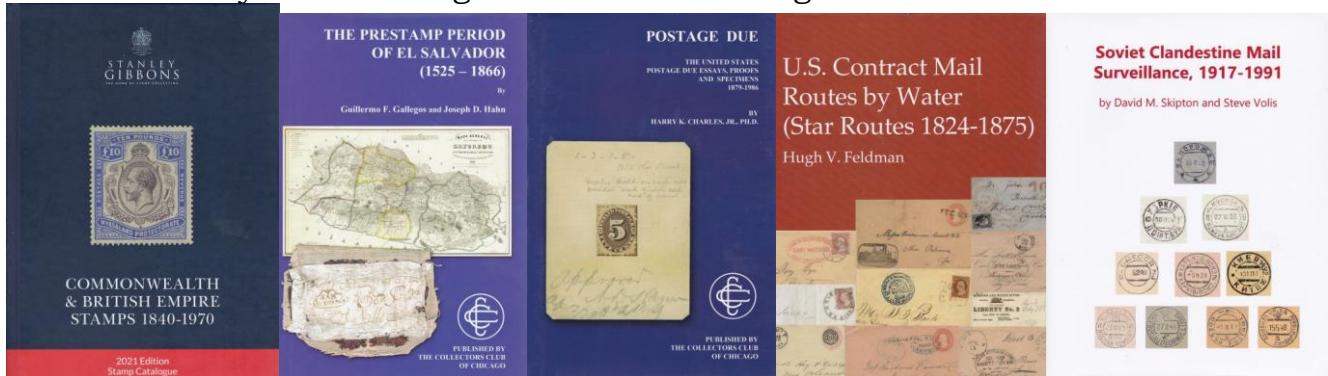




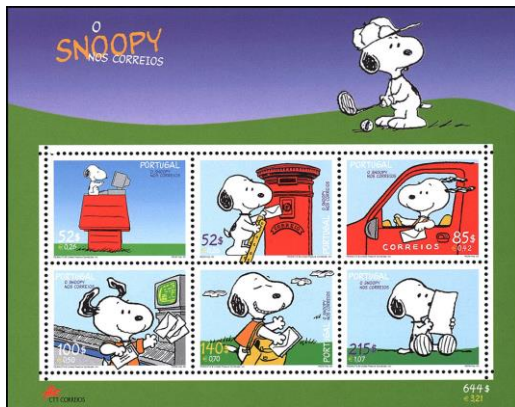
Dear Friends of the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library,



I certainly hope that you are all keeping safe and well, and getting your vaccination when it is available. With the new lockdown we are closed to visitors and keeping busy with all of the routine tasks in the library and with some that were on the list of *things to do*. This is helped by the fact that Prossy is now doing some of the library work that always needs doing as well as continuing to scan materials.



We have now received the 2021 Stanley Gibbons *Commonwealth & British Empire Stamps 1840-1970*. We have also received a generous donation of *The Prestamp Period of El Salvador (1528-1866)* by Guillermo F. Gallegos and Joseph D. Hahn (our first book for the country). *Postage Due: The United States Postage Due Essays, Proofs and Specimens 1879-1986* by Harry K. Charles, Jr. *U.S. Contract Mail Routes by Water (Star Routes 1824-1875)* by Hugh V. Feldman. *Soviet Clandestine Mail Surveillance, 1917-1991* by David M. Skipton and Steve Volis.



I recently came across this delightful sheet of 6 Snoopy stamps from Portugal in 2000 (Scott 2388-2393, image courtesy of Amos Media). From composing a letter to mailing, sorting and finally reading the reply Snoopy does it all. [As an aside, Friend Ian Robertson features this same series in a completely different story in his *News Bites* article in the 13 April 2021 *Canadian Stamp News* (v.45:no.26).] This got me thinking so I went looking for other such issues. Canada has not done a *Peanuts* issue, the US has the 2015



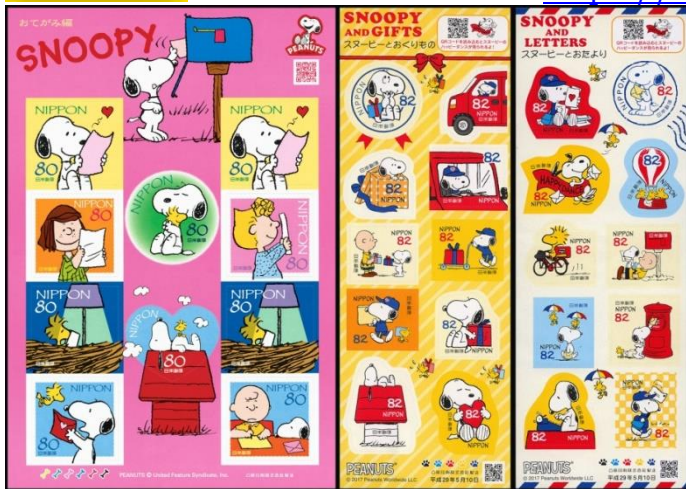
Christmas issue (Scott 5021-30) which includes several images from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* including one of Snoopy, the flying ace, and another of Charlie Brown looking into a rural mailbox. There are none of Snoopy handling the mail. Other countries have. This German stamp (Scott 3024, image courtesy of Amos Media) was issued 1 March 2018 showing

Woodstock delivering a letter to Snoopy. It is part of a series of stamps of the *Peanuts* characters. There are several other countries that have done stamps although I doubt there are any who could beat out Japan, see below.

Charles M. Schulz (1922-2000) created all of the *Peanuts* strips. They ran in papers around the world from 2 October 1950 until the final strip on Sunday, 13 February 2000. He did this for almost 50 years, a total of 17,897 strips. No new strips will be created but some papers are still reprinting some of the original ones and they are available online at <https://www.gocomics.com/peanuts>.



There is a museum in Santa Rosa, California. They have a detailed biography at <https://schulzmuseum.org/timeline/>. Of course you can find vast amounts of information in many places, another is: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Charles-Schulz>. There is also an official website at <https://www.peanuts.com/>.



These images are courtesy Amos Media: first Scott Japan 3206 from 2010 while “Snoopy and Gifts” and “Snoopy and Letters” are from 2017 (Scott 4103-4104). The character is so popular in Japan that there is a satellite museum in Tokyo, see: <https://snoopymuseum.tokyo/s/smt/page/english?ima=0000>. And a Japanese site at <https://www.snoopy.co.jp/>.



You may be wondering how I go from Snoopy to Anne of Green Gables. The connection is that Japan has done a joint issue of this stamp (Unitrade 2277-2278) from 2008 for the 100th anniversary of publication. The *Collection Canada* of 2008 says: “Lucy Maud Montgomery was born in the small town of Clifton, Prince Edward Island, on November 30, 1874. The only child of Hugh John Montgomery and Clara



Woolner Macneill, Montgomery lost her mother to tuberculosis before she was even two years old.” It goes on to explain that she then lived with her maternal grandparents in Cavendish and that when her grandfather died suddenly in 1898 she returned to take care of her grandmother. “Montgomery assisted her grandmother in the post office that operated out of the kitchen of the Macneill family homestead.”

This is the joint issue with Japan (shown in the Unitrade catalogue with 2277-8 and listed in Scott Japan 3029). The upper 2 stamps are the same as the Canadian issue, although without the small cut-out maple leaf between the two. The other stamps are from anime versions of Anne of Green Gables. For example one is Anne and Diana Barry holding hands. Even

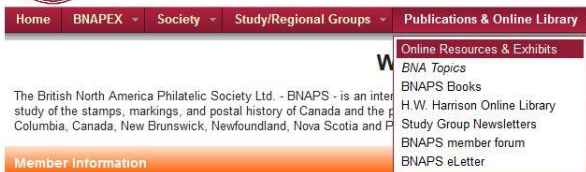
when I was a child the house on Prince Edward Island was open for tours and there were a significant number of Japanese tourists who came to see the place where it all started. The books are wildly popular in Japan.

The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society (CAS) has some news: The Canadian Aerophilatelist March 2021 issue announces that the Editor's Award for 2021 is presented to Friend Dave Bartlet. They go on to indicate that he has been involved in all four of the major initiatives taken up by the CAS over the last 3 years, very impressive. Check them out at <http://www.aerophilately.ca/>. While we are on the topic, the journal also has an article about aviator stamps featuring Canadian female pilots. These are produced using the Canada Post Picture Postage program, 13 stamps since 2008. More information is available at:

<http://canadian99s.com/stamps/>. The 2020 stamp features Emily Crombez.



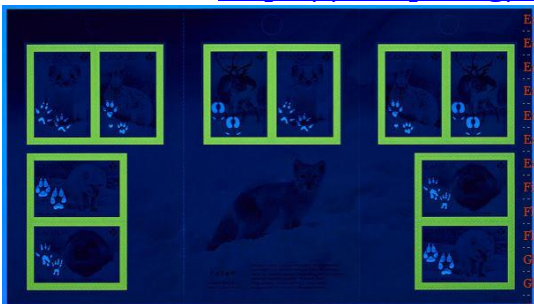
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Friend Wayne Smith, a regular visitor to the library when we are open, has posted his census of covers and postal history on the BNAPS website (<https://bnaps.org/>). The items can be found under the Publications & Online Library drop down menu as Online Resources & Exhibits. On the new page scroll down to the Articles section and

further down to the Postal History section. Here you will find two of the articles listed. Click on either one of these and you will be taken to a page showing all of the work that he has done. Wayne is always

looking for new items as each census is updated yearly. His email is on the page. A direct link is: <https://bnaps.org/ore/SmithW-Census/SmithW-Census.htm>.



Friend Michel Houde has another tip: <http://philaquelymoi.blogspot.com/>. The blogger, who identifies only as kcsquare, is from Markham and says "this site is about my collection of Unusual / Unique stamps." His 23 February post is about the UV markings on the Snow Mammal issue of 16 February 2021 (so no Unitrade number yet). He posts regularly; on 6 April he updated an article about crystals on stamps.

Details magazine has this to say about the Snow Mammal issue: "In the lower left-hand corner of each stamp, in fluorescent ink visible only under black light, is a set of each animal's tracks as they would appear in the fresh snow." About the images they indicate: "The five featured on these stamps represent the hunters and the hunted. The ermine and the Arctic fox are predators that blend into the snowy background to sneak up on their next meal. The snowshoe hare, Peary caribou and northern collared lemming are prey that rely on their camouflage to avoid detection." You can search for articles using the search button at the top of each page and can download previous issues at

https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/blogs/collecting/details.page?article=2014/07/23/our_publications&cattype=collecting&cat=details. It is also available in French at: https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/web/fr/blogs/collecting/details.page?article=2014/07/23/our_publications&cattype=collecting&cat=details.

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Postal Mechanisation Study Circle

Friend Charles Steacy also sends useful information regularly; he welcomes philatelic conversations at banjoobsessive@gmail.com. He has recently joined an organization in Great Britain called the Postal Mechanisation

Study Circle at: <http://www.postalmech.org.uk/>. They may focus on Great Britain while there is also room for the history of the systems in general and from any country, including Canada. Charles reports enjoying email conversations with one of the founding members.



The Canadian Museum of History has a chronology of mechanization in Canada at:

<https://www.historymuseum.ca/cmc/exhibitions/cpm/chrono/chs1951e.html>.

Friend Andrew J. Liptak (1948-2014) also wrote about this in his blog Postal History Corner (still maintained by the Postal History Society of Canada), for example see: <http://postalhistorycorner.blogspot.com/2011/01/pitney-bowes-mark-ii-facer-canceller-in.html>. Others are in the index for the Centennial Definitives Period (1967-74) under Mechanization. There are, of course, other places where you can find information such as:

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/postal-system>. Remember that the British spell it “mechanisation”.



Friend Ken Lemke OTB included an article in the latest *Post and Mail* that Gary

Steele OTB is stepping down as Chair of the King George VI Study Group. The post (hmm, pun intended?) will be taken up by Eldon Godfrey OTB. See their website at <http://www.kgvi.ca/>. It is free to join this study group as they communicate electronically. Another type of philately that you can join!

Now a word about that “OTB” that each of these philatelists use. This is the Order of the Beaver, it is the Fellowship of the British North America Philatelic Society. It is given to those who have given distinguished service to BNAPS or organized philately especially by contributing and participating, exhibiting and/or writing. Learn more by visiting: <https://bnaps.org/otb/otb.htm>.



I recently walked past Kid Icarus (205 Augusta Ave., Toronto; kidicarus.ca) and noticed that they now have the “neighbourhood stamps” series on display in the window. This indicates that, when stores are allowed to open again, you can buy the items at the store. You can still order the stamp artwork online (<https://www.neighbourhoodstamps.com/>)

Keep safe, well and busy,

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