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This newsletter is published monthly by the Huntsville Philatelic Club. Meetings are held on the First and Third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fern Bell Recreation Center, 107 Sanders Road SW. Visitors are always welcome.

MEETING CALENDAR

Mar. 1 **Show & Tell and Member Stamp Trade Night**

Mar. 15 **Philatelic Auction Night**

All regular club meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Auction sellers are asked to arrive 15 minutes early to allow for viewing of auction lots.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual and \$3.00 per additional family member. Dues are prorated for new members and renewals are payable in January.

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SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The Southeast Federation web site is a great source for information about stamp collecting activities in the Southeast region. Please visit www.stampclubs.com

STAMP CLUB NEWS

- Bring a favorite item from your collection or a newly found treasure to our next meeting to **Show and Tell** about. Also bring some of your duplicate stamps or covers to trade with other members.
- **Auction nights** continue to be well attended with most submitted lots selling. This is the easiest and quickest way for club members to sell stamps.

HUNTSPEX 2011 NEWS

44TH ANNUAL HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC EXHIBITION AND BOURSE

- Dates: June 4-5 at the Beville Center & Hotel
- Theme: 50th Anniversary of America's First Manned Space Flight, May 5, 1961
- Events: 11 Dealer Stamp Bourse
U.S. Postal Service Station
Philatelic Exhibition
Awards Dinner at the Soldatenstube

SOUTHEAST REGION STAMP SHOWS

March 5-6 **KNOXPEx 2011**
Tennessee Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn Knoxville-West, 304 Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville. Contact Tom Broadhead, 865-974-1151, twbroadhead@utk.edu
www.stampclubs.com/knoxville

March 12-13 **Nashville Stamp Show**
Nashville Philatelic Society, The Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley Drive, Suite #144, Nashville. Contact Tom Tribke, ttribke@bellsouth.net;
www.nashvillephilatelic.org; 615-833-5161.

April 9, 2011 **Stamp & Coin Show**
Montgomery Area Stamp Club, Holiday Inn, Exit 179, Intersection of I-65 & Cobbs Ford Road, Prattville Alabama. Contact: Dwayne Selix 334-365-2992
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A SMALL START CAN BUILD A GRAND COLLECTION

John Burnett

When I first considered exhibiting Canadian stamps and postal history, I really didn't have a place to start; an area I could put forth as a meaningful study.

I decided to start and think small. I started to look for my special area. I soon found a neat little group of stamps called the "Small Queens"

Here was an area circumscribed by only eight stamps (10 if you counted the 1893 issue of the 20¢ and 50¢ stamps called the Widows Weeds)

How could I go wrong? Surely, I reasoned, I could stretch a study of these stamps to fill four 16 page frames if I found all the varieties!

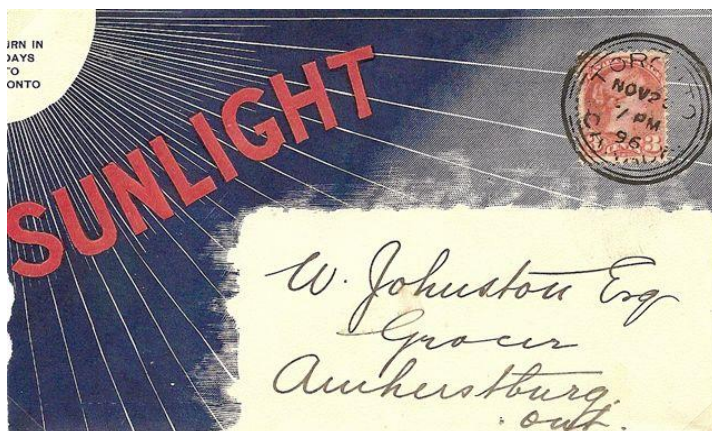
That was in 1975. Today at 32 pages per album I have 52 albums of small queen material, such as the really neat advertising cover shown below.

The moral of this tale is one most other long-term specialist collectors and exhibitors will recognize. The truth is, in my initial ignorance of the subject I didn't realize how big my study of small queens could become.

I started small. However, as time passed and my education progressed, I recognized that my small study required that I accumulate a great number of small queen items, in order to allow me to do a thorough job.

Here I am 34 years later, still accumulating, still learning, and continuing to study my small set of stamps and postal history.

It amazes me just how much I still learn when I find some elusive cover or stamp. I think the study will be a lifelong endeavor.



STAMP PRINTING PROCESS TYPES

Plate	Paper	Enlargement	Image	Process
 SHELL or COPPER PLATE				LINE ENGRAVING Also known as: Recess, Direct plate, in copper as Taille douce or Intaglio Characteristics: Raised, granular inked image above paper surface. Back of paper slightly depressed, especially if printed on dampened paper
 SHELL or Engraved Metal				LITHOGRAPHY Also known as: Litho; offset photo-litho, or planographic Characteristics: Homogenous inked image resting on surface with soft outlines. May be 'screened'-dots, or in a lattice or other pattern
 TYPE or TYPE METAL				LETTERPRESS Also known as: Typo (typography), 'surface' or relief (relievo) Characteristics: Inked image depressed into paper with piled-up ink on edges. Back of the paper, sometimes shows 'bump' or impress
 LITHO or Engraved on Plate				PHOTOGRAVURE Also known as: 'Gravure, intaglio, helio-gravure or roto (rotogravure) Characteristics: Surface image. Usually screened cross-line, dots or in mosaic with edges slightly irregular or ragged

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Another in a series of philatelic definitions that will appear in club newsletters, the source is a book entitled "*The Stamp Collectors Encyclopedia*" by R.J. Sutton published by Bonanza Books, 1959. All copyrighted material reproduced in this series is within the limitations of the doctrine of fair use, specifically for nonprofit scholarship, educational, and research purposes.

A.M. G.-F.T.T. – Overprint on Italian stamps used by Allied military Government, Free territory of Trieste, between 1947–1954.

A.M.G. – V.G. – Overprint on Italian stamps issued by Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, from 1945–1947, prior to the Trieste area being made a free territory by the U.N.

A.M. Post / Deutschland – Stamps inscribed thus were issued by the Allied military Government in Germany, 1945-6.