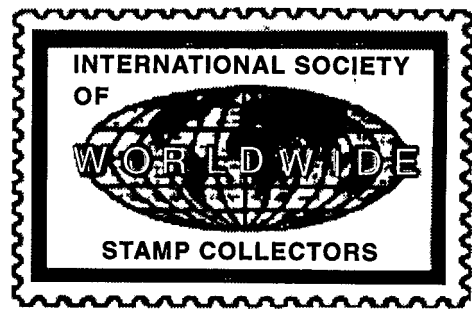


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Vocations from the Outdoors

By Bill Verbist (#1572)

"Do your work, and I shall know you. Do your work, and you shall reinforce yourself." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

It's interesting to read about the various occupations that folks pursue. There are so many stamps depicting thousands of people and their work activities—too many for one small article. I have decided to focus on a few "Vocations from the Outdoors."



Fig. 1

With this in mind, we would step back into history for American Frederick Remington, British Canadian Sir Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, and a brief look at Great Britain's commercial fishing.

Remington

Frederick Remington (Fig. 1, Scott #888) was noted for his portrayals of the American West. Best known for his accurate and detailed illustrations of cowboys and Indians and other aspects of life on the Plains, Remington also did some great works of sculpture (mostly in bronze), done with his characteristic talent and honored also with a stamp, "American Sculptor," Scott #1934.

He spent much of his free time fishing and hunting, writing and sketching his personal experiences. He wrote many books and quite a few short stories, which were published by Harper's Magazine. Perhaps because of his interest in hunting, Remington is sometimes thought of in connection with the famous rifle that bears his name. Actually, Eliphalet Remington invented the rifle. Coincidentally, Eliphalet Remington died in 1861, the same year that Frederick Remington was born.

Fig. 2 is a first day cover of Frederick Remington's 100th anniversary. The stamp is his painting (Smoke Signals), Scott #1187, and the cover itself also illustrates a self-portrait and, an action-packed bronco-

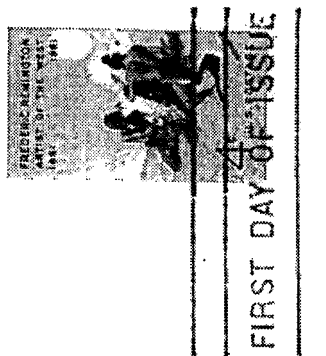


Fig. 2



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busting scene further exemplifying his talent for detail. Many United States collectors are very familiar with the famous 1898 Trans-Mississippi Stamps (a set of

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ISWSC President's Column

by Tony Zollo (#856), President and Executive Director, ISWSC

This column will cover items of recent interest:

Our Sales Manager, Bob McKenzie has completed the discontinuation of the uncertified (uninsured) Sales Circuits. It has been a big job and I want to thank him for his hard work. It has generated only a few complaints from participants and we have tried to reply to all of them. Although it will cause some short-term pain, we all believe it is in the best long-term interest of the Sales Program. I encourage all members to take a new look at the "improved" Sales Program. The value and desirability of the material in the circuits will be much greater, and the use of certified mail (at a cost of only \$1.40 per circuit) will provide \$2000 of insurance coverage, essentially free. Bob will be increasing the number of books per circuit and each book will have a minimum value of \$20. When you compare the costs of participation (blank books and sales/postage charges) between the ISWSC program and the APS program ours is much better for both buyer and seller. I urge you all to give it a try!

I have been in touch with Jeff Hayward, who is the sole candidate running for the vacant VP for Charitable Services. Jeff is going to begin rejuvenating our youth outreach and other charitable programs. I expect you will be hearing more on this in the near future. I am sure that Jeff would welcome any offers to assist in the activities of the youth and charitable programs. If you think you might be interested in "giving back" to your favorite hobby in this fashion, please contact Jeff directly. His address is listed to the left of this column.

One disturbing note...All correspondence to our Australasian Regional Representative Kevin Crowe has been unanswered and his last issue of this newsletter was returned marked "box closed". This is very worrisome, and if anyone has any information on Kevin, please contact me. Also, all Australasian members should send all communication and payments directly to the ISWSC address in Lufkin, Texas. Please do not send local current or checks. Instead send either US dollars, checks drawn in US dollars or your country's mint stamps (all different commemoratives and sets).

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¿Whatzits?

By Tom Fortunato (#379)

Who wants a "Whatzit" challenge? A member has sent me some Austrian stamps, or so they look on first glance. They look similar in design to the 1922 semi-postal musicians set, but they're not. Face values are much higher, at 500, 1000 and 2000 Kronen. Dates of 1862-1924 are on them, with one depicting a possible church square and the other two possible clergymen.



Note: These stamps were sent electronically. See what you can do via email? Try emailing the editor your text and graphics! You, too, could see your interesting stamp stories in this newsletter.

Swap Circuit Membership Renewal

By Randy Smith (#1111)

One of the most popular aspects of the ISWSC is the Swap Circuit. The Swap Circuit is a method of collecting and trading stamps without having to worry about the monetary value of the stamps. Except for a low cost yearly fee, no money trades hands. The Swap Manager compiles a packet of 100 stamps and selects up to five members to form a circuit. The packet of stamps and names and address of the circuit members are then sent to the first member on the list. Each member removes the stamps they would like to keep, replaces them with an equal number of stamps, then mails the packet to the next name on the circuit, usually within 5-7 days. The last person on the list sends the packet back to the Swap Manager, along with 33 cents in mint US postage or an International Reply Coupon (IRC). The names on the circuit are then reordered, a new packet of stamps is created, and it is sent to the new first name on the list. Once each participant has been in each position on the list, a new circuit is formed with different members.

There are currently three types of circuits: Regular circuits, Cancelled To Order (CTO) circuits, and Small circuits. Regular circuits are for all stamps, excluding CTO's and small stamps. Members wishing to participate in Regular circuits are divided according to the first letter of their last name: A-F, G-M, and N-Z. The CTO circuit is comprised of only CTO stamps, whereas the Small circuit is comprised of stamps smaller than 1" x 1 1/8".

In order to defray the cost of providing this

See "Circuits," continued on page 8.

Dues Information:

Single/Dealer/Club membership, \$10*

Youth membership (under 18), \$8*

Family membership (up to 4 persons in one residence), \$17*

*=plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US \$

Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, PO Box 150407 Lufkin, TX 75915-0407 USA.

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Full page, \$40**; Half page, \$20**;

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*Camera Ready means ready to paste up or scan and print. Reductions and typesetting extra. **Discounts for three or more insertions of same ad. Yearly display rates available. Write to ISWSC past president Tom Fortunato (see p.2) for special rates.

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First 30 words, including name, address, and zip code are \$3. Additional words are 20 for \$1. NOTE: State abbreviations = one word. "PO Box 12345" = two words. Zip code = one word.

Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor, Marian MacLeod.

For all addresses, refer to page 2.

"Vocations," continued from page one:

nine stamps was issued), Scott ##285–293. All were well illustrated, a nice set of stamps to have, and also very expensive. Scott #289, an 8¢ stamp, and Scott #291, a 50¢ stamp, in this series were actually painted by Frederick Remington. In **Fig. 3**, Scott #3209, we see a reissue of the Trans-Mississippi stamp designs. We see Scott #289 and Scott #291 as part of the nine-stamp series. (**Figs. 3 & 4**)

Remington was a truly great artist who died while still in his prime (age 48). There are at least two museums exhibiting his art: Remington Art Memorial, located in Ogdensburg, NY, and Whitney Gallery of Western Art in Cody, WY.

Grenfell

Sir Wilfred Thomason Grenfell had a different interest in the outdoors. He was a medical doctor and a missionary. **Fig. 4** (next page) is a first-day cover,

Canadian Scott #438, which, like Remington, honors Grenfell on his 100th birthday.

Young Grenfell, a medical doctor, attended a meeting in London held by American evangelist Dwight L. Moody. History has it that this meeting had a great deal to do with the second stage of Grenfell's career. Not too long after this meeting, Grenfell joined the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. The mission chose him to start a pioneer service to the fishermen of the Labrador coast of Newfoundland. Traveling icy waters with a hospital ship and then many long journeys by dog sled through difficult country, Grenfell gave aid to the people of this rugged land.

There were not many economic opportunities available in the latter part of the 1800s and early 1900s. Fishing, hunting and trapping were the main means of subsistence for the people. The population consisted of Eskimos, other Native peoples, and

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