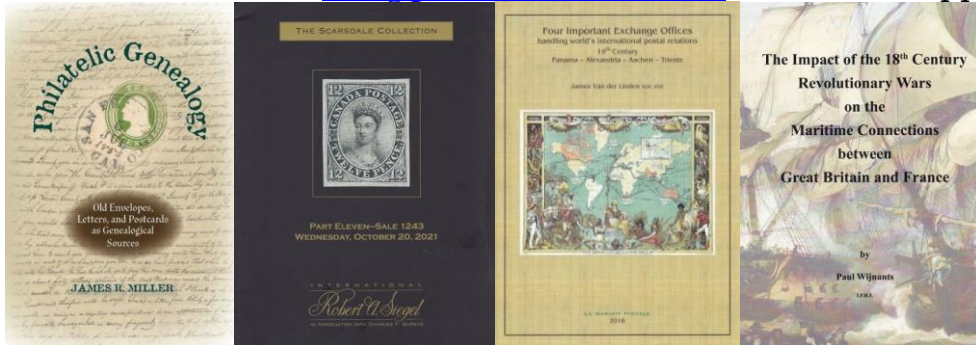




Dear Friends of the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library,



Fall is here with crisp nights and the leaves changing colour. The library is now open for appointments of up to 2 hours on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 11 and 3. Please bring a valid vaccination passport and wear a mask at all times while maintaining physical distance, we have hand sanitizer at the door. Contact Lee Ann at 416-921-2073 or info@greenefoundation.ca to make an appointment.



New items this month include: *Philatelic Genealogy: Old Envelopes, Letters and Postcards as Genealogical Sources* by James R.

Miller. He also maintains a website for the same purpose, <http://philgen.org/>. We have the catalogue for the British North America Scarsdale Collection Part 11, Robert A. Siegel Sale 1243 held 20 October. Siegel has many of their catalogues online, see: https://siegelauctions.com/past_sales.php. You can get the prices realized, search for the other Scarsdale sales or look at the spectacular William H. Gross sales. Next is: *Four Important Exchange Offices handling world's international postal relations, 19th Century: Panama, Alexandria, Aachen, Trieste* by James Van der Linden. *The Impact of the 18th Century Revolutionary Wars on the Maritime Connections between Great Britain and France* is by Paul Wijnants.

We are missing several Postal Bid Sales by Bow City Philatelics Ltd. If you have any of these that you are willing to part with, we would be pleased to compete our collection: anything from 1990-1997, #54-55, #57-59, #75, #77-78, #80-81, #83-84.



As this is November, I am featuring Unitrade 2835, In Flanders Fields. *Collection Canada 2015* says “issued May 3, 2015, to honour the 100th anniversary of John McCrae’s iconic poem *In Flanders Fields*, and pay tribute to all the men and women who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces.” There is also a stamp (#487) to honour Lt. Col. John McCrae (1872-1918) at the 50th anniversary of his death from pneumonia, an indirect casualty of war, on 28 January. *Details* (May 2015) indicates that he was a native of Guelph, Ontario and surgeon

with the First Brigade of the Canadian Field Artillery. The beloved and evocative poem was written on 2 May 1915 to mourn the death of his friend, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, an officer in his unit. “The Government of Canada, through the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, designated John McCrae as a National Historic Person in 1946 and McCrae House as a National Historic Site in 1966. The building contains permanent and temporary exhibits about the life and

times of McCrae.” See: <https://guelphmuseums.ca/venue/mccrae-house/>. “McCrae’s moving tribute to the real cost of war has since become perhaps the best known and most beloved wartime poem in Canadian history. His words continue to be part of Remembrance Day services throughout the world, and the poppies he saw blooming in Flanders fields remain a symbol for the sacrifices of all those who have fought and died in war.” There is a good history at: <https://rcl286.com/poppy-remembrance/>.



The October issue of the *Markham Stamp Club newsletter* (v.4:no.10) had a very interesting article about online postal museums by friend Larry



Lockway. He selected a great list with English content based on site design, usability and navigation. First is the UK Postal Museum at <https://www.postalmuseum.org/>; then the US National Postal Museum at <https://postalmuseum.si.edu/>. Then Bhutan Postal Museum (<http://www.bhutanpostalmuseum.bt/>).



His final choice is the Chunghwa Postal Museum (Taiwan) https://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U_english/index.jsp?ID=240401, select the Enter button at the bottom of the entry page.



Larry, thank you for the wonderful selection you have made. We already get the newsletter from the Smithsonian and I have now signed up for the one from the UK. There is an extensive list of worldwide postal museums at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postal_museum for more exploring.



Victoria Stamps

Victoria, BC, Canada

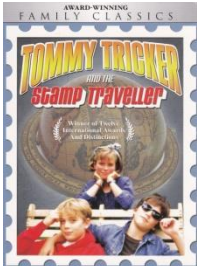
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Friend Peter Newroth told me about another great website: <http://www.vicstamps.com/>. Check out all the detailed information about the societies and

clubs. In addition, the Wellburn Philatelic Foundation button has great information about outreach. They provide free stamps and other collecting tools for anyone who asks, free packets of stamps with information about the group and have even put the packets in Little Free Libraries (LFLs) in the Victoria area. I have been planning an article about LFLs for a while, here is a link to this one: <https://victoriaplacemaking.ca/little-free-libraries/>, see more below. They have a fantastic Links

page, spend some time exploring. I found an amazing site for stamp collecting societies worldwide: <http://www.stampshows.com/clubs.html>. Although I found some of the links broken, it is a good starting place to find a group in any country.

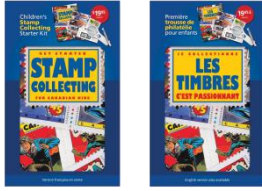


The APS has done a fantastic job of connecting during the lockdowns. One is to create a weekly newsletter (go to <https://stamps.org/news> and then scroll to the bottom to sign up for it). In the 11 October issue they included a piece on Stamp Movies about the 1988 Canadian production *Tommy Tricker and the Stamp Traveller*, including all the stamps featured in the movie. You can find the piece using their search function. We have a copy of this movie in our collection along with the follow up movie *The Return of Tommy Tricker*.



Planning continues for CAPEX 22 to be held in only 7 months. This news just in: the American Philatelic Society has joined as a Partner Level Sponsor! BNAPS continues their Matching Funds Program where they match member donations one to one, doubling your contribution. Go to: <https://capex22.org/sponsor-donate/donate/> (be sure to indicate that you are a BNAPS member) or at BNAPS

(<https://bnaps.org/members/CAPEX22-Donation.htm>. CAPEX News 8



(<https://capex22.org/our-story/whats-new/>).indicated that Canada Post has generously donated a number of Children's Stamp Collecting Starter Kits for the exhibition. The deadline to apply to exhibit is 30 November, details are in the 9th newsletter or see: <https://capex22.org/exhibitors/application-form/>.

The Philatelic Database

This Australian source was launched in 2007, <http://www.philatelicdatabase.com/>. Select any of the buttons and you can then either browse or use

the "Categories" button at right to select for one of hundreds of choices including many countries and many thematic topics. You could spend hours here.



In other news, it was announced at BNAPEX 2021 Virtual that the Pence-Cents Era Study Group Newsletter won the John S. Siverts Award for best newsletter. Congratulations Friend James Jung! See more about the award at: <https://bnaps.org/archives/awards-siverts.htm> and visit the newsletter at: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/PenceCents/newsletters.htm>.



Celebrations this month include: Movember, grow a moustache for men's health: <https://ca.movember.com/>.

I have used these stamps (Unitrade #857-8) for the 3 moustachioed men, they were issued in 1980 for the

centenary of *O Canada*. The men are Calixa Lavalée, Adolphe-Basile Routhier and Robert Stanley Weir. See: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/anthems-canada/history-o-canada.html> for a history of the song.



November is also Aviation History Month. This is #2317 issued in 2009 for the first flight in Canada showing the *Silver Dart*. You could try: <http://aviation-history.com/about.html>, <https://www.nasa.gov/aero/10-things-to-do-on-NAD>, or <https://www.historynet.com/magazines/mag-avh>.



The 14th is World Diabetes day, this is #533 issued in 1971 to mark the 50th anniversary of the discovery of insulin by Drs. F.G. Banting and C.H. Best at the University of Toronto. They have their own web page at <https://worlddiabetesday.org/>, check out all there is to do.

The 20th is National Child Day, see <https://www.nationalchildday.ca/> for more. This is the same day as World Children's Day

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day>. Actually the

United Nations marks many days in order to advocate for many important causes, see their list at: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/>.



Lighter holidays include: the 8th is Abet and Aid Punsters Day (you know who you are); the 13th World Kindness Day (and week), see <https://worldkindness.org/>, <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>, <https://schoolofkindness.org/> (they have interesting materials to use with children), or <https://www.randomacts.org/>; the 19th is Rocky and Bullwinkle Day and the 23rd Doctor Who Day. And, for those of you who

want to know the beer days: the 3rd is Learn How to Homebrew Day

(<https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/aha-events/learn-to-homebrew-day/>), the 5th is International Stout Day (<https://stoutday.com/>), the 17th is Happy Gose day.

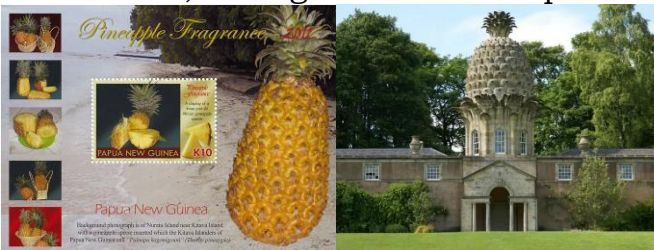
While Willow Walks ... Pineapple Finials edition



I have always walked in the city, however, lockdowns and no swimming has meant that I have been walking much more to get the exercise. As a result I have found many interesting things, and created this column to show you some of them. This is one of the best: pineapple finials. I have found many of them all over the areas that I walk. They may not look like pineapples, but they are beautiful in all of the available variety. It will come as no surprise that Canada has no pineapple stamps, many other countries do. All stamp images are courtesy of Amos Media, thank you.



These are Scott Australia 2699, Brazil 1664, 2634 and 2636K, People's Republic of China 4556, Portugal 3735 and Papua New Guinea 1554. Below left is another stamp



in that series, #1555. At right is Dunmore House in Scotland from: <https://www.atlasobscura.com/article/s/the-hidden-history-of-the-housewarming-pineapple>. A symbol of welcome and hospitality.

This is why they often appear on gates as all the ones I found were. Another article (<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/fd88a460a28343cca0206dbfa2f0de27>) gives an extensive history of the fruit. This story will continue in future newsletters as there are other fascinating ways that the symbol is used around our city.



With just a little space left I am going to include a teaser about LFLs. This is a decorated one near our offices. The official website is: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>. There are dozens of LFLs in Toronto, you can find some of them at: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>. Others simply build their own "house" and put their excess books in it. Although many love the concept, there is controversy, see, for example: <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2017/05/10/torontos-radical-librarians-critique-little-free-library.html>.

Keep well and safe,
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