

## PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

This past month has been one of struggle and loss as we continue to be confronted by the horrors of war being experienced by Ukrainians.

As individuals we know we can make a difference:

- By providing relief funds for those who are suffering. Ongoing donations to well established relief funding organizations is a most needed priority at this time. This link, <https://www.charityintelligence.ca/research-and-news/ci-views/31-disaster-response/707-ukraine-how-to-help> outlines (with links) all kinds of reliable and approved charities and groups involved in collecting aid for Ukraine. Most importantly, these organizations already have people on the ground to get the relief/support quickly and efficiently to those who need it most.

We can be thankful that in troubled times we are part of a philatelic community, strengthened by collegiality, and positive individual and community support. Providing that support is best achieved directly, person to person.

That being said, your executive is pleased to announce that WTSC will resume in-person meetings twice monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) after two long years. Our first in-person meeting will take place Tuesday April 12. 7- 9:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:45). As previously communicated, our Learning Workshop and Discussion Group meetings (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays) will remain exclusively online.

This first meeting will be a Welcome Back and Modified Auction evening. Please read the accompanying letter carefully. There are specific requirements that deal with masking and vaccination status for those attending in-person meetings.

As well, with the resumption of in-person meetings we can look forward to our WTSC Annual Exhibition to be held Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>. Given the short lead time, the 2022 exhibition will feature single page exhibits only. Starting this year online members will also be able to participate. See page 5 for the Single Page Exhibit requirements and participation details.

Again, this month I am please to welcome a new member to the club. Welcome to Jerry Kaylin. Jerry is well known in the GTAPA and a leader in Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society. <https://www.upns.org/ucst>

An active volunteer base ensures a club's longevity, effectiveness, and value to its membership. As a club we are dependent on members to take on specific responsibilities and leadership roles. Thank you to Ted Swain for taking on the responsibility of looking after the bi-annual WTSC election process. At present there are still vacancies to be filled and an opportunity for you to put your name forward to be part of the WTSC leadership team. See Ted's election update on page 3.

### April - Philatelic opportunities for WTSC members via Zoom.

1. **Learning Workshop, 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2022 - "Flights of fancy — Airmail-related stamps and covers."**  
The zoom link and reminder have been emailed to all members. The Learning Workshop for May 3<sup>rd</sup> is detailed on pages 5 and 6.
2. **Discussion Group, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2022: "Trans Atlantic Airmail" Guest Speaker - Chris Hargreaves, a recognized expert in the field of Canadian aerophilately.** See page 4 for details about upcoming Discussion Group meetings.



Thursday, June 9 – Sunday, June 12, 2022  
 Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC).  
 \$50.00 for a 4-day pass or \$15 per day  
**HAVE YOU REGISTERED?**



**TODAY is a good day to do so!**

<https://capex22.org/event/capex-22-international-one-frame-stamp-championship-exhibition/>

**WTSC IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING WTSC MEMBERS.**

**CAPEX 22 SINGLE FRAME EXHIBIT ENTRIES:**

Don Hedger	A Soldier's Postcards - Mail from The Somme & Flanders WWI
Don Hedger	Epic of Vimy ~ A Canadian Pilgrimage
Garfield Portch	The Half-Cent Small Queen of Canada and Its Usage
Gregg Redner	The Philately of the 1920 Antwerp Olympics
Mark Stelmacovich	Ukraine's Trident-Overprinted Russian Revenue Stamps of Podillia and Usage, Years 1918-1919
Mark Stelmacovich	The 'KLCs', KYIV's Souvenir Sheet and Usage of both 1992-1995
Mark Stelmacovich	Kyiv Oblast Original Design Utilitarian Postage Stamps and Usage, 1992-1995

**CAPEX 22 LITERATURE ENTRIES:**

Michel Houde	British Consulate Post Office at Bangkok 1855 to 1885
Robert Vogel	The Caneco Connection
Thomas Malicki	PhilaJournal - publication of the GTAPA
Thomas Malicki	GTAPA's new website

**CAPEX 22- Youth Booth volunteers needed.** Please contact Bob Vogel [berlinb@csolve.net](mailto:berlinb@csolve.net)

**CAPEX 22- Bin Room volunteers needed.** Please contact John Van der Ven [cjvanderven@sympatico.ca](mailto:cjvanderven@sympatico.ca)

**BIN ROOM TEAM MEMBER**

**EXPECTATIONS:**

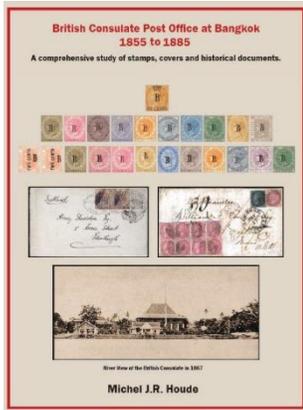
The bin rooms are located close to the Constitution Hall in the Metro Convention Centre. We will work with security upon your arrival to get you into the area and will have your show pass for you at that time. I imagine that this area of the Convention Centre can be reached from the Front Street entrance.

- a) Mounting of exhibits on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 p.m. It is anticipated that we will require you to be there for about 6-7 hours.
- b) Unmounting of exhibits on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 p.m. It should take about the same time as mounting exhibits.
- c) Each exhibit will be mounted and dismantled by two people – the Commissioner and a Bin Room Team Member.
- d) Team Volunteers should commit themselves for both days
- e) Team members will receive a complimentary CAPEX 2022 show pass for the duration of the show.
- f) Food and soft drinks will be made available around 5-6 p.m.

Your Bin Room Management team consists of Ted Nixon, Kimmo Salonen and John Van der Ven.

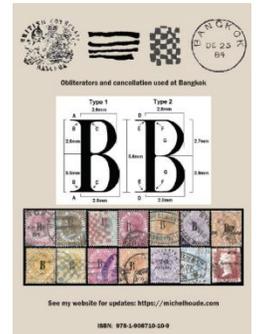
## CONGRATULATIONS to the following WTSC members

### MICHEL HOUDE WINS THE PSSC HEBERT DUBÉ LECTURESHIP AWARD:

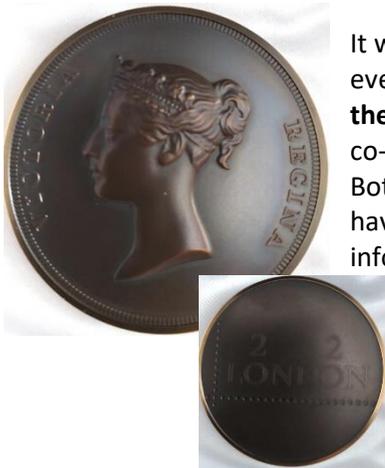


After the presentation on his recent publication *British Consulate Post Office at Bangkok 1855 – 1885*, Michel Houde was presented with the highest honour of PSSC Awards. The Herbert Dubé Lectureship Award is granted to PSSC members who have published a scholarly philatelic work, and at some point, given a PSSC lecture on the subject. Those requirements were fulfilled at the March 16 meeting and the well-deserved prize was awarded to Michel. The award consists of a special certificate, a medal, and an original work of Canadian art.

<https://michelhoude.com/Book-Update/Book.html>



### BOB VOGEL LONDON 2022



It was my privilege for two entries to be accepted for the Literature Competition for this event. The first was my book *The Caneco Connection – A study of the First Day Covers of the Canada Envelope Co.* and the second *The National Christmas Seals of Canada 1927-2018* co-authored by Cliff Beattie, Andrew Chung, and myself.

Both books received 75 marks, earning Large Silver Medals. These publications would not have contained such complete data without the assistance of fellow collectors who provided information and scans. My thanks to all of them.

My thanks also to BNAPS for publishing both books and promoting the hobby by encouraging collectors to publish.

Bob Vogel

### KEN PUGH PHILATELIC PUBLISHING EXCELLENCE:

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Patroni

<https://kenphughphilately.wordpress.com/>

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& GENUINE

Series II - Release 26



The B.N.A. forgeries of  
Giovanni Patroni

by Kenneth W. Pugh

Well-done gentlemen!

WTSC members if you are aware of philatelic excellence to be shared, please send to [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)

## **WTSC ELECTION UPDATE**

### **Ted Swain**

I have been asked by President Sid to contact the current WTSC Board with respect to their intent either to stand for re-election or to stand down. The election of your new Board will take place during the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will hopefully be at the Fairfield Centre.

All the Board members have been contacted either by phone or email. I am pleased to report that everyone is prepared to stand for re-election with one exception who is standing down due to health concerns.

At present, there are openings for Board Secretary and one director.

Please advise [ted.swain@sympatico.ca](mailto:ted.swain@sympatico.ca) by no later than the end of April if you are interested in being part of WTSC's dynamic management team.

## **UPCOMING DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING**

The next meeting will be: **May 17: Town Hall and CAPEX 22**

It has been traditional to set aside one meeting per year to provide our members with an opportunity to present feedback, comments, and requests. The opening segment of this meeting will provide that opportunity. Input is requested to ensure that the Discussion Group meetings and topics are meeting the interests and requirements of our members.

The second portion of this meeting will be a discussion of the upcoming CAPEX 22, Canada's first international stamp show of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The West Toronto Stamp Club is an active participant in this show through relationships with the organizing committee members, through participation via an information meeting scheduled for Friday afternoon, June 10<sup>th</sup> and through a number of members participating as exhibitors. This will be an event not to be missed.

## **EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

Members of the West Toronto Stamp Club

I wish to take this opportunity to express the sincere thanks of both Leslie and I for the support we received from the Club and individual members following the sudden death of our son, David.

Some of you knew David but most did not. He was not a philatelist, but he was passionate about history, and he enjoyed viewing postal history collections, exhibits and presentations.

The flowers sent by the Club were especially appreciated and, through the kind efforts of Sid, were matched to the family floral tributes.

Thank you. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Leslie-Ann & Garfield Portch



## WTSC SINGLE PAGE COMPETITION

### Who can exhibit:

Any member can display their “single page philatelic story” and speak to it at the WTSC Annual Exhibition May 10<sup>th</sup>. This also includes online members who can submit a single page by sending a scan of their page, as well as a brief description to [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com) The printed single page exhibit will be shown, and the brief description read at the club competition.

Will be judged using the GTAPA standard evaluation. (Entries will tell a story using a minimum of three philatelic elements and have a title)

### Points to consider:

- The Story told must be entirely contained on one page and should be one that cannot easily be expanded to a larger exhibit.
- Should include three different elements i.e., stamps, covers and other recognized philatelic material with written text as needed to tell a “Philatelic Story.” Click this link for a full list of philatelic elements <http://gtapa.org/member-services/handout-2-philatelic-elements-for-thematic-collectors>
- Could include appropriate non-philatelic material and text or captions. (Must not overshadow philatelic items).
- The story might relate to:
  - a particular Philatelic Item or Items
  - the issue or use of a particular stamp
  - Postal History or Postal Markings
  - Philatelic Research of some kind.
  - an unusual or specific event
  - a story which is Topical or Thematic.

Recognition: The Single Page competition winner will have his / her name engraved on the **FRANK ALUSIO** award and receive a free WTSC membership for the 2022/23 club year.

## MAY LEARNING WORKSHOP

Beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2022, via Zoom, our 8th virtual Learning Workshop of the 2021-2022 season is an expansive postal history subject entitled “*Illustrated Commercial Mail.*” The topic, which does not include First Day Covers, refers to envelopes and postal stationery with artwork promoting a business.

Because of the wide variety of art — which ranges from lithographic or typographic black-and-white illustrations to those printed in colour — many hobbyists have realized the potential for a fascinating and visually appealing collection. The history of such covers is closely associated with advances in more economical printing between the mid and late 1800s, according to The Stamp Collector Marketplace.

*“Most notable of these advances and inventions were the rotary printing press, wood pulp-based papers, and lithographic techniques for etching metal plates,”* its website notes. *“As a result of these trends the modern newspaper and magazine industry emerged, and with it came the art of the printed advertisement*

With the advent of more affordable printing, there was a dramatic increase in businesses ordering letterhead and illustrated stationery. Many consisted of the firm’s name in stylish lettering, while others included illustrations of company products, which were often then printed on their envelopes. As the website adds, “this ‘antique junk mail’ is ephemera in its truest form. It was mass produced, never intended to last, and virtually all of it was thrown away as quickly as it was received.”

Such covers are “a great window into the past,” reflecting subjects of interest to people at the time. My recent scan of eBay lots included a wide variety of illustrated subjects.

Even philately-related business covers were offered. A New England Stamp Company had a £5 Queen Victoria 1867-1883 British definitive altered ‘POSTAGE’ and ‘FIVE POUNDS’ replaced by the Boston, Mass. company’s name.

Moving along, most of the more than 12,000 worldwide covers I saw had illustrations printed on the fronts. A few, however, were printed on the backs of envelopes, including one for a Hamilton, Ont. cottage-manufacturing company.



With the rise in interest for such covers, however, prices vary. Some are still affordable, while those with more intricate or appealing artwork are offered at hefty prices.

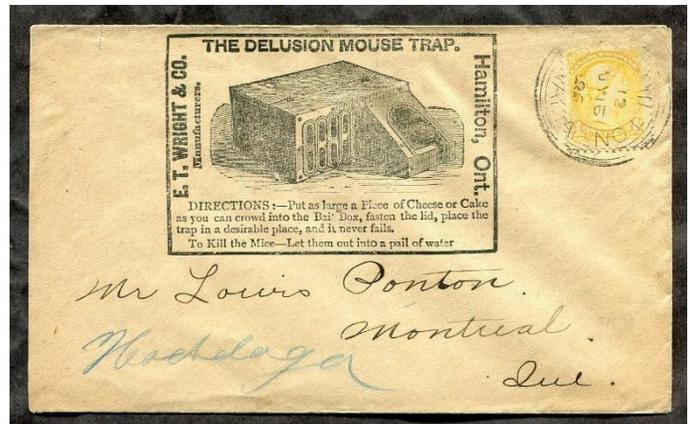
Among the most interesting examples are business covers that still have contents. Such ‘entires’ offer insight into the company and are often worth exhibiting if the stationery is nicely illustrated.



Like many of our Learning Workshop topics, this one covers a great deal of ground, so to speak.

So, open those binders, boxes of goodies and share with us the illustrated treasures of the past.

- Ian Robertson



## OTHER APRIL PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



Royal Philatelic Society of Canada: Stamp Talk and Stamp Panel sessions. Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

**Monday April 11** – Charles Verge - "The History of CAPEX"

**Monday April 18** – "The Philatelist and Mentoring" Moderator Jane Sodero, Panelists Ted Nixon, and Garfield Portch

NATIONAL  
POSTAGE STAMP  
& COIN  SHOW

**April 9-10, 2022**

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale  
Saturday 10 AM–5 PM, Sunday 10 AM–4 PM  
Admission \$5 Saturday and \$2 Sunday  
<https://stampandcoinshow.com/>



**April 23 -24, 2022, at the Nepean Sportsplex, 1701**

**Woodroffe Avenue in Ottawa. The theme is Topicals, Thematics and Illustrated Mail.**  
<https://www.orapex.ca/>



**April 14 @ 7 p.m.** **\*\*In-Person\*\*** Derwin Mak, *"Cross-dressing and Drag: You'd Be Surprised Who's Done It!"*

**April 21 @ 7 p.m.** **\*\*VIA Zoom \*\*** Rick Barrett, *"Cinderellas of the 1901 Pan American Exposition in Buffalo: The Story of a Respectable Businessman and a Swindler"*

**NTSC Programs** <https://www.northtorontostampclub.ca/>



The Kawartha Stamp Club- 65th Annual Stamp Show KAPEX 2022 - **Saturday, April 23**  
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke Street,  
Peterborough.

For more information contact Sue Scott [suescott555@gmail.com](mailto:suescott555@gmail.com)  
or Peter Evelyn 705-760- 6206

## **WTSC MARKET PLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED**

**WANTED:** Covers with corner cache "Harbord Stamp & Coin Store, 203 Harbord St., Toronto" - Circa 1925 – 1950. Contact Don Hedger at [don.hedger@gmail.com](mailto:don.hedger@gmail.com)

**WANTED:** – Vimy Pilgrimage (1936) FDCs, postcards, medals, badges, and ephemera. Contact Don Hedger at [don.hedger@gmail.com](mailto:don.hedger@gmail.com)

**WANTED:** Canadian Centennial covers 1967-1972 to foreign destinations other than Europe. Contact Sid at [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)

### **REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS**

This is your Marketplace. Ad space is free

Ads can be submitted anytime during the month to [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)

Ads show for 3 months.

## **An "In-Store" Opportunity for Members Buy-Sell-Trade**



- POSTAL HISTORY
- STAMPED ENVELOPES (COVERS)
  - POSTCARDS
  - OLD PHOTOGRAPHS
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