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Bulletin

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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

As WTSC members, we have weekly opportunities to share, to learn, to acquire, to exhibit (both online and in-person) as we enjoy the comradery of fellow stamp and postal history enthusiasts. As president these past 10 years, I have been fortunate to work with a superb board of Directors and dedicated volunteers who each give many hours to make these weekly events happen, thus ensuring the ongoing success and vibrancy of the club.

However, at times gaps occur, people are away or ill and we need a member to step in, to volunteer, to make that extra effort to fill the gap.

I am most thankful to two WTSC members, who when recently asked, responded with an enthusiastic, "Yes I will do that task!" A special Thank You to Ernie Ockenden for stepping in the gap to managing the lots during the auction process. As well, Thank You to Tom Wicks who has agreed to conduct our bi-annual Club Election to take place May 28.

Be sure to carefully review the [Election of the WTSC Board for 2024-26 details on page 2](#) and to consider this opportunity for you to put your name forward to be part of the WTSC leadership team.

There are other ways individual members can volunteer.

1. You can use your creative talents to create a [WTSC 90th Anniversary cachet](#) and/or [WTSC 90th logo design](#).
 - WTSC members will receive a special WTSC 90th Anniversary cover next March. We **need your help to design a 90th Anniversary cachet** to be printed on the cover.
 - As well a **WTSC 90th celebration logo design** is needed, to be used on printed materials prior to and during our 90th anniversary year.
 - Submission date for both is **May 31/2024**. Hard copies or scans can be sent to sidmensinga@gmail.com
2. You can decide to participate in our [Annual Club Exhibition](#) to be held May 28. This year the **theme** for the **Single Page and Multi Page competitions** will be **"1935 the year of our founding - WTSC celebrates 90 years."** If you have not previously done so, consider participating by building a Single Page, Multi-Page, or One Frame Exhibit for this year's club exhibition. See competition details on page 3. Building an exhibit in any of the above classes will provide significant personal satisfaction - a sense of accomplishment, completion and sharpening one's philatelic skills.

APRIL - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



April 2 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "Postal Markings other than Daters and Obliterators."

April 9 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

April 16 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "Michelle Houde will present and discuss his Bangkok collection."

April 23 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.



ELECTION OF THE WTSC BOARD FOR 2024-26

As defined in our constitution, the Board of Directors for WTSC are to be elected by ballot, with the election occurring bi-annually at the second regular meeting of May in even-numbered years.

This election cycle, Tom Wicks has agreed to conduct the election to be held this May 28, 2024. As a first step, Tom will contact the current Board Officers and Directors to learn if they are interested in continuing to participate in Board activities.

At present, there is one vacancy on the Board, the Secretary position.

Any member interested in joining the Board is asked to let Tom know by Friday, April 26th. Tom can be reached at wickstom8@gmail.com

Thank you for giving this opportunity to volunteer careful consideration.

“**ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS**” of our constitution is provided for your information.

Section 1 – Term

The Officers and Directors of the CLUB shall be elected by ballot for a two-year term with the election held bi-annually at the second regular meeting of May of even-numbered year. The term of office shall commence on 1 September and shall conclude on 31 August.

Section 2 - Voting

All active members in good standing, and in attendance at the election meeting, shall be qualified to vote. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Section 3 - Nominees

Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for the Election. Nominations from the floor may also be accepted provided the candidate has given his/her consent.

Section 4 - Conduct

The election shall be conducted by an active member in good standing provided that they are not a member of the Board or a candidate for election.

APRIL DISCUSSION GROUP TOPIC

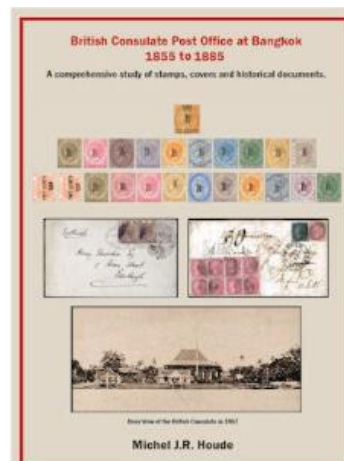
Michel Houde will present and discuss his Bangkok Collection which is about to be sold at auction.

Michel on his website notes that he has had a “40-year fascination with the British Post Office at Bangkok.”

His research led him to put into print his knowledge making it available to the hobby.

Michel’s presentation of his Bangkok Collection will be most interesting and informative. Be sure to join us April 16, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

<https://michelhoude.com/>



The book was awarded 92 points out of 100 at CAPEX22 held in Toronto, Canada 9-12 June 2022.



CELEBRATING PHILATELIC EXCELLENCE.

CONGRATULATION to the following WTSC members on their success exhibiting at the ESC SPRING NATIONAL STAMP SHOW.



Ken Snelson – *“The UK Post Office - Dealing with Missing Letter Enquiries etc.”*. multi frame exhibit – **89 - Gold**

Ken Snelson – *“UK Response to 1 Apr 1887 Rule - Bilingual Reasons for Return Handstamps”* one frame – **89-Gold**

Mark Stelmacovich – *“Ukrainian Provisional Postage Stamps and Usage, 1992-1996”* multi frame – **87- Gold**

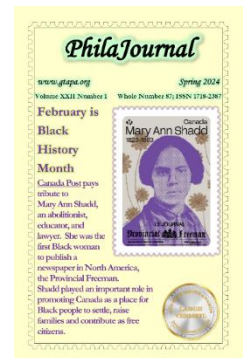
Donald Hedger- *“A Soldier's Postcards- Mailed from The Somme & Flanders WWI - May 1915-Apr 1916”* one frame **68-Silver**

THE SPRING PHILAJOURNAL is now available

The "Spring 2024" PhilaJournal, published quarterly by the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance, is available online at gtapa.org/philajournal

There are three articles from our WTSC:

- "THEN and NOW in Canadian Stamp Collecting" by Douglas Hill, pages 19-21.
- "One Hammer, Two Post Offices", by Garfield Portch, pp 23-24.
- Presenting an award to Ted Swain for many years of excellent service to our club at page 42.



As requested on page 3 of the PhilaJournal (noting details of the Good Reader Award), let the editor know you have read the PhilaJournal.

EXPANDING YOUR PHILATELIC HORIZONS - looking for answers!

Questions about the Scott Catalogue Listings

- I have recently been trying to create a list of all the postal entities that are currently issuing stamps valid for international mail.
- The four types of these “entities” are: countries; territories (ex: Gibraltar), regions (ex: Guernsey), and principalities (ex: Monaco). I am working with the 2023 set of Scott world catalogues.
- I have the following three questions about their listings:
 - 1. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus consists of the northern 40% of the island of Cyprus, and Scott lists their issues since 1974. However, Scott says that only Turkey recognizes this as a country, and it is also not a member of the UPU. So, are those stamps valid for international mail?
 - 2. Scott only lists issues of Turkmenistan to 2007, but I know one stamp from 2014. Also, Scott only lists issues of Yemen to 2010 but I know one stamp from 2013. What is going on here?
 - 3. Finally, why does Scott only list the issues of Somalia to 1992?
- Douglas Hill dahill3973@rogers.com

WTSC ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held Tuesday May 28th.

- Members will again, be able to exhibit in all three classes: Single Page, Multi-Page and/or One Frame.
 - **Single Frame:** to be judged using relaxed National standards by a judge retained for this competition. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **DRAKE TROPHY** and receive **free WTSC membership** for the 2024/25 club year.
 - **Single Page:** to be judged using the GTAPA standard evaluation. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **FRANK ALUSIO** award and receive **free WTSC membership** for the 2024/25 club year.
 - **Multi page:** an entry of any shape and/or size (2 pages or more) in any format to be judged on popularity by balloting among members. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **TED ALLEN TROPHY** and receive **free WTSC membership** for the 2024/25 club year.
- As previously noted, this year's theme **for the Single Page and Multi Page competitions** will be ***"1935 the year of our founding - WTSC celebrates 90 years."*** The focus on 1935, the year of our founding, will enable members to recognize any event that occurred in 1935 that warrants special mention or celebration. A selection of these exhibits will be on display at our 90th Anniversary event.
- Online long distance /out of province members can choose to participate in the Single Page competition by submitting a scan of their exhibit page as well as a brief description to sidmensinga@gmail.com The printed Single Page exhibit will be shown, and the brief description read at the club competition.



SINGLE PAGE COMPETITION DETAILS:

- 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 must fit the theme for this year. ***1935 the year of our founding - WTSC celebrates 90 years."***
 - 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 non-philatelic material, 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
 - any other focus that fits this year's theme.
- Recognition: The Single Page competition winner will have their name engraved on the **FRANK ALUSIO Award** and receive a **free WTSC membership** for the 2024/25 club year.
- As well, a selection of these exhibits will be on display at our 90th Anniversary event.

MAY LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2024 via Zoom, our 9th virtual Learning Workshop of the 2023-2024 season is 'WORLDWIDE OVERPRINTED STAMPS'.



Though not often seen now, stamps produced by some countries have been overprinted for myriad reasons — providing collectors with interesting varieties.

Subjects include: Reduced or increased denominations

applied to excess stamps that would otherwise be discarded; precanceled definitives sold to bulk mail customers as a means to speed up processing since they don't require postmarks; initials and text applied to stamps used on government office mail; denominational increases printed during hyper-inflation — best-known on 1921-23 German definitives; text applied after a country has been occupied by a foreign power, or when its name has been changed, before new designed stamps are produced.



Many overprinted stamps are common, others are scarce, even rare, which has resulted sometimes in fakery.



48-cent Hong Kong definitive featuring Queen Victoria, overprinted '50 CENTS', plus 'SPECIMEN' for distribution to alert domestic and foreign postal agencies to the changed denomination

There are also unofficial overprints, such as ones produced for stamp shows, plus fun and political motives.



On that note, Canada's best-known examples were 1-cent flower definitives with unofficial texts added in 1971 after Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's dismissive 'Fuddle Duddle' response to an opposition member's question in Parliament about him using an obscenity.



What would be particularly interesting for workshop participants to hear about is the significance of overprints, especially with a story relating to their importance.

There are no limits to this topic, which would be especially enjoyed in a show-and-tell format starring stamps and covers from your collection.

You may even consider going overboard discussing your overprints.

- Ian Robertson

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS. Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>



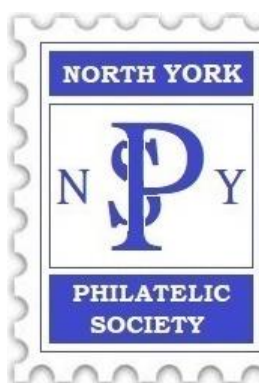
April 8 - Douglas Hill - Canadian Cartophilately: much more than the 1898 map stamps.

April 15 - Thematic Collections - [Norma Nielson, Laurie Anderson]

National Postage Stamp and Coin Show April 5, 2024 to April 7, 2024

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, 6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, ON, L5N 2L3

Featuring over 50 dealers and 100-plus tables of coins, medals, tokens, banknotes, bullion, gold, stamps, postcards, postal history and much more. The spring show also features the famous North Toronto Stamp Club Exhibition, featuring top-notch philatelic exhibits. The dealer bourse opens Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Free parking. Admission only \$6 on Saturday and \$3 on Sunday.



APRIL 13 North York Philatelic Society Stamp Show

Edithvale Community Center, 131 Finch Avenue West, North York, ON, M2N 2H8

The North York Philatelic Society Stamp Show will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the participation of 8 dealers and a members' table. Free admission, free parking, and very easy wheelchair access from the parking lot.

Phone: 647-990-4073

Email: stampsociety@yahoo.ca

Web: <https://rpsc.org/chapters/nyps>

Kawartha Stamp Club
67th Annual Stamp Show
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Professional Dealers, Canada Post, Show Cover,
Club Sales Circuit Books, Members' Sales Table
Over \$1,000 CV in Raffle Prizes, Juried Exhibits,
Woolworths 5 & 10 Cent Table, Wheelchair Access
Collection Valuations, Free Parking

Westdale United Church
1509 Sherbrooke Street, Peterborough, Ontario
Info: Sue Evelyn @ 705 775-0230 or sue.evelyn55@gmail.com

OSHAWA/WHITBY
STAMP AUCTION
400 Quality Lots
Saturday April 27th, 2024
801 Brock St South, Whitby
Whitby Senior Centre
Viewing from 10 to noon
Auction starts at 11.30
No Food available on site
\$2 donation fee at door
CASH ONLY SALE



Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society

STAMPFEST April 20, 2024 10am – 4 pm

- Location: Trillium Lutheran Church at 22 Willow Street, Waterloo, ON.

LOOKING AHEAD



ORAPEX 2024
 May 4 10am-6pm
 May 5 10am-4pm
 Nepean Sportsplex
 1701 Woodroffe Avenue
 Ottawa, Ontario K2G 1W2



OTTAWA'S NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION
 EXPOSITION PHILATELIQUE NATIONALE D'OTTAWA

Saugeen Stamp Club

Annual Show

Saturday May 4, 2024

Clifford Community Hall

2 William Street, Clifford Ontario
 Hours 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Door Prizes / Exhibits

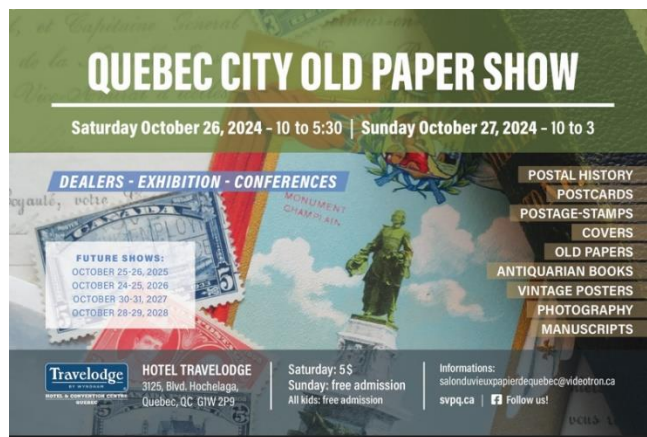
Dealers / Circuit Books / Lunch Counter

Free Admission / Free Parking / NO STAIRS

Further information contact:

President Walt Berry wsberry@sympatico.ca

Special Silent auction with binders of New Zealand and Australian stamps



QUEBEC CITY OLD PAPER SHOW

Saturday October 26, 2024 - 10 to 5:30 | Sunday October 27, 2024 - 10 to 3

DEALERS - EXHIBITION - CONFERENCES

FUTURE SHOWS:
 OCTOBER 25-26, 2025
 OCTOBER 24-25, 2026
 OCTOBER 30-31, 2027
 OCTOBER 28-29, 2028

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WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

FOR SALE:

- For sale 9 Safe Dual Hingeless Albums with pages from 1851 to 2018 compete. Retail Value is \$3800.00. Asking \$900.00 or best offer. Call Ben 705 726 5464 or Email casinostamp@yahoo.ca.
- Safe dual blank pages, #612, 614, 615x3, 616x2, 617x4, 618x2 620, 662. Retail is \$22.50 each. Sell for \$5.00 each, Ben Heintzberger 705 726 5464 or casinostamp@yahoo.ca
- Extensive international stock available. Contact: Willy Schlatter, Email: wstamps1@outlook.com
 Ph: 705-252-4559
- Buying and selling: Italy and Italian area, with a particular interest in Italian States and Squared Circle Postmarks. Contact Mattia at 647 990 4073 or Email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca
- Buying and selling: Canada postage, mint and mint hinged, any denomination Contact Mattia at 647 990 4073 or Email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca

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ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL	
5-Frame + Exhibit	THE ATOM / FIP Level Exhibit / Plus collateral material
One-Frame Exhibit	· Victoria & Penny Black (including the Penny Black) · The Ancient Olympiads · Canada Postal Museum
	Contact Frank at falusio@sympatico.ca To discuss details and price

WTSC MARKETPLACE:

WANTED:

1. Etobicoke Post Office covers, especially before 1960. See John at club meetings or call 416 742 2347.
2. If anyone has stamps from the baby wildlife series with lots of extra, may I borrow them? Trying to put together an exhibit. I will pay for the stamps I keep. Ben Heintzberger 705-726-5464, casinostamp@yahoo.ca
3. In search of Zeppelin Stamps or Covers. Contact Joseph Perrone at aiphilatellic@gmail.com or 519.270.4216
4. 1985-89 50c Canadian Parliament vending machine booklet stamps, especially the low values (1c, 2c, 5c, 6c) postally used or on cover.

Hong Kong: stamps, covers, booklets, revenues, ephemera, postcards old maps. Anything Hong Kong!

Contact Ingo at b62hkg@yahoo.ca or text 416 700 5226.

5. If you are burdened with an excess of used Canada Admirals, I may be able to help. I am always looking for Admirals in quantity to further my research on plate flaws. Contact wgburden@mac.com for details. Thanks.
6. Topical collector: any stamps showing Russian Memorial Cruiser AURORA or her gun, preserved at St. Petersburg (NOT Russian Stamps): Also wants: Naval aircraft (Only)
Contact: fmmck22@rogers.com
7. EKKO radio reception stamps for Canadian Radio stations.

Issued by radio stations to confirm station reception. Circa 1920's. Mint; used; on cover or card.
Example CFCA 1921 became CFRB in 1928



Vimy Pilgrimage 1936 covers with rectangle slogan cancel "Monument de Vimy."



Contact- Don Hedger; don.hedger@gmail.com

8. Precancelled stamps, preferably cover ANYTHING older than Style U as per Unitrade PRECANCEL listings.
Also looking for MAP COVER dated December 18th, 1889. Contact Lawrence at lawpin@rogers.com
9. Great Britain- Scott catalogue for any of the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021. Contact Belkys Herrera Belkysherrera02@gmail.com
10. Old Ontario Agricultural College covers going back to where it originated in the Toronto Normal School (late 1800s) to its move to Guelph. e-mail davidbest1953@gmail.com.

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