



# BELLVILLE

## Philatelic Society - Filatelievereniging

Posbus 402 PO Box - SANLAMHOF – 7532

<http://bellvillephilatelic.tripod.com>; Email: [philately@netpoint.co.za](mailto:philately@netpoint.co.za);  
[bellvillephilatelicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:bellvillephilatelicsociety@gmail.com)

### MINUTES

### APRIL 2019 MEETING

#### PREVIOUS

**10 APRIL 2019**

#### **BELLVILLE EVENING & AFRICA CUP & TRANSPORT EXHIBIT**

There were two entries for the One Page Cup on the letter “A”. Congratulations to Reanie de Villiers with her exhibit on “Alice in Wonderland”.

We have received correspondence from PFSA re a survey of the preference of receiving The SA Philatelist via email in a PDF format or the current printed version. Although most response favour an electronic version, it is not a practical option for everyone. Society members will be kept updated on feedback.

Members who would like to submit items for the September Auction, can bring their items to the meetings of June and July.

Diederik Viljoen shared that the Rhodesian Study Circle has a link the “The Springbok”, the South African G.B. Collectors' Society official magazine. The first issue was in 1953 and many of the issues up till 2017 has been archived. It can be accessed at: [http://www.southafricacollector.com/The\\_Springbok\\_Archive.htm](http://www.southafricacollector.com/The_Springbok_Archive.htm)

Johan Bezuidenhoud shared his “Work in Progress” 9-page exhibit on the Postmarks of Transvaal / ZAR. Transport Exhibit: Two of the pages are nearly complete and members were thanked by Diederik Viljoen for their hard work. Final input for the exhibit will be at the August meeting to give Diederik and Reanie time to finalize the exhibit in time for the September Interclub meeting.

The evening was ended with the History of Bellville exhibit. Extensive research has been done by Mr Eddie Beunderman. It is evident that Mr Wobbe Vegter has started with a more modernised version of the exhibit on which we can build on to expand the exhibit.

#### FORTHCOMING

**15 MAY 2019 – 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO VOTING DAY ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

#### **LADIES CUP**

Ladies Cup: This cup is open to all female members and for any category. The minimum of 32 pages (2 frames) applies with all the normal rules for each category. Exhibitions will be judged according to the category it falls into.

**12 JUNE 2019**

#### **THEMATIC AND OPEN CLASS CUPS & TRANSPORT EXHIBIT**

Thematic Cup: Minimum two frames (32 pages) exhibit – covering any subject that cannot be categorized as a traditional exhibit (e.g. country).

Transport Exhibit: All participating members are encouraged to bring along their exhibit pages as there are only 2 months left to finalize the exhibit.

**10 JULY 2019**

#### **REST OF THE WORLD CUP**

Rest of the World Cup: All countries, excluding the Africa continent, are included in the exhibition range for this cup. Minimum two frames (32 pages) exhibit – as for a classical collection.

**14 AUGUST 2019**

#### **ONE FRAME CUP**

One-Frame Cup: The rules are simple: 16 pages, classical or thematic (each will be judged with its own rules).

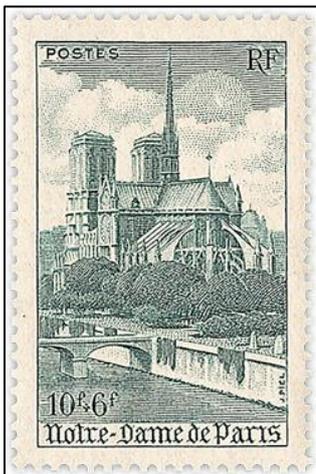
# Stamps show France's love for Notre Dame Cathedral

[<https://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/stamps-show-france-s-love-for-notre-dame-cathedral>]

By Denise McCarty

The image of Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral on fire was seen on television screens and computer screens around the world on April 15. While its spire collapsed, much of its facade still stands and French President Emmanuel Macron has promised to rebuild.

The more than 850-year-old cathedral has been pictured many times on the stamps of France. Figure 1 shows one of the most beautiful, the 10-franc+6-franc semipostal issued in 1947 (Scott B217).



**Figure 1. A 1947 French semipostal pictures Notre Dame Cathedral.**

Depicting the cathedral in a single color (dark gray green), the semipostal was designed and engraved by Jules Piel (1882-1978).

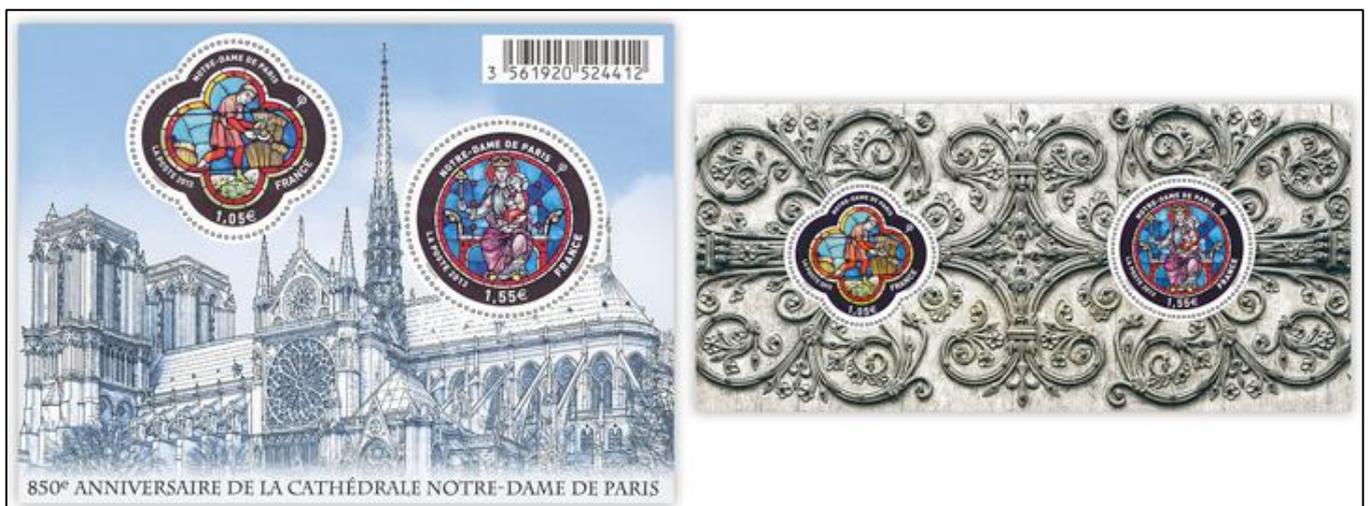
In 1964, France issued a single 60-centime stamp to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the cathedral (Scott 1090). Construction on the cathedral had actually begun 801 years earlier, in 1163 on the Ile de la Cite in the middle of the Seine. Construction wasn't completed until 1345.

The 1964 commemorative, shown in Figure 2, features the Madonna and Child from one of Notre Dame's three rose windows. According to news reports, all three windows survived the April 15 fire.

**Figure 2. France commemorated the 800th anniversary of Notre Dame on this stamp issued in 1964.**

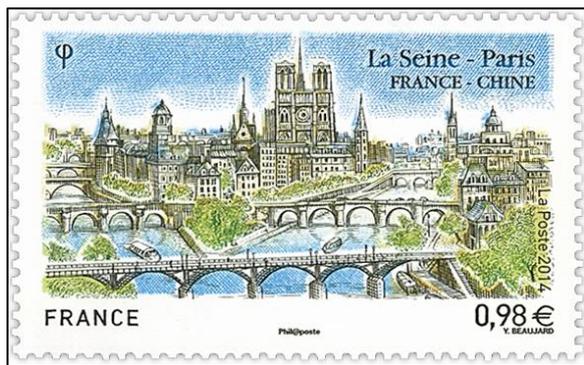
The stained glass windows are featured again on two stamps issued in 2013 to celebrate the 850th anniversary. The round 1.55 stamp shows the Madonna and Child. The 1.05 stamp, a quatrefoil, pictures a peasant with scythe.

One souvenir sheet containing the two 850th anniversary stamps depicts a drawing of the upper part of the cathedral's facade in the selva (Scott 4330). A second souvenir sheet, also containing the two stamps (4330c), depicts a detail of the west entrance in the selva, according to La Poste's announcement of the issue.



**Figure 3. Two souvenir sheets celebrating the 850th anniversary of the cathedral was issued in 2013. They contain the same two commemorative stamps but have different selva designs.**

Rather than specifically commemorating the cathedral, some French stamps include it as part of a Parisian scene. For instance, the 0.98 stamp in Figure 4 features the Seine River with the cathedral shown prominently in the background. Part of a joint issue with China, the stamp (Scott 4588) was released March 27, 2014.



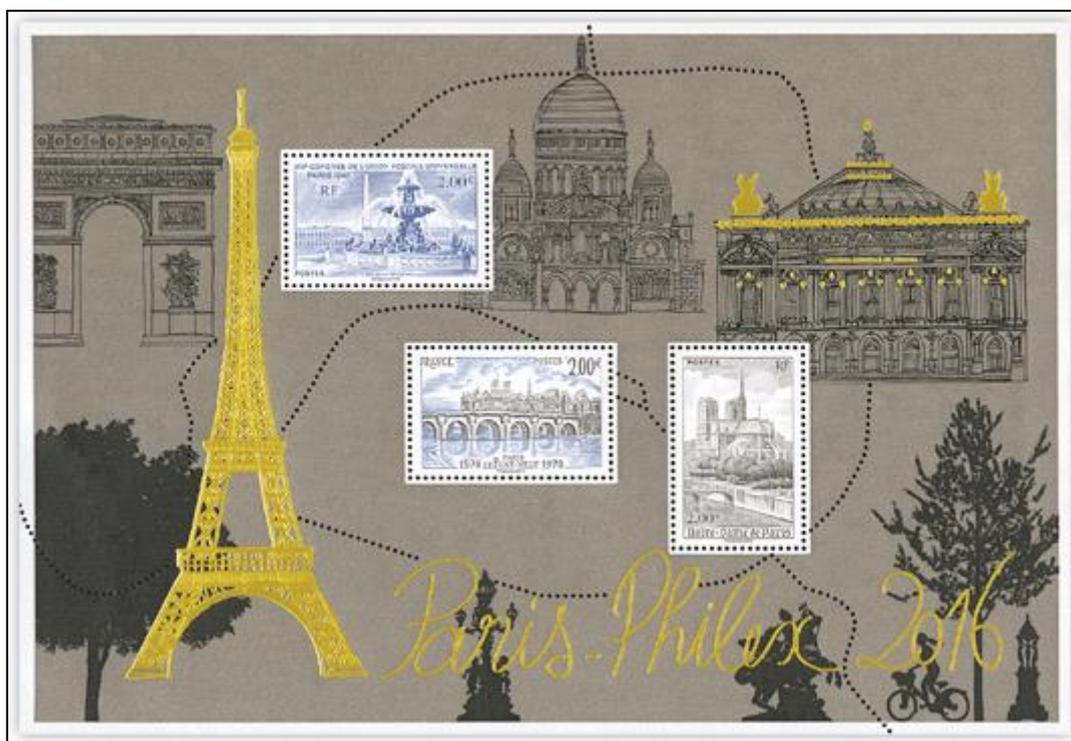
**Figure 4. Notre Dame Cathedral dominates the background of the Seine River scene on this 2014 stamp.**

A set of 1936 airmails with a design called "Plane over Paris" also shows the cathedral (Scott C8-C14). It is pictured once again on a 1947 airmail commemorating a Universal Postal Union congress held in Paris that year (C22).

Notre Dame is featured on one of five se-tenant stamps issued in 1989 (Scott 2150) presenting a panoramic view of Paris.

Similarly, it is one of four Parisian landmarks pictured on a stamp in a 2010 pane in the European Capitals series (Scott 3908b). The other landmarks are the Arc de Triomphe (3908a), the Palais Garnier opera house (3908c) and the Eiffel Tower (3908d).

Two of the three 1 stamp in the Figure 5 pane (Scott 5035) depict Notre Dame. The pane was issued May 19, 2016, for the 2016 Paris-Philex Stamp Show, and the stamps feature previous designs.



**Figure 5. The 2016 Paris-Philex stamp pane reuses previous stamp designs, two of which picture Notre Dame Cathedral.**

The bottom stamp in the pane has the same design as the aforementioned 1947 semipostal, and the middle stamp reuses the design of a 1978 80c Tourist issue highlighting Pont Neuf across the Seine with the cathedral in the background (Scott 1599).

In recent years, France has issued booklets of self-adhesives on various subjects, some of which are related to the cathedral.

Stamps in a 2003 Red Cross booklet illustrate characters from French literature, including Esmeralda from Victor Hugo's 1831 novel The Hunchback of Notre-Dame (Scott 2972).

Hugo's novel played a major role in restoration of the cathedral after it was damaged and its statues beheaded during the French Revolution.

"Hugo's wistful, achingly human tragedy of the hunchback named Quasimodo who both lives in and stands for the cathedral itself, ringing its iconic bells and offering sanctuary to a beautiful gypsy named Esmeralda helped spur on public support for the building that led to a major renovation in the 19th century," Andrew Lapin said in an April 16 report on NPR's (website www.npr.org). "The gargoyles and the spire were added; the beheaded kings were re-headed."

In a 2006 booklet featuring foods of different regions, one stamp reproduces a photograph of a waiter working in an outdoor cafe with Notre Dame as the backdrop (Scott 3192h).

Photographs of the cathedral also are included on stamps in 2004 and 2009 booklets (Scott 3047d, 3675). A decade earlier, a vintage photograph by Brassai (Gyula Halasz, 1899-1984) of the famed gargoyles is reproduced on a semipostal in a booklet (B692).

A stamp in a 2013 booklet dedicated to the theme of Gothic art (Scott 4460) depicts the frieze Marriage of the Virgin from the cathedral, shown in Figure 6. In addition, Notre Dame is represented on a stamp in the 2016 booklet that highlighted the art of stained glass windows (5148).



Figure 6. Notre Dame was represented on a stamp in a 2013 booklet focusing on Gothic art.

This isn't a complete list of all the French stamps that depict the cathedral, and as President Macron hopes to have Notre Dame rebuilt in five years, no doubt many more will be issued in years to come.

### Programs of other societies in the Western Cape

| THE ROYAL          |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>MEETINGS:</b>   | <b>Second and fourth Monday of each month at 20:00 at the Athenaeum, Newlands, Cape Town</b>                    |
| <b>MAY 2019</b>    | Information not available   |
| <b>JUNE 2019</b>   | Information not available   |
| <b>JULY 2019</b>   | Information not available   |
| <b>AUGUST 2019</b> | Information not available   |
| STELLENBOSCH       |   |
| <b>MEETINGS:</b>   | <b>First Tuesday of the month at 19:00 at Le Donjon, La Societé, La Clemence, Webersvallei Rd, Stellenbosch</b> |
| <b>MAY 2019</b>    | Information not available   |
| <b>JUNE 2019</b>   | Information not available   |
| <b>JULY 2019</b>   | Information not available   |
| <b>AUGUST 2019</b> | Information not available   |
| PAARL              |   |
| <b>MEETINGS:</b>   | <b>Second Thursday of the month at 19:30 in the MBA Boland building, Concordia Street, Paarl</b>                |
| <b>MAY 2019</b>    | Information not available   |
| <b>JUNE 2019</b>   | Information not available   |
| <b>JULY 2019</b>   | Information not available   |
| <b>AUGUST 2019</b> | Information not available   |

| PINELANDS             |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>MEETINGS:</b>      | <b>Last Wednesday of the month at 19:30 in the Activities Room of Pinelands Public Library</b>                          |
| <b>29 MAY 2019</b>    | Auction   |
| <b>26 JUNE 2019</b>   | All Members: My 5 Favourite Stamps; David Wolpe: Member's own choice  |
| <b>31 JULY 2019</b>   | Peter Derham: Federal Republic of Germany; All Members: Bourse; Ron to hand out his "Treasure Hunt"                     |
| <b>28 AUGUST 2019</b> | All Members: Postmark evening; "Treasure Hunt" Results; Garden City and Beginners competitions                          |
| FISH HOEK             |   |
| <b>MEETINGS:</b>      | <b>First Tuesday of the month at 19:30 at Minor Hall - Civic Centre, Recreation Road, Fish Hoek</b>                     |
| <b>11 MAY 2019</b>    | Annual Stamp Auction on Saturday Morning from 9am to 12pm with visitors from other Societies                            |
| <b>4 JUNE 2019</b>    | Southern Africa competition & President's Cup.  |
| <b>2 JULY 2019</b>    | Stamp Sale Evening. All members buy and sell on free tables, plus small exhibit of a member who has never shown before. |
| <b>6 AUGUST 2019</b>  | GB Evening and Competition for all members. (Max. 14 pages); Colin Rowe will show out of competition.                   |

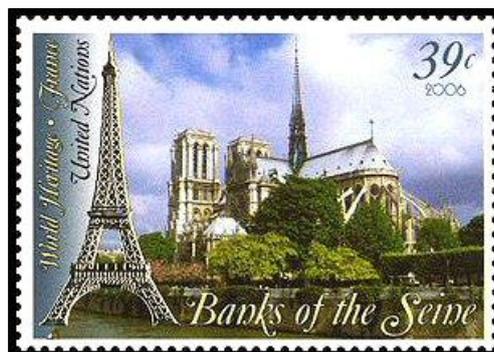
| CAPE STAMP FAIR (NEW VENUE) & AUCTION (OLD VENUE) |  |
|---|--|
| <b>MEETINGS:</b>                                  | <b>Fair: First Saturday of the month from 09:00 – 12:30 at Bellville Valley DRC Hall, c/o Postma &amp; St Andrews Streets, Bellville<br/>Auction: From 09:00 – 12:30 at Bergsig D.R.Church, c/o Boland Way &amp; Protea Way, Durbanville</b>   |
| <b>STAMP FAIRS</b>                                | Stamp Fair dates for 2019 are: Jan 12th, Feb 2nd, Mar 2nd, Apr 6th, May 4th, June 1st, <b>July 6th **</b> , Aug 3rd, Sept 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 2nd, Dec 7th. <b>** The Stamp Fair on 6th July WILL RETURN TO THE OLD VENUE (Bergsig DRC Hall) as Bellville Valley was unavailable to us in July 2019.</b> |
| <b>LIVE AUCTIONS</b>                              | Live Auction dates for 2019 are: Jan 26th, Mar 16th, May 18th, July 20th, Sept 21st, Nov 16th.   |
| <b>THEMATICS, WESTERN CAPE</b>                    | Meets on Stamp Fair dates from 09:30– 10:30  |



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



| NAME       | SURNAME      | BIRTHDAY  |
|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Alwyn      | Du Toit      | 3 May     |
| Anne Marie | Wigmore      | 13 May    |
| Niel       | Matthee      | 16 May    |
| Gert       | Strydom      | 27 May    |
| Reanie     | De Villiers  | 12 June   |
| Jan        | Rossouw      | 14 June   |
| George     | Coetzee      | 24 June   |
| John       | Potter       | 6 July    |
| Diederik   | Viljoen      | 20 July   |
| Johan      | Bezuidenhout | 25 July   |
| Ida        | Potgieter    | 3 August  |
| Robert     | Harm         | 6 August  |
| Claude     | Mathey       | 27 August |
| Michael    | Wigmore      | 30 August |



## PROGRAM 2019

| MONTH                                    | SUBJECT                            | TEA DUTY                                      | ONE PAGE |
|--|------------------------------------|---|----------|
| 9 JAN 2019                               | ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT<br>& 8 PAGE CUP | A HUGILL<br>A HORSTMANN                       | SPACE    |
| 13 FEB 2019                              | ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM               | N SMITH<br>AM & M WIGMORE                     | POLITICS |
| 28 FEB 2019                              | COMMITTEE MEETING                  | AT THE HOME OF WERNER<br>BARNARD, D'URBANVALE | 19:00    |
| 13 MAR 2019                              | AUCTION                            | M & J REEVES<br>D CROUKAMP<br>K LOUWRENS      | ---      |
| 10 APR 2019                              | BELLVILLE EVENING<br>AFRICA CUP    | C MULLER<br>N MATTHEE                         | "A"      |
| 15 MAY 2019<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY | LADIES CUP                         | C POTGIETER<br>G COMINS<br>R LOO              | "B"      |
| 12 JUNE 2019                             | THEMATICS &<br>OPEN CUPS           | S ROWLAND<br>H MULDER                         | "C"      |
| 10 JULY 2019                             | REST OF THE WORLD<br>CUP           | D VILJOEN<br>J BEZUIDENHOUT                   | "D"      |
| AUG 2019                                 | COMMITTEE MEETING                  | AT THE HOME OF WERNER<br>BARNARD, D'URBANVALE | 19:00    |
| 14 AUG 2019                              | ONE FRAME CUP                      | W BARNARD<br>A HORSTMANN                      | "E"      |
| 2 SEP 2019                               | SAVPEX 2019                        | BENONI  |          |
| 3 SEP 2019                               | INTERCLUB<br>COMPETITION           | STELLENBOSCH                                  |          |
| 4 – 7 SEP 2019                           | EAST RAND 100 STAMP<br>FAIR        | BENONI  |          |
| 6 SEP 2019                               | CONGRESS                           | BENONI  |          |
| SEP 2019                                 | QUIZ EVENING                       | THE ROYAL                                     | 20:00    |
| 11 SEP 2019                              | AUCTION                            | S LIGHT<br>J POTTER<br>A HUGILL               | ---      |
| 9 OCT 2019                               | ROUND TABLE                        | R DE VILLIERS<br>AM & M WIGMORE               | "F"      |
| 13 NOV 2019                              | VISITORS                           | R HARM<br>C MULLER                            | "G"      |
| 4 DEC 2019                               | PRESIDENT'S EVENING                | AT THE HOME OF WERNER<br>BARNARD, D'URBANVALE | 19:00    |
| 8 JAN 2020                               | ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT<br>& 8 PAGE CUP | I POTGIETER<br>C MATHEY<br>N SMITH            | "H"      |
| 12 FEB 2020                              | ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM               | R LOO<br>C MULLER                             | "I"      |
| 11 MAR 2020                              | AUCTION                            | E STOCKENSTROM<br>J DU PLESSIS<br>T OLCKERS   | ---      |

**Contact information:**

Secretary: Reanie De Villiers - Cell: 082-567-0353 (a.h. please);

Email: [philately@netpoint.co.za](mailto:philately@netpoint.co.za); [bellvillephilatelicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:bellvillephilatelicsociety@gmail.com)