

Stamper

April 2024

Newsletter from the Lethbridge Philatelic Society



THE NEW CANADA POST STAMP FOR THE ECLIPSE EVENT ON APRIL 8, 2024

This stamp commemorates the total solar eclipse that will occur over parts of Canada on Monday, April 8, 2024.

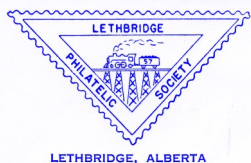
The main image on the stamp, created through a combination of photography and illustration, shows the sun at the moment of totality during a total solar eclipse.

Set against the backdrop of a darkened sky, the stamp image also features a metallic silver line depicting the path of the eclipse from its entrance point in southwestern Ontario to its exit point in eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

Across the bottom of the stamp is a photomontage of land formations along the path of the totality, including Niagara Falls and the rocky shores of Newfoundland's east coast.

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: **April 11, 2024**, in the downstairs conference room.

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Canada Post First Day

Cover
Of the
Eclipse
Stamp



IN MY OPINION

BY WALTER KERBER

Philately

The art of collecting postage stamps is an interesting, fantastic, educational, delightful, frustrating and boring hobby. Take it the way you like it. I have fun doing it. One of my relaxing parts are soaking stamps off paper. That part works well unless they print stamps on stationery, with the perforations printed on and someone cuts them out. You have corners of postcards with the postage stamp printed on. Next time I scrutinize what I soak off more carefully.

Unfortunately, those stamps which I soaked off or trying, to seem to be fading into history. Like most other nations of the world, Germany has joined the world of digital stamps. The Berlin Gate stamp has also been issued as the first Crypto Stamp. Purely digital. That created a new thought in my mind. I currently make up my album pages with the images of the Postage Stamps issued in the year. Let's collect the stamps in digital form. I can have every stamp from the country in digital form on pages and store them on a small memory stick instead of three inch binders that weight fifty pounds.



Image of the Physical Stamp

Unfortunately, some of my album pages are just that, because I don't have the physical stamps (they are yet to come). The crypto stamps are different in the sense that they are encrypted to prevent alteration. The real Question is, do we want to see the stamp images, or do we need the physical stamp in our collections?

What kind of collection is more important? Do we want to hold them in our hands and pet and feel them, or do we look and admire them? Is possession of the item important? Is this a new way of pushing philately into the new electronic era?



Two of Canada's Unique Postage Stamps



Cloth Stamp with Felt Logo on Top



Great May Stamp Auction

May 9, 2024

7 PM

Insight

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

Everybody invited, Bring a Friend

Bring your stamps to be auctioned
(Limits do apply) Minimum Bid

\$3.00/per lot

Canada Post commemorates the 100th Anniversary of The Royal Canadian Air Force



In 2024, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) marks its 100th anniversary as a distinct branch of the Canadian military. While thousands of Canadians served in Britain’s flying services during the First World War, it wasn’t until after the war that military aviation became a permanent part of Canada’s defence organization. In 1920, a part-time Canadian Air Force was authorized by an Order-in-Council.

After receiving the “Royal” designation from King George V, it became a permanent component of Canada’s defence force, on April 1, 1924. The RCAF went on to play a key role in the Allied victory in the Second World War and has since contributed to major Canadian deployments in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Today, the RCAF is tasked with defending and protecting Canadian and North American airspace and contributes to international peace and security through its commitments to organizations such as the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The RCAF also serves at home, providing such capabilities as search and rescue and assistance to communities affected by natural disasters. (Canada Post)

Saving Trouble reading NUMBERS on Stamps?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Sometimes finding the value, or a number on a stamp can be very difficult, especially if that is in a foreign script. The chart at right came from an East German Stamp Magazine.

In my collection there are intriguing stamps from ????. Whose value is even more of a mystery. The writ-

ing is foreign to me, in an Arabic or eastern Asian script, or east Indian, The Chinese script on stamps has certain characters which can be identified in catalogues. That goes for Japan, Korea, and most of the others that use that type of writing.

Numbers are a different one. Even if you know the origin of the stamp, the value will place it in a location. Hopefully the chart will aid in some of that.

East Indian	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
Western Arabian	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
Arabiic Numbers From the Orient	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
Our Numbers	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Abb. 6




Abb. 7




Abb. 8



Announcements

•Next meetings :

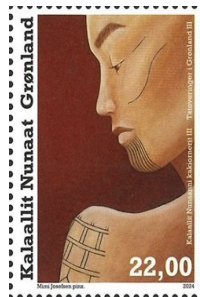
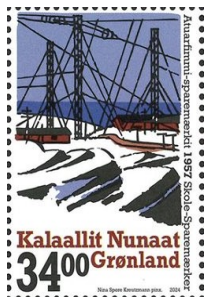
•April 11, 2024

•May 9, 2024

This is the annual Auction

Last Meeting June 13, 2024

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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

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