

HOBBIES

Coins



Courtesy of the Royal Canadian Mint

THE 2003 coronation silver dollar features a new effigy of Queen Elizabeth II that will soon grace all Canadian circulation coins.

Canada puts a new face on its coins

Staff reports

For its coin marking the 50th anniversary of the Queen's coronation, Canada struck the first of its coins bearing a more contemporary portrait of Queen Elizabeth by Canadian artist Susanna Blunt.

All circulating coins will carry the new image, and the Royal Canadian Mint expects the coins to show up by fall.

A limited number of commemorative coins bearing the new effigy are available at www.mint.ca and (800) 267-1871.

Wildlife sets for sale

The first silver medal series offered by the United States Mint goes on sale at noon Thursday and celebrates the 100th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

There is no production limit on a bronze bald eagle medal. Production is limited to 35,000 for a silver bald eagle medal, and 25,000 each for elk, salmon, and canvasback ducks designs.

The silver medals are priced at \$29.50 each. The bronze bald eagle costs \$4.50.

For more information, check the United States Mint's Web site at www.usmint.gov, or by calling (800) 872-6468. Orders may be mailed to the United States Mint, P.O. Box 382601, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-8601. A shipping and handling fee of \$3.95 per order will be added to all domestic orders.

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Canada honors Portuguese immigrants, postal carrier

By Jeff Stage
Staff writer

Portuguese immigration to Canada and the country's first official postal carrier, a native of Portugal, are honored together on a new stamp from Canada Post.

The 48-cent first-class domestic rate stamp was issued last month.

The stamp honors both Pedro da Silva, who lived in the late 17th and early 18th centuries, and the 50th anniversary of official Portuguese immigration to Canada.

Portugal, whose great explorers include Vasco de Gama and Gaspar Corte Real, played a major role in exploring the New World in the 16th and 17th centuries. It is speculated that da Silva may have attended a specific school of navigation and exploration in his homeland before making his way in 1673 to New France.

Da Silva, who married and fathered 14 children, eventually made his home at Sault-au-Matelot in Quebec City's lower town along the St. Lawrence River. Da Silva was a common carrier and delivered goods up and down the river between Montreal and Quebec City.

In July, 1693, documentation shows that de Silva was paid 20 sols to take a package of letters from Montreal to Quebec City. In 1705, he received a letter of commission signed by the Intendant of New France bestowing on him the duty of "first courier" in New France. Known for his diligence and loyalty, da Silva transported goods, letters and royal dispatches up and down the river.

Although Portuguese fished Canadian waters from the 15th century, only a relative handful of Portuguese emigrated to New France and Canada over the centuries, according to Canada Post.

But in 1953, a wave of Portuguese began to arrive, many of them at first recruited to work in rural and isolated locations. The Portuguese-Canadian community is celebrating 2003 as the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the ship Saumia in Halifax, marking the beginning of officially sponsored Portuguese immigration.

Information from Canada Post is available by calling (800)

Stamps



Courtesy of Canada Post

CANADA POST'S Pedro da Silva 48-cent stamp shows an image of 16th-century Quebec City, the red seal used by the Sovereign Council of New France displaying the King of France's coat of arms, da Silva's signature and a part of the official letter of commission appointing da Silva as first courier.

565-4362; or you can write Canada Post Corp., 75 St. Ninian St., Antigonish, Nova Scotia, B2G 2R8, Canada.

Clayton convention

The 25th annual 1000 Islands International Coin, Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Show and Empire State Numismatic Convention is Saturday and next Sunday at the Clayton Arena.

The show opens daily at 10 a.m. It closes at 5 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. next Sunday. This is a bourse only show with dealers only and no extras, such as exhibits or show covers.

Also, it is one of the few such shows that charges admission: \$2 for adults; 75 cents for chil-

dren. Parking is free.

Education honored

Canada Post continued its series of five stamps honoring institutions of higher learning June 20 with a 48-cent stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of Macdonald Institute in Ontario.



Originally founded as a women's college that taught sewing, laundry and cooking, the school has reinvented itself several times. Closed after World War II, the campus reopened in 1950 as a college of

home economics and in 1964 became part of the University of Guelph.

In 1970, it became known as the College of Family and Consumer Studies and accepted its first male students. In 1998, it amalgamated with part of Guelph University to form the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences.

It is the fourth stamp in the 2003 series.

Releases, events

Here is a listing of upcoming area stamp events worth noting:

Aug. 3: Fort Stanwix Stamp Club of Rome presents 46th cover commemorative Revolutionary War siege of fort occupied by patriot forces in Rome.

Sept. 14: Syracuse Stamp and Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, DeWitt.

Oct. 17 and 18: STEPEX '03, Arnot Mall, Horseheads.

Nov. 8 and 9: SYRAPEX, Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, DeWitt.

Jan. 25: Syracuse Stamp and Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, DeWitt.

April 3 and 4: Syracuse Stamp and Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, DeWitt.

June 18 to 20: ROPEX, Webster.

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Puzzle solutions

Today's Quote-Acrossic

answer: DAVID MCCULLOUGH: TRUMAN: Say what you mean, mean what you say, he was taught at home. Never get too big for your britches. Never forget a friend. They were more than words to the wise. They were bedrock. Clearly established

- A. Dahomey
- B. Ashtoreth
- C. Vast
- D. Irreverent
- E. Dynamo
- F. Moby Dick
- G. Chews the fat
- H. Cytology
- I. Ugant

- J. Lowers
- K. Lawyers
- L. Of sweet
- M. Unworthy
- N. Geese
- O. Hiawatha
- P. Though
- Q. Referees
- R. Uberaba
- S. Mother Wit
- T. Aberdeen
- U. Neoteny

JUMBLE
Answer:
PACKET GRIMLY FLEECE
UPHELD VIRTUE TYPING
What big sister did white Mom got fired for glasses —
KEPT ON EYE ON HIM

THESE SOLUTIONS are for last week's Jumble and NYT crossword puzzles.

RELAY	COMP	LEV	SPAT
ALAMO	AWOLS	SAPP	AARE
DIVIDE	DLOYAL	TIES	PROM
ISE	ATE	FARCE	TOTUP
AIRS	ONE	SEPIA	IREST
NOINO	CLEFT	PALIA	TEDES
SINERT	ELROY	DIRAC	
TENDER	LASE	COUP	
SCENA	CUPTID	SCAMPI	
BATHRA	PANAMAS	ARPEL	
EMO	BROKEN	PROMISE	AME
APPAL	VETOERS	RESEINDS	
NAPPED	LENNY	MARYS	
SNEE	APIPS	CHOIRS	
DRAMA	REHAB	SAWED	
LES	SPLIT	LEVELS	THAR
IMACS	NAIVE	ETS	ZERO
ECLAT	BARRE	ANY	ELS
DETAIN	SEPARATED	COUPLES	
TEDS	ALES	LOYAL	NOISE
OSSO	LAT	MEDE	GLESS