


## LOYALISTS OBSERVE UNVEILING OF ROYAL WEDDING STAMPS

Several members from Central Region East of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada had the privilege and pleasure of being present at Rideau Hall when His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, unveiled Canada Post Stamps to commemorate the upcoming Royal Wedding of His Royal Highness Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton.

Those attending the ceremony, held in the magnificent ball room at Rideau Hall, were Lorraine Reoch, president of the St. Lawrence Branch and her husband, Gordon; Gary Bagley, Lyn Webb, Nancy and Ron Richards, Shirley and Art Charbonneau, members from Sir Guy Carleton Branch; Myrtle Johnston, past president of Colonel Edward Jessup Branch and Roy Lewis, regional councillor for Central East Region of the UELAC.

	
<p><i>His Excellency</i> The Right Honourable David Johnston Governor General of Canada is pleased to invite you to the unveiling of Canada Post stamps in celebration of the Royal Wedding Friday, April 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Rideau Hall 1 Sussex Drive, Ottawa A reception will follow (Please arrive at 9:45 a.m.)</p>	<p><i>Son Excellence</i> le très honorable David Johnston Gouverneur général du Canada a le plaisir de vous inviter au dévoilement des timbres de Postes Canada pour souligner le mariage royal le vendredi 15 avril 2011 à 10 heures à Rideau Hall 1, promenade Sussex, Ottawa Une réception suivra (Prière d'arriver à 9 h 45)</p>
<p>To remind Business attire PLEASE PRESENT THIS CARD AT THE ENTRANCE</p>	<p>INFORMATION: 1 800 263-0816 / (613) 993-1815 rsvp@gg.ca</p>
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Governor General Johnston, accompanied by his wife, Sharon, told invited guests at the ceremony on the morning of Friday, April 15, the Royal marriage “is truly a cause for celebration and commemoration.”

“In countries across the Commonwealth and around the world, millions of people are eagerly anticipating the wedding on April 29. Sharon and I are thrilled to represent Canadians at this historic event and we could not be happier to see two people so much in love,” said His Excellency.



*From left, Myrtle Johnston, past president of the Colonel Edward Jessup Branch; Lorraine Reoch, president of the St. Lawrence Branch and Roy Lewis, councillor for the Central East Region of the UELAC, are shown standing beside the enlarged version of Canada Post stamps unveiled at Rideau Hall on April 15 by The Right Honourable David Johnston Governor General of Canada in celebration of the upcoming Royal Wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton.*

“We look forward to offering our congratulations to the Royal Couple in person, as well as during their upcoming Royal Tour of Canada – their first official visit abroad as newlyweds,” he added.

“Not only do these two new stamps pay tribute to the marriage of the Royal Couple, they also document an important event in the history of our country,” said the Governor General.

Saying he applauded Canada Post for helping to celebrate the moment and to promote the Canadian

identity, His Excellency added the release of the stamps “is particularly unique being the first Royal Wedding to be commemorated in more than 60 years.” The last such stamp was issued in 1948 honouring the marriage of Queen Elizabeth II to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten – Prince William’s grandparents.

The new stamps feature the photographs of the Royal Couple and were personally approved by His Royal Highness Prince William and Her Majesty The Queen. The domestic stamp shows a photo of the couple when they announced their engagement last November and the international rate stamp bears the official engagement portrait taken by famed photographer Mario Testino.

The stamps will be issued on April 29 – the day of the nuptials – and will be available at post offices across Canada, online or by mail order. Canada Post will produce over 16 million Royal Wedding stamps, a significantly higher quantity than most commemorative stamps outside of the holiday season. There will also be a number of other philatelic and coin products and collectibles available for purchase and collector coins issued by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Canada Post will also offer a *Royal Wedding Keepsake Kit* that will include a souvenir sheet, a collectible postcard and a pre-addressed postcard Canadians can send to the Royal Couple to offer them their congratulations and best wishes. For this important occasion, Canada Post has created a special and temporary address (including a postal code with a hidden message) where Canadians may send the postcards. The address will be:

HRH Prince William of Wales and Miss Catherine Middleton  
c/o Canada Post  
290411 Wedding Wishes Way,  
RR 1 Westminster Abbey, ON  
L0V 4K8

Following the stamp unveiling ceremony, guests were invited on a self-guided tour of Rideau Hall with guides posted at various locations to explain points of interest. We learned the tour was more extensive than the usual public tour of the building since we were guests at this special occasion.

Among the most impressive areas were a drawing room frequently used by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her stays at Rideau Hall as well as the large state dining room with its impressive table capable of seating 42 guests. The room will be used for a state dinner in honour of Prince William and his new bride on their first visit to Canada.

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