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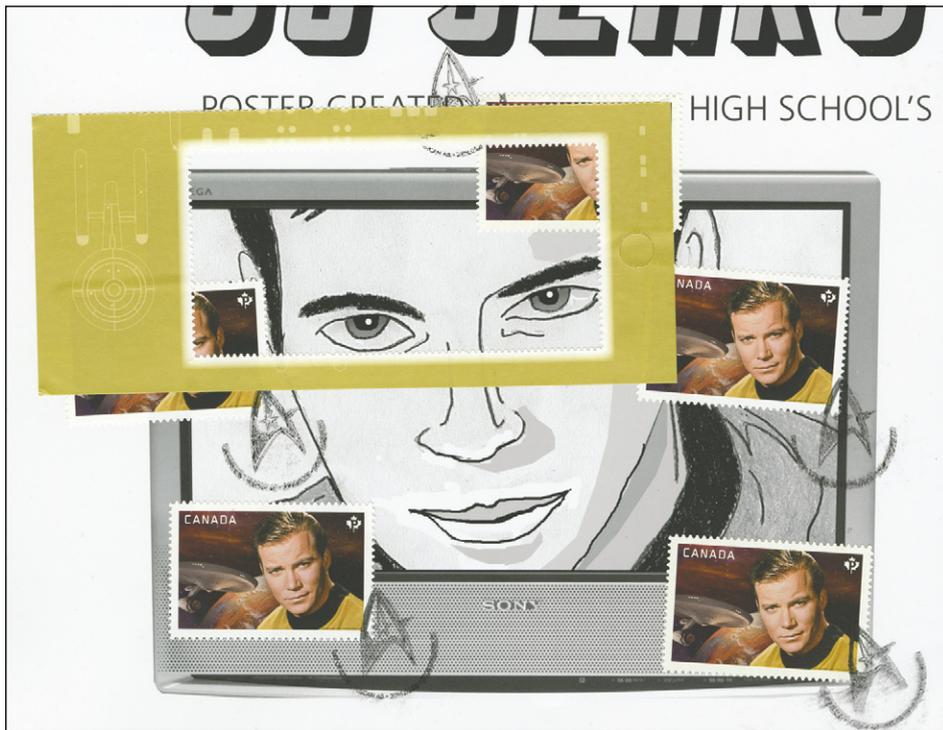
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Irving Osterer said students were able to bring their finished posters to a boardroom at Canada Post's Riverside Drive head office, affix stamps, and cancel them with a special Vulcan, Alta. postmark.

## Osterer at it again: 'serendipitous' Star Trek project goes full circle

By Jesse Robitaille

Merivale High School, located in Nepean (now part of the City of Ottawa), has a local reputation of offering the region's best arts program. Nation-wide, it's recognized for its endeav-

ours, which include Valentine's Day covers sent by students to family around the country, and more recently, award-winning designs from a competition celebrating Canada's upcoming 150th anniversary.

"What I try to do is come up with something they each can have a piece of," said Irving Osterer, the award-winning department head who oversees Merivale's Fine Arts, Technical Education and Computer Science departments. He's also the co-ordinator of the school's Focus program, whose 18 students designed a special poster celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first *Star Trek* episode as part of a year-end unit teaching printing technologies.

"Anybody that's going into graphic design has to realize there are certain harsh realities in the industry, and one of those harsh realities is you're going to have to cross all platforms," said Osterer. "Increasingly, what's going to happen with young designers is they're going to have to cross a lot of platforms; you'll have to take your artwork and prepare it

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## Brigham Auction offers 'left over' lots

### First sale held in June, two more in July

By Bret Evans

What if you held a stamp auction and nobody showed up? Well at Brigham Auctions' most recent sale, that turned out just fine.

The sale, held June 18, was the first of three being held to clear up lots held over

from the firm's earlier series of sales of the famous Ron Brigham collection of Canadian stamps.

"We had a number of lots left over," Brigham explained. "We had some returned, and some from people who didn't pay, and there was also a bunch of stuff that we missed earlier that were not lotted."

Brigham explained that after preparing for the earlier sales, they found stamps he had purchased but had never

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Lot 15 featured a strip of four half-cent black Large Queens to make up the two-cent soldier's rate on an 1869 letter from Hamilton to a soldier in India. The soldier was declared dead, which was written in heavy manuscript on the cover. It turned out, however, the soldier was alive and the family kept the letter as a novelty. It sold for \$50,000.



## Royal returns to Kitchener-Waterloo after 66 years

By Jesse Robitaille

This August, after 66 years, "Canada's national stamp exhibition" is returning to Kitchener-Waterloo.

It was late April, 1960 – less than one year after the Canadian Philatelic Society earned its "Royal" designation from then-Governor General Vincent Massey – when the Kitchener-Waterloo area last played host to Canada's big show.

For this year's 88th Convention of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC), scheduled to take place Aug. 19-21, organizers are hoping current Governor General David Johnston will accept their invitation to attend.

"The Governor General is a patron of the Royal as well as a former resident of Waterloo, and a former president of the University of Waterloo," said RPSC President George Pepall, who added organizers are trying to add some emphasis to this connection. "One of the

ovals on our second show card says 'David Johnston Research and Technology Park.' We're really hoping he attends."

David Johnston Research and Technology Park, located at 340 Hagey Blvd. in Waterloo, was named after Johnston and introduced during his 11-year presidency at University of Waterloo.

"What we're trying to do is show Kitchener-Waterloo in the 21st century rather than the early 20th century," said Pepall, adding the society is "working hard" to build a good program and promote the show. "Every Tuesday since March, I and six others on the organizing committee meet for two hours."

### 88TH CONVENTION OF THE RPSC

This year's show (also known as Royal\*2016\*Royale) is being held at the

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