

# ORAPEX '89 A Success

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ORAPEX '89, a nationally-accredited RPSC Show, was held April 28 - 30, 1989 at the R.A. Centre, Ottawa, Ont. ORAPEX '89 featured a display of over 150 frames in the National Class and some 40 frames in the Regional Class. Both classes had youth exhibits as well.

Forty-three dealers formed the bourse and 10 philatelic societies or study groups met during the weekend. The American Topical Association (ATA); the Postal History Society of Canada (PHSC), the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) and the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society (CAS) held regional meetings. Furthermore the Canadiana Study Group of ATA; the Fancy Cancel, Squared Circle and Revenue Study Groups of BNAPS; the Klussendorf Study Group of the PHSC and the Precancel Study Group held meetings and slide presentations.

More than 125 people attended the official opening ceremony of ORAPEX '89 which featured a lecture and slide presentation by Fred Black, a director of the R.P.S.C., and well known Canadiana collector. Lt-Col. Black

spoke for 45 minutes on the subject of Canadiana as found in the philately of France, the French Colonies and the French Community. This was in keeping with the theme of ORAPEX '89: France-Canada Friendship in honour of the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution.

Canada Post and the French Post Office, in attendance at a national Show in Canada for the first time, did a roaring business. The French Post Office was so pleased that it is considering adding Canada to its regular show itinerary.

Seven judges and three apprentices shared the onerous duties of judging 40 excellent and well presented exhibits. The national panel consisted of Bill Robinson as Chief Judge, Père Jean-Claude Lafleur, Jim Kraemer, Miet Kamienski and Dick Malott as judges and Doug Lingard, Dave Nickson and Otto Zeiman as apprentices. They awarded one Gold, 10 Vermeil, eight Silver, seven Silver-Bronzes and four Bronzes. The Gold Award winner was Paul Burega. In addition to his Gold medal, Mr. Burega, who showed *Newfoundland: First*



Exhibition area and dealers tables at ORAPEX '89 - Ron Kitchen Photo



*Cents Issue, 1865-1898*, was presented with a copy of *The Stamps and Postal History of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, formed by Gerald Wellburn*. This grand prize was donated by the well-known Vancouver firm of F.E. Eaton and Sons to whom we are very grateful.

The Regional class panel was under the chairmanship of Pat Campbell with David Nickson as judge and Charles Verge, the show's chairperson as apprentice. Three Vermeil, six Silver Bronze and one Bronze medals were awarded by the panel. The Regional Class winner of the Reserve Grand Award was a collection entitled *World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts* formed by Pam Zoubie. Mrs. Zoubie, a long time member of the R.A. Stamp Club, the host club, obtained a Vermeil medal and a copy of the excellent presentation book prepared for the opening of the National Postal Museum 15 years ago.

Other activities during the weekend included a full day devoted exclusively to school groups and youth stamp clubs and a judging critique attended by many showgoers and all the exhibitors. On Sunday a judging seminar was held with 20 people in attendance. As well, at the close of the show the Most Popular Exhibit, as voted by the public, was awarded to Ruth Powell of Edmonton, Alta. for her exhibit: *Our World of the Cetaceans*. Ms Powell, who received a Silver medal, was also awarded the prize for best junior in the National Class.

All in all ORAPEX '89 was viewed by all who attended, public, dealers, press, exhibitors and organizers as an excellent and very successful show. Our thanks go out to the Royal and its board of directors for the confidence they showed in accrediting ORAPEX '89 as a National Show. The Organizing Committee wishes to give thanks particularly to three directors of the Royal and one of its officers for their help and contribution. Messrs Kraemer, Robinson, Black and Mitchener take a bow for many services rendered to ORAPEX '89, which are too many to list here, it is well deserved.

Should any dealer, society or study group and/or exhibitor wish to join us to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first adhesive postage stamp, the Penny Black, at ORAPEX '90 they simply have to contact the Chair, ORAPEX '90, c/o R.A. Stamp Club, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1H 7X7.

The 29th edition of ORAPEX will be held the weekend of April 27-29, 1990. Ottawa is a nice stopover for a weekend before going on to the British capital for London '90 the week after.

Following is a list of award winners:

#### **Gold:**

Burega, P., Newfoundland: First Cents Issues, 1865-1898.

#### **Vermeil:**

Jansen, G., Canada: Large Queens, 1868-1879

Saint, J.R., Prince Edward Island

Eastham, A.M., Newfoundland: 19th Century

Walker, L.A., Québec Manuscript Postmarks

Cochrane, W., Scotland: West Lothian County, 1669-1910

Toop, E.R., United Nations Peacekeeping Forces

Manchee, E.B., Postal Service in the Bathurst District of Upper Canada

Selby, A., Canada Rate Covers, 1878-1928

Shand, M., Airmails of New Zealand from Early Flights to Regular Service in 1940

Sloan, E.P., South Atlantic Airmails: La Ligne Mermoz, 1920-1940

#### **Silver:**

McEntyre, J.G., Cartier on Canada

McNaught, H., Canada: Half-Cent Small Queens

Powell, J.M., Overprinted Stamps of the Iraqi Republic Revolution, 1958-1959

Gauthier, P., Alfons Mucha et les Premières émissions de la Tchécoslovaquie

Verge, C., Eire's Airmails, 1922-1940

Powell, J.M., Fiscal Stamps of Iraq

Zaluski, E., Canada Revenues: Federal Inspection, Unemployment Insurance and 1765 'America' Duty Stamps

Powell, R., Our World of the Cetaceans

#### **Silver Bronze:**

Hanks, A.J., Rhodesia: UDI Period, 1965-1979

Narbonne, R.F., M.O.O.D.: Money Order Office Datestamps

Labiuk, E.M., Introduction to Ireland's Registration System

Bailey, W.J., France: Colonial Expansion at the Turn of the Century

Leahy, A., Aperçu historique de la Ville de Québec et des ses habitants à travers la philatélie



Proteau, G., Le monde minéral  
Powell, H., The Beauty of the Competition  
Horse

#### Bronze:

Horning, L.R., Postal History of Ancaster,  
Ont.

Monfils, G.A., Nations-Unies: Offices  
européens

Bently, N.D., Helicopter Mail in England,  
1948-1978

Rusling, H. Atlantic Ship and Packet Letters,  
1791-1817

#### General Class

##### Vermel:

McEntyre, J.G., BNA Esoterica  
Zoubie, P., World Association of Girls  
Guides and Girl Scouts

Cochrane, I., Soccer on Stamps

##### Silver Bronze:

Walker, L.A., Variations on a Theme: 37  
Cent Letter Rate of 1988

Sullivan, D., Vatican City

Carier, B., Wonderful Canadian Nature

Kaulback, P., Hedgehogs

Currie, T.L., Pitcairn Islands

Kaulback, P., Service de(s) Postes

##### Bronze:

Fadboncoeur, G., Les petites reines

#### EXHIBITION AWARD WINNERS

##### All Classes

**Grand Award/Best in Show: Grierson Plaque and F.E. Eaton & Sons prize:** Burega, P., Newfoundland: First Cents Issues, 1865-1898.

**Most Popular as voted by Show Visitors:** Powell, R., Our World of the Cetaceans

**Best Postal History – Ottawa Philatelic Society Medal:** Walker, L.A., Québec Manuscript Postmarks

**Best Postal History – P.H.S.C. Certificate and Ribbon:** Walker, L.A., Québec Manuscript Postmarks

**Best Presentation – American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Medal:** Cauthier, P., Alfons Mucha et les Premières émissions de la Tchécoslovaquie: Zoubie, P., World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

**Best Exhibit by an R.A. Stamp Club Member – R.A. Plaque:** Eastham, A.M., Newfoundland: 19th Century

**Best Topical – American Topical Association Gold Medal:** Proteau, G., Le monde minéral

**Exhibit Best Representing ORAPEX Theme – Le Prix Paul-A. De Serres, f.é.c.:** McEntyre, J.G., Cartier on Canada

**Best Junior – Prix du Service philatélique de la France:** Powell, R., Our World of the Cetaceans

#### General Class

**Reserve Grand Award – ORAPEX Plaque and Prize:** Zoubie, P., World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

**Best Canada and BNA – RPSC Plaque:** McEntyre, J.G., BNA Esoterica

**Best Topical – Barnard Trophy:** Zoubie, P., World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

**Best Junior – R.A. Cup and Prix du Service philatélique de la France:** Cochrane, I., Soccer on Stamps ☐

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