



December 10, 2020

Hello Friends,

We have had two zoom meetings and a zoom auction since my last communique with you. We have received very good responses to these meetings and will continue them in the new year.

We wish to express our deepest condolences to Bob Anderson, whose wife Tanis passed away a few weeks ago. Bob has exhibited at OXPEX and also judged at our shows.

At our meeting on November 25th, we had 20 people join us on Zoom. We had a good representation from the KW club. David Oberholtzer gave a presentation on his collection of Austrian Christmas stamps. It was a very thorough and interesting talk about the collection, and a really good example of how to do a good presentation.

Bill Deyell, our friendly dealer from Dorchester is providing us with the opportunity to peruse through a red box, identified by country. You would need to pick it up and return it later. Please call for an appointment to meet him. Bill's email is deyells@hotmail.com His phone is 519-268-3334.

GRVPA: is in need of people to stand for positions on the director's board. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021 via Zoom. An email with all the information will be sent to you separately.

Yesterday, December 9th our interactive/sharing meeting went well. 10 OPS club members were there. Fewer people attended this meeting than we had hoped. Four guests from KW joined us at the meeting as well. It was a fun time of sharing our Christmas stamps and just talking to each other. The meeting was just over an hour and we closed by raising a cup/mug/glass of cheer to one another. If you would like some help in regard to the zoom meetings, or have difficulty with any aspect of it, please do not hesitate to ask.

The OPS online auction has been very well received. We now have members from OPS, 2 London Clubs, KW, Brantford, Stratford and St. Thomas on board. Please remember that you can list items for sale or purchase lots. There are no listing or commission fees. The buyer and seller work out the details between each other. Please join us for the next Zoom Auction this Friday, December 11th at 7:00 pm. Contact me if you need me to resend the invitation.

We have booked a room at the Legion in Woodstock for a face-to-face meeting on January 13, 2021. Address is: 642 Dundas Street, Woodstock. (It is beside the Dairy Queen) Those able to come, please register with me by January 10th. Meeting time is 2:00 – 4:00 pm. We will have a silent table auction and Bob Bidner will be giving a presentation on how to prepare a virtual exhibit. Currently, we are allowed 40 people in the room. As we near that date, undated COVID protocols will be sent to all the members.

IF, we are not able to meet in January because of further restrictions, Peter McCarthy is ready to give us a presentation titled, "Mountain Sheep". It's a 24-slide presentation on the Canadian fifteen cent stamp from the 1972 - 1977 Caricature & Landscape definitive issue.

CANPEX is hosting a virtual exhibition from April 7-30, 2021. This will be the first-ever National Virtual One Frame Exhibition held in Canada. Exhibits achieving a level of vermeil or higher will be eligible to submit their entry to CAPEX '22, the International One Frame Exhibition, slated for June of 2022 in Toronto, Canada.

I have taken the liberty of adding a meeting to our regular schedule. Most of us will be house bound for the winter months and will probably enjoy interaction with others who have similar interests. January 30, 2021, is the 5th Wednesday of the month. Peter is prepared to give his presentation then, if our meeting on January 13th is held as planned.

January 20, 2021: We are hoping to have a presentation by Robert Stock from Victoria, BC. He is an encyclopedia on Oxford County postal history. More information to follow.

Since we still cannot meet together, please look for regular emails concerning the club. Please...Stay safe and healthy!

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

With kindest regards,
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