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THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA (RPSC) ANNOUNCES RECIPIENT OF THE 2020 GELDERT MEDAL

The Geldert Medal may be awarded annually for the best article published in *The Canadian Philatelist*. The RPSC is pleased to advise that Robin Harris FRPSC is the recipient of the 2020 Geldert Medal for his article entitled "Becoming the Understudy. Canada's Repeating 'Canada' Underprint" *The Canadian Philatelist*. Volume 71, Number 2 (March-April) pages 78-83. Congratulations Robin!

The Geldert Committee of The RPSC determined that the article contained excellent original research on modern Canadian issues that helps analyze new printing techniques to allow a better understanding and classification of varieties, an important area of modern Canadian philately. The Committee also considered that the article was well laid out and nicely illustrated to aid the reader. The Geldert Medal will be awarded to Robin Harris at the 2021 AGM of The RPSC.



Upon hearing of the news, Harris said, "Thank you so much for this honour; I am deeply humbled to be joining past honourees of this award. I hope other collectors have taken an interest in this intriguing area of modern Canadian stamp production as a result of the article, even though it requires looking at the back of the stamp!"

The Geldert Medal was established in 1967 by Phyllis Geldert in memory of her husband Dr. George M. "Mac" Geldert, FRPSC and The RPSC President (1958-1967). A notable stamp collector herself, Mrs. Geldert was prominent in many facets of RPSC work, including a directorship from 1967 to 1978. She also served as executive director for three years. She was elected as a Fellow (FRPSC) of the Royal in 1968. Mrs. Geldert died on August 23, 2000.

The members of the Geldert Committee of The RPSC are Kevin O'Reilly FRPSC, Ed Kroft FRPSC and George Pepall FRPSC

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