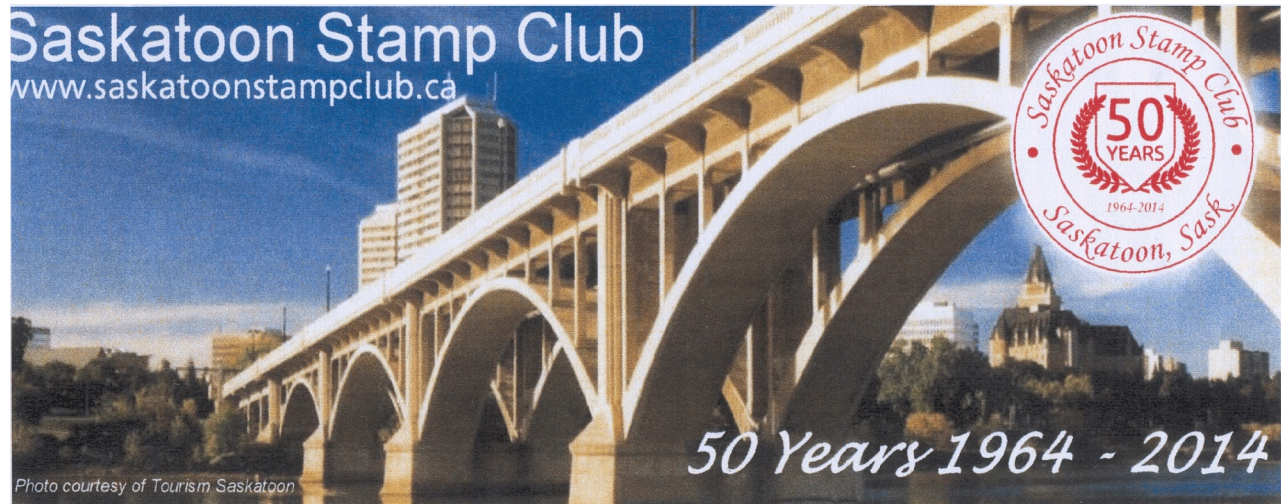


## SASKATOON STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING PLACE:

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of each month except July and August when we meet at mid-month. Meetings are held at St. John's Anglican Cathedral Hall , 816 Spadina Crescent East and are open to the general public. Doors open at 6:00 pm for bourse, circuit books, trading and fellowship. Short business meeting at 8:00 pm followed by a program including Stamp Auctions, Slides, Presentations by members or guests. Contacts - Secretary - Doug Smith, 139 Cowley Road, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 3Z6. 306-249-3092 or President - Ernie Wlock, 306-280-1244. Membership fees are \$15.00 per year.

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### *President's Philatelic Page*



Summer has finally arrived as we can tell by the attendance drop at our last couple of meetings, but please take a few minutes to come and enjoy the fellowship at the next meeting.

Stamp Collections- So far this year we have had 16 stamp collections either donated or we auctioned them to our members. From the amount of collections received it appears that no one wants to take up collecting stamps in those families.

In viewing these collections not all were given to our club, but the writer did have the opportunity to see some unique collections. The first one was a collection of 110 three rings binders and albums of stamps these we made a deal with a stamp dealer.

Then we get a call from a person that recently purchased an older home in rural Saskatchewan, in the attic he found six large boxes of stamps, no deal could be made as they thought a fortune was found. We noted stamps such as number 231 off paper, used two envelopes containing at least 2500 stamps, and many more low value stamps in this quantity – no value to anyone. The collection was valued at \$ 5,000. Dollars but they thought it should be 4 – 5 times that amount good luck.

Now this one is everyone's dream - **The House of Stamps** – This just happened in May of this year. One of our club members was out of the country on vacation, a message was left on the phone that a house in small town Saskatchewan is being demolished and set on fire within the next couple of days, many stamps are inside if we are interested in them come down and pick them up. But Martin was only half way through his vacation and by the time he returned home it was too late, the house was torched by the local Fire Department. How many stamps were there? This is the way it was told to me: "When we entered the house the kitchen was wall to wall boxes, down the hallway a 4 x 8 room was packed solid with stamps sorted by country in golf ball boxes (hundreds of boxes) he even had time to golf. Into the bedroom and here again wall to wall of boxes, bed covered no way anyone slept on it, other rooms in the house all packed the same. "When I asked the gentleman if I could have hauled it out in my SUV, I was told it would take 3-4 trips.

At time of writing I am still trying to confirm if the stamps were removed or not, the blaze appears on Face Book. That makes two houses of stamps within the last 6 months that had huge hordes of stamps, how many more are out there? Keep alert fellow philatelists, your dream may come through yet.

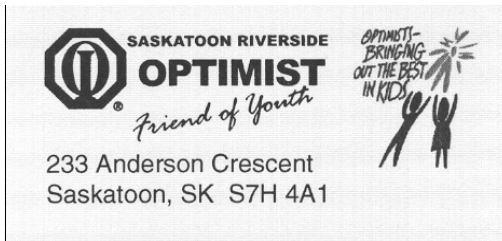
President

Ernie



## PHILATELIC JAVA GROUP MEETINGS:

The Stamp Club Philatelic Java Club meets every second Thursday at Market Mall from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Check our web site for updates [www.saskatoonstampclub.com](http://www.saskatoonstampclub.com)



## JOINT VENTURE:

Saskatoon Riverside Optimist Club and the Saskatoon Stamp Club did a joint venture with all Saskatoon grade four students. All the grade four students in the city were asked to participate in a colouring contest on a post card.

From the 350 entries received, six made it to the winners circle, then a first and second choice were made. Below is the First Place winner. All the Post Cards were to be mailed to other countries. The Saskatoon Stamp Club members donated \$202.00 in postage for this program.





### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picture Postage Stamp

A corner of our banner has been used to create a picture postage stamp. The stamp shows the historic Bessborough Hotel under the arches of the Saskatoon Broadway Bridge crossing the South Saskatchewan River. The stamp was designed by the editor. To purchase a stamp, or anniversary cover, contact the Club President.

**Editor's Comments:** As we continue to celebrate our 50 years as a stamp club, it is a good time to look back at what we have done, where we are today and what is in store for us and for future generations. Each winter, we are one of approximately 43 exhibitors participating in the Saskatoon Heritage Festival. This is the only day of the year when there is free admission to the museum. Approximately 1500 people of all ages filled the Main street of Boomtown after a dramatic entrance by a talented bagpiper followed by eager children. Interactive activities included cow milking, face painting, and rope making. Our exhibit was in front of the museum's Post Office. It gave us an opportunity to promote our club, to display our philatelic collections about Saskatoon and Saskatchewan and to connect with people whom we may otherwise never meet. We also handed out over 400 free packets of stamps to the children who visited our exhibit table. Many adults asked about old collections they have, some wondered what their collections are worth or how to sell what they have. Some never realized there was a Stamp Club in Saskatoon. The Saskatoon

Stamp Club has been involved in this festival for several years and plans are to continue as we have no shortage of members who are willing to spend a day at the museum, talking about their hobby of stamp collecting.



Pictured in the photo is our President, Ernie Wlock and Club member and Heritage Festival liaison, Eugene Sonmor.



## 2014 Calendar of Summer Events:

Summer Meeting Dates: June 24      July 15      August 12      September 9 & 23

Java Coffee Group Meets: June 19      July 10 & 31      August 7 & 21      September 4 & 18

### Joining the Saskatoon Stamp Club

Joining a stamp club is easy, but if you are a timid collector, you may feel uncomfortable walking into a room full of strangers. You will soon find that club members will welcome You, and tell you about the club, and answer any questions you may have.

Our club meets the second and fourth Tuesday's of the month, except for June, July and August when we meet at mid-month

We have a web site [saskatoonstampclub.ca](http://saskatoonstampclub.ca) all meeting dates are posted in advance along with the agenda for the meetings.

We start the evening with circuit books from the Royal Philatelic Society and the Edmonton Stamp Club. Perusing these books for new stamps for your collection is a popular stamp club activity.

We pass out stamp related quizzes, conduct auctions of club member items and also from donations of collections received by the club. We have a short business meeting at 8:00 PM, which is followed by a program which may be a speaker or member talking about parts of their stamp collection.

We have slide shows borrowed from the Royal Philatelic Society which are popular.

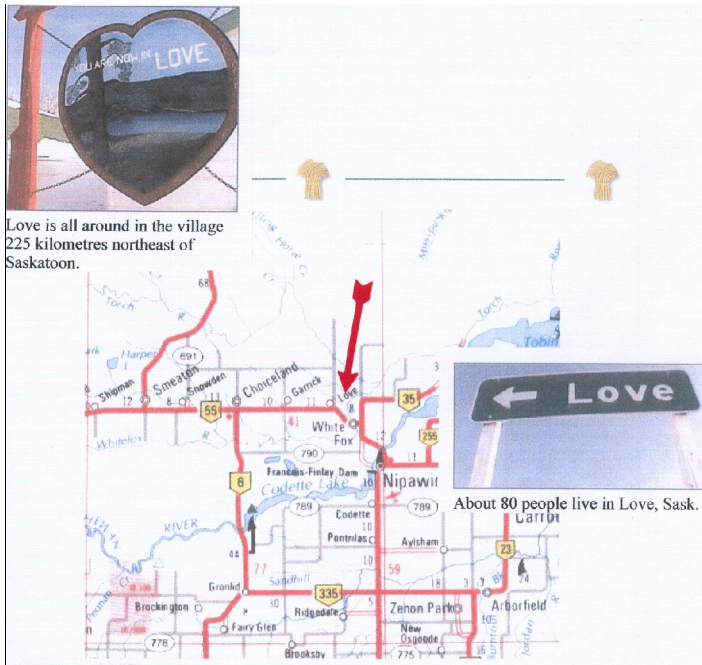
We produce club newsletters quarterly, and another way to become involved is to write articles for the club about stamps you collect.

The last weekend in October we have a joint show with the Coin Club where dealers offer there stocks of stamps, covers and supplies.

There are other advantages to joining a stamp club, but the most important benefit is making new friends. You cannot put a price on that.

We welcome you to join today.

## Canada's first "Individualized" Town Postmark - Love, SK S0J 1P0



Former Love postmaster, Pauline McKinnon and her husband came up with the idea of the teddy bear design. McKinnon says that they had piles of letters coming in that wanted a special postmark from Love. So, we thought it would be something to get the town on the map and it worked. However, no other village in Canada had an individualized postmark and it took McKinnon's husband five years to persuade Canada Post to approve it. In the first year more than 10,000 letters came through Love's post office, with letters as far away as Germany. Each year since, letters continue to pour in from places like the Netherlands,

Australia and Japan, to mention a few. Love is located 225 kilometers northeast of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The Postmark was first unveiled on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1993.



Submitted by: E. Wlock