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Bhutan's Unusual Stamps



The first postage stamps of Bhutan were issued in 1962, the same year that the first road was opened. Before that the mail delivery system in place for official mail used barefoot mail runners, and between 1955 - 1962 revenue stamps were accepted as payment for internal mail. With Bhutan becoming accessible in the early 1960s, a formal postal system was introduced. American Burt Todd assisted in establishing a postage stamp program in the country. Bhutan became known for its unusual designs and use of materials in its stamps. Todd chose these specifically to attract

attention to the country through its stamps. Bhutan's talking stamps were the invention of the American adventurer Burt Todd, born into a wealthy Pittsburgh steel producing dynasty in 1924. Postage stamps became the vehicle through which Bhutan would begin to open its doors and seen internationally as a sovereign nation amidst two huge neighbors China to the north and India to the south. Bhutan produced the world's first 3D stamps using the lenticular printing, relief and sculptural stamps, as well as stamps printed on silk or even steel foil, a set of scented rose stamps, and the famous *Talking Stamps*, miniature records which can be played on a 33rpm record player. The set of seven comprise a yellow on red (Bhutanese History), gold on green (Royal Bhutan Anthem), silver on blue

(Bhutan History in English), *air mail* silver on purple (the Bhutan Anthem in Bhutanese and folk song 1), silver on black (Folk song 1), red on white (Folk song 2), and *air mail* black on yellow (Bhutan History in English and both Folk songs.)



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Notable People on Stamps:



Name **Pitseolak Ashoona**
Country of issue Canada
Face Value 43¢
Date of Issue March 8, 1993
Scott # 1458
Prominent Canadian Women (set of 4) Others featured are: Adelaide Hoodless, Marie-Joséphine Gérin-Lajoie, and Helen Alice Kinnear

Pitseolak Ashoona
Pitseolak, was born on Nottingham Island, in the Northwest Territories circa 1904, she died May 28, 1983. Having been brought up in a traditional Inuit lifestyle, she traveled from camp to camp with her people. In 1922 she married, and bore seventeen children. Sadly only six of her children would live to adulthood. After the death of her husband life became increasingly difficult. A local administrator encouraged the widow to carve, sew and draw scenes

from her memories of the traditional way of life. At her home in Cape Dorset she produced drawings of monsters and spirits of Inuit tales, scenes of early Inuit life and other memories from her heart. These works are now located in galleries and private collections around the world. In 1971 she told her story in the book:

*Pitseolak :
Pictures out of my life.*

November Meeting Moments

The Annual Holiday Party will be Sunday December 10th at 12:30 PM, at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy Churchill, PA 15235. If you are attending, please sign up to bring a side dish. If you will make it to the party, and have not already done so, please contact Danielle to RSVP dmm742000@yahoo.com phone (412) 727-1096 Non member guests are welcome at a cost of \$5 each, the WSC club provides the Chicken. We are adding a Chinese auction this year with some great items for all attending, proceeds go to the club. Come join in the fellowship, games and good food! As per previous years there will still be a contest

and prize awarded...

Programs

In an attempt to make the meetings more interesting, there was a discussion about adding, a program or question & answer session after the meeting or before. An attempt will be made to get these topics into the newsletter, if we can decide on subject matter a month ahead. Hopefully we will start this in January.

It was decided at the November 19th meeting the first program that will include watermarks and tags, and how to detect them.

The programs will be presented at the second meeting in the month,...this first one will be on the 21st of January

What Everyone Collects

It was also suggested that we might have sheets available with a list of what fellow members collect, hopefully this will make it easier to connect with someone that collects similar stamps.

We hope to get this list together soon... If you do not attend the meetings, please contact Danielle to add your interests to the listing. dmm742000@yahoo.com phone (412) 727-1096 or return the sheet included in your newsletter.

Upcoming Elections

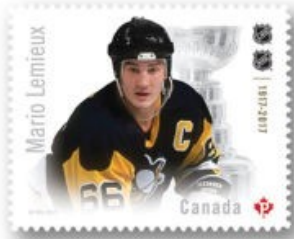
Club is now accepting nominations for the two year positions of recording Secretary and President.

If you are interested in either of

these posts make it known at a meeting,...

Election to be held in February. Installation will be in June 2018

NHL "THE ULTIMATE SIX" CANADIAN POST



Known for his extraordinary intensity **Maurice** "the Rocket" **Richard's** aura still burns radiantly around the Canadiens.

A ten times Stanley Cup[®] champion with the Montreal Canadiens[®], **Béliveau** is considered one of the game's great ambassadors. **Gretzky** gained global fame for his scoring exploits, establishing more than five dozen NHL records. Known as 'Mr. Hockey,' **Howe** was a four-time champion in a career that spanned more than six decades. A remarkable talent who overcame injury and illness, **Lemieux** is the only man in NHL history to lift the Stanley Cup as both a player and owner. **Orr** revolutionized the defenseman's role, leading the league in scoring on two occasions.

As with all 2017 issues, these

stamps include a reference to Canada's sesquicentennial. The words 'Canada 150' appear in red fluorescent ink when the stamps are viewed under black light.

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Avi Dunkelman, Joseph Gault (MIX Design Group)

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Book of 6 - Permanent[™] (domestic rate)

Souvenir Sheets - set of 6

Special pane of 6

First Day Covers - set of 6

Collector Album - 5th in series

Hockey cards - sold out

Note*

information from the Canadian Postal site;

<https://www.canadapost.ca/>

Upcoming Shows**Dec 3rd, 2017**

Sun 10-4

Cranberry Stamp Show
VFW Post #7505331 Mars Valencia Road
Mars, Pennsylvania
Free Parking & Admission
Kevin Kellman
301-524-9562
Email k2stamps@gmail.com**Dec 17th, 2017**

Sun 10-4

Lancaster Stamp Show
Farm and Home Center1383 Arcadia Road
(Route 30 to Route 72, turn
onto Service Road)
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Free Parking & Admission
Kevin Kellman
301-524-9562
Email k2stamps@gmail.com**WSC Meetings****Visitors are welcome!**Next meetings are January
14th & 28th We meet on the
2nd & 4th Sunday (no holi-
days), except summer
months of May, June, July
and August when we meet
once a month, on the 2nd
Sunday. Doors open at 12:30
P.M. until ?, with the busi-
ness meeting at 2 P.M. at the
Churchill Borough Building,
2300 William Penn Hwy
Churchill, PA 15235.*Free light lunch available***DUES ARE ONLY \$8.00 PER
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your dues yet you can send
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are welcome.*Note* articles submitted may
be edited for content or to fit
the Format.**Club members get a free hard
copy of the newsletter.***Stamp Collecting - A Hobby for Everyone**Hobby - hob-by n., pl. hob-bies.
An activity or interest pursued
outside one's regular occupation
and engaged in primarily for
pleasure.Few hobbies match the flexi-
bility of stamp collecting. It is
suitable for nearly all ages. You
can collect stamps all 12 months
of the year regardless of the cli-
mate where you are located. It
does not require any special
skills or great wealth. Some in-
dividuals begin as young as age
4 and many collect until the day
they die.**Who Collects Stamps?**Stamp collecting has often
been called "the hobby of kings
and the king of hobbies." Linn's
Stamp News estimates that more
than 5 million individuals in the
United States collect the small
pieces of paper that indicate
payment of postage. Stamp col-
lectors include individuals fromall walks of life. While Presi-
dent Franklin Roosevelt may
have been the most famous U.S.
collector, other well known col-
lectors include financial guru
Bill Gross and Warren Buffet;
astronaut Henry Hartsfield; ac-
tors Gary Burghoff, James Earl
Jones and Patrick Dempsey;
author James Michener, explor-
er Jacques Cousteau; former
Wimbledon champion Maria
Sharapova; musicians John Len-
non, Freddy Mercury and Ron
Wood; cartoonist Gary Trudeau;
and French President Nicholas
Sarkozy.**What is Stamp Collecting?**
"Stamp collecting" is the accu-
mulation of material related to
the payment of postage and the
carriage of the mails. In addition
to traditional postage stamps,
many philatelists -- the fancy
word for stamp collectors -- also
collect covers, envelopes thatcarried mail. Some individuals
also collect markings or labels
applied to mail including postage
meters. Others will even collect
Christmas Seals, revenue stamps
and other ephemera.**Why Collect Stamps?**Most individuals collect for re-
laxation and enjoyment although
many secretly hope that they will
discover a rare and elusive stamp
that will make them wealthy.
Some individuals collect as an
investment. While the American
Philatelic Society does not pro-
mote this, stamp collecting is a
better investment than many
other hobbies. As stamps are
miniature works of art, it's nearly
impossible to collect them with-
out gaining a large amount of
knowledge. Stamps also usually
provide a much greater return on
your investment than other hob-
bies. While you might not get
back more than you invest, howmuch return can you get on your
golf scorecard?* Re-printed from the APS
<https://stamps.org/A-Hobby-for-Everyone>

Junior Corner – Housing Your Collection

“Hey, hand me that Gismo” - Ok so you don’t really know what Pap is talking about but you hand him something from the general direction of his point... for the next few months we will cover those Gismos...

The Tools of the Philatelists or Stamp Collector;

This month we will discuss **Stamp Albums/Stock Books**: It is a good idea to store your stamps in albums to help protect them. You can buy stamp albums from some stamp dealers, or on the internet, or make your own. You can even use a photo album with acid-free paper. (Do not use a photo album with pages that are sticky as these pages will damage your stamps).

Some stamp albums that

you purchase feature specific categories with the pictures of the stamps that should appear on each page. Another type of album is a stock book. It has plastic or paper pockets on each page to hold the stamps. Stock books contain stock pages with various sized protective pockets. They do not picture the stamps, this enables you to organize your stamps any way you wish.

It is recommended that one should keep stamps in glassine envelopes until time to place them in albums or stock pages...

Elements of a Stamp

1. Name of Country:

Over two hundred and sixty nations from all parts of the world currently issue stamps. All countries include their name on the stamp, except Great Britain which only uses a picture of the Queen’s head and no text.

2. Denomination:

This number is the “face value” or cost of a stamp.

3. **Subject:** the design on a stamp may be a number, a famous person, or it may honor an important event, animal, plant, rock, or any theme worthy of attention.

4. **Perforations** of the stamp: these small holes around the edge of the stamp make it easy to tear stamps apart from a sheet booklet, or coil.

5. Cancellation:

This mark is put on the stamp to show that it has been used, to prevent it from being used again. It may include wavy lines, straight lines, fancy shapes, mottos, or a simple pen mark.

5a. CTO— Canceled To Order are pre-canceled stamps from some countries usually easily identified by the gum on the stamp still intact.

6. Color:

This is often important for identifying older stamps.

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50 Years ago - December 1967



December 1967
"Cogwheels"

Europa issues
Nineteen countries, which included Andorra, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco,

Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, San Marino, Switzerland, and Turkey

The common design of three cogwheels is featured on the stamps. The central cogwheel has the CEPT logo in his center and 22 teeth, one tooth for each 1967 members of CEPT.

Several countries used their own design: San Marino (Map of Europe) - Liechtenstein (their design is slightly different, their cogwheel has only 10 teeth)

Designer: Oscar Bonneville (Belgium)

Note: Most of the other country stamps were issued in late April and early May. The **Europa postage stamp** (also known as Europa -

CEPT until 1992) is an annual joint issue with a common design or theme by postal administrations of member countries of the European Communities (1956-1959), the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications

Administrations (CEPT) from 1960 to 1992, and the PostEurop Association since 1993. Europe is the central theme.

Other examples below



May 2, 1967



April 20, 1967



March 13, 1967