

Don't Play with your Food By John Salmi

As a standing order customer of Finland, I receive quarterly information sheets (in English) of the upcoming issues. The Stamp info issue of 2/2010 features the booklet called Funny Vegetables shown below. Eight vegetables, tomato, onions, pumpkin, cucumber, egg plant, carrot, broccoli and potato are featured in different shapes, all denominated as 1kl or first class postage (€0.80). All of the stamps are safety perforated with stamp gum that is not water-soluble. 400,000 of these booklets were produced.

What you don't see in the picture below, is that on the inside of the booklet are a series of stickers designed to be applied to the face of the stamps to create "Potato Head" type personalized stamps. The stickers provide different eyes, ears, mouths, moustaches and wardrobe changes for the vegetables. The front cover below shows two potential stamps using the stickers provided.



Over the years, the Finnish Post Office has been very innovative in producing leading edge stamp designs. In 2008, the stamp design below was printed on clear acrylic making the envelope colour, the background colour for the issue.



Also in 2008, they produced the souvenir sheet below using the lenticular technology featured on Canada Post's tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Montreal



Canadiens in 2009.

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COMING TO CINDERELLA'S RESCUE

By John Salmi

In the March issue of The Buffalo, a letter to Dear Phil caught my attention. I guess I should say it got my dander up when the letter writer referred to cinderella stamps as "fake, misleading scraps of paper" that confuse new and less knowledgeable collectors.

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A Word from Your Editor:

It is nice to see the steady stream of articles, photos and suggestions coming. Some may wonder why theirs is not in yet. Well actually, the topics are so varied, we can actually carry themes across issues and keep the conversation going.

Another interesting topic for discussion and comments: To Privatize or Not To Privatize. Let the Buffalo know what you think.

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Lapsed memberships or late renewals (paid after November 30th of each year) are charged a \$1.00 reinstatement fee. All new applicants must undergo a 60-day orientation before receiving full membership privileges.

The Buffalo is published monthly except in July and August. Deadline for article submissions and advertising copy is the 15th of each month preceding the month

Calendar of Events	
Apr 1	Meeting & Auction
Apr 8-10	WAG Stamp Sale Thur 11-9 Fri 11-5 Sat 11-4
Apr 15	Meeting & Presentation
Apr 30 - May 2	Annual Show Fri 1- 7 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4
May 6	Meeting & Auction
May 20	Meeting & Presentation
June 2	Final Meeting and auction for Season
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Enter via North Side Entrance
Meeting from 1pm to 2:30pm
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For more information contact
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If you have unwanted stamp auction catalogues see Don Bahuaud or e-mail buffalo_editor@mts.net

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All postal authorities are fighting the same uphill battle with electronic media being easier, cheaper and faster for the younger generation to communicate with each other. The declining volume of mail is being offset with more marketing of stamps and products that will produce higher profit margins and subsidize the mail handling portion of the business.

My question for the readership of The Buffalo is, did this latest issue from Finland step over the line. If you have an opinion on this topic, please enclose your comments in an envelope marked "funny" and drop it off to myself or any club executive at a meeting, email me (oops) at jsalmi5@shaw.ca or mail your comments to the club at Box 1425, Winnipeg MB R3C 2Z1. In a future article I will advise you of the results of this survey.

SHOULD CANADA POST BE PRIVATIZED?

By Axel Olssen

The latest edition of MACLEANS has a 2-page article entitled "*WHY THE TORIERS LOVE CANADA POST*" with 3 large pictures of postal workers on pp 26-27.

It discusses the trend in other western countries that have privatized their postal service while CP is still a Crown Corporation. In fact the 30-nation Paris-based club of leading democratic economies (OECD) has called for CP to sell off the Post Office, as has Germany, Holland and New Zealand.

Naturally the Canadian Union of Postal Workers were none too pleased and have said so, but their bosses have yet to issue a statement, etc etc

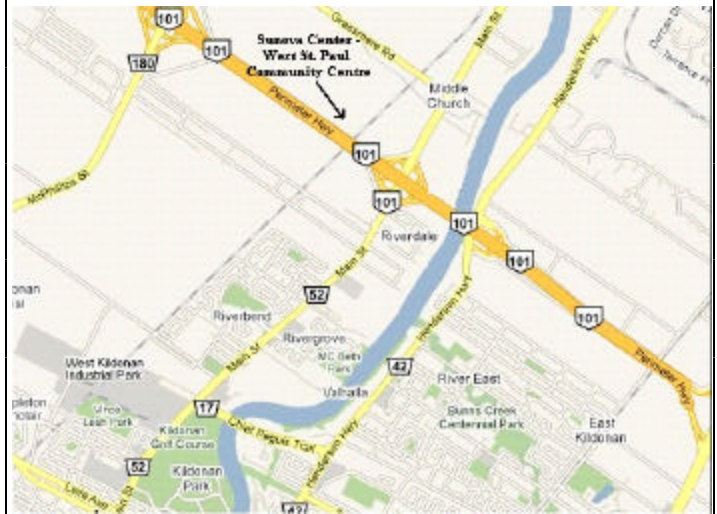
From the Buffalo: How about an e-mail survey:

- In favour of privatizing Canada Post
- Not in favour of privatizing Canada Post

Email your vote to Buffalo_editor@mts.net
(comments with your vote are always welcome)



For those of you still uncertain of the location of the annual WPS show the map below should get you there.



JOB NOTES FOR WPS CLUB MEMBERS

In all clubs there are elected and appointed positions, and the WPS is no exception. We are always looking for volunteers and usually find the same group of people doing the job. Some people do not wish to become involved and that is allowed. Some people are reluctant to become involved because they have no idea what would be expected of them and that is not allowed. Some people are hesitant to become involved because it might take up too much of their time that is allowed with conditions. So what are the conditions? The condition is that you ask and find out what the task is and how much time and effort is required before you decide it's not for you. If you are not sure if you can handle a job then you need to ask. Just asking does not mean you are volunteering and if you run for election or volunteer for a job you are not saying you can do a better job than the current people; it just means you are willing to take on the task to help out.

In each upcoming edition of the Buffalo we will be describing a function that the club needs to have performed so that you can, at anytime, volunteer to help or take over that function.

For this edition we have chosen an easy job:

The Task: Buffalo publisher.

Tools required: Access to a computer

Skills required: Receive and send email. Working knowledge of newsletter program.

Work involved: Receive items from the Editor and

WPS Executive and arrange them into the format of the Buffalo and then produce a portable document formatted (PDF) file that can be emailed and printed. Not rocket science.

Time required: Depending on skill level and familiarity with newsletter program one or two evenings per month. Note first edition may (will) take longer to get orientated with Buffalo layout.

Job Helpers: This is not a task that helpers are required as the entire function is done just prior to the first meeting of the month and coordinating between multiple people would not be practical.

Job Assignment: This task is assigned to a volunteer by the executive with the Editors input.

Current Member comments: This was second year. If someone would like to do the job for next year I would not have a problem. Come talk to me if you have any questions.

Exhibit B



I would also like to present the pair of poster stamps to the right advertising an International Exposition in Milan in 1906 as exhibit B.

I would submit that the artistic design, printing and content as good or better than any other stamps of this era.

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As a mentor to youth stamp clubs, the subject of how to identify postage stamps is one of the first points of business. If you tell a novice collector that a postage stamp must have a legit country name and a currency valuation, you have already eliminated at least 90-95% of the cinderella stamps from the confusion.

I have seen many Cinderella stamps and in very few instances is the issuer trying to portray their stamp as anything other than a stamp produced for a specific function. The exceptions would be those stamps issued by fake postal authorities such as Staffa, Scotland and Iso, Sverige and even those stamps have values added but with no denomination designation.

Exhibit A

Does the writer of this letter also include the revenue stamps of Canada as 'tramp' stamps? I present Exhibit A, an over printed 1867 Law stamp from Ontario that was used for the Fee Fund (FF). The artistry and the printing by the American Bank Note company are exquisite.



StampShow'10 is rapidly approaching. It will be held at the Sunova Centre on April 30, May 1st and 2nd. For those wishing to exhibit, revenue stamps and stamped revenue paper have a different display classification from traditional postage stamps. All other Cinderella stamps, such as poster stamps, deposit stamps, charity stamps, etc fall into the Cinderella display classification. All exhibits are judged using the same parameters and can be exhibited in either 1 frame or multiple frame exhibits.

Please consider showing your collecting interests to the WPS members and the public by exhibiting. Knowledge is a wonderful thing and I for one would love to see your collecting interest. For more information please see Robert Zacharias.

MARCH 20TH, AUCTION RESULTS

BY KEN Kristjanson

First off a big Thank You to Robert, Mike, and Judy for making the administrative side of the auction a great success again.

The auction was well attended with sales approaching \$4,000. The "Seaway Invert" cover netted \$65, a very nice start for the fall Charity Auction.

A special THANK YOU to all of the club members who came out early to move chairs, tables and setup the auction lots.

Spring Auction - March 20, 2010

The spring auction was another success. There was some very good material up for auction. There were 331 lots and 38 registered bidders. The auction started at 10:00am sharp and was over in just over 2 hours. 251 lots (76%) were sold, 80 (24%) lots were unsold. The unsold was among the most we ever had. The \$ amount sold was \$3953.00 which will net the club about \$400.00. Thank you again to Robert for cataloging all the lots, producing the lot list, and setting up the data for tabulation. Thanks to Al, Ken & Sid for being the auctioneers, Debbie for providing the refreshments, Russ for taking care of the absentee bidders, Gerry & Robert for cashing people out, Judy and Mike for tabulating the results. Thank you to everyone who put lots into the auction as well as those who come out to bid. Everyone's participation makes this a great event for the club!

Mike Z

Listed below are the lot numbers followed by the winning bids for each. Email recipients can see the expanded listing accompanying the buffalo. (N/S showed for items that did not sell)

1 2.00	49 23.00	97 20.00	145 13.00	193 35.00	241 N/S	289 20.00
2 5.00	50 20.00	98 5.00	146 3.00	194 N/S	242 N/S	290 16.00
3 N/S	51 15.00	99 52.00	147 11.00	195 N/S	243 11.00	291 16.00
4 8.00	52 12.00	100 12.00	148 6.00	196 N/S	244 50.00	292 20.00
5 5.00	53 15.00	101 20.00	149 12.00	197 85.00	245 N/S	293 23.00
6 5.00	54 10.00	102 14.00	150 3.00	198 50.00	246 40.00	294 24.00
7 7.00	55 36.00	103 11.00	151 19.00	199 N/S	247 N/S	295 22.00
8 5.00	56 8.00	104 17.00	152 7.00	200 N/S	248 43.00	296 N/S
9 13.00	57 25.00	105 9.00	153 N/S	201 35.00	249 54.00	297 N/S
10 19.00	58 25.00	106 8.00	154 5.00	202 38.00	250 68.00	298 N/S
11 6.00	59 30.00	107 6.00	155 12.00	203 N/S	251 N/S	299 35.00
12 9.00	60 10.00	108 7.00	156 7.00	204 N/S	252 40.00	300 N/S
13 8.00	61 N/S	109 12.00	157 10.00	205 25.00	253 N/S	301 N/S
14 4.00	62 25.00	110 5.00	158 6.00	206 21.00	254 35.00	302 N/S
15 N/S	63 N/S	111 6.00	159 18.00	207 30.00	255 N/S	303 5.00
16 2.00	64 N/S	112 6.00	160 11.00	208 66.00	256 18.00	304 N/S
17 15.00	65 N/S	113 7.00	161 2.00	209 5.00	257 11.00	305 N/S
18 9.00	66 75.00	114 7.00	162 12.00	210 25.00	258 13.00	306 44.00
19 8.00	67 7.50	115 6.00	163 5.00	211 7.00	259 24.00	307 N/S
20 21.00	68 12.00	116 9.00	164 9.00	212 7.00	260 8.00	308 5.00
21 15.00	69 N/S	117 33.00	165 21.00	213 5.00	261 6.00	309 4.00
22 9.00	70 N/S	118 10.00	166 5.00	214 3.00	262 8.00	310 10.00
23 13.00	71 N/S	119 5.00	167 6.00	215 10.00	263 5.00	311 11.00
24 12.00	72 35.00	120 16.00	168 4.00	216 10.00	264 5.00	312 40.00
25 5.00	73 20.00	121 9.00	169 4.00	217 16.00	265 9.00	313 10.00
26 4.00	74 N/S	122 8.00	170 6.00	218 N/S	266 5.00	314 8.00
27 20.00	75 N/S	123 4.00	171 7.00	219 18.00	267 9.00	315 3.00
28 21.00	76 N/S	124 27.00	172 31.00	220 21.00	268 15.00	316 3.00
29 24.00	77 N/S	125 50.00	173 36.00	221 20.00	269 8.00	317 N/S
30 100.00	78 N/S	126 30.00	174 15.00	222 N/S	270 22.00	318 N/S
31 5.00	79 N/S	127 12.00	175 10.00	223 16.00	271 10.00	319 N/S
32 22.00	80 N/S	128 7.00	176 N/S	224 15.00	272 17.00	320 24.00
33 10.00	81 13.00	129 N/S	177 25.00	225 25.00	273 25.00	321 N/S
34 5.00	82 6.00	130 10.00	178 10.00	226 N/S	274 8.00	322 N/S
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37 45.00	85 9.00	133 50.00	181 N/S	229 N/S	277 N/S	325 15.00
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39 10.00	87 6.00	135 25.00	183 2.00	231 20.00	279 10.00	327 N/S
40 25.00	88 N/S	136 15.00	184 11.00	232 N/S	280 6.00	328 N/S
41 8.00	89 6.00	137 11.00	185 N/S	233 41.00	281 7.00	329 16.00
42 N/S	90 3.00	138 3.00	186 N/S	234 5.00	282 7.00	330 N/S
43 N/S	91 4.00	139 3.00	187 N/S	235 10.00	283 3.00	331 65.00
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46 18.00	94 5.00	142 13.00	190 N/S	238 2.00	286 7.00	proceeds were
47 8.00	95 9.00	143 5.00	191 N/S	239 N/S	287 15.00	given to charity.
48 21.00	96 24.00	144 21.00	192 N/S	240 10.00	288 5.00	

**Minutes of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society
March 4, 2010**

Russ Thompson called the meeting to order at 7.30.

Thank you to coffee makers Diane Malinowski and Debbie Birch.

Thank you to Don Bahuaud and Mike Bland for the Buffalo.

Al Wingate announced that Winnipeg will host the 2013 Royal at the University of Manitoba. The show committee is progressing with its plans for this years show, volunteers are needed, April 30, May 1-2.

Ken Kristjanson has a fake inverted seaway stamp which will be in the big auction. Proceeds will go to charity. And Ken thanked Robert Zacharias for all the work he did for the big auction.

Robert told us to check the auction lists for errors. If you can't make it to the auction but are interested in some items, let Robert know and Russ will bid for you.

We have a new member today, Bill Wetmore.

Judy Lipsey announced that for the show we will be again have a show program. It will cost \$10.00 for a business card sized ad.

Sid Kroker announced that the Red River Bourse will next be held Mar.13, 10 am-5 pm. at the Best Western Charter House Hotel. Also, we will need a few people to help set up the room for the auction on Sat. Mar. 20.

Draw: Bob Stanley, Jeannette Roytenberg, Mike Blande, John Green.

Adj. 7.45

**Minutes of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society
March 18, 2010**

Russ Thompson called the meeting to order at 7.30.

Thank you to Marjorie Hughes for the coffee and tea.

Ken Kristjanson let us know that we are in need of some volunteers on Sat. To help set up the room for the auction. 8.30 we will start setting up. The auction is open to members only, please bring and wear your badges. Everything will be expertized.

Robert Zacharias has application forms for exhibiting at the show this year. There will be a

couple of different awards, one for the best novice, a silver coin set (women's curling) and for new exhibit, a 2006 OFDC set for 2006

Russ will be available for absentee bidding for the auction on Sat.

Michael Zacharias has posters for our show, and postmarks. Please take some and distribute them around the city. There will again be a show cover, but in a limited number.

Bev Barr reminded us about the WAG stamp sale taking place April 8-10, at the gallery, Thurs. 11-9 p.m., Fri. 11-5, and Sat. 10-4. There will be many FDC, some with block plates, and all will sell at 60% of face.

Adj. 8.47.

Draw: John Salmi, Tom Prescott, Bill Pooley, Bill Wetmore

Tonight's presentation is by John Salmi: Documentary revenue stamps of Finland



OLYMPIC HANGOVER 2010

Canada Post was quick to celebrate the winning of the first Olympic gold on Canadian Soil with a very beautiful stamp of the medal. We celebrated the event.

Australia Post continues its celebration of the individual gold medal winners with the following stamps:

To celebrate Australia's first gold medal of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, Australia Post will release an Olympic Winter Gold Medalist stamp this Thursday 25 February featuring an image of Torah Bright taken at the medal presentation ceremony on the weekend.

Bright won her gold medal in the Snowboard – Ladies' Halfpipe event on Thursday 18 February (Vancouver time).



To celebrate Australia's second gold medal of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, Australia Post will release an Olympic Winter Gold Medalist stamp on Wednesday 3 March, featuring an image of Lydia Lassila taken at the medal presentation ceremony on Thursday evening, Vancouver time.

Lassila won her gold medal in the Freestyle Skiing - Ladies' Aerials event on Wednesday at Cypress Mountain.



This is the fifth Australian Olympic Winter Gold Medalist stamp. Australia Post has been producing Olympic Games Gold Medalist stamps since the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Spring Show Transportation

In an effort to eliminate the large financial losses occurred by holding our annual show at a hotel, we have booked a venue outside of the Perimeter Highway. This also means that it is also outside the reach of the city's public transit system.

Any club members who have access to private car transportation are asked to help out by giving rides to other members who do not have the ability to get to the show by car. Also, you may contact Michael Zacharias and he will try and help link people.

Michael Zacharias' contact information: 582-1334 or email michaelpzacharias@shaw.ca.

We will not be providing transportation or arranging rides for individuals, but we will provide contact information for you to call and arrange a ride yourself. With the co-operation of all club members I am sure we can get all of our members to the show who wish to attend.

Show Committee

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HINT: What war featured Great Britain and Argentina in the 1980s?
 (Last issue's hidden word for Women love this type of wool sweater - KASHMIR)

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