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Our most prolific stamp designer

For over forty years New Zealand had a most prolific stamp designer James Berry. He was born in England and came to New Zealand in 1925.

He is reported as saying on stamp design, *"The main portion of the design should be clear and easily distinguished in stamp size. The lettering should tie in with the design and be well balanced for size and weight. The suitable placing of lettering in relation to the design is not always an easy matter especially when a separate border is not incorporated in the design."*

He designed several stamps around the early 30's but his first accepted design and stamp issued by New Zealand Post is the health issue of 1933, sometimes called "Pathway to Health"

At this time stamps were printed by the recess method, with only one colour being used. To get depth to the stamp was in the skill of the engraver when making the original die, from which the printing plate is made. Ink was applied to the plate, wiping the plate to leave ink in the recesses only and applying paper to the plate under pressure, so that it takes up the ink from the recesses. This process leaves the individual lines of the design standing proud of the paper, and there is little doubt that this method used to print stamps has always produced the most attractive and eye-catching stamps.

His first most recognised achievement in the pre-war period is the nine values of the twelve issued stamps for the 1940 Centennial of New Zealand. The detail shows the amount of research which was necessary for such a large issue, and marking an important event in New Zealand's history. Some stamps have a simple block border while others a very ornate Maori touch which co-ordinates with the central scene.



Undoubtedly his greatest philatelic achievement was the designs of the New Zealand Peace stamp issue

of 1946. In 1943 the Post Office invited several artists to submit designs, including James Berry. The whole issue of eleven stamps are his, and the highest praise being given to four of his designs when a poll taken by Stanley Gibbons placed them in the twelve best stamps produced since the Second World War. The nine penny, 'A Spirit of Thankfulness' was placed first. a most beautiful design showing the Southern Alps from inside the chapel at Waiho Gorge.



Right from his early days in New Zealand James Berry was designing stamps for many countries, Bermuda, Cook Islands and Tonga, South Africa, United Nations and Australia. His last issued stamps for New Zealand is the 1978 Life Insurance issue. During this time he was also well known for designing commemorative medals and coins. One of his great achievements was the designs for our very first decimal coins of 1967. On 31st May 1968 he was awarded the OBE.

Throughout all of this time there were many, many designs that he submitted to various postal authorities which were not issued. One such very attractive design of Princess Elizabeth submitted for the Royal Visit of 1949, which was cancelled? is shown right.



During the years 1930 to 1975 stamps have changed in the method of printing and therefore the boundaries of stamp design has widened to no borders and multi-coloured stamps. Three design types of NZ stamps, a simple lined border and open subject (1935 Airmail), a complex border and bicolour stamp (1946 8d Peace) and a no-frame design (1960 1/- Pictorial), covering the work of James Berry.

Stamp Camp 2008 - News Release

For the first time this year's camp will be held in the sunny Hawke's Bay, at the Omatua Girl Guide Camp site near Napier, the fruit bowl capital of New Zealand!!

The camp is being organised by the Philatelic Youth Council of New Zealand with the assistance of the local stamp clubs to educate and train enthusiastic young stamp collectors in the more detailed aspects of stamp collecting and exhibiting.

This year, camp will open at 2:00pm on Saturday 5th July and run through to 10:00am the following Saturday 12th July 2008. Seven days of stamp collecting fun and friendship, including accommodation and meals, costs just \$250.00.

Omatua Camp Site

The camp itself provides modern roomy facilities in an attractive peaceful setting with buildings connected by a covered walkway and all being accessible by wheelchairs.

The camp is situated in 27 kilometres north west of Napier with accommodation for up to 60 with plenty of indoor space for all programmed activities and 6 acres of outdoor space to explore. The accommodation consists of two wings with bunkrooms sleeping 4 - 8 persons, toilets and showers. Mary von Dadelszen house contains the kitchen and dining hall overlooking the river as well as Riddell Lodge for meetings and stamp collecting work.

Campers will need to bring a good sleeping bag, perhaps a spare blanket, personal toiletries and personal eating utensils. A full checklist of items needed will be sent as soon as an application has been received.



Camp Leaders

Stamp Camp 2008 will be staffed by Youth Stamp Club leaders who have been to previous Stamp Camps. The organisers for Stamp Camp 2008 are Tim Beach and Jan Price. They will be assisted by the Chairperson of the Philatelic Youth Council, Geoff Tyson, and other P.Y.C. members. Camp Cooks will also be in attendance.

Camp Activities

The camp programme will centre on stamp collecting, but time will be provided for outdoor activities such as ball games and outdoor play. In addition to workshops and demonstrations, each camper will be individually tutored in preparing either a 4 or 8 page competitive exhibits for a stamp competition. These exhibits will be judged and campers will compete for trophies and other prizes. A mystery day trip is planned to explore the local attractions and places of interest.

Fill in the application form now. All booking prior to 30th May 2008 receive a free gift of stamps. Bookings will be taken up till 30th June, 2008, however bookings after 30th May will incur a late administration fee.

Stamp Camp 2008 will be a week not to be missed. Join in the fun and make new stamp collecting friends. Complete the application form now and send with your deposit to Stamp Camp 2008, C/- Philatelic Youth Council, P.O. Box 2979, Auckland. Phone enquiries can be made to Tim Beach (09 574 5445) or email tim.beach@iconz.co.nz

Christchurch Youth Stamp Club

For the final 2007 meeting members of the Christchurch Youth Stamp Club joined with the leaders and parents to enjoy the Christmas party. The end of year meeting finished with the presentation of the various cups and trophies (see *photo below*) that were worked for during the year by the members.



TYPES OF STAMPS

Answers to Dec 2007 quiz.

Charity	3
Non-denominated	10
Postage due	14
Express letter	6
Newspaper	12
Railway letter	5
Expedition	9
Perfins	2
Local carriage labels	11
Airmail	4
Bogus	7
Pre-cancel	8
Officials	1
Mourning	13

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NZ STAMP QUIZ

Try answering the following questions, and for those who return their answers to the PYC, they will receive a surprise item.

1. 1898 Pictorials

Name the mountain shown on the 5/-s value stamp?

2. 1929 Health

What is the occupation of the woman shown on this stamp?

3. 1960 Pictorials

What is the name of the volcano that can be seen from the Chateau Hotel on one of these stamps?

4. 1972 Health

What sport are the boy and girl playing?

5. 1999 Super 12 issue

Name one of the teams shown in this issue of stamps?

6. 2000 On the road

What make of car is on the \$1.20 stamp?

7. 2003 100 Years of NZ test rugby

What piece of clothing is on the \$1.50 stamp?

8. 2006 Year of the dog

What breed of dog is on the \$1.35 value?

Answers to PO Box 2979, Auckland

QUESTION & ANSWER



Q. Can I take a crease out of a stamp?

A. Yes, if the crease is not deep enough to have broken the paper. Simply damp the stamp carefully and iron it with a moderately warm iron. Iron the stamps from the back. Try it out on a common stamp first, to be on the safe side. If the paper is broken there is nothing you can do about it.

COMPETITIONS

APPEX 2008 26 APRIL SOUTH AUCKLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Youth Classes

Entry is FREE

Entry Form and Entry by 12 April 2008

- Y1 Traditional (under 12))
4 or 8 page
- Y2 Traditional (12 and under 18)
4 or 8 page
- Y3 Thematic (under 12)
4 or 8 page
- Y4 Thematic (12 and under 18)
8 or 16 page

- The exhibition shall be open to all individual members of any Philatelic Club or Society in New Zealand.
- No member shall be allowed more than one entry of the same number of pages in each class.
- The age of the exhibitor will be taken as at the 1st April in the year of the exhibition.
- Trophies will be awarded in the appropriate classes and in addition "jewel" award certificates will be given to all entries. "Jewels" will be awarded to the entries with marks in the following groups; Diamond - 90 to 100, Ruby - 80 to 89, Emerald - 70 to 79, Sapphire - 60 to 69, Topaz - 50 to 59.
- Details and entry form from PO Box 23 265, Hunters Corner, Auckland or deliver to 120 Hillside Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland or Ph (09) 278 8578.

NORTH SHORE OPEN

4 OCTOBER 2008

NORTH SHORE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Entry Form and Entry by 20 September 2008

Youth Class

Classes – Postal History, Traditional or Thematic

Youth 10 – 22 years old as at 1 Jan 2008

- Entry is FREE
- Exhibits can be 8 or 16 pages.
- The Competition is open to the members of all New Zealand Stamp Clubs and Philatelic Societies.
- Entries will be judged to approximate National level. A critique and the marking sheet will be returned with each entry. Judges will be available at the Exhibition to discuss exhibits.
- Awards will be made including -
 - The North Shore Philatelic Society Youth Grand Award Trophy
 - The Rob Hunt Award for Best Youth Display
 - The John Kelsey Award for Best First Time Youth Entry
- Special prizes will be available and awarded at the judges discretion.
- Details and entry form from PO Box 34-253 Birkenhead.

TARAPEX 2008

7-9 NOVEMBER

Entry Form by 30 June and Entry by 1 November

Entrants are to be aged 21 years or younger on the 1st January 2008



- Classes National
- 5.1 up to 15 years (2 to 5 frames)
- 5.2 16-18 years (2 to 5 frames)
- 5.3 19-21 years (3 to 5 frames)
- Development
- 7.1 below 13 years (8 or 16 pages)
- 7.2 13-15 (8 or 16 pages)
- 7.3 16-21 years old (16 pages)

- Judging will be carried out using the judging sheets approved by the PYC.
- There is no entry fee, but return postage must be paid by the entrant.
- Further details please contact Tarapex 2008, PO Box 7129, New Plymouth email tarapex@xtra.co.nz, www.tarapex.co.nz