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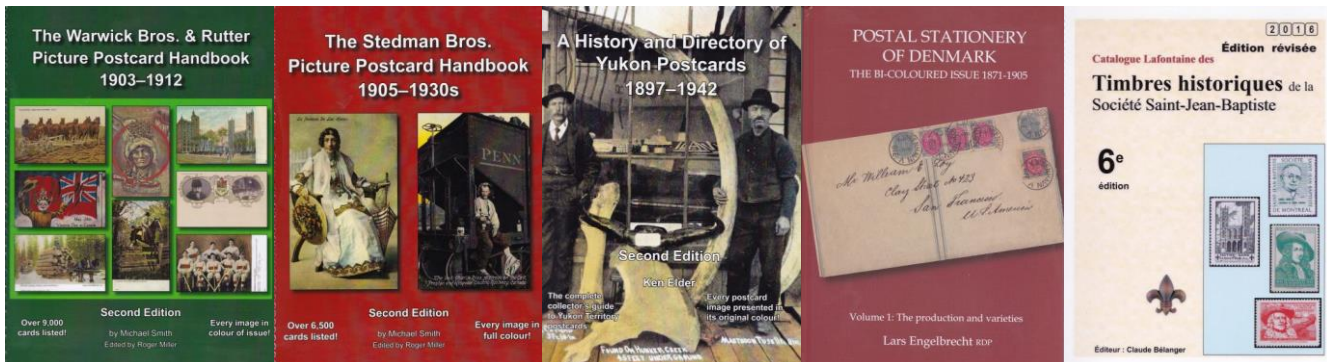


While Toronto is now at stage 3 opening, the library will remain closed to visitors until at least September. All inquiries should be directed to Lee Ann at 416-921-2073 or by email at info@greenefoundation.ca. I will update the news when I find out more.



The most exciting news of the month is that Friend Charles J.G. Verge, RDP, FRPSC, FRPSL is expected to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists on Friday, 24 September 2021 with all of the others elected in 2020 and those of 2021. The signing ceremony will be during the 102nd Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in Harrogate, Yorkshire. While there he will be busy judging as well. This photograph was taken in October of 2005 of Charles and Michael Madesker, RDP, FRPSC, FRPSL. Michael also

received the Smithsonian Philatelic Achievement Award and made a generous donation to the library of material related to his exhibits and his time at the FIP Commission for Youth Philately. For more information on the roll you can see: <https://www.abps.org.uk/roll-of-distinguished-philatelists/> or <https://philatelicspecialistsociety.com/rdp.php> (which has information on all seven of the previous Canadian RDPs including Michael, we will now add a display for our eighth, very exciting).

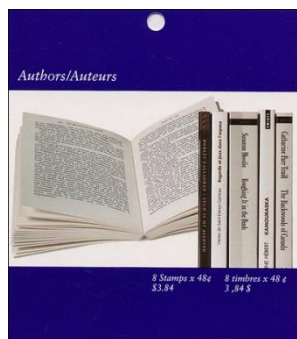


These first two new items are the greatly expanded second editions by Michael Smith: *The Warwick Bros. & Rutter Picture Postcard Handbook 1903-1912* and *The Steadman Bros. Picture Postcard Handbook 1905-1930s*. Next is *A History and Directory of Yukon Postcards 1897-1942* by Ken Elder. *Postal Stationery of Denmark* is the new 2 volume set by Lars Engelbrecht, RDP. We also now have the 2016 *Catalogue Lafontaine des timbres historiques de la Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste* edited by Claude Bélanger.

Somehow our subscription to the *Journal of Chinese Philately* had lapsed. We have renewed although we are missing the following issues: v.53:no.5 (#365, Aug 2006); v.56:no.5 (#382, June 2009); v.57-v.59:no.3 (#398, Feb 2013); v.59:no.5 (#400, Jun 2013)-v.61:no.1 (#408, Oct 2014); v.62:no.3 (#415, Jan 2015) to June 2021. If you have any of these issues that you are willing to part with, we would like to fill in our collection. And thank you in advance if you do!



Martel) have all been won by Canadians. In 2002, half the writers on the Booker shortlist were Canadians...” In the order shown are: Morley Callaghan (1903-1990), Anne Hébert (1912-1943), Susanna Moodie (1803-1885) and Catharine Parr Trail (1802-1899) and Hector de Saint-Denys Garneau (1912-1943).



At left is the booklet issue of the stamps. Our very own Charles J.G. Verge (RDP!) was instrumental in getting both of the Strickland sisters included on the one stamp. For more information about each of these authors check out: <https://thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en> or <https://thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/fr> and search for your choice. Another source is <https://www.britannica.com/>. For a more scholarly approach you could try <https://canadian-writers.athabascau.ca/> for both the French and English authors.

The pages themselves are very good although I found many of the links not working. You could also try the Dictionary of Canadian Biography at <http://biographi.ca/en/> or <http://biographi.ca/fr/> although they do not include all of these authors. It is very interesting that there are some new projects, for example see:

<https://www.susannamoodie.com/about/> about Kamouraska and:

<https://www.inthehills.ca/2017/06/lost-diaries-susanna-moodie/> for a new book. I

do not often mention that you can also check out <https://www.wikipedia.org/> (choose Français if you prefer).

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Two of our generous friends let me know about this article on letterlocking, check it out:

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20210616-how-the-forgotten-tricks-of-letterlocking-shaped-history>, very

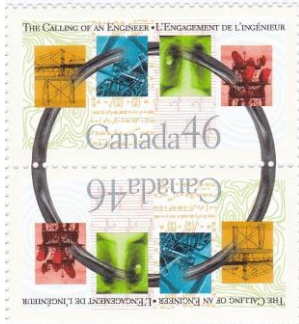
interesting. I had not been aware of this, nor that there are people studying it, the Unlocking History Research Group, find them at: <http://letterlocking.org/about>.



Friend Jerry Piotrowski has a follow-up to the Winnie the Pooh story. There was another bear involved with an army unit who has also had a stamp issue (Scott 4909 from 31 October 2017). The image is the insignia of the 22nd Artillery Support Company of the 2nd Polish Corps. “Wojtek” was enlisted and promoted corporal during World War 2, a very different story than that of Winnie as he was known for drinking beer and smoking (then eating) cigarettes. There is a Time article, see: <https://time.com/4731787/wojtek-the-bear-history/>. or check out:

<http://thesoldierbear.com/> and <http://www.wojtekthebear.com/>. Or try [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wojtek_\(bear\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wojtek_(bear)).

An announcement from the Canadian Aerophilatelist: the next CAS/BNAPS Air Mail Study Group zoom day of aerophilately will be Saturday, 4 September 2021 from noon to 2 Eastern time. This will be part of the virtual BNAPEX. Attendance is free but registration is required and began in July at the website bnaps.org. And remember, this is another chance to qualify for CAPEX22.



This is Unitrade 1848 – The Calling of an Engineer. You may be asking why it is included here. There are two reasons: the first is that there is a literary connection that most do not know. The ritual represents a personal Obligation to practice ethically and in a professional manner and was written by Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936). There are many places that you can get information about the poet and author such as his page at the Nobel Prize: <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/literature/1907/kipling/biographical/>; <https://www.biography.com/writer/rudyard-kipling> or <http://www.online-literature.com/kipling/>.

The second reason is that my first degree is in mechanical engineering (BScME, 1979, UNB) so I was called and the ring was placed on my finger by my father, also an engineer, who taught in the engineering faculty there. You can learn more about the ring and what it symbolizes at: <https://www.ironring.ca/home-en/> or https://web.archive.org/web/20110706192330/http://www.networx.on.ca/~njdevil/mainpage/E_Eng/Academic/jj-ring.htm#4. The ring represents the fact that you have taken the Obligation so it is only open to those who graduate from a Canadian institution with an engineering degree. It is supported by all of those institutions although it is administered by the Corporation of the Seven Wardens, Inc., those who commissioned the ritual. I worked as an engineer for 11 years, ten of them in the testing of gas turbine engines, before I changed to teaching at the college level. During that time I let my membership in the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario lapse so I am no longer an engineer. After that I was a professor for 25 years, mostly teaching technology and business math, at the college level. Then I earned my second degree, 30 years after my first, in library sciences (MIST, 2009, UofT).



CAPEX22 update: On 29 June 2021 the official website announced the souvenir sheet shown at left with the CAPEX22 logo, see: <https://capex22.org/bluenose-stamp-unveiling-includes-capex-22-logo-on-the-souvenir-sheet/> for more information. The June-July 2021 *Details* had this to say: “This year marks the 100th anniversary of the launch of the *Bluenose*” Later it

continues: “*Bluenose* has adorned the 10-cent coin almost exclusively since 1937, is featured on Nova Scotia’s current licence plate, was immortalized in song by folk legend Stan Rogers and has appeared on four previously issued Canadian stamps. The schooner is also one of the very few non-human inductees in Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame.” The article also highlights the CAPEX 22 logo and gives the link to



the website. Of course this has been done in the past. At left is 1107b explorers of Canada 1st issue with CAPEX 87 and 1604 historic land vehicles for CAPEX 96. This is the 4th issue, the 3rd (1552) also has it.

The fact that I missed putting the June celebrations into the June newsletter got me thinking. There are many (many) unofficial days that you can celebrate. For example, the first Friday of August is International Beer Day (<http://internationalbeerday.com/>). The 9th is National Peacekeepers' Day in Canada (the UN Day is in March), see: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/canadian-armed-forces/peacekeeping>. The 19th is Aviation Day in the U.S. (Canadian Aviation Day is in February). You could try the Canadian Aviation Museum: <https://ingeniumcanada.org/aviation> and <https://www.thisdayinaviation.com/>. My favourite is the 27th which is International Bat Night (see Bat Conservation International at <https://www.batcon.org/>). On the less celebratory side the 24th is the day Pluto was demoted to a dwarf planet.



It will come as no surprise to any of you that I love libraries. In my research for this newsletter I have come across many beautiful libraries and this is one of them, the central branch of the Vancouver Public Library. Find more at



<https://www.vpl.ca/story-of-central-library> or at <https://www.safdiarchitecture.com/projects/vancouver-library-square>. It was officially opened on 26

more about their green roof at: <https://www.greenroofs.com/projects/vancouver-public-library-library-square-building/>.



While Willow walks ... Fox edition ...

This story started in the early morning on a late spring day when I stepped out of my apartment and actually saw one of the Riverdale foxes in the garden a few doors down, I was thrilled. Of course, I did not get a picture, the fox was long gone even before my brain comprehended that it was not a dog. However, it got me thinking about other foxes that I had seen. Bringing me to the two shown here which grace the pedestals of a gate near our offices. You can tell they are foxes by the big, bushy tails. It turns out that there are several fox stamps.



These are Unitrade 1159 and 1879 (both wildlife definitives from 1988 and 2000), 2177 (from the endangered species first issue in 2006), 2392 (from the wildlife photography series in 2010), 2430 (baby wildlife definitive from 2011 and the Arctic Fox from the Snow Mammal set in 2021 (Unitrade 3279). It seems we all like foxes.

Keep well and safe, Willow, Librarian, library@greenefoundation.ca, Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library; <http://www.greenefoundation.ca/library.htm#about>, <https://15758.rmwebopac.com/> Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation Newsletters: <http://www.greenefoundation.ca/library.htm#friends>