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Newsletter from the Lethbridge Philatelic Society



Jim receives Honorary Life Membership

After working in the Lethbridge Post Office for 43 years, Helping Philatelists and interesting people in the hobby of stamp collecting, the Lethbridge Chapter 57 of the Royal Philatelic Society has made Jim Matkin a lifetime member for his service. Jim has supported the hobby with advice and getting supplies for the members.

The long Hot Summer Without Stamps

June was the last meeting before the summer break, but there are still a shipment of Edmonton approval books on the way, that should appease the eager collector. In summer the days are long, so we have time by the campfire to play with our collection under the light of the moon or a flashlight. Then if you garden or have other projects and you need a break to bid your sore muscles a rest, sit back with your stamps. When your children or grand-children visit, you might introduce them into the philatelic world, getting them away from their digital devices, even if it is just a very short time.

Have fun this summer. Call me to go through the Edmonton books. You might find that priceless stamp missing in your collection.

The Lethbridge Philatelic Society

The Lethbridge Philatelic Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. (except July and August). Meetings at **Insight**



Insight

#1, 1718-3 Avenue south,
Lethbridge, Alberta

Next Meeting: **June 13, 2024**, in the downstairs conference room.

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Members of the Lethbridge Philatelic Society with Jim Matkin holding his life membership certificate. (L –R) Lloyd Kappel, Robert Budd, Walter Kerber, Jim Matkin, Kel Hansen And Luella Lee. Tony Pargeter missing.

IN MY OPINION

BY WALTER KERBER

The Philatelic Future

The hobby of Philately may look like it has a dismal outlook. It is literally a dying hobby, with most long time stamp collectors passing away, leaving their collections at the mercy of their siblings. Post offices around the world are looking at new ways to entice collectors into buying the postage stamps that may never be used on a letter. Now with a lot of the older stamps, first day covers and other prized possessions coming on the market, there is an abundance at bargain prices. The once treasured corner blocks are being torn up and if possible place on letters to mail, just to recover the cost.

Although the future looks dire, cheer up, there will always be collectors.

The post offices forget that their stamps were not just items to pay for the mailing, but they also proclaimed the politics and history of the country where they were issued. Although many of our stamps in recent years have gone to sports heroes or seemingly cult groups and comic or gaming characters, this is all part of our culture. What would Canada do without our hockey legends? There are so many aspects of culture and history that has not been explored in this country.



This is a learning hobby. The school system could use it to teach our children not only history and geography, but many other things, since Postage stamps cover almost all aspects of knowledge.

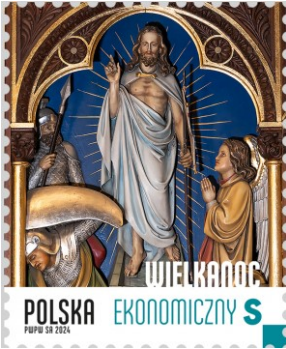
It made me very proud that I saw postage stamps and a souvenir sheet which featured exploration in various parts of the world and mainly Ant-

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arctica, where a DeHaveland Twin Otter was the mainstay of transportation. Various countries have, including



Canada Post has had the rotary rail snowplough on stamps. Recently I discovered that it was used in the 1970's in East Germany in heavy snow. These were built under license in Germany in the 1930's. The stamps with Banting and Best were some of Canada with the joint issue from China. (For those that don't know, Banting and Best were responsible for the discovery of Insulin.)

Like most collecting hobbies, the value of some stamps may drop, making things easier for beginners to start, but hobbies are not investments. They are for entertainment and to enjoy. You collect a setoff stamps depicting flowers or dignitaries, displaying them on a page for people to admire. When you put together a frame, it is a delight to see.



Our club, in the past, has put on a show each year, to show people what our hobby can achieve, Although we always look to our expensive stamps, the value is not in the price. Catalogues show prices, but these are only realistic in the commercial retail sector. What is a little scrap of paper worth? It is worth a fortune when it is on an album page completing a set of beautiful stamps.



Indigenous Leaders

Christi Belcourt

Christi Belcourt (b. 1966) is a Métis visual artist and environmentalist who uses her talent to celebrate nature, honour her ancestors, advocate for the protection of land and water, and support Indigenous knowledge, culture and language.



A descendant of the Métis community of Manitow Sâkahikan (Lac Ste. Anne) in Alberta, she is well known for her intricate paintings that emulate Métis floral beadwork. Her work can be found in many private and public collections, including the National Gallery of Canada, the Art Gallery of Ontario and the Gabriel Dumont Institute.

The power of Belcourt’s art lies in both its beauty and its message. One of her most poignant works is Walking With Our Sisters, a multi-artist installation of more than 2,000 pairs of beaded moccasin tops honouring the lives of missing or murdered Indigenous women, Two-Spirit people and children.

Elisapie



Unconditional love for her homeland and tender reflections on Inuit culture and traditions are deeply entrenched in the work of Inuk singer-songwriter, actor, director and activist Elisapie (b. Elisapie Isaac, 1977).

Raised in the remote community of Salluit in Nunavik, the northernmost region of Quebec, she began singing on stage as a teenager with her uncle. After moving to Montréal to pursue communications and music, Elisapie wrote and directed the prize-winning documentary Sila piqujipat (If the

Weather Permits) and won a JUNO Award as part of the musical duo Taima.

Josephine Mandamin

Known as Grandmother Water Walker, Anishinaabe Elder Josephine “Biidaasige” Mandamin (1942-2019) trekked more than 25,000 kilometres – including around all five Great Lakes – to raise awareness of the need to preserve the sacred, life-giving gift of water.

The residential school Survivor and fourth-degree member of the Three Fires Midewiwin Society was born on Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory on Manitoulin Island, Ontario, and lived most of her life in Thunder Bay.



In 2002, she and a group of other Anishinaabe women founded the Mother Earth Water Walk movement to encourage people to protect water from pollution and other threats. Between 2003 and 2017, she led walks along the shores of waterways in Canada and the United States – singing, praying, and sharing the traditional ceremonies and knowledge of her people.

Announcements

• Next meetings :

- After Summer -
September 12,
2024

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