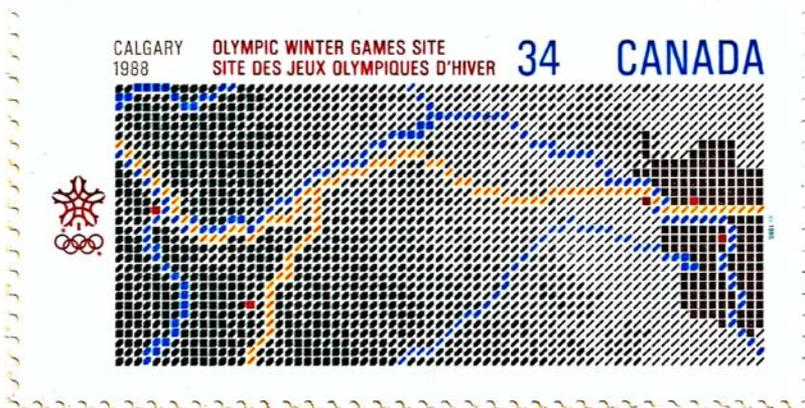
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At left: The Canadian Football League is represented by the Calgary Stampeders. The stamp shown here has a first day of issue postmark.



Below: Calgary hosted the 1988 Olympic Winter Games. This is one of a large set of stamps issued for the games.



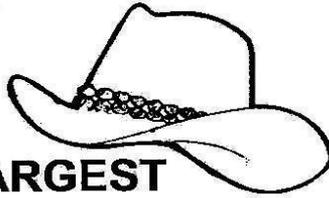
# 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF JOHN MCCRAE

Lieutenant-Colonel Dr John McCrae (1872 to 1918) was a Canadian medical officer on the French and Belgian battlefields of World War One but is best remembered as the poet who wrote "In Flanders Field". (At the same time he was on the battlefields, so was Lt-Col. Dr E.G. Mason, the founder of the Calgary Philatelic Society. It is possible they might have heard of each other since they were both medical doctors.)

The stamp below was issued in 1968 on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. The CPS 2022 BNAPEX show will have a postmark in his honour, shown on page 48.



Visit us during the show  
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## CALGARY'S LARGEST STAMP SHOPPE

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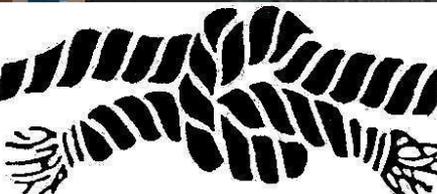
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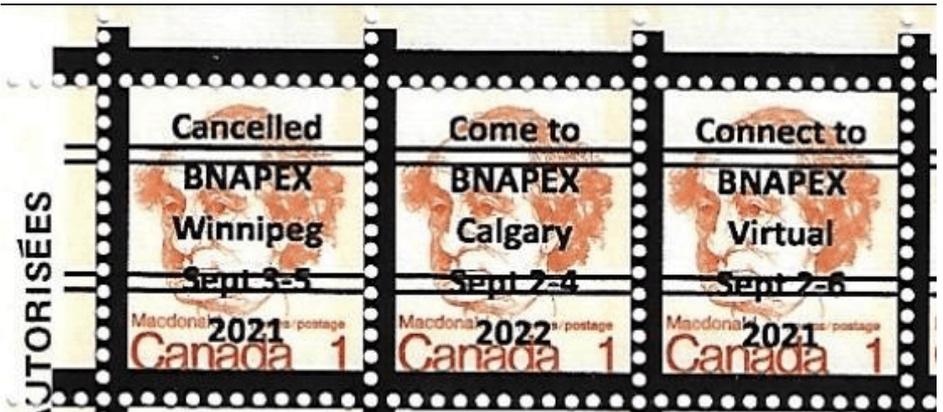


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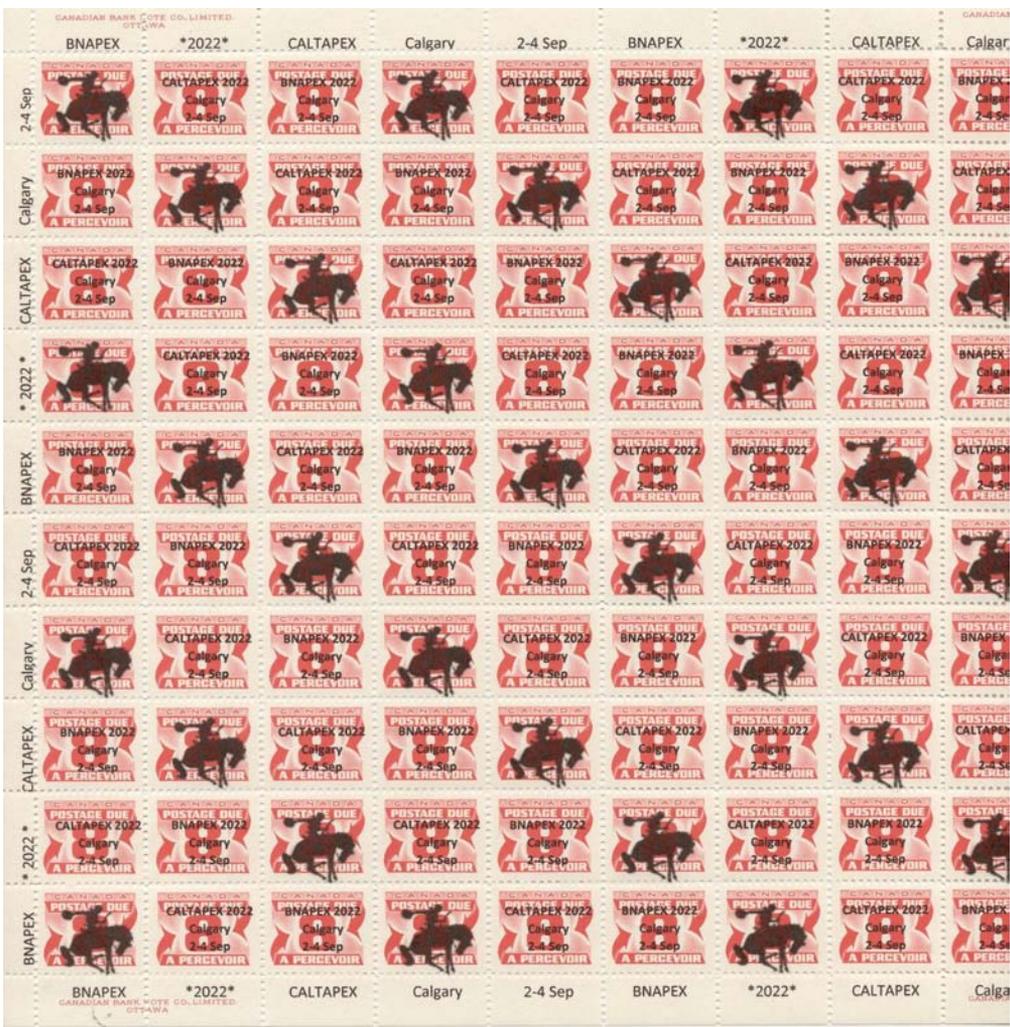
**BNAPEX  
Winnipeg  
Sept 3-5,  
2021**



BNAPEX 2021 was scheduled for Winnipeg from 3-5 September 2021. Due to the pandemic, the in-person show was cancelled and is presented as a Virtual show with exhibits and Study Groups all on BNAPS.ORG 2-6 Sept 2021. We expect a regular convention in Calgary in 2022 on the Labour Day weekend while Winnipeg will move to 2024.







**BNAPEX 2021 Virtual 2-6 September 2021**

**BNAPEX/CALTAPEX 2022**

September 2-4, 2022

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- Exhibits
- Banquet
- Military Museum Night Out

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Let's get together for a good time in Calgary in 2022 for all those things we have missed at conventions due to Covid.

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# THE PANDEMIC AND PHILATELY

by Dale Speirs

## Calgary And The Coronavirus.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the spread of COVID-19 was a pandemic. The world went into lockdown, public gatherings ended, masks had to be worn, and, in the philatelic community, local clubs shut down. The Calgary Philatelic Society was one of those affected.

Ironically, the CPS had been founded by Dr E.G. Mason just after the 1918 influenza pandemic ended. The club celebrated its centennial as the current pandemic ended, an interesting symmetry.

Unlike many local stamp clubs that shut down completely and many of which are still closed, the CPS scrambled to find alternatives. The executives and committee members recognized that communication and continued operations were the key to survival of the club. The policy worked well enough that, as I type this in August 2022, the club not only survived but increased its membership.

The Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS held its first online meeting via Zoom on June 10. The CPS began holding its monthly general meetings via Zoom in October 2020. The club bulletin CALGARY PHILATELIST had been published seven times per year prior to the pandemic. It went to monthly publication to keep members informed and still does.

Because the annual stamp show CALTAPEX was cancelled over the next two years, an online stamp show called CalVirt was held. It proved successful, allowing exhibitors to test their work in anticipation of a return to normality. CalVirt also included Zoom seminars and there were pdf show catalogues.

The CPS started an e-letter to members with email addresses. This was supplemented with occasional email blasts from the executives for fast-breaking news.

The club circuit books went to curbside service and thus kept the books moving and stamps selling. The monthly CPS auction was on and off depending on the ever-fluctuating government rules but did manage to hold a few events, albeit everyone wearing masks and sitting two metres apart from each other in a room with the windows wide open.

The centennial birthday party of the CPS was held on April 6, 2022, marking one hundred years to the month of general meetings. Descendants of Dr Mason were able to attend, there were birthday cakes, and the party marked the beginning of a return to normality.

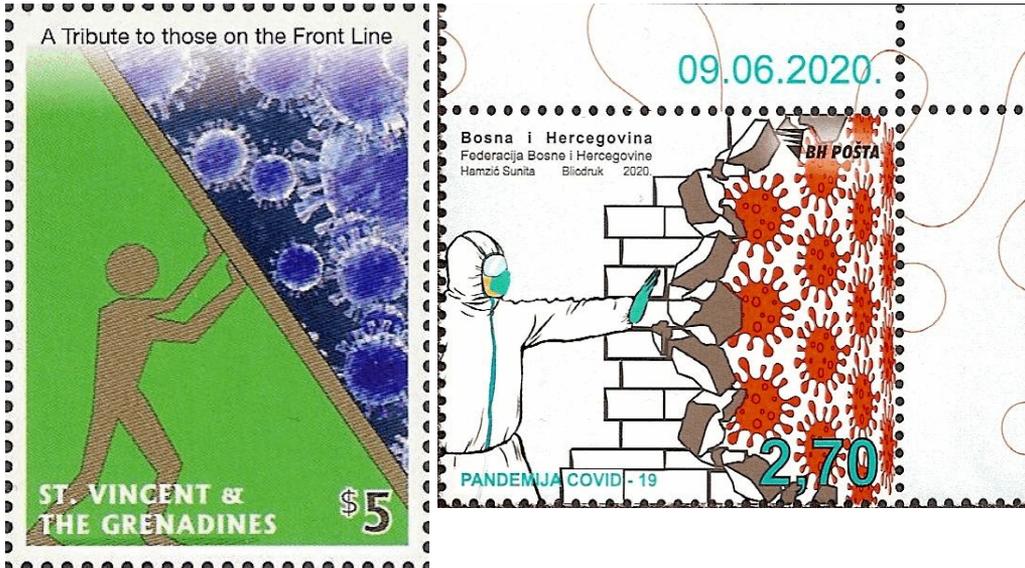
Having survived the worst disaster to the human race since World War Two, Calgary philatelists now face the future with confidence.

## Stamps.

A new philatelic topical was born, as hundreds of stamp were issued about the pandemic and the coronavirus. On March 17, 2020, Iran issued the world's first postage stamp that explicitly referenced COVID-19, showing images of the distinctive shape of the coronavirus.



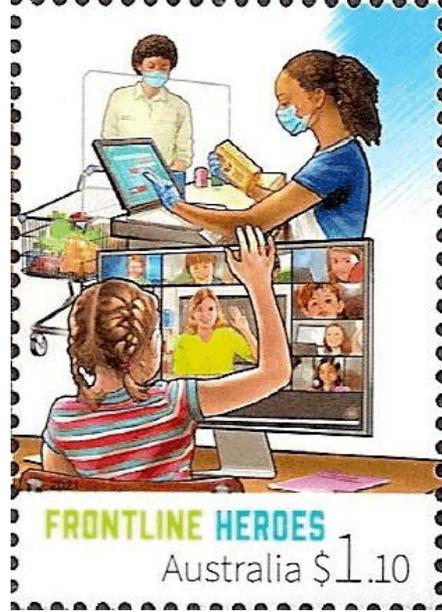
A flood of postal authorities followed. The spikes of the coronavirus became a familiar image worldwide. Many stamps showed similar designs about the initial struggle against COVID-19.



Front-line healthcare workers bore the brunt of the pandemic resistance.



Mass vaccination wasn't possible until December 2020. Before then, the only possibilities of control were social distancing and masks. The phrase "Zoom meeting" entered the language.



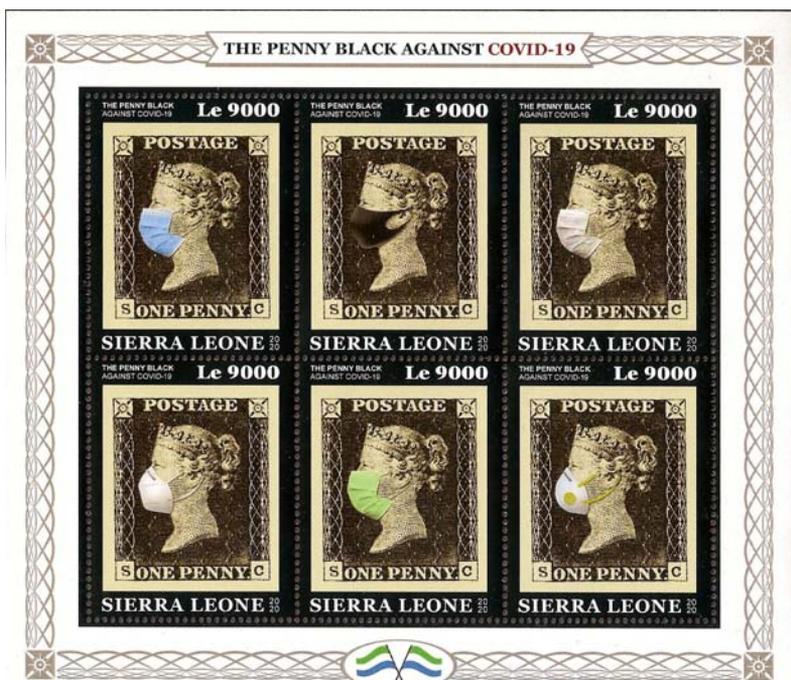
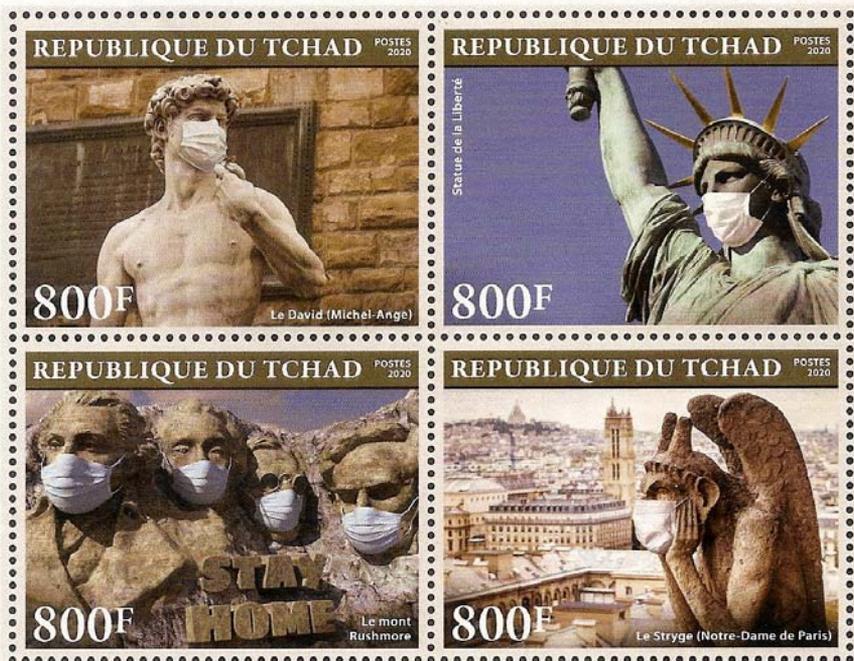
Austria produced a 2.75 Euro stamp made from mask cloth.



Some countries had a bit of fun with masks, as seen on the next page.

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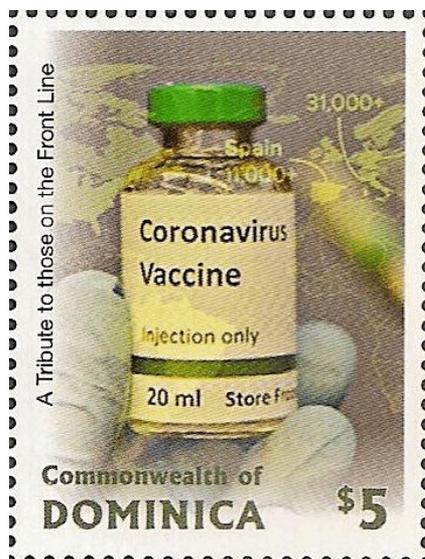
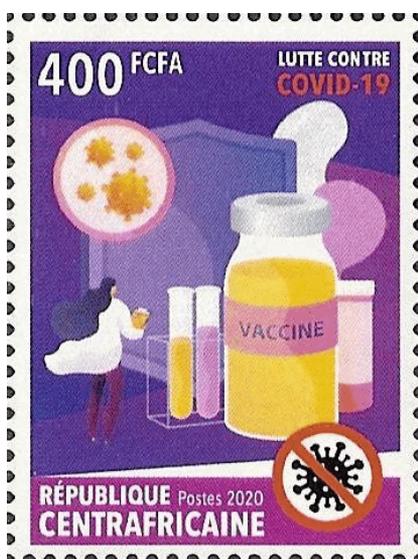


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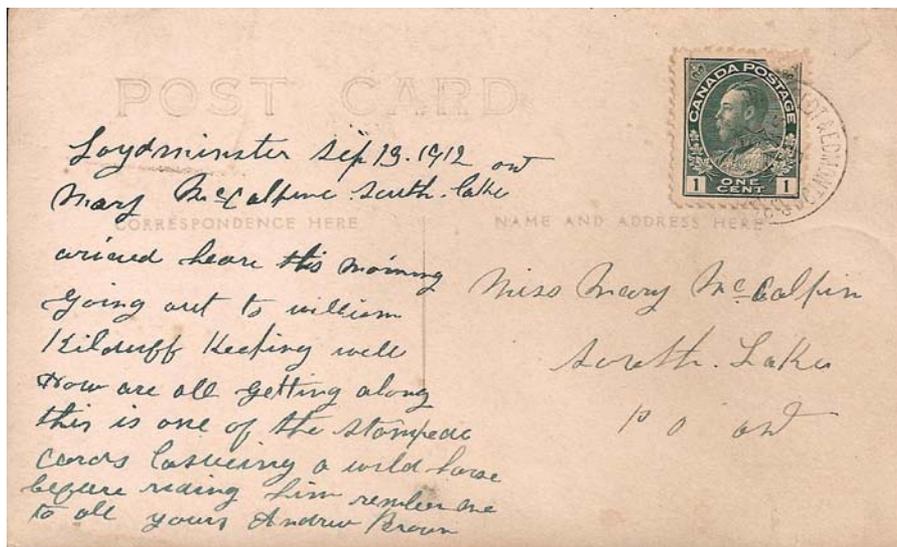


# 110 YEARS OF THE CALGARY STAMPEDE RODEO

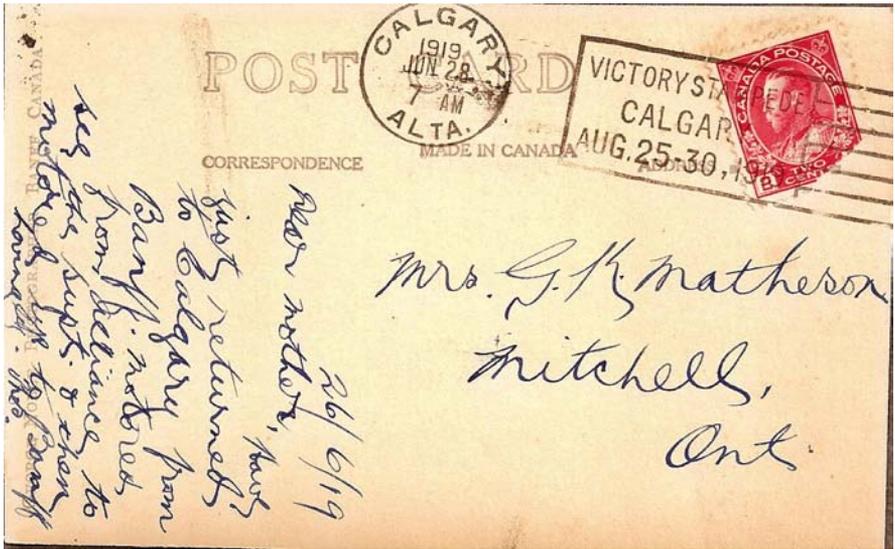
The Calgary Stampede is the world's largest rodeo. Now held in early July, the 2022 event had 1.2 million paid visitors over ten days. This was about the same as the 2019 rodeo, the last normal show before the pandemic began. This year's rodeo marked the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Calgary Stampede.

The first Stampede, held on the Labour Day weekend of 1912, was intended to be a one-time event commemorating the passing of the pioneer era. By then, Calgary was a rapidly expanding city. Founded in 1875 as Fort Calgary by the Mounties, the settlement was but a hamlet until the transcontinental railroad came through in 1883 and a post office opened.

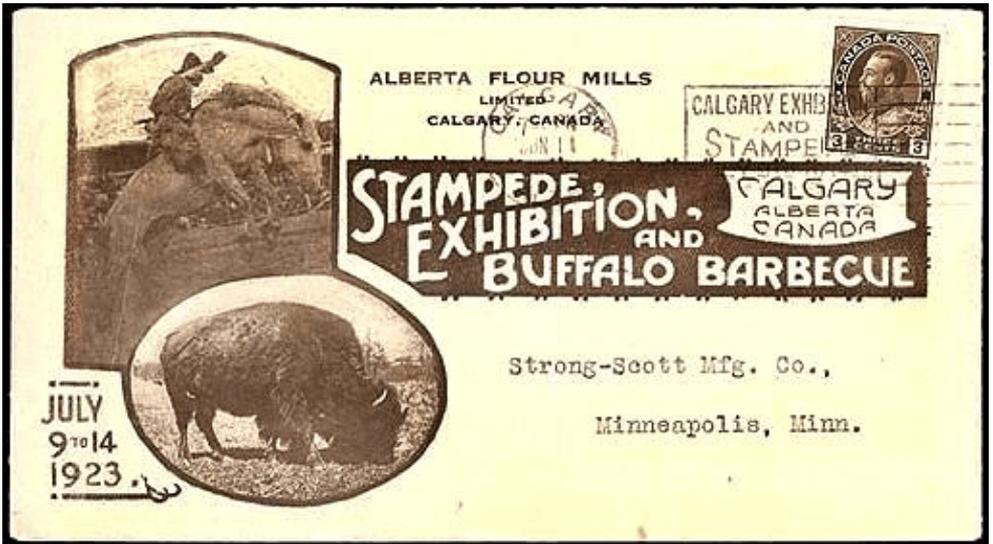
Here are the two sides of a postcard used in 1912. The text made reference to the rodeo.



In 1919, a second rodeo was held, called the Victory Stampede. Again, it was not intended to be an annual event but merely a celebration of the Armistice.

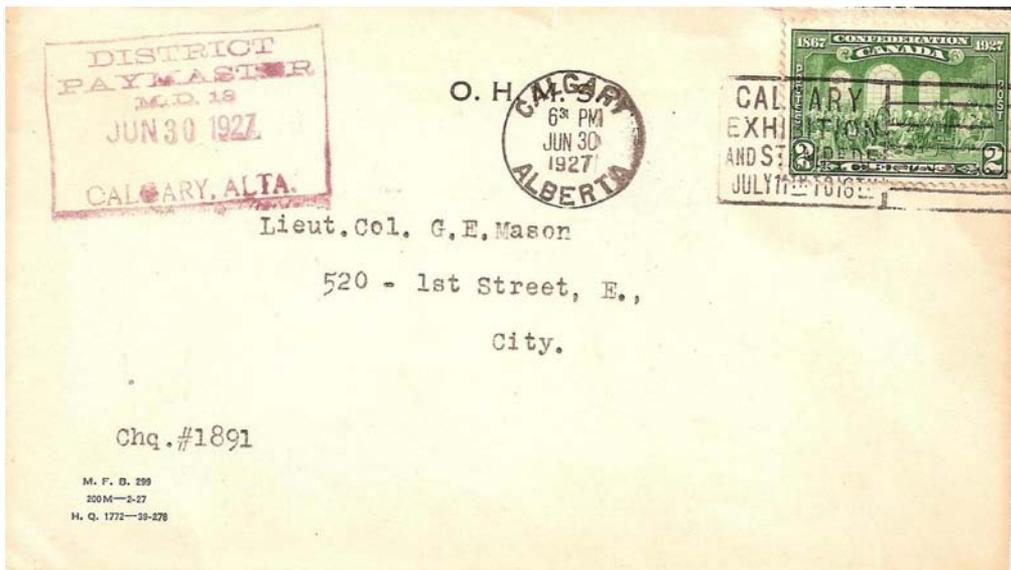


Calgary did have an annual Exhibition prior to, between, and after these two Stampedes. It was not a rodeo but a regular fair such as held by cities throughout Canada. In 1922, the Exhibition ran into financial difficulties. Both provincial and federal governments provided subsidies for agricultural fairs and rodeos but not municipal exhibitions, so in 1923 the Calgary event added a rodeo and renamed itself the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede.

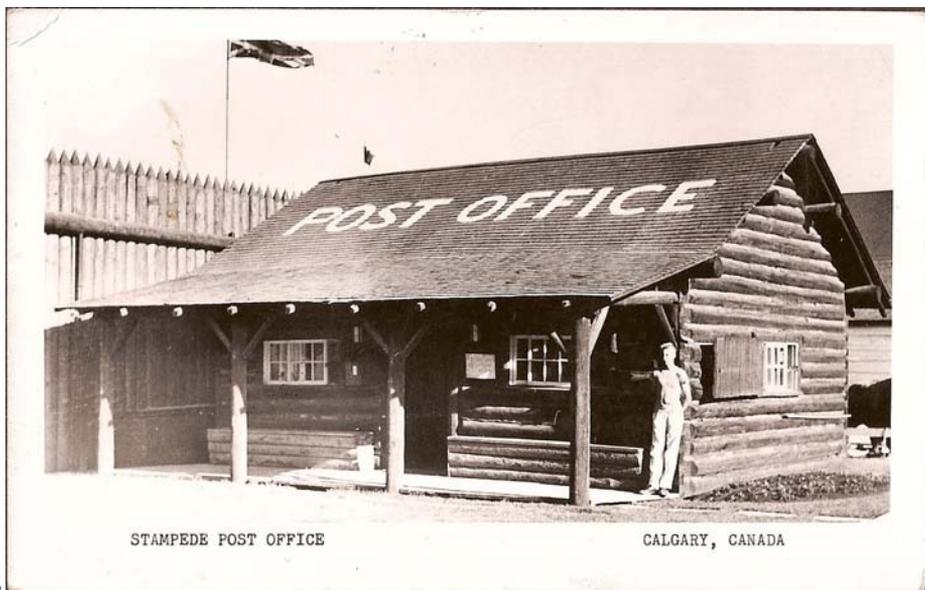


The Calgary Stampede therefore became an annual rodeo. In 1924, a post office opened on the grounds and operated in one form or another until 1991. There followed a wide variety of cancels, cachets, and covers, enough to fill several large albums.

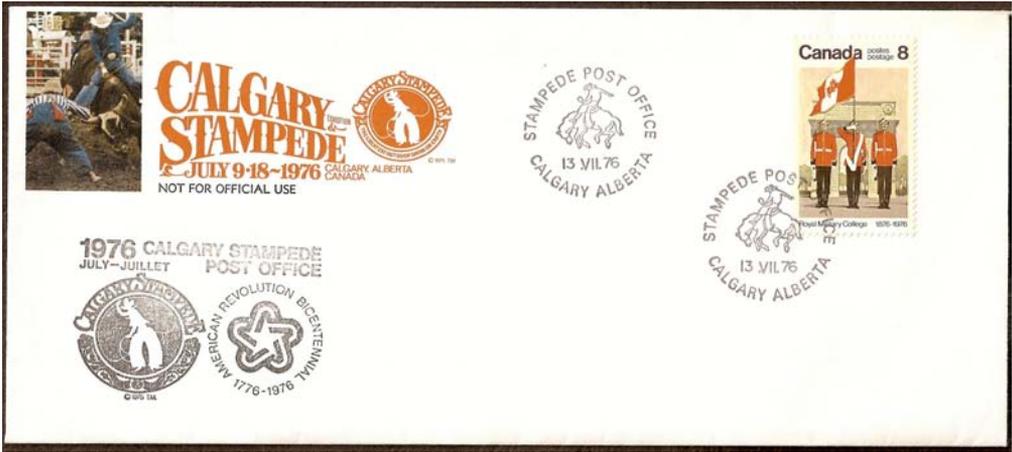
To pick a few examples, this 1927 cover is addressed to Dr E.G. Mason, the founder of the Calgary Philatelic Society, in his capacity as a reservist with the Calgary militia. Note the slogan cancel.



In 1935, the Stampede post office moved into a log cabin in the northwest corner of the Stampede grounds, as shown on this real-photo postcard..



Although the word Exhibition was never officially dropped, the fame of the rodeo was such that advertising covers put the word in small letters or sometimes omitted it completely.



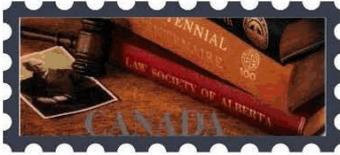
At left: The final year of the Stampede grounds postmark was 1991, an undated red cancel.



Below: There is a retail postal outlet in a Shoppers Drug Mart one block west of the Stampede LRT station. The RePO is named after the station, not the rodeo. This item is a first-day cancel for the stamp honouring the centennial of the Stampede in 2012.



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## **CALGARY POST OFFICES: CENTRAL CITY**

Calgary has three post offices and about 75 retail postal outlets, most out in the far suburbs. The post offices run directly by Canada Post will be closed all weekend, but most retail outlets should be open. Some may have limited hours for the Labour Day weekend.

If you want to get some postmarks of Calgary retail postal outlets close to the stamp show site, here are their addresses. The LRT train is free downtown along 7 Avenue but you have to buy a ticket going past City Hall to the east or 10 Street SW (the Kerby Centre station) to the west.

### **Downtown.**

Central Post Office: 6 Street SW and 5 Avenue, run directly by Canada Post. Open weekdays only, closed weekends and holidays.

Dominion Drugs: 7 Avenue SW and 8 Street, northwest corner. Closed on Sunday

Hallmark Cards: 8 Avenue SW and 3 Street, ground floor, Bankers Hall. Closed on Sunday

### **Chinatown.**

Hing Wah Imports: east side of Centre Street South, near 3 Avenue SE

### **Beltline.**

This is the area south of the railroad tracks, along the south side of the downtown.

Beltline Post Office: 911 - 10 Avenue SW. Run directly by Canada Post, not a RePO.

Shoppers Drug Mart: 17 Avenue and 7 Street SW

Shoppers Drug Mart: 15 Avenue and 1 Street SE. This has the Stampede Station postmark. If you take the Somerset LRT train, you have to buy a ticket, but it is good for 90 minutes both ways. From the City Hall station, the last free ride station going east, it is a ten-minute walk to the Drug Mart.

### **Bridgeland.**

Luke's Value Drug Mart: 1 Avenue NE and 4 Street. North side of the Bow River, east of Edmonton Trail. This is a 15-minute walk from City Hall over the bridges.

### **Hillhurst.**

Shoppers Drug Mart, 1436 Kensington Road NW. North of the Bow River in the Kensington shopping boutique district. About a 30-minute walk from the hotel but you can combine it with a stroll along the Bow River pathway system, then turn north at 14 Street SW and then east on Kensington Road. Lots of boutiques and restaurants on Kensington Road.

## SIGHTSEEING IN DOWNTOWN CALGARY

Parking in downtown Calgary is scarce and expensive, traffic is slow, and it is easier and faster just to walk. The LRT trains are free downtown on 7 Avenue South but you have to buy a ticket if you go out of the downtown westbound past 11 Street SW (the Kerby Centre station) at the west end of the core or eastbound past City Hall at the east end.

**Plus 15 pedestrian system:** Most of the skyscrapers along 8 Avenue and 7 Avenue (between 1 Street SW and 4 Street SW) are interconnected by second-floor walkways called the Plus 15. Lots of retail shopping and restaurants along the network on the second floor. 8 Avenue South in the downtown core is the Stephen Avenue pedestrian mall.

### SELF-GUIDED TOURS

**Chinatown:** Centre Street from 4 Avenue South to Riverfront Avenue. Starting from the Hyatt Regency Hotel, walk three blocks north along Centre Street where Chinatown begins. One block west of Centre Street on 2 Avenue SW is the Chinese Cultural Centre. The interior is an impressive dome decorated in the Chinese style, and there is a souvenir shop. Free admission.

**Option #1:** Walk upstream along the south bank of Bow River to these points of interest.

**Bow River Promenade:** Pathway park along south bank of Bow River from Centre Street upstream to 14 Street West. Natural riverbank scenery and several mini-parks adjacent to the pathway. No vehicle access, pedestrians only. The section between Macleod Trail SE and 3 Street SW is being reconstructed, so sections of the pathway may require detours.

**Prince's Island:** 3 Street SW in the Bow River. You will see pedestrian bridges at either end of the island to Prince's Island from the Bow River pathways. There is a pathway loop around the island, a wetlands park, and waterfowl lagoons. No vehicle access, pedestrians only.

**Peace Bridge:** 7 Street SW across the Bow River, a short distance upstream of Prince's Island. Pedestrian bridge that looks like a giant Chinese finger trap. You can cross over to the north bank pathway, then come back to the south bank further downstream at the Prince's Island pedestrian bridge. No vehicle access, pedestrians only.

**Option #2:** The far side of the Bow River valley has an escarpment with spectacular views. It is a longer walk with some stairs and slopes but can be combined with the Bow River walk for about two hours duration.

**Crescent Road NW escarpment:** Cliffs directly across from the downtown core overlooking the Bow River and skyscrapers. Walk north on Centre Street from the hotel past Chinatown, staying on the west side of the street. Go across Bow River bridge and up the hill. Halfway up the hill you will see a paved pathway going west along the escarpment. Further west on the escarpment at 2 Street NW is a set of wooden stairs going down to the valley floor. This connects with a pedestrian bridge across the river that goes into Prince's Island Park and makes a loop back to the hotel via the Bow River Promenade.

**Option #3:** Downtown core along Stephen Avenue pedestrian mall (8 Avenue South) From the Hyatt Regency Hotel front doors, go south on Centre Street a half-block to the Stephen Avenue pedestrian mall. This will also give you a good photo opportunity of the Calgary Tower, where Centre Street terminates at the base. Turn east along the mall.

**Olympic Plaza:** Public park at Stephen Avenue mall and Macleod Trail SE. This was where the Olympic medal presentations were made in 1988. On the southwest corner of the Plaza is the Famous Five group of bronze sculptures honouring pioneer suffragettes. These statues were depicted on one of the Millennium stamps issued by Canada Post.

**City Hall Plaza:** On the east side of Macleod Trail directly across from Olympic Plaza. Some sculptures that are worth a few minutes look.

**New Central Library:** Go around City Hall via 9 Avenue SE (the south end of the building). On the next block is a huge silver building, completed in 2018. Go inside and have a look at its spectacular atrium, paneled with hardwood parquet. A world-class library with more than a million users per year before the pandemic.

**Bell Media Studio:** Continue east along 9 Avenue SE another block. This building straddles otop 4 Street SE and looks like a giant boom box. It contains a music museum and studios. Admission fee required.

**Fort Calgary Park:** Still heading further east a few blocks on 9 Avenue SE, at the junction of the Elbow River and Bow River. This was the actual birthplace of Calgary in 1875, now a large park. There is a museum along the Elbow River side; admission fee required to enter the building. The outdoor park is free.

**Bow River Promenade:** From Fort Calgary, walk west along the south bank of the Bow River upstream to the Centre Street bridge. Numerous artworks and scenic views en route. At Centre Street, turn south into the downtown core and a few blocks later you will find yourself back at the hotel. Sections of the Promenade are being renovated so there may be detours.

**Option #4:** Downtown core along Stephen Avenue pedestrian mall (8 Avenue South) From the Hyatt Regency Hotel front doors, go south on Centre Street a half-block to the Stephen Avenue pedestrian mall. Turn west and walk along the mall. Numerous shops, restaurants, and taverns.

You can either return to the hotel the same way you came or loop back via the Bow River Promenade. For the latter, walk along the mall and then turn north along 4 Street SW. Stay on the west side of the street. At 7 Avenue there is a park with sculptures and landscaping at the old courthouse. Continue north on 4 Street SW and turn west on 5 Avenue. At 7 Street SW is another park, where Alberta Government House is located.

From there, go north on 7 Street to the riverbank. Turn east and return to the hotel via Centre Street in Chinatown.

## SIGHTSEEING IN CALGARY: SUBURBS

Although it is possible to reach many of these places by LRT train or bus, realistically you need a car to get there quickly instead of spending an hour each way on transit.

**The Hanger Flight Museum:** Located on the south side of Calgary International Airport, at 4629 McCall Way NE. Large collection of military and civilian aircraft. Admission fee; allow at least a half day.

**Heritage Park:** 14 Street SW and Heritage Drive. On the shore of Glenmore Reservoir with a faux pioneer village assembled with genuine pioneer buildings salvaged from throughout southern Alberta, including a post office. Has train tracks with working steam engines and trolley cars. Period-style restaurants. The ship S.S. Moyie operates on the reservoir and is the world's oldest intact sternwheeler still in daily operation. Admission fee; allow at least a half day.

**Bowmont Park:** Huge natural park on north bank of Bow River. Multiple entrances but the best one is at the south end of Silver Springs Boulevard NW. If you are coming out of downtown, drive northwest on Crowchild Trail NW and turn onto Silver Springs Gate, then turn south on Silver Springs Blvd. Leave your car at the cul-de-sac. There is a coulee alongside the cul-de-sac. Walk the pathway on the west side of the coulee down to the river where numerous springs erupt from the slopes. The pathway system goes for kilometres up and down the riverbank natural area, with cliff-top views.

**Nose Hill Park:** Huge natural park overlooking Calgary. This is the easternmost foothill of the Rockies. Multiple entrances all around the perimeter, but the best one is at Shaganappi Trail NW and Edgemont Boulevard. Spectacular views of the city. From downtown, drive northwest on Crowchild Trail NW and then turn north on Shaganappi Trail. An alternative entrance at 14 Street NW and 64 Avenue has views of eastern Calgary and, for plane spotters with telephoto lenses, the international airport.

**Fish Creek Provincial Park:** This park stretches across the south end of the city, with multiple entrances. Recommended entrance is to drive south on Macleod Trail, east on Canyon Meadows Drive SE, and then south on Bow Bottom Trail SE, which terminates inside the park. Mostly natural areas but there are the remains of a pioneer cattle ranch on your right as you drive into the park. Fish Creek flows into the Bow River at this entrance.

**Sandy Beach Park:** Go south on Crowchild Trail SW, then east on 50 Avenue SW to its end at 15 Street SW. Cliff top views, or you can walk down into the Elbow River valley natural area on established trails. Parking lots at both top and bottom.

**Calgary Zoo:** Take the Saddletowne train (ticket required) from the eastbound LRT platform adjacent to the hotel. Exit at Zoo station. Admission fee; allow at least a half day.



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