

# Stamper

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Newsletter from the Lethbridge Philatelic Society

## 2023 Winter Holiday Stamps



There is something enchanting and intrinsically Canadian about a snow-covered landscape. Whether it brings back childhood memories of playing in freshly fallen snow or reminds us of the joy of past holiday celebrations, the icy beauty around us evokes a sense of wonder.



The three stamps collectively offer a diverse cross-section of winter landscapes from across the country.



The Madonna, from the old Italian *ma donna* (my lady), is one of the most frequently depicted figures in European Christian art. Wall paintings of Mary appeared in the Roman catacombs



This stamp commemorates Hanukkah, a widely celebrated festival in the Jewish calendar. One of Canada Post's annual holiday issues and the sixth stamp in the Hanukkah series, it was designed by H el ene L'Heureux and illustrated by Stephanie Carter.



This stamp heralds the arrival of Diwali, one of the largest and most widely celebrated festivals in India – and one observed by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and other communities in Canada and around the world. The Festival of Lights, as it is also known, celebrates the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

# 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**



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## Insight

#1, 1718-3 Avenue south,  
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Next Meeting: **November 9, 2023**, in the downstairs conference room.

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## Czeslaw Slanias

He was born on October 22, 1921 in Czeladz, Poland. His career started early in life when in school he was drawing scenes, distracting him from his studies. During the war years and till 1950, he was working in printing shops and reaching to peak of his profession.



He started his future after that with his first stamp design. By 1956 he had design 29 postage stamps for Poczta Polska. He also designed two masterpieces for the Swedish Post Office He was the master engraver of stamps.

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## IN MY OPINION

BY WALTER KERBER

### *Paper for Stamp Album Pages and FDC's*

An interesting thing happened to me when I was making Stamp Album pages the other day. I was sorting paper types and tagging with my UV light, after spending hours sorting stamps and placing them into position on the pages I had printed. I was very pleased with myself with the excellent job I had done. I patted myself on the back and had a coffee to celebrate. That 50 year old project was finally done.

It was time to look over the stamps on the pages to see the differences in the shadings and tagging. I turned on the UV light and placed the first page under the light. I was shocked at what I saw. I took the next, and then went through the whole lot. If it hadn't been for the stamps that were mounted on the sheets, the whole lot of pages would have been crumpled and tossed into the recycling bin.

What I saw on the Album Pages, which I carefully compiled and printed in color, then mouting each stamp, was an intense white page that glowed with light, leaving the stamps as little black blobs in their place. Even the details on the stamp became hard to see, not the mention the shading or tagging.

That was a tough lesson to learn, after hours of work putting it together. Check your paper under the UV light before you put anything on it. Different papers like the stamps react to light in different ways. That goes for not only sheets of paper, but also envelopes as used to make First Day Covers. I found many commercially made FDC's on paper that glows under UV , almost making the stamp appear as a blob.

The idea would be that the paper for your pages be to your liking, but check under what light the pages will be looked at to find the type of paper that brings out the best results for your album. My thought for stamps to check for varieties would be black, but to print pages, printers do not print white. On home printers, white printing is blank.

To satisfy my need for Quality paper, I decided on a parchment, which had little fluorescence and still showed the stamps well. When you look at the finished pages the stamps appear as all different shades for each issue. You can see the detail, even under the protector sheet.



# Christmas Comes to Germany+

## Christmas Comes to England





## Having Fun with Stamp Hinges

I have had a lot of fun with stamp hinges lately, filling approval books and changing pages in my collection, where I did not use mounts. The biggest beef in using almost any kind of stamp hinge is that they are al-



most invisible on some media and always curled or crumpled. Then when you separate them they are tricky to handle, especially after a few and your fingers are moist with glue.

The real fun comes after a few hours, years, decades or more when you want to remove the stamps from your pages and remove the hinge from the stamp. If you had any of the '60's Dennisson hinges on stamps, like some of mine, they have fallen out of the album because the glue did not adhere well to the album pages. If you still have the stamp, the hinge will likely fall off without even leaving much of a mark of the gum.



Unfortunately, some hinges are not that easy. How many stamps have we torn by trying to gently pull off the hinge? I have torn stamps in half, but in most cases the



glue has adhered itself into the paper, causing it to remove the back of the stamp leaving a hole.

On many of the older stamps, the ones worth more than a dime, I like to put them in water and let the thin film soak off. Be careful though. Make sure that invisible hinge hasn't decided to migrate to some other part of the stamp. Then when dry, you have a nice coating over the surface.

I prefer mounts, but even some of those had glue that didn't hold on pages. Viewing stamps in mounts can also be a problem especially under UV light.



Old mounts were small bits of folded paper with glue on the back. You tore the paper to remove it from the page. To get the rest off, was like taking the stamp off a cover. Isn't it fun?



## Who's Coming to Dinner

It's the Year End Dinner of the Lethbridge Philatelic Society and all members are invited along with their partner or spouse. The cost per member will be determined at the next meeting on November 9, 2023, when our treasurer will be present. Please be ready to verify your attendance at the dinner for an accurate count.



At present, the Modern Chinese restaurant on First Avenue and Seventh Street south has been booked for our Thursday meeting December 14, 2023. As usual, I expect the club to cover anything over \$20 per member, with the exception of alcoholic drinks.



There will be a gift exchange between members, comprising of a gift each member brings, \$10 value, not designated, as a Chinese gift exchange, where members choose and trade after selecting a gift. You are also able to give an additional gift to specific members, in addition to the exchange gift brought. In the past a few members made gifts for specific members, creating confusion in the exchange. Gifts should be of a philatelic nature, but not necessarily stamps.

It should be great fun and a nice evening with little business that evening, as well as a great meal of Chinese dishes.



## What do they Write about in a Weekly Stamp Newspaper

My cousin in Germany sends me a lot of stamp items and other things. Recently the magazines he is sending are old copies of a weekly stamp newspaper. I wondered how many articles about stamps there can be.

I soon discovered the classifieds took the large part as well as stories about items at recent auctions and their values. They also list the recent releases and stories on news events.

The main items or features are about the history and how stamps became about. These articles are less about stamps, in some cases that about the history or anecdote of that country. A recent one related the mail service in relation to a place on the German /French border, Selter, that had an effervescent spring and mail served a factor.

My favourite alcoholic drink to sip is Madera Wine. In the last issue, I not only learned the history of the island, how the Portuguese discovered it, but also how the wine came about, when the kegs of wine were loaded on the ships and spent weeks or months in the hot steaming holds, causing them to referment before reaching the Portuguese destination. It was all a big mistake.

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What do You Have?



**403 308-2692 Andre**

# Announcements

## • Next Meetings :

- November 9, 2023
- December 14, 2023

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Sweden honored him with a special souvenir sheet in color and



Black and White printing for designing the 1000 th stamp. His work is known worldwide and would make an inter-



esting collection for anybody.

# Classifieds:

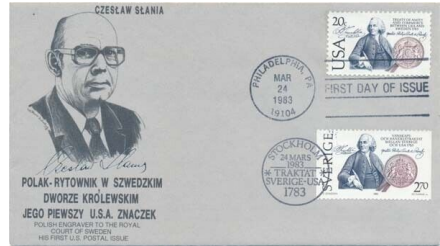
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## Nations Stamp Websites

- Canada:** Latest stamps | New in store | Canada Post
- England:** <http://www.collectgbstamps.co.uk/default.asp>
- Germany:** Neuerscheinungen | Shop Deutsche Post
- Austrian:** Philately news 2021 - PostAG

**Denmark:** Frimærker

**STAMP Pages :** [http:// tim.mond.free.fr/](http://tim.mond.free.fr/)

**Poland:** Poczta Polska Philatelic Shop - Welcome

**USA:** <https://store.usps.com/store> - go to "postal store"

**Edmonton:** <http://www.edmontonstampclub.com/Newsletter.html>

**Calgary** Philatelic Society – The Calgary Philatelic Society

**Stamp Collecting World:** <https://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/>