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The United Kingdom marks 60 years of H.M. Queen Elizabeth's reign with portraits by Dorothy Wilding (1952 definitive stamps), Robert Austin (banknote portrait), Harry Ecclestone (banknote portrait) Mary Gillick (coinage portrait) and Arnold Machin (special diamond jubilee definitive stamp). (Item courtesy Carol Berger, see p. 12.)

Regular meetings: Feb 27, Mar 12, Apr 2 & 16 & 30  
St. Joseph High School Cafeteria, 10830 - 109 Street, 6:30 p.m.  
see page 13 for program details

Editor: Alan Meech

## The Edmonton Stamp Club

The Edmonton Stamp Club dates back to 1912. The Club is Life Chapter #6 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Chapter #680 of the American Philatelic Society.



The editor welcomes communications of all kinds—letters, comment and articles. These may be forwarded to Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2J6 or [ameech@telusplanet.net](mailto:ameech@telusplanet.net). □

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## Greetings, Philatelists!

Lots to talk about so let me get started.

At our last club meeting, the members spread out over 1700 entries in the province-wide student design-a-stamp contest. These pieces of art were judged on their visual impact as well as on how well they were able to portray the theme of RCMP history and involvement in Alberta, both past and present. The “Best of the Bunch” were then spread out again at the last Board meeting and the directors and executives had their turn to debate and decide on only one for each of the four age categories. It was definitely not an easy task for there were compelling reasons to choose many more but hard choices had to be made and we definitely came up with four winners.

Through the hard work of John Attrell (a proud, and supportive life member), these four artworks were transformed into a unique sheet of twelve stamps to be available at the Royal 2012 Royale at the beginning of June. You will have the opportunity to see the art entered into the contest at the same event for we hope to “wallpaper” the hallway with entries as well as offer show covers with the stamps chosen as the most striking. You will have the chance to get your own copies of some winning artwork.

This now brings me to my next topic, Royal 2012 Royale. There are only a few short weeks left for the early registration discount of \$25. I realize that some members may find the cost of the registration package a tad steep but the perks to make it worth while. On Friday, there will be a (small) bottle of rum on the *Santa Maria*, with snacks and chitchat opportunities afterwards. On Saturday there will be an awards banquet on the *Edmonton Queen* as it floats down the majestic North Saskatchewan River on a balmy June evening. Well, I can't promise the “balmy” part, but these two events alone take care of the cost of an early-bird registration. There is access to over 200 frames of international caliber exhibits and three days to visit a bourse filled with more than twenty dealers. If you are serious about stamps and the enjoyment they give you, this opportunity comes to Edmonton rarely. My Omi (Mom's Mom) passed along this wisdom years ago and it still makes sense: “If you can fix your problem with money, then it is not worth worrying about.”

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## Mirror Writing at Green Court

by R. Parama

I was researching the mail routes to Green Court when I came across the post card shown as Figure 1. It was posted at Green Court on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1911 and sent to England. The message is written in mirror image.

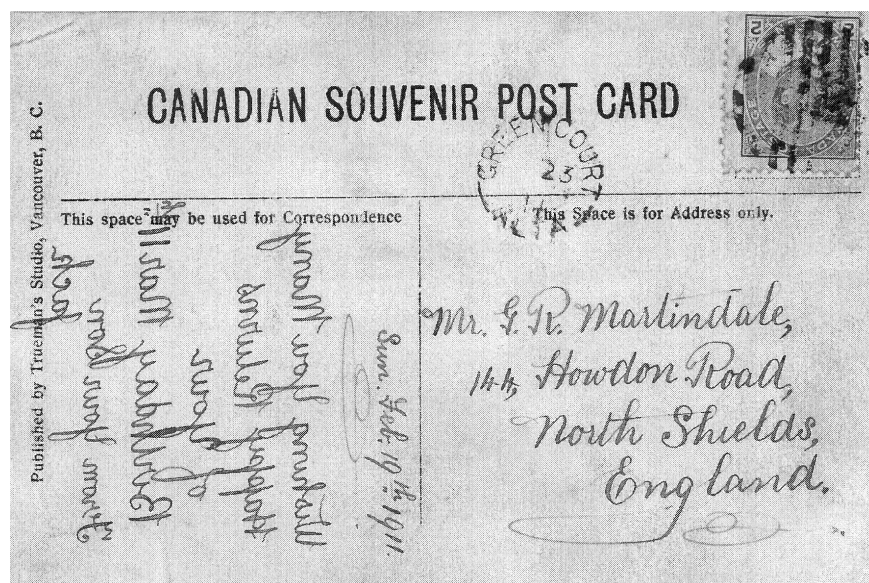


Figure 1. Post card posted at Green Court FE 23 / 11 (February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1911).

One of the tools on my computer allows me to reverse the image, so to save dear reader from having to find a mirror to read the card I have manipulated the image, and the result is shown as Figure 2.

It turns out that the development of the early postal routes to Green Court is most interesting. When Green Court post office opened in 1908, mail was sent from Roydale, Alberta, several miles northwest of Edmonton. Roydale was a pioneering post office in the area, and located about 7 miles due east of Rochfort Crossing. In 1910 the Grand Trunk Pacific began passenger train service to Wolf Creek west of Edmonton.

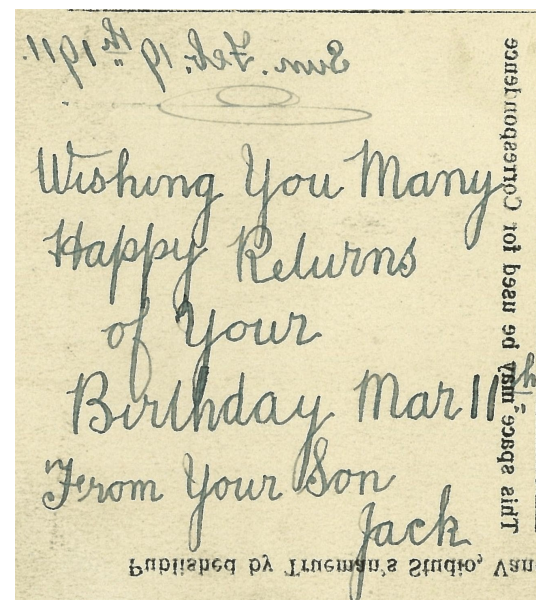


Figure 2. Message portion of the post card in Figure 1, but text reversed.

Junkins post office (now called Wildwood) was served by the new train service and Junkins happened to be the closest railroad point to Green Court. I was also a closer route for settlers of the Green Court area to bring in their goods, so a trail was opened up between Junkins and Green Court, known as the Junkins Trail. In one local history book the trail was described by a former settler as having “only one mudhole, 32 miles long.” Despite the bad road, the Junkins Trail served as the postal route

to Green Court from 1910 to 1915, during which time the post offices of Anselmo, Balm and Ronan were established along the route.

In 1915 the Canadian Northern Railway (CNoR) completed a branch line from a point near Onoway to Sangudo and from 1915 mail for Green Court was sent this way at least as far as Sangudo and perhaps as far as Rochfort Bridge (once called Wanekville).

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Finally in 1920 or 1921 the railway at Sangudo was extended through Green Court to White Court and mail for Green Court was sent by train. Mail bags were made up in Edmonton and dropped off at the Green Court railway station by baggage car service, and continued this way at least until the 1950's. By the time the railroad reached Green Court, it was now being called the Canadian National as the Canadian Northern (as well as the Grand Trunk Pacific) had long gone bankrupt. The name Canadian National Railways became the legal name for all dominion government controlled railways in 1923.

The astute postal historian will recall that before there was a Junkins post office at Wildwood, it was first named Jarrow. I will reserve that story for another article. □

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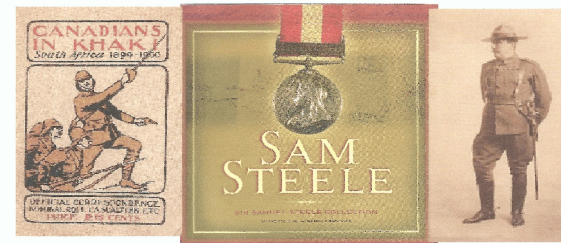
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## Perils of Stamp Collecting

In the *New Yorker* magazine dated December 19 & 26, 2011, is an article about recent Russian elections entitled “Letter from Moscow: The Civil Archipelago” by David Remnick. In this article (p. 97) he touches briefly on the perils of stamp collecting in Stalin’s Russia after a visit he made to Memorial, an organization dedicated to keeping alive the memory of those who died at the hands of the Soviet state.

“At Memorial’s new headquarters, underwritten in part by the Ford Foundation and U.S.A.I.D., I was shown around the library and archives, where, in the past two decades, scholars have done research for hundreds of new publications on the Soviet past. An archivist opened drawers filled with handkerchiefs, drawings, and other modest artifacts made, surreptitiously, by prisoners in the Gulag. The archivist pulled, at random, the file of one Vladimir Levitsky, who was imprisoned in 1932 for the crime of collecting stamps. Stamp collectors were suspected of trafficking in secret signs and codes. In 1937, Levitsky was shot at a labour camp called Okkhovka, near Krasnoyarsk.”

## Royal 2012 Judges Announced

David Piercey, in his role as RPSC Judging Coordinator, has recently announced the members of the Jury for Royal 2012 Royale. They are as follows:

- Sam Chiu, Chief Judge (Toronto, ON)
- Robert Lane, (St. Albert, AB)
- Doug Lingard, (Ottawa, ON)
- Robert McGuinness, (West Vancouver, BC)
- Dickson Preston, APS reciprocal judge, (Seattle, WA)
- Rob Lunn, apprentice (Fredericton, NB)

We look forward to seeing them here in June, and to the many strengths they will bring to the exhibiting process here. □

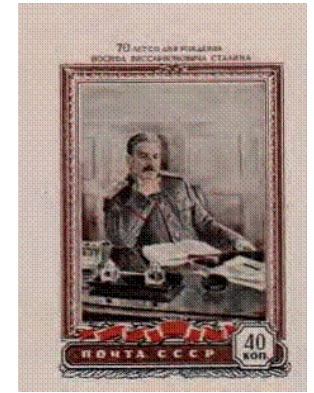
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## Stalin on USSR Stamps

Knowing that Jim Lockau, our Treasurer, is keen on the stamps of Russia, I asked him if he could help out by providing a stamp image to go with the *New Yorker* paragraph above. His answer is interesting. Jim wrote, “It seems that Stalin did not appear on many stamps. His slogan was “Stalin is the new Lenin” so by placing the much better liked Lenin on stamps, he pushed this slogan. As well, with the major issues facing the nation (starvation) he kept a lower profile by not appearing on stamps. The one shown here is from January 1950, marking his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday (even though he was born in 1878).”

Stalin does, however, turn up on stamps of the collegial socialist countries. Here are two from China that mark the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of Stalin (though he died in 1953). The Chinese seem to have got the dates right.

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## More Diamond Jubilee-ing



Not content with marking the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, the British are also celebrating what they've labelled "The Age of the Windsors and Saxe-Coburg-Gotha" with a fancy souvenir sheet depicting great moments in 20<sup>th</sup> century British history. There's something triumphalist about using the phrase "The Age of..." If the reproduction here isn't clear enough, the stamps commemorate (from left to right) Scott's 1912 expedition to the South Pole; 1939-1945, World War II on the home front; 1966, England wins the soccer world cup, and the Channel Tunnel is opened in 1994. (Your editor was there for the World Cup win and will always remember the party that convulsed London afterwards.) □

### Spring Stamp Market

March 31 (10 am - 6 pm) & April 1, (10 am - 4 pm)

West Edmonton Mall, Fantasyland Hotel Conference Centre

Organized by Dwayne Miner of R.D. Miner Philatelics (403-251-6475) and Ihor Rudyk of The Stamp Gallery (403-284-4124). Dealers wishing to participate please contact the above.

## Our Foreign Correspondents

Members of the ESC and former members are wonderful about keeping in contact with the land of frozen philately. Carol Berger, whom most of us will probably remember for a riveting presentation on the camel post stamps of Sudan, sent us the British sheets shown above and on the cover. She is currently working at Bristol University in the U.K. She asks to be remembered to you all. We're grateful to you, Carol.

Rick Parama sends us regular and fascinating contributions on Alberta postal history, from Yokohama. They add great depth to the Alberta interest in the *Bulletin*.


Jürgen Stowasser lives in Saskatoon but makes many journeys to far corners of the world, from most of which he sends something philatelic and unique. Members have seen and appreciated his postal museum cards from Russia and Taiwan.

Our members Russ Sampson and Susan Jurczak have kept us informed with interesting cancels and post cards from their part of the world, now Connecticut. We miss Susan's contribution and appreciate Russ's continuing connection with the *Bulletin*.


Barry Jonas, from the mountain fastness of Fairmont, keeps us up to date regarding modern postal markings (or mis-markings) and postal history discoveries.

Thanks to all of these for their continuing contributions. □

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## “Saggio”



I was perusing an auction catalogue on the internet and found some Italian North African colonial stamps that I needed. They were overprinted with the word “SAGGIO” (Fig. 1). I checked the catalogue price and it was apparent that the auction house was placing a premium on the overprints (compared to the regular issued stamps). I checked a number of catalogues but could not find any mention of the SAGGIO overprint. What are these stamps?

When I have to pause and scratch my head, I start to look down my bookshelf for general reference books. The first one I picked up was Ken Wood’s *This Is Philately*. This book lists “saggio” as the Italian word for “essay”. This same publication defines an essay in its philatelic sense as “a design submitted for a proposed stamp that is either not adopted at all or is adopted with modifications”. This definition does not fit the three different stamps offered in this auction. To my eye the three different photos of the stamps had the correct colour and design of the issued stamps as described in the catalogues. The stamps depict a hippopotamus.

Perhaps a better interpretation would be “specimen”. Specimen stamps are “actual stamps so marked to prevent their use for their intended purpose.” Spanish specimen stamps are marked *muestra* while German specimen stamps are marked *muster*. These stamps do demand a premium price.

Should I consider Italian colonies stamps overprinted “saggio” as specimen stamps? Can any member clarify these thoughts? □

Richard Barnes

## Program Roster

- Feb. 27 Barend Wissink, *Tickle Trunk*
- Mar. 12 *Kiloware Night* (Peter Kuester and Caroline Warren)
- Apr. 2 *Tin Can Mail*, Ernie Carlson
- Apr. 16 *Canadian Warships*, Bill VanderStelt
- Apr. 30 *Be a Dealer Night* (contact Caroline Warren)
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- Jun. 11 Elections (chaired by Ed Dykstra) □

## Stamp Design Contest

Photos courtesy Patricia Bates, with thanks.



(l. to r.) Bud Cutler, Jim Miller and Roger Juniper



(l. to r.) Lloyd Loewen, Tom Savage, Steven Friedenthal



(l. to r.) Bill VanderStelt, Diane Reid and Don Jackson



(l. to r.) Peter Kirchmeir, Rob Schutte, Jesse Synott



(l. to r.) Eric Bjorklind, Kåre Hellum



(l. to r.) Nino Chiovelli, Carl Larsen, Gerald Lyons



*Greetings, Philatelists* (continued from page 3)

Life is too short to do without the things that we enjoy and I sure would like to see you there with the rest of us. Remember the \$25 break ends at the end of March. Please visit [www.royal2012royale](http://www.royal2012royale) to request your registration package online.

My next item is the upcoming Kiloware Night on March 12. As the result of months of gathering, Carol Warren (another proud member) has assembled over two dozen trays filled to the gills with an amazing assortment of stamps on paper from around the world, both older and more recent. Every tray promises surprises that you may take home with you for the low, low cost of 10¢ per stamp! Clean out your old coin jar and take home some gems to soak. It's a win-win situation...and a whole lot of fun at the same time—just watch out for the pointy elbows.

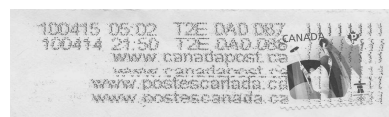
This now brings me to the loss-loss part of the message. Two loyal, hard-working, dedicated Board members are stepping down to allow more time and energy to other interests and obligations, and their contributions will be missed. As president, I am appealing to my fellow members to consider how they are able to assist the club in the months and years ahead. I believe most collectors to be the shy, retiring sort who find it difficult to ask others to do things. I know that I do, and yet I found a way to help to make myself useful. Maybe before the end of Spring others, like yourself perhaps, could approach a Board member and sign up to help run this successful stamp club. It will be better with your involvement and that's a given. Happy tong-time until the next time... ☐

*President Pete*

## Let's Kill That Stamp

Not only must the postmark collector anticipate the frustration of multiple obliterating cancellations from different sources, but now also the prospect of obliterating cancels from one source. In this instance, from spray cancels made twice on the same day or over two days.

What is going on? ☐



*Barry Jonas*

## Coming Up, 2012 Events

Mar 31 - Apr 1	Edmonton Spring Stamp Market, Fantasyland Hotel, W.E. Mall. Full details in ad on p. 11
Mar 30 - Apr 1	Lakeshore Stamp Club annual exhibition (regional level). Dorval, QC. Details from Gary Misener (514-426-0432).
May 5-6	ORAPEX, Ottawa's National Level Stamp Show, RA Curling Rink, 2451 Riverside Drive. Exhibitors contact Brian Watson at <a href="mailto:brian150@sympatico.ca">brian150@sympatico.ca</a> ; general information from Robert Pinet, (613) 745-2788 or <a href="mailto:pinet.robert@gmail.com">pinet.robert@gmail.com</a> .
May 11-13	PIPEX (Pacific International Philately Exhibition), Portland, Oregon, Doubletree by Hilton Portland. 38 dealers, bourse sold out. Show auction by Harmer-Schau, free admission. Convening societies, Women Exhibitors and Society of Australasian Specialists. See <a href="http://www.pipexshow.org">www.pipexshow.org</a> .
Jun 1-3	Royal 2012 Royale, Fantasyland Hotel Conference Centre, West Edmonton Mall, hosted by Edmonton Stamp Club. Dealers contact Ed Dykstra at (780) 421-0930; for registration contact Nino Chiovelli at <a href="mailto:nchiovel@shaw.ca">nchiovel@shaw.ca</a> , exhibitors contact Kelly Liusz Moser at <a href="mailto:liuszmoser@gmail.com">liuszmoser@gmail.com</a> or David Piercey, Chair, at (780) 437-2771 or <a href="mailto:dpiercey@telus.net">dpiercey@telus.net</a> .
Aug 31-Sep 2	BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX, co-hosted by BNAPS Calgary Regional Group and Calgary Philatelic Society, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The meet will feature outstanding Canada and BNA exhibits, a bourse and seminars among other social activities. Contact Jim Taylor at (403) 238-3698 or see <a href="http://www.bnaps.org">www.bnaps.org</a> .

## Demon Definitives

by Peter FR Kirchmeir (18 Feb 2012)

January and February are, according to one near and dear to me, to be tolerated only if there is enough snow to make these months interesting. Since this year we have little snow, we can now really concentrate in definitives. January and February is the season to increase mail rates and so many governments blizzard us with ever more definitives. Norway is adding to the “posthorn” set. Germany is increasing the “buildings” series. And so it goes. I will limit my comments to my particular interests in definitive definitives.

The “P” stamps of Canada pose a problem if one collects stamps by year of issue. Postal rates jump, but this is not reflected on any “P” stamp. Thus, a definitive series, such as Canada’s flower series, will have stamps of many values, mostly the regular mail charges, without any indication thereof. Which brings me to: Robin Harris has written a fascinating article “Lowe-Martin Serpentine Die Cutting” in the *Canadian Philatelist* (Jan-Feb 2010, pp. 32-44). This article exhaustively covers all possible combinations of perforation and “nib” placement on the “leaf, flower and Olympic” series. There are plate diagrams showing the placement of these varieties. Also, Mr. Harris has produced a new “serpentine die cut perf” gauge (my terminology). Be prepared to search thousands of definitives to find all the hundreds of possible combinations. This should take care of any spare time you have while waiting for the Oilers or Maple Leafs to win a Stanley Cup.

Canada Post also comes along with “Canada Pride”—five stamps and a souvenir sheet. The “Baby Wildlife” series is expanded—and has a souvenir sheet. Has anyone even seen these two souvenir sheets used, or any of the several possible se-tenant pairs on an envelope? Two lilies are also in the works.

Royal Mail is in a heightened Machin mood due to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Machins have a new security overprint recalling this anniversary. And this is on top of the oval “perf” insets that leave two huge holes in the stamp design when the stamp is soaked off the envelope. The “perfs” are to prevent re-use. I leave it to you to reconstruct this “advance” in securing the governmental revenue. So the question arises: Do these anniversary security overprints on the Machin definitives turn them into commemoratives?

I do not doubt that in the long run this issue will be ignored as we Machin collectors just thrive on any new use of the portrait.

And the US Postal Service is going overboard with Hawaiian shirt designs, predators and another set of eagles. All are coil stamps with plate numbers engraved on the stamp at regular intervals. As one reader commented in *Linn’s Stamp News* commented: why is the postal service issuing so many new stamps when the postal service is losing so much money? Answer: The money generated from collectors who buy these definitives far outstrips the cost of producing them. Nearly every definitive issue from the USA has three varieties of printers, perforations and booklet pane layouts. Combine this with straight edge, coil and sheet varieties and frequently one has to collect over twenty specimens of each design. One issue, the flag definitive, frequently has over forty variations.

So, good hunting. □

## New Members

Welcome to new members Laurens Hutchinson (#2418) and Avi Barman (#2419). □

## Stepping Down

Caroline Warren has let it be known that she will no longer be Circuits Manager (nor member of the Board) at the end of the current club year. Patricia Bates has also given formal notice that when her term as Secretary, she does not intend to let her name stand for nomination again.

It’s not too early to start thinking about the membership of your board or directors for the next club year. Elections will be held on June 11 and the newly elected officers will take over at the first meeting in September. If you have ideas or suggestions, talk to any of the current board members. Ed Dykstra is chairing the nominations committee.

Our club has been singularly fortunate in having the dedicated services of these extremely competent people. □

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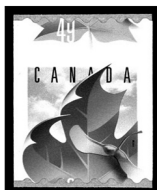
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## 2012 Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830 - 109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the western entrance on the north facade. For information about the regular club call 437-1787 or 451-0520; for junior clubs, phone 437-1787.

2012: Feb 6 & 27, Mar 12, Apr 2 & 16 & 30,  
May 14 & 28, Jun 11; Summer meeting 30 July 2012.

Spring Stamp Market, Mar 31-Apr 1, West Edmonton Mall

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