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TWENTY TEN STAMP CAMP

Stamp Camp, holidays, new friends, great food, cold frosty nights and frozen water pipes! What could be better for young stamp collectors and the leaders in charge? This is what the Twenty Ten Stamp Camp did for nineteen campers in the July school holidays. They came from Auckland, Pukekohe, Coromandel, Palmerston North, Wellington and Christchurch. The camp was held at the Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre (Brookfield Scout Camp) in Wainuiomata, just east of the Hutt Valley, near Wellington. Six days were spent in fun, instruction, project work and outdoor times despite the frosty winter weather (the first night had the heaviest frost for that winter!) and a little rain. Campers gathered on Sunday (the Auckland contingent being delayed by a diesel/petrol mix-up during a refuelling stop) with the camp opening after tea. The camp had a good feeling right from the start. Duty groups were assigned, camp rules explained and, after a mixing game, a few details of each camper were given to the group. This enabled a good start on the Monday morning!!



On the Friday there was a Mystery "Bus" Trip that took the campers to the Days Bay wharf to board the ferry to Somes/Matiu Island (formerly a quarantine station, aliens camp [during WW II], prisoner-of-war "cage" and now a wildlife reserve) then again by ferry to Wellington. The group then went (by bus) to the National Archives, used the Kelburn Cable-car and then went to Weta Cave (the public area of Weta Workshops) and back to the camp.

The trip was commemorated by the Camp Cover featuring a map of the area showing the places visited and was signed by the ferry captain, the duty officer at National Archives and by Sir Richard Taylor (only 40 of the 100 covers produced bear his signature) of Weta Workshops. The cover had a 2009 Giant Moa 50c stamp with a Cable-car cancel and looked great!

The week finished with a prize-giving together with special awards devised by the girls and (separately) by the boys! Every camper completed a 4-, 8- or 16-page or multi-frame project.



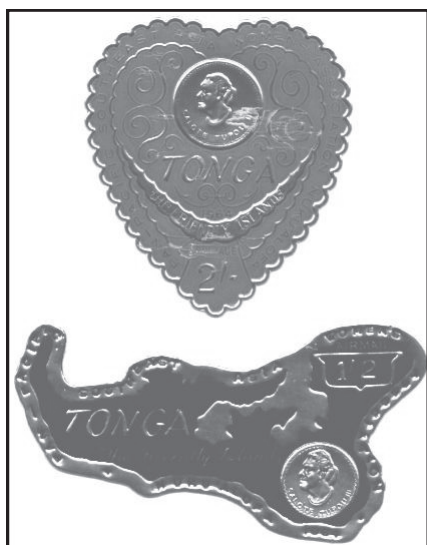
Projects, workshops, visiting speakers (NZ Post, Jenny Banfield [open class "Medical"], Steve Jones [NZ Health Covers]), visiting stamp dealer (Bruce Graves, Palmerston North Stamp Centre – thanks Brucy), wind down times, substantial meals (thanks primarily to the McTaggart family), the flying fox and outdoor games and pseudo-bedtime (some younger campers DID go to bed early) all made for busy day.



A beautiful day for the visit to Somes Island in Wellington Harbour

NOVEL STAMPS

As a complete change from rare stamps in the December 2009 issue, this newsletter we show the other spectrum of stamps with novel materials or design, from issues around the world.



Self Adhesive Stamps

Tonga first issued self adhesive stamps in 1963. The stamp shown above in the shape of Tongatapu in 1966 was a real break from tradition in stamp design, and again was self adhesive, with a very decorative embossed surface, edged with gold.

The other stamp shown above is another highly embossed stamp from 1966, a very attractive one to commemorate Queen Salote of Tonga who died in 1965.

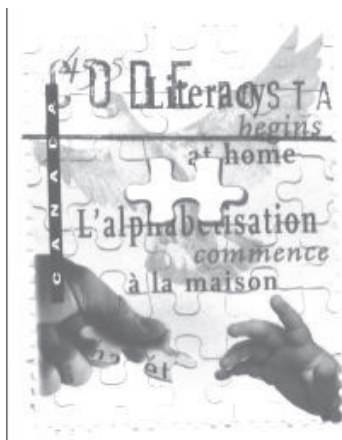


Lace Stamp

The world's first postage stamp made entirely of Swiss embroidery from St. Gallen was issued in 2000 by the Swiss Post Office, carrying the value of five Swiss Franks.

Design Cut Out Stamp

A design cut out from stamps is more unusual than stamps of various shapes and sizes. The first Canadian stamp with a part of the design cut off was issued in 1996 to commemorate Literacy Year.



Round Stamps

Our very own round Kiwi stamp is also amongst the unusual shapes in philately releases.

Issued on 31 December 1999, this purple issue was the last stamp issued by New Zealand Post in the 20th century. This issue is overprinted with a gold sunburst design in each corner.

The \$1.10 gold round kiwi stamp was issued on 6 March 2000.



Scented Stamp

Swiss Post issued a chocolate scented stamp in May 2001 to mark the 100th anniversary of Chocosuisse, the Association of Swiss Chocolate Manufacturers.

Each stamp looks like a piece of chocolate. The illusion of a bar of chocolate is heightened by the foil wrapping in the sheet margins. Gently rubbing the surface of the stamp releases a sweet smell of chocolate.



Hologram Stamps

The first country to issue a Hologram stamp was Austria. Shown is the first country to use a hologram on a postal envelope as part of the postal rate - the United States of America on 13th December 1989.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

There are four awards, Bronze, Silver-Bronze, Silver and Gold

The Bronze and Silver-Bronze Awards can be examined by a stamp club leader, school teacher, youth group leader or adult stamp collector. The Silver and Gold must be examined by a person approved by the Philatelic Youth Council Executive.

Silver-Bronze

1. The applicant must have been collecting stamps for at least 12 months and must have qualified for the PYC Bronze Achievement Award.
2. The applicant (or a club leader) should write to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140 advising the name and address of a preferred examiner, as well as requesting a Silver-Bronze Achievement Award application form and question paper.
3. The application form and question paper will be sent to the examiner, who will give the ten question paper to the applicant.
4. The applicant should complete the question paper without assistance. There is a time limit of seven days.
5. The examiner should ensure that the applicant has an eight page display of stamps which has been entered into a Society Youth Section or Youth Inter-club competition and received a 60% mark or more, has given a five minute talk on the display, has answered at least five questions on the display and is able to demonstrate an understanding of how to detect watermarks and measure perforations.
6. The completed examiners form and completed question paper should be returned to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140.
7. If the examiner approves the award and the applicant has answered at least 60% of the question paper correctly the Silver-Bronze Certificate and Silver-Bronze Achievement Award badge will be sent to the examiner or the stamp club leader for presentation at a stamp club meeting.

Silver

1. The applicant must have been collecting stamps for at least two years and must have qualified for the PYC Silver-Bronze Achievement Award.
2. The applicant (or a club leader) should write to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140 advising the name and address of a preferred examiner, as well as requesting a Silver Achievement Award application form and question paper.
3. The application form and question paper will be sent to the examiner, who will give the question paper to the applicant.
4. The applicant should complete the question paper without assistance. There is a time limit of seven days.
5. The examiner should ensure that the applicant has a 16 page display of stamps of National Emerald Award standard, has given a 5 to 10 minute talk on the display, has answered at least eight specialised questions on the display and is able to demonstrate an understanding of how to use a stamp catalogue.
6. The completed examiners form and completed question paper should be returned to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140.
7. If the examiner approves the award and the applicant has answered at least 75% of the question paper correctly the Silver Certificate and Silver Achievement Award badge will be sent to the examiner or the stamp club leader for presentation at a stamp club meeting.

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