#### SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB

# The Bulletin



# THREEPENNY BEAVER STAMP

The threepenny beaver stamp, issued in 1851, was not only Canada's first postage stamp but was also the first stamp in the world that did not feature the image of a head of state. Designer Sandford Fleming instead chose the industrious beaver — a decision that speaks to the desire by British North Americans to nurture a proto-Canadian national identity. However, the stamp also bears symbols that illustrate the Province of Canada's enduring connection with Britain. The stamp features the royal crown of England on a cushion of heraldic flowers: the English rose, the Scottish thistle, and the Irish shamrock. The VR monogram of Queen Victoria also overhangs the representation of the beaver. Fleming is best known for being the inventor of standard time.

- Courtesy Canadian Museum of History

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#### Upcoming Meetings

- Saugeen Stamp Club Tuesday April 2
- Kincardine Stamp Club Wednesday April 3
- Owen Sound Stamp Club Wednesday Apr. 17
- Guelph Stamp Club Wednesday April 3 Wednesday Apr.17
- KW Philatelic Society Thursday Apr 4

#### One Page Exhibits -Upcoming Topics

April – Flowers May –

June -

Birds

#### THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN......Walt Berry

And the show will go on !!

Mark May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 on your calendar and schedule some time to assist with the various tasks to ensure we have another great show. The hall is booked, dealers invited and members are busy putting together their exhibits and selecting some of their material to put in the first silent auction held at our show.

We do need volunteers to help put the frames together & take them apart at the end of the day, volunteers to donate food items for the lunch counter AND work at the counter during the day.

Please be prepared to indicate your contribution on the sign-up sheet which will be passed around at the next meeting.

I believe we have finally beat the winter of 2019 – although attendance did dip a bit for the month of March. It is always best to stay off the roads during bad weather – meetings are better when ALL of our friends are able to attend.

Happy Stamping!!



## What's coming up:

See the Grand News for complete details for the following: April 6 – Lonpex, London, Ontario April 13 – K-W Stampfest, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario April 26/27 – Springpex, Hamilton, Ontario May 4 – Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show, Hanover, Ontario May 5 – Mayday Show, Stratford, Ontario June 21-23, 2019 – Royal \*2019\* Royale, Hilton Mississauga

### Another Measured Moment.....Jim Measures

#### Another First for New Zealand

New Zealand strives to lead the world in many ways, since they were the first to allow women to vote and Sir Edmund Hillary, a Kiwi, was the first man to climb Mount Everest. This year New Zealand Post has done it again by being the first country to issue stamps showing wedding photos of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on their wedding day.



The stamps and Souvenir Sheet were produced, printed, and issued before the wedding reception was completed; all on the same day. All this done on the other side of the world from where the wedding took place. Central to the Souvenir sheet is a photo of the happy couple leaving St. George's Chapel after their wedding. There are also 6 stamps on the Souvenir Sheet, 2 of them celebrating the couple's engagement and 4 with pictures of the couple taken the same day as the stamps were issued, 19 May 2018. Similar stamps were also produced for New Zealand's overseas territories of Niue and Tokelau.

Artist, Dave Burke selected the photos to use from those released and designed the stamps and Souvenir Sheet. At New Zealand Post, Saint Andrew Matautia designed the territories stamps and will never forget that day, as he had to rush away after completing his part of the project to be with his wife as she delivered their first baby.



Shared Strategies:

Soaking stamps seems to be getting harder but I have found that very hot water (too hot for fingers so use tongs) will get US and Canadian peel and stick stamps off paper most of the time. Only foil ones fail a lot.

#### Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Chapter 1538, American Philatelic Society Chapter 21, Grand River Valley Philatelic Association

We are on the web! http:saugeenstampclub.webplus .net/index.html

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