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The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs has some 35 member clubs and philatelic organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington as well as British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada, and its territories. With the exception of a short period of inactivity during WW II, the organization has served as a common cause meeting ground for organized philatelic interests within these states and provinces. The Federation supports PIPEX (Pacific International Philatelic Exposition), an annual APS World Series of Philately (WSP) show.

The Federation is the only organization of its type with cross border membership and WSP exhibition sponsorship. It continues its member organization communications with THE FEDERATED PHILATELIST newsletter. The annual Federation meeting takes place at the club hosted site of the annual PIPEX show.

Please visit the NWFSC's website. On this site we have listed information of interest to collectors in the Pacific Northwest. The website has recently seen a facelift and continues to be updated on a regular basis. www.nwfedstamps.org

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Tools of the Mason
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Courtesy of Dr. Darin Cherniwchan

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Editor's Page

"My Dear Katie"

by Dr. Darin P. Cherniwchan - FVPC, BCPS, BNAPS, RPSC, PSSC, CPGSB, APS, ATA

Some of you may be aware that earlier this week on February 16th, Christian Edwards of CNN published an article about a letter that was posted on February 6, 1916 only to arrive at its destination 105 years later in 2021! The letter sent during the Great War was written to a "Mrs. Oswald Marsh" known amongst family and friends as "Katie".

The timing of this report coincides with the publication of this edition of the Journal featuring Oswald Marsh - Katie's husband and a prominent London stamp dealer of the early 20th Century. I have included the entire CNN article as an appendix to this Journal in case access to the original version is lost in the future.

I have recently been asked "Why has the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs not issued a Journal since June of 2022?" The answer is quite simple. In September, while downhill mountain biking near Park City, Utah I hit a stump and crashed. My left chest wall landed directly on a log resulting in a multiple rib fracture injury. My son, Peter, was with me on the trail and witnessed my fall. The log I landed on had several sharp branch stubs and Peter was certain I had impaled myself. Fortunately, I landed on the only area of the log that did not have any of these dangerous spines. Thus, I live to tell the story!

I am back with an appetite to publish and with keyboard and mouse bring to you this 239th Volume albeit a few months late.

It is great to see that most stamp clubs are alive and well despite the woes of the pandemic. We are entering the endemic era of COVID-19 and ZOOM sessions are now becoming part of the hybrid model being adopted by many of the Northwest's Clubs. We now can engage

with fellow hobbyists in both a "bricks & mortar" and "digital" fashion.

And to that end, happy stamping!

I am proud to congratulate Brian Grant Duff as the recipient of the Julian G. Maksymczuk Award. This honour was presented to Brian by the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society for individual achievement having launched a successful petition for a Canada Post *Help for Ukraine* semi-postal stamp. This award, considered to be one of the highest honours in Ukrainian philately, was announced in Toronto at CAPEX 2022 and was presented to Brian in Vancouver on February 7th of this year.

Congratulations Brian from us all at the Federation!

- Darin, Editor TFP



Letters to the Editor

Vancouver, BC
February 18, 2023

"Please ask your readers to encourage the USPS to issue a Ukraine rebuilding semipostal stamp"

Dozens of countries, including Canada, have already issued Ukraine support stamps.

Betsy Mullen, co-founder of the Breast Cancer awareness semipostal is working on a campaign. There is also a petition on Change.org to reissue the U.S. sunflower stamp as a Ukraine support issue.

Here is Canada's Help for Ukraine stamp, Canada's first humanitarian aid stamp, issued last July (image below).

Thanks,

Brian Grant Duff

Editor's Reply:

Thank you Brain for all you do for the hobby and showing us all that anything is possible!

Regards,

Darin Cherniwchan (Ed.)



Image Courtesy of Brian Grant Duff

CANADIAN DIRECTOR VACANCY



The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs traditionally has two Canadian Directors on its Board.

There currently is one position vacant.

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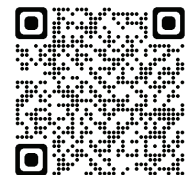
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Oswald Marsh - London Stamp Dealer

Written and Curated by Darin Cherniwchan

We, as philatelists have all been, in one way or another, affected by the activities of one Oswald Marsh of London, England. Despite this, I only became aware of his existence and contributions to philately when perusing the Eastern Auctions catalog last spring. And, oddly enough since then, I keep coming across stories directly and indirectly related to the man.

Marsh was born into a family of Quakers in Belfast, Ireland on October 26th, 1880. The head of the household, Joseph Chandler Marsh, was a successful architect and businessman. Oswald's brother, Cecil, managed the family biscuit and tin box manufacturing operations.

Around 1900, Oswald left the family home to endeavour on his own by moving to England and setting up a stamp dealership at "Cairnburn, Belvedere Road, Norwood."

During his time as a dealer, his influence in the hobby took flight. His use of non-adhesive cut-outs affixed to envelopes that bore his sought after personalized addressograph platings still can be found on eBay and in many a collection around the world. He was a life member of the Fiscal Philatelic Society and enthusiastic publisher of several philatelic books and journals.

As previously mentioned, my introduction to Marsh



- Image courtesy of Eastern Auctions Ltd.

began just recently in June of 2022. As a collector of the Canadian 19th Century Queen Victoria Small Queens issue, I was excited to see a particular auction lot that seemed too good to be true.

The Public Auction held by Eastern Auctions on June 24-25, 2022 included a composite of lots (#'s 1622 -1629) under the heading:

"OSWALD MARSH – UNITED KINGDOM
 OLD-TIME DEALER, ACTIVE FROM 1900s TO
 1940s - MASSIVE USED BUNDLEWARE & ACCU-
 MULATION"

This was followed by the lotting subheader:

"The following 8 lots feature a remarkable used bun-

dled stock in its entirety, secured many years ago, left untouched and only now brought to light. Originating from the Oswald Marsh (died 1951) massive stock, a famous UK dealer who operated on a large scale as early as 1900s until the 1940s. Many of the bundles were assembled in old-time glassines during 1910s and 1920s. Mixed condition from damaged to very fine to be expected. What makes these lots so intriguing and fascinating is that such a large hoard was kept untouched through all these years. Our count is intentionally conservative as some were crammed into glassines, leaving us to guess the actual count. An absolute "goldmine" for the student and specialist alike."

Based on my narrow collecting interest of Small Queens, Lot 1622 piqued my interest completely. The Small Queens issue of 1870-97 still remains as one of



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- 1622 ⊙ **Small Queens** in bundles and in glassine envelopes with 1c (500+), 2c (1,500+), 3c (5,000+), 5c (300), 8c (100), plus some odds & ends. **Est. 750.00+**
- 1623 ⊙ **Queen Victoria Jubilee, Leaf & Numeral** Great emphasis on Numeral, mostly in bundles: ½c (100), 1c (700), 2c purple (10,000), 2c cammine (17,000), 3c (900), 5c (3,000), 2c on 3c (200). Also Diamond Jubilee 1c (250), 3c (800). **Est. 2,000.00+**
- 1624 ⊙ **King Edward VII, Tercentenary, Map** Mostly in bundles with KEVII 1c (1,000), 2c (14,000), 5c (2,000), 7c (700), 10c (50), Tercentenary 1c (100), 2c (700), Map (200). **Est. 1,000.00+**
- 1625 ⊙ **King George V Admiral** A fabulous lot mostly in bundles (22,000+ stamps) with notables such as 2c red (1,700), 5c blue (6,200), 7c ochre (5,800), 50c (1,800), etc. Also a retail stockbook from Henry Hechler containing 50+ original sets of the first colours. **Est. 1,500.00+**
- 1626 ⊙ **King George V War Tax** An old time bundled used stock with 72,000 stamps, noting #MR1 1c green (1,800), MR2 2c cammine (100), MR3 2c+1c cammine (5,100), MR4 2c+1c brown (65,000), not sorted for dies. **Est. 2,000.00+**
- 1627 ⊙ **1917 to Early 1950s** Over 30 different stamps (24,000+) mostly bundled with #135 (10,000), #142 (1,600) and #225 (10,000), others range from 25 to 600 of each, a fascinating lot. **Est. 600.00+**
- 1628 ⊙ **Newfoundland** Stock of about 35 different stamps in bundles, includes #104 (4,700) and #105 (4,000), the others range from 10 to 1,000 of each. **Est. 500.00+**
- 1629 ⊙ **Old-Time Stock circa, late 1910s - Early 1920s** Organized in envelopes (110+) from Pence to Admirals, ranging from a few to hundreds, condition variable from damaged (mostly on earlier, as is) to F-VF. Thousands of stamps. Also a few envelopes of early Provinces. **Est. 1,000.00+**



Image Courtesy of Eastern Auctions Ltd.

the most complex and misunderstood philatelic issues ever. Billions of stamps were issued during this period. Colour, plating and paper varieties have inspired the publication of hundreds of textbooks and journal articles. Some philatelists only collect printing errors of this issue due to the wealth of material available over such a long period of issue. My particular area of interest is in constant plate varieties and margin colour (ink in the margins of the stamp) of the One, Two and Three Cent denominations (shown below). It is common to



ations. I also was delighted to see that the "odds and ends" of the lot included Marsh's collection (several hundred) of Canadian "cut-outs" from 19th Century postal stationery, an area of his philatelic interest.

This purchase will likely take a decade or so for me to sort out and, in the process, hope to identify new varieties and answer many a question that still remain unanswered to this day. In a future edition of the Federated Philatelist, I may share with you some of these

find hoards of these stamps sold at auction or at dealer's tables. eBay often has listings of "unsorted" Small Queen multiples. In my experience, there is really no such thing as an unsorted "hoard" of Small Queens - the issue has been around for over 150 years!

findings. But more importantly, I plan to share with you the process how I painstakingly sorted, scanned and compared thousands of these copies without going blind or making my head ache.

What made Lot #1622 unique, and likely a once in a lifetime opportunity for someone like myself, was that this massive volume of stamps was assembled on another continent within a decade of the issue being terminated AND they were put aside in storage for about 120 years. This is likely the unsorted mother lode I have been waiting a lifetime for!

An example of 1000 Two Cent Small Queens that came with this lot wrapped as a unit of ten bundles and two separate glassine wrapped bundles of 100 is shown below.

This lot was at the end of the sale and I assumed many interested buyers may have already reached their spending budgets for that weekend. Because this was the only lot I was interested in, I was prepared to go well above the estimate of \$750. I was the successful bidder at about 25% over the estimate.

The lot was estimated to have just over 7500 copies of the issue. When the package arrived a week later, I was surprised to find that the lot contained over 18,000 copies mostly packaged in friable glassine wrapped multiples of 100 and envelopes of 50-250 per. The brittleness of the packaged multiples supported my suspicions that these were truly unsorted and untouched for gener-

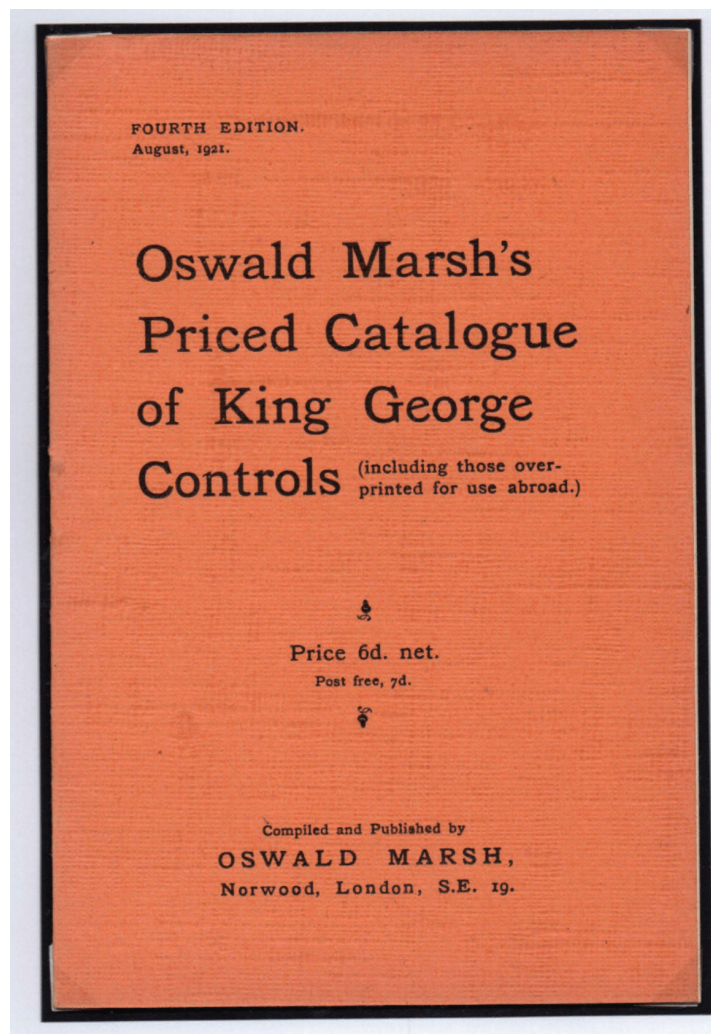


Example of Marsh Stamp Bundles of 100 for Retail Sale

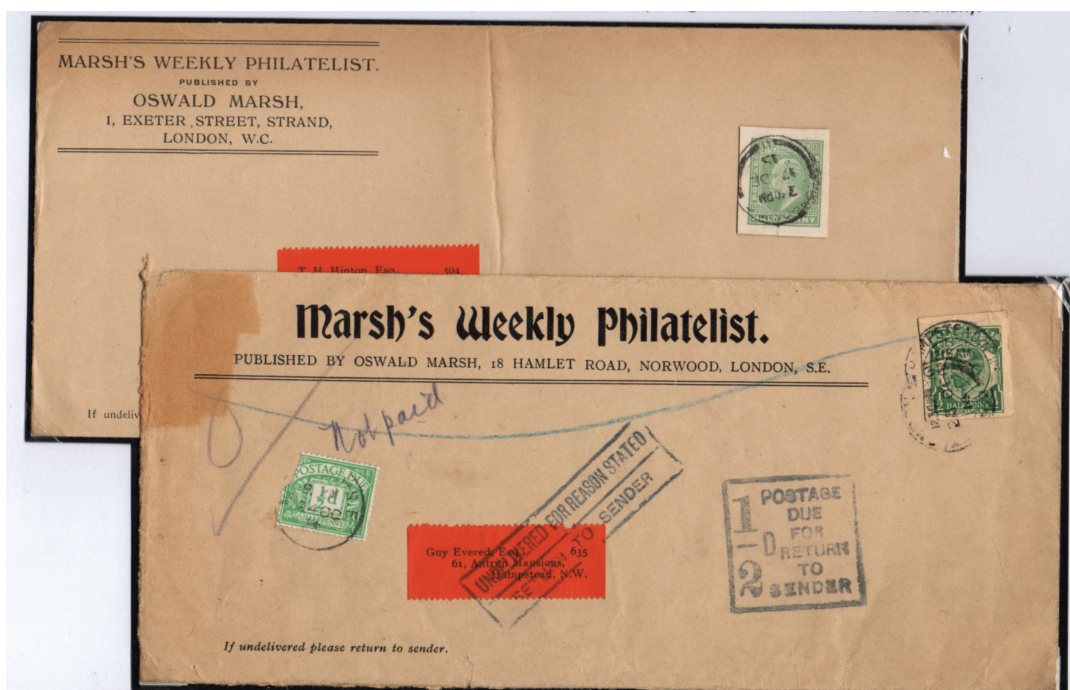
Now that is enough of my journey into "Mr. Marshorium's Wonder Emporium" (for those Dustin Hoffman fans out there).

Oswald Marsh, no doubt, has influenced and shaped the way stamp dealers do business today in terms of stamps on approval, purchasing bulk mint stamps at below face value for period mail, the use of advertising ephemera such as tin cans for hinges and foldable wallets to carry stamp purchases, journal publications to promote the hobby and textbooks on specialized topics. The remaining part of this article explores, in pictures, some of Marsh's contributions.

Members of the Great Britain Philatelic Society have the privilege of accessing an extraordinary wealth of publications dedicated primarily to the platings, printings, stamps and postal history related to the British Empire. In 2016, Edward Caesley published and posted his thirteen frame exhibit titled "Stamp Dealer Mail," over two frames of which are dedicated to Oswald Marsh. A few examples, shown below, illustrate Marsh's propensity to distribute philatelic information for the primary purpose of selling stamps to collectors. Note the "cut-outs" on the envelopes Marsh used in his mailings. The tin advertising can for hinges was likely made at the family's manufacturing plant in Ireland.



Example of a Marsh Publication



Examples of Marsh Covers using Postal Stationery "Cut-Outs"

OSWALD MARSH'S WEEKLY CIRCULAR.

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JUNE 1st, 1912.

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- Vol. 22. De la Rue issues since 1880, used.
- Vol. 16. Official Stamps, used and unused.
- Vol. 4. 2d. blue, 1841, arranged according to corner letters.
- Vol. 5. 1840-1 issues, in used pairs, strips and blocks.
- Vol. 6. Stamps used from Offices abroad.
- Vol. 9. Queen's Head Envelope Stamps, arranged according to dies, 1d. and 1d. values.
- Vol. 10. Queen's Head Envelope Stamps, arranged according to dies, 1d. to 1/- values.
- Vol. 12. Morocco Agencies.
- Vol. 13. Levant.
- Vol. 14. Queen's Head Control Letters.
- Vol. 15. King Edward Controls, including Officials, Levant and Morocco.
- Vol. 17. Government Telegraph Stamps.
- Vol. 18. Postal Fiscals.
- Vol. 19. Railway Letter Post Stamps.
- Vol. 23. Used blocks of line-engraved plate numbers.
- Vol. 23. Stamps overprinted 'Specimen'.

Notes and Novelties.

SOMERSET HOUSE PRINTS, 10d. purple and carmine.—We have received this value from a sheet showing the '12' cut, and notice that the shade is changed, the red being of a more carmine tint than formerly. The sheets showing the '11' cut might have been described as being purple and scarlet, but now the colour is purple and carmine, the red portion being practically identical in shade with the present printing of the 1/- value. This completes the set of low values to 1/- known with the '12' cut.

KING GEORGE V. STAMPS.—The following is an extract from the *Daily Telegraph* report of the Postmaster-General's annual statement in the House of Commons on the 29th inst.—

The Committee might be interested to know the result of the sale of postcards and books of stamps at face value. Privately printed postcards had fallen 2 per cent.—from 755 millions to 738 millions—and official postcards had increased from 83 to 105 millions. The sale of the books of stamps had gone up from one to three millions. He regretted the delay in the issue of the higher denomination of Georgian stamps. At present the control of the manufacture and issue of stamps was in the hands of the Board of Inland Revenue. But the Government inserted in the last Finance Bill a clause transferring these powers of the Inland Revenue to the Post Office, and a Departmental Committee was now sitting to make arrangements for the transference. The delay had occurred through the necessity of providing better plates for the halfpenny and penny stamps, for the re-engraving of the head, and for the pressure in the manufacture and issue of stamps under the Insurance Act. He had every reason to hope the Board of Inland Revenue would obtain from the Post the necessary stamps and the contractor the necessary prints of some of the higher denominations within the next few weeks.

He had arranged for the sale of stamps in rolls of 1,000 or 500 penny or halfpenny stamps. This would be for the convenience of firms with a large posting business. A small charge would be made to cover the cost of manufacture of the rolls.

'S WEEKLY PHILATELIST.

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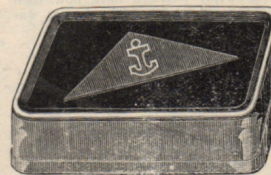


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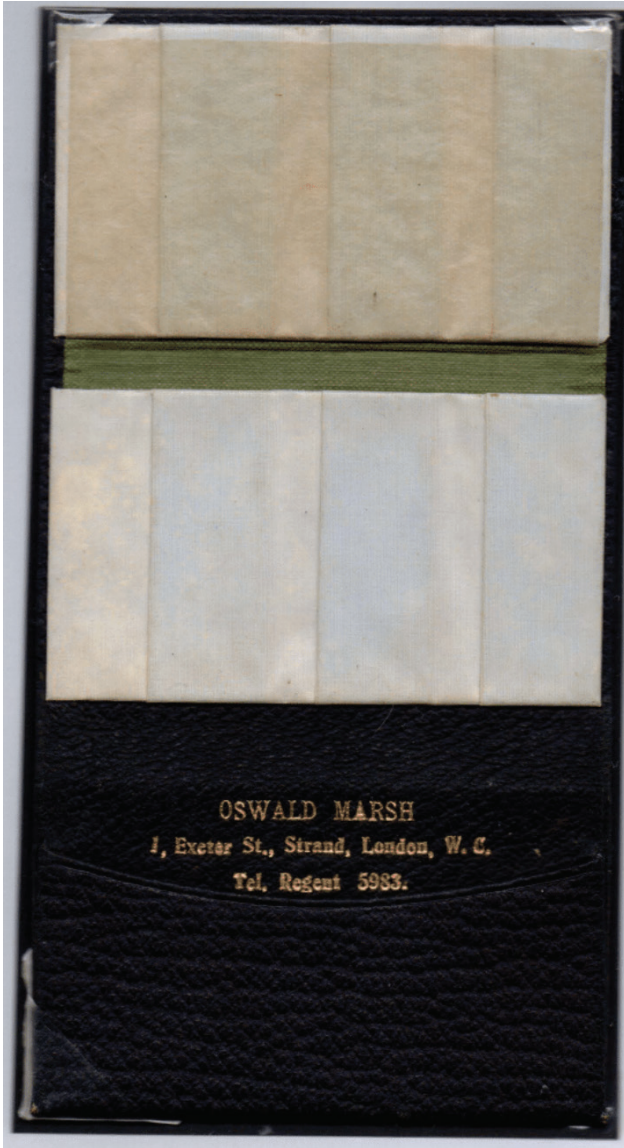
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Examples of Marsh's Weekly Circulars



Stamp Wallet made of Rexine - "The Best Substitute for Leather"

Oswald Marsh died in 1951 and so did his business. Two of his children continued with the sale of his material through private and public sales. The last of Marsh's stock sold in 2008, well over 100 years since he first settled in London.

It is likely that in some way, shape or form, you have been touched by Marsh's influence.

- Darin Cherniwchan

Images Courtesy of Eastern Auctions, the GBPS and the personal collection of Darin Cherniwchan.



Advertising Tin Box - Commonly Used for Stamp Hinges

Shows and Events

Things seem to be back into full swing for 2023. Wahoo! Mark down your favorites and even a few you've never been to. Please patronize your dealers and don't forget to bring your own material to show, tell, sell and swap!

If your event is not listed below, please email us at 1870@smallqueens.ca to have your event listed on our website and included in the next edition of the Federated Philatelist.

- February 24-26 Alaska Philatelic Exhibition (APEX)
Anchorage AK
www.anchoragephilatelic.com
- March 18 Willamette Valley Spring Stamp Exhibition StampFest
St. Jude's Church
43rd and Willamette Streets
Eugene OR
<https://greatereugenestampclub.weebly.com>
- March 19 STAMPEX
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
4090 Commercial St. SE just south of a McDonald's.
Salem OR
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Admission is free.
There will be door prizes as an additional incentive to come.
The dealers expected include IceBear Stamps (Mike Luttio), Bob Burger, Stephen Inkle barger, Uptown Stamps, Paul Renner, Charles Matthews, Gary Hoecker, Dave Morrison, George Stellingwerf, Bob Beal, and First Stamps (Phil Kumler)
- March 25-26 Edmonton Spring Show
Central Lions Recreation Centre
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Edmonton AB
<https://www.edmontonstampclub.ca/esc-show-history>
- March 31-April 1 Vancouver Stamp Fair
Atrium Inn
2889 E. Hastings at Renfrew
Vancouver BC
- April 1 31st Annual John D. Arn Symposium
Moses Lake, WA
See Appendices 2 and 3 below for Symposium Information and Registration Form



- April 9 Vintage Retro Collectible Show
Mary Winspear Centre
Sidney BC
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
For more information: 1-250-744-1807
- April 15-16 Calgary Philatelic Society Spring Bourse
Calgary AB
<http://www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com/>
- Apr 15-16 Evergreen Stamp Club, Spring Show
Kent WA
- April 21-22 Fraser Valley Antiques & Collectibles Show
Queens Park
New Westminster BC
www.fvacc.ca

- April 23 Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair
Greek Community Hall
4648 Elk Lake Dr
Victoria BC
Venue is beside the Saanich Commonwealth Place
Free admission, free parking, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

- April 28-30 WESTPEX® 2023
San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel
Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
250+ Frames of Exhibits
70 Dealer Bourse
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May 5-7

PIPEX 2023
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May 20

North Shore Numismatic Society, Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show

Nikkei Centre
6688 Southoaks Crescent
Burnaby BC,

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Admission: \$3, age 16 and under FREE

www.northshorennumismaticssociety.org

June 18

Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair

Greek Community Hall

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Victoria BC

Venue next to the Saanich Commonwealth Place

Free admission, free parking, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

July 15-16

Evergreen Stamp Club, Summer Exhibition

Kent WA

August 10-13

Great American Stamp Show (GASS)

Cleveland OH

The GASS is the primary annual show in the United States.

Sponsored primarily by the American Philatelic Society but also by the the American

Topical Association and the American First Day Cover Society.



August 13

Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair

Greek Community Hall

4648 Elk Lake Dr

Victoria BC

Venue next to the Saanich Commonwealth Place

Free admission, free parking, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

September 3

Vintage Retro Collectible Show

Mary Winspear Centre

Sidney BC,

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

For more information: 1-250-744-1807

September 8-10

SEAPEX 2023

Information for the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition will be available later in the year

Volunteers needed:

The success of our show depends on a large part on volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, these are the areas we need assistance:

Youth Activities: Monitor youth activities table and help with youth games and learning activities

Reception table: Greet visitors, provide directions, hand out brochures and door prize tickets, sell banquet tickets and show covers

Exhibits: Help mount and take down exhibit pages in the frames

Break area: Supervise the area where volunteers and dealers get coffee and refreshments

Security: Watch over the show and the parking lot during loading and unloading

If you would like to volunteer, contact SEAPEX Committee seapex.show@gmail.com;

www.seapexshow.org

September 23

North Shore Numismatic Society, Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show

Nikkei Centre

6688 Southoaks Crescent

Burnaby BC

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Admission: \$3, age 16 and under FREE

www.northshorenumismaticssociety.org

September 29-30

VANPEX

Jubilee United Church

7551 Gray Ave

Burnaby BC

Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

10 Dealer Bourse

Auction - 150 large lots

35 frame exhibition

Free admission

www.bcphilatelic.org



British Columbia Philatelic Society

Bringing stamp and postal-history collectors together since 1919

November 19

Vintage Retro Collectible Show

Mary Winspear Centre

Sidney BC

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

For more information: 1-250-744-1807

November 26

Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair

Greek Community Hall

4648 Elk Lake Dr

Victoria BC

Venue next to the Saanich Commonwealth Place

Free admission, free parking, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

APPENDIX 1

Letter Arrives More Than 100 Years After Being Posted

By Christian Edwards, CNN

Updated 12:16 PM EST, Thu February 16, 2023

A letter has finally been delivered to its destination – more than a century after it was written.

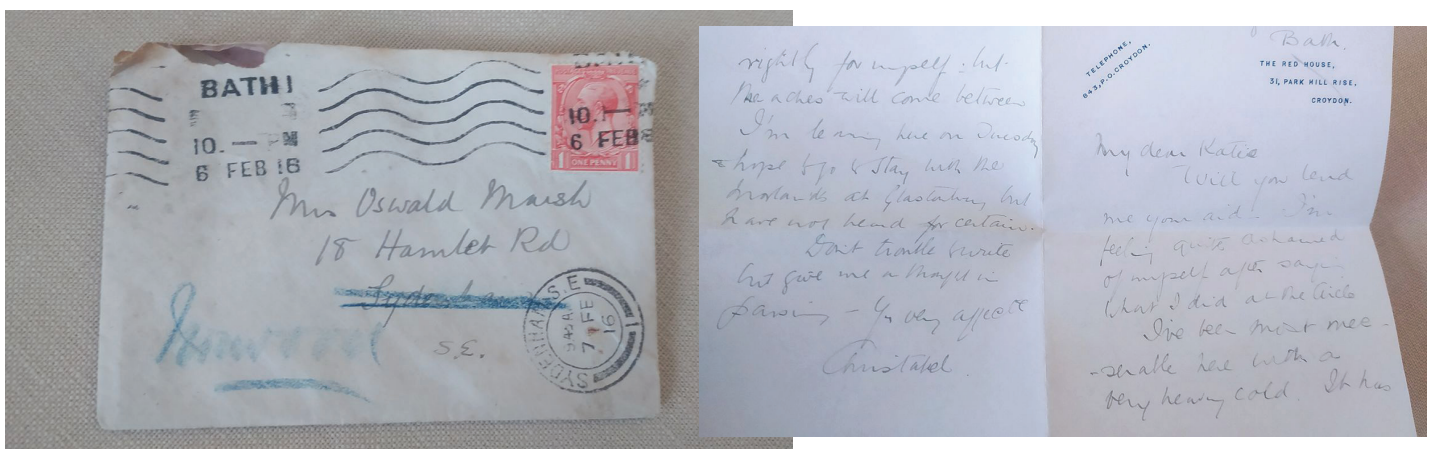
Sent in February 1916, the correspondence arrived at its intended address in Hamlet Road, south London, much to the bewilderment of the current occupants. “We noticed that the year on it was ’16. So we thought it was 2016,” Finlay Glen told CNN Thursday. “Then we noticed that the stamp was a King rather than a Queen, so we felt that it couldn’t have been 2016.” Glen told CNN that the letter arrived at the property a couple of years ago, but he has only recently taken it to the local historical society, so they can research it further. The envelope has a 1 pence stamp bearing the head of King George V. The letter was sent in the middle of World War I – more than a decade before Queen Elizabeth II was born.

“Once we realized it was very old, we felt that it was okay to open up the letter,” said Glen, 27. Under the Postal Services Act 2000, it is a crime to open mail not addressed to you. But Glen said he can “only apologize” if he’s committed a crime.

After realizing that the letter may be of historical interest, he gave it to the Norwood Review, a local quarterly magazine. “As a local historian I was amazed and delighted to have the details of the letter passed to me,” said Stephen Oxford, editor of the magazine, in a release. The letter was addressed to “my dear Katie,” who, according to Oxford, was the wife of local stamp magnate Oswald Marsh. It was written by Christabel Mennel, the daughter of tea merchant Henry Tuke Mennel, while her family was on holiday in Bath, in western England. In the letter, Mennel writes: “I’ve been most miserable here with a very heavy cold.”

The neighborhood of south London was a hub of business activity at the time. “Lots of wealthy, middle class people moved into the area in the late 1800s,” Oxford told CNN.

Oswald Marsh, the former resident of the Hamlet Road property, “was a highly regarded stamp dealer who was often called as an expert witness in cases of stamp fraud,” according to Oxford. - CE



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**** SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 ****

**BEST WESTERN LAKE FRONT INN & CONFERENCE CENTER
MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON**

Friday evening – March 31

- Hospitality Room – Opens at 5:30 pm
- No Host Dinner – Super China Buffet – about 7:00 pm

Saturday – April 1 – Full Day Program

- Philatelic Presentations – See pages 2-3
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JOHN D. ARN PHILATELIC SYMPOSIUM – PROGRAM

Saturday, April 1, 2023

- 8:00 A.M. **Philatelic Day Registration – Log in Auction Lots – Renew and Make New Acquaintances – Coffee, Rolls, etc.**
- 8:50 A.M. **Welcome / Announcements**
- 9:00 A.M. **Norma Nielson – Best Stories from my Exhibit on Lloyd’s of London**
- 10:00 A.M. **Clothesline Presentations**
- 10:15 A.M. **BREAK – Finish Entering Auction Lots and Auction Lot Viewing**
- 11:00 A.M. **Myron Molnau – A Survey of Canada with Emphasis on the Scroll Issue of 1928**
- 12:30 P.M. **LUNCH**
- 1:30 P.M. **Joe Voice – The Varney Airgram: Results of a Special Study**
- 2:30 P.M. **Ken Owens – A Survey of German Revenue Stamps**
- 3:30 P.M. **BREAK – Silent Auction Closes at 3:40 P.M.**
- 3:45 P.M. **Registrant’s Participation – Clothesline Items or One-Page Showings**
- 4:15 P.M. **LIVE AUCTION BEGINS**
- 5:30 P.M. **LIVE AUCTION ENDS – Everyone MUST Leave the Conference Area !!**
- 6:00 P.M. **DINNER**
- 7:30 P.M. **Auction Settlement – Both Silent and Live Auctions**

MEET THE SPEAKERS

Note: Biographies are provided by the speakers.

Norma Nielson – Eugene, OR: Norma is a general collector of U.S. and Canada. She has diverse interests, led by her award winning exhibit, “The Story of Lloyd’s: From Coffee to Commerce.” Other exhibits include (1) a study of the UN issue showing the Chagall Peace Window and (2) a postcard exhibit telling the story of Fabergè’s Imperial Easter Eggs. She has written articles on her Lloyd’s Exhibit, on the 5c Small Queens of Canada, and on using genealogy resources for philatelic research. She is a nationally qualified philatelic judge in US and Canada. Her philatelic memberships include the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, American Topical Association, Calgary Philatelic Society, Ships on Stamps study circle, and Women Exhibitors.

Myron Molnau – Spokane, WA: I am originally from Minnesota south-west of the Twin Cities in the middle of the lake country. That means that I have always been interested in water and boats. With a degree in Water Resources, I had the opportunity to go to the University of Idaho, and indulge in my interest in snow hydrology and winter runoff problems. I spent 30 years doing what I loved and retired in 1999. Since retirement I have spent all my time in collecting books, stamps and traveling, preferably on cruise ships whenever possible or around the Pacific Northwest or northern Rockies with my pickup. I had a stamp collection in grade school that was put aside during high school. But eventually my wife encouraged me to pick up the stamps again. A librarian at the University of Minnesota was a stamp collector and he introduced me to the American Topical Association Ships on Stamps Unit. I joined the Unit and have been an active member ever since. I have two major country collections, Canada and Belgium. I have been very active in the ATA, being on the Board of Directors, and serving as treasurer. I was also an officer of the Ships on Stamps Unit of ATA for many years and just stepped down after over 48 years holding one office or another.

Joe Voice – Pasco, WA: Joe has been collecting since about 1996. He started collecting to relieve work stresses, working with a stamp dealer at a brick-and-mortar shop who knew how to get a potential collector hooked. Interests at that time were Greenland and Iceland. He has continued adding to his collection of Greenland postal history. Other current collecting interests include AMG Germany, CAM-5 and CAM-32, and Bicycles as a topical. Joe enjoys research more than collecting. This has led him into philatelic exhibiting. He was introduced to the Varney Airgram by Howard Ness here at Moses Lake about 20 years ago. He has accumulated them ever since Howard had said he couldn’t afford to buy a collection of them. Joe’s research about the Varney Airgram has led to a club program, an award winning exhibit, and a design type catalog. He is currently working on a book about the postal history associated with Varney Airlines and the Varney Airgram.

Ken Owens – Spokane, WA: I started collecting stamps on my 7th birthday, when my parents gave me a TRAVELLER stamp album and an orange bag of stamps, both on and off paper. It was the beginning of a lifelong hobby for me. I remember getting together with the neighborhood kids to trade duplicates and to show off my treasures. I collected steadily through high school, being a regular visitor and customer at Hall’s Stamp Shop in downtown Spokane. Like many others, I put away my stamps during college and as I began a career (as a CPA) and started a family. I never lost my interest and love of stamps. My childhood collection was unfortunately stolen from a storage locker, so I had to start over again from scratch. As a CPA, I combined my profession and my hobby by collecting German revenue stamps. Being a military history buff and of German descent, Germany and its colonies and territories was a natural area of interest for me. After retiring, I joined the Inland Empire Philatelic Society and the APS and became an active collector again.

TWO AUCTIONS

Auction Managers: Tri-Cities Stamp Club, WA
Auctioneer: Mike Zak

AUCTION I – SILENT AUCTION. You may enter as many lots as you want here. Starting price should be around \$3.00. Bidding increments are not applicable. Lots are awarded to the highest bidder at the end of the designated time. **The Silent Auction is scheduled to end at 3:40 p.m.**

AUCTION II – REGULAR FLOOR BID AUCTION. Everyone is urged to enter at least three lots. Additional lots may be entered at the discretion of the auctioneer. Time constraints limit floor lots to not more than 150. Opening bid will be \$3.00 or the sellers stated minimum selling price. Bidding increments will be announced by the auctioneer. **Minimum price, if any, must be stated on the lot card.**

Precautions are taken to safeguard auction lots. Insurance is the responsibility of the seller. The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inland Empire Philatelic Society, the Inland Northwest Philatelic Day Committee, the Best Western Lake Front Inn & Conference Center, their agents, officers, employees, volunteer or paid assistants, or any other person authorized to perform any task in connection with these auctions shall NOT be liable for damage or loss or claim thereof of any kind for any reason whatsoever.

ALL PARTICIPANTS;

1. Please enter material in both auctions.
2. Turn lots over to the Auction Managers during registration.
3. Very, very important! Please have lot identified by catalog reference: Scott, Brookman, or Other (show year of catalog). State the catalog value, use (used, mint, never hinged, etc.), and condition. Add any “unique” information. Complete Data is essential for top price.
4. A non-refundable fee of \$3.00 will be collected regardless of the number of lots entered in either or both auctions. **Total auctions cost is \$3.00 to each participant entering lots.**

REGISTER EARLY – BY TUESDAY, MARCH 14 and you will receive an advance supply of auction lot cards that can be filled out before you arrive at Moses Lake.

**LOT NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED DURING AUCTION REGISTRATION
ON SATURDAY MORNING.**

**FAIL SAFE DIRECTIONS to Best Western Lake Front Inn & Conference Center
3000 Marina Drive, Moses Lake, WA**

On Interstate 90 from the west – Exit 176 W Broadway Ave. As soon as you cross Interstate 90, the Best Western is on the left.

On Interstate 90 from the east – Exit 176. The exit intersects W Broadway Ave and the Best Western is directly in front of you across Broadway.

MOTELS

The Best Western Lake Front Inn & Conference Center is initially holding a block of rooms at the group rate of \$119.99 per night (plus taxes) for single non-lake view rooms, and \$129.99 (plus taxes) for a double queen, for Friday and Saturday nights. This rate includes a Breakfast Buffet both Saturday and Sunday morning. Call the Lake Front Inn 509-number directly, the Best Western 800-number and website will not have the special rates.

**Be sure to identify you are with the “stamps group”
This is the phrase for the reduced rate.**

NOTE: The special rates are applicable until March 18, 2022. After that, rates go to \$159.99 for a single and \$165.99 for a double, plus taxes (and depending on availability).

Best Western Lake Front Inn & Conference Center

1-509-765-9211

Other Motels Nearby:

Motel 6	1-509-766-0260
Oasis Budget Host Inn	1-509-765-8626
Lakeshore Motel	1-509-765-9201

FRIDAY EVENING HOSPITALITY ROOM

The Hospitality Room will be at the Best Western Lake Front Inn.
It will be open Friday evening 5:30 – 7:00. Beer and wine will be available.

Cash donations to offset the cost are appreciated

FRIDAY EVENING NO HOST DINNER

Held at the Super China Buffet, 711 N. Stratford Rd., Moses Lake.
Around 7:00. Directions available in the Hospitality Room.

JOHN D. ARN PHILATELIC SYMPOSIUM

April 1, 2023 – REGISTRATION DATA

	RECEIVED BY MARCH 24 TH BY JAMES HIRSTEIN	PURCHASED AT MOSES LAKE MAR 31 OR APR 1
Participation Ticket Includes Reg. & Lunch	\$42.00	\$47.00
Fellowship Ticket Includes Reg. & Dinner	\$52.00	\$57.00
Fellowship Plus Ticket Includes Reg. Lunch & Dinner	\$77.00	\$85.00
Extra Lunch Ticket	\$25.00	\$30.00
Extra Dinner Ticket	\$35.00	\$40.00
Auction Lot Fee (pay at Registration)		\$3.00

PLEASE – Fill in all names and complete addresses as well as phone number and email address. This helps keep our records up-to-date.

CLOTHESLINES – If you would like to give a short (up to 5 minutes) presentation on a favorite philatelic item, please check the box on the reg. form.

John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium
 Saturday, April 1, 2023

Best Western Lake Front Inn
 Moses Lake, WA

******* REGISTRATION FORM *******

**INCLUDE ALL NAMES
 AND ADDRESSES (PLEASE PRINT)**

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**REGISTER EARLY – IF RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023,
 I WILL SEND YOU AUCTION TICKETS TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE**
Late registrants on March 31 or April 1 will require a \$5.00 surcharge to any meal fee.

Participation Ticket (Registration & Lunch)	\$42.00	Build Your Own Sandwich	
Fellowship Ticket (Registration & Dinner)	\$52.00	Buffet with Chicken	
Fellowship “Plus” Ticket (Reg., Lunch & Dinner)	\$77.00		
Extra Lunch Ticket	\$25.00		
Extra Dinner Ticket	\$40.00		
TOTAL ENCLOSED			
(Check or Money Order Only) <u>Payable to James Hirstein</u>			

I/we plan to attend the Friday night dinner: _____ (No Host – Pay at the Door)

I would like to give a clothesline presentation _____