

SASKATOON STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER
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SSC MEETINGS:

All meetings are from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm at Rusty MacDonald Library, Lawson Heights Civic Centre, 225 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon, SK.

2013	January	14	January 28
2013	February	11	February 25
2013	March	11	March 25
2013	April	8	April 22
2013	May	13	May 27
2013	June	10	July 8

Note: All meetings include the regular business meeting with reports from officers and committees; the usual time for members with items of interest, and a chance for questions and comments regarding the hobby. Circuit books are available from Edmonton and the Royal Philatelic Society.

The above dates are tentative as we can only reserve the meeting room three months in advance. Some of the dates may change so check the above contact to confirm the dates.

WEBSITE: www.saskatoonstampclub.ca

PHILATELIC JAVA GROUP MEETINGS: have been suspended until the spring.

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PRESIDENT UNHINGED: Wow, this year went so fast. We held our 50th consecutive Saskatoon Coin and Stamp Show at the end of October, which was another great success. Attendance was 463 adults and 24 children. All the dealers have re-booked for next year. We are planning our Christmas social to be held at our regular meeting time on December 10th, following our election of officers for the coming year. I am encouraging any members to step forward and be willing to run for any positions on the executive or committees. New blood is always welcome. If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time to do it. Our membership has remained at a constant level and the turnout at the meetings seems to be fairly consistent between 18 to 24 members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current executive and committee members for all their hard work and enthusiasm for the hobby and the success of the club. Without them there would be no club. I would also like to thank Eugene Sonmor for his 12 years as editor of this newsletter. His enthusiasm and dedication to the hobby and this publication was evident in his work and his constant requests for material to publish. He has given his notice of retirement from this job. His job will not be easy to fill. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Best Wishes to everyone and your families in the New Year. Martin Schofield - President, Saskatoon Stamp Club.



EDITOR'S COMMENT:

Having published the Saskatoon Stamp Club Newsletter for the past number of years, I have decided to pass the job on to someone else.

As the reporter and publisher, I enjoyed the challenge of finding material and putting together items of interest for the members.

I would like to thank my wife, Maxine, for editing and typing all the material for me. I would also like to thank the members who contributed articles and information of interest.

My successor will do a fine job but the newsletter will only be as good as club members make it. So I ask that you help him by contributing articles and bits of information you think others would be interested in reading.

Submitted by: Eugene Sonmor

COIN AND STAMP SHOW:



Everyone who went to the 50th Annual Coin and Stamp Show, held October 27th and 28th, 2012, received a token. The obverse of the coin reads 'Working Together for Collectors'. Saskatoon Coin Club - Saskatoon Stamp Club.

STAMP RELATED NEWS:

Vatican Sells Stamps to Fund Restoration -By ELISABETTA POVOLEDO

ROME — As its corporate sponsors continue to feel the pinch of the financial crisis, the Vatican has taken an unprecedented step and is appealing directly to tourists and collectors to help finance the restoration of Bernini's 17th-century colonnade in St. Peter's Square by buying limited edition stamps.

The Vatican's Philatelic and Numismatic Office is offering a souvenir sheet of two 10-euro stamps that could raise 3 million euros for the project, if all 150,000 are sold.

"Fund-raising wasn't going very well," said the office's director, Mauro Olivieri, who came up with the idea for the stamps this year after officials in various Vatican departments were invited to suggest initiatives to help pay for the colonnade's restoration. The cleanup began in 2009 and was expected to take four years, but the work began to lag when funds dwindled.

As of this month, visitors to the square can find a large panel on one side of the colonnade, inviting them to "restore the colonnade with a stamp," an unusual form of direct advertising for the Vatican, Mr. Olivieri said. "They're trying to get the message across to as many people as much as possible," he added.

WANTED:

I am looking for the following stamps:

Spain: Barcelona Summer Olympics 1992

B139 - 141 MNH; B146 - 152 MNH; B163 - 168 MNH; B177 - 179 MNH; B184 - 186 MNH;

B191 - 193 MNH

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(If any member would like to post a Wanted Ad, send an e-mail or a typed list to the editor.)

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International Education Year 1970 – Part 1 of 3, By Ernie Wlock

It was mid-November 1969 that Canada Post announced a contest for school children under thirteen to submit drawings for postage stamps with expression of "What Christmas Means To Me". Tens of thousands of entries were received from schools across Canada with the co-operation of the Department of Education throughout Canada. Winners received a trip to Ottawa to see their national Capital. Both the five and six cent stamps were chosen from the brush and crayon designs.

Christmas 1970- Children's Paintings



Santa Claus
Anthony Martin – Age 5
Marius, Manitoba



Horse-Drawn Sleigh
Donna Niskala - Age 9
Macrorie, Saskatchewan



Nativity
Lisa Wilson -Age 8
Kamloops, B.C.



Children Skiing
Dwayne Durham -Age 7
Fort Erie, Ontario



Snowmen & Xmas Tree
Manon Lecompton -Age 9
Laprairie, Quebec

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Christ Child
Janet McKinney -Age 8
Saint John, N.B.



Children & Xmas Tree
Jean Pomperleau -Age 8
St. Paul~ Alberta



Toy Store
Nancy Whatley -Age 10
Armdale, Nova Scotia'



Santa Claus
Eugene Battacharya-Age 7
St. John's, Newfoundland



Church
Joseph Macmillan-Age 12
Summerville. P.E.I.



Christ Child
Corrine Fortier -Age 10
St. Leon, Manitoba



Snowmobile and Trees
Janis Dojcak -Age 10
Flin Flon, Manitoba

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**These Christmas stamps were designed by Canadian school children..
Christmas 1975**



**Santa Claus
Gillian Kelly -Age 6
Victoria. B. C.**



**Skater
Bill Casey -Age 11
Regina, Sask.**



**Child
Danielle Hebert -Age 12
Cuaticook, Quebec**



**Family and Christmas
Lorraine Caldwell -Age 7
Scarborough, Ontario**



**Gift Box
Debbie Lovely -Age 12
Perth. N.B.**



**Christmas Trees
Robert Kowalski -Age 11
Toronto. Ontario**