



Bulletin

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B. Timberg, Editor

President Sid's Message

West Toronto Stamp Club membership: WOW! We have so much to be thankful for!

- WTSC membership continues to grow in commitment as demonstrated by participation in our Zoom sessions; 2021/22 membership dues payments received; and a continual increase in numbers and member expertise. A special welcome to new members this month, Sheldon Pimentel and Dr. Gregg Redner. Your participation and sharing will be valued.
- Celebrating with long time members is also very gratifying. Congratulations to Fred Froud DDS, member #933, who will be celebrating his 100th birthday on December 28. Fred's contributions by looking after meeting refreshments for many years and his informative philatelic sharing have been most noteworthy and appreciated.
- As well, congratulations to new 25-year members (Loyal Members) Stan Shakespeare, Anne Stoecki, Waldemar Stoecki, and Ted Kupka, and a new Honorary Member Fred Colbourn for 10 years service as Director.
- We can be thankful that many current members are heavily engaged not only at the club level but also in the broader philatelic community as they share their knowledge as philatelic writers, researchers, and exhibitors and by providing significant leadership at the national level.
- Thank you to WTSC members and guests as you consistently provide opportunities to increase our philatelic knowledge, enabling us to add depth and breadth to our collections and philatelic studies. This past month's *Perforated OHMS Stamps of Canada* presentation by Patrick Durbano was one such superb in-depth learning opportunity. Also note and consider attending the presentations to be given by WTSC members at the December Royal Stamp Talks and Panels.
- Thank you to webmaster Denzil Fernandes for ensuring that our Zoom presentations are posted, allowing us to review past Learning Workshop and Discussion Group sessions.

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- Thank you to our "WTSC CAPEX 22 Seminar" planning team. Planning is well underway. Be sure to attend CAPEX 22 June 9-12, 2022. Our seminar will be held Friday, June 10 from 2-4 PM. Visiting with out-of-town members and guests will be a highlight.
- We are fortunate to have WTSC members who are also dealers and are looking for ways to meet collector demands and interests. See Peter Piszko's "In store" opportunity for members detailed on page 4.

Though not an exhaustive listing, the above underscores that WTSC membership provides each of us with multiple personal benefits and allows us to reach out to build and be part of a larger knowledgeable philatelic community.

[December - Philatelic opportunities for WTSC members.](#)

Learning Workshop, 7 PM, Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - A Cover with a Story. Another most interesting evening of learning and sharing. The Learning Workshop session planned for January 4, 2022 is detailed on page 2.

Discussion Group, 7 PM, Tuesday, December 21 - Show & Tell - Philatelic Items with a Holiday or Festive Season Theme - an opportunity for member and guest participation.

Again, consider attending this month's (RPSC) **Stamp Talk and Stamp Panel sessions (7 PM):**

- **Monday, December 13, 2021 - Michel Houde, *From Philatelist to Specialist.***
- **Monday, December 20, 2021 - Research.** *Why should I research my collection? How to conduct research? What resources are available? What is the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library?* **Ron Smith (m), Charles Verge (p), John Wilson (p), Robert Timberg (p)**
- Registration in advance is required for RPSC webinars at <https://www.rpsc.org/>

I trust you are looking forward to the coming festive season and might even be dropping hints or sending notes to Santa about that philatelic item you hope to find under the tree. If it's philatelic literature / reference material you hope to receive, Santa may want to see <https://bnaps.org/books/bookresults.php>

On behalf of the WTSC club executive, **Merry Christmas and a Healthy 2022** to you and yours as you reflect on the meaning of the season and when sharing with those who are less fortunate.

Sid Mensinga

December, the Fourth 'ber' Month

"When it snows you have two choices: shovel or make snow angels."

« Quand il neige, vous avez deux choix : pelleter ou faire des anges de neige. »

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Quote of the Month

"I don't see many young people here." From at least one frustrated collector at every stamp show, I hear that young people aren't attending the show or the local stamp club meetings. This observation is usually followed by, "Kids are only paying attention to their phones." The bad news is that I don't expect this to change any time soon. The good news is that young people still care about stamp collecting. How they do it is very different than those who came before them. Today, stamp collectors are actively engaging online: buying, selling, watching videos, and engaging with other collectors. So the future of philately remains promising.

Scott English, Executive Director, American Philatelic Society, *Our Story: The Evolution of Organized Philately*, November 30, 2021

https://stamps.org/news/c/start-collecting/cat/collecting-advice/post/our-story-the-evolution-of-organized-philately/fbclid/iwar3doxuunflgm4oznh_4jpwgqdbtrtmv_s3srcdq1nd4ufmr6_lj7q9qv68

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NTSC Presentation

December 9, 2021, 7 PM

Michel Houde

Internet Philatelic Research

Email NTSC.Membership@gmail.com to receive a link to the meeting.

British Empire Study Group Presentation

Bob Vogel (a club member) and **Cliff Beattie** (of Saskatchewan) have been invited by the British Empire Study Group to do a presentation on **Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6 PM** on their 2018 book **The National Christmas Seals of Canada**.

The webinar is open to all. You need not be a member of the BESG to attend. The link to register is https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9316376271808/WN_DyiEHthSTXyUM7CD082CtQ

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January Learning Workshop

Beginning at **7 PM, Tuesday, January 4, 2022** via Zoom, our fourth virtual **Learning Workshop** of the 2021-2022 season is entitled — appropriately — **New Year's Resolutions in my Stamp World**.

If you didn't ponder the philatelic side of the annual ringing out of the old and ringing in of the New Year, this is the perfect opportunity to consider various approaches:

- Fill gaps on your album pages.
- Take pen in hand, or turn on your computer, and write up a page or two, or three, or ... on which to mount acquisitions old, new or for future pursuits.
- Venture into a new collecting topic or project. It could be stamps, covers, postmarks. The list goes on.
- Do you need to replace some tools? Would an electric light magnifying glass brighten your day? Do you need some new stock books to tidy up that growing pile of 'someday I'll put them in my album' stamps? (Figs. 1 and 2, page 3.)
- If there is an older collection for which your interest has faded or, worse, which you have forgotten, consider retiring it. There are, naturally, various options: Sell. Trade. Donate for a good cause, such as that sheet of the world's first stamp, the 1840 1-pence black Queen Victoria inherited from your great-great-grandfather. (Figs. 3 and 4, page 3.)



Fig. 1 (left) Stock up with new stock books and tidy up that well-intentioned but growing pile of stamps. Fig. 2 (right) Light up your collecting life with a new Lighted Magnifying Glass.

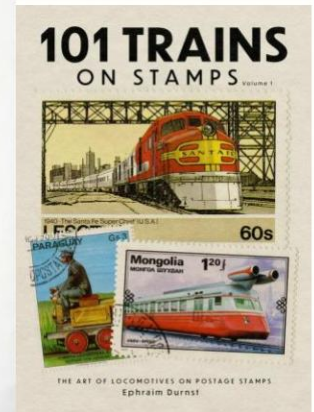
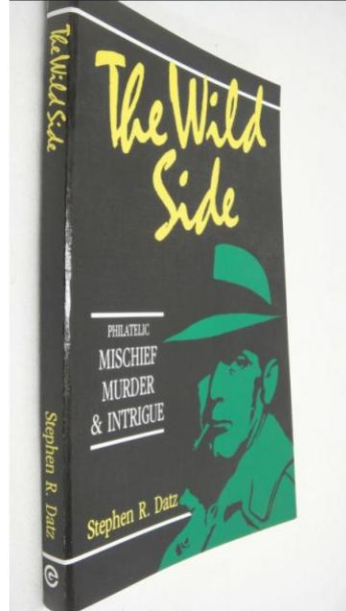


Fig. 5 (top) Spend some quality time reading your latest philatelic book. Fig. 6 (lower left) 'The Wild Side - Philatelic Mischief, Murder & Intrigue', a book by Stephen Datz, spotted recently on eBay. Fig. 7 (lower right) '101 Trains on Stamps', Vol.1 - The Art of Locomotives on Postage Stamps', a new topical book also spotted recently on eBay.

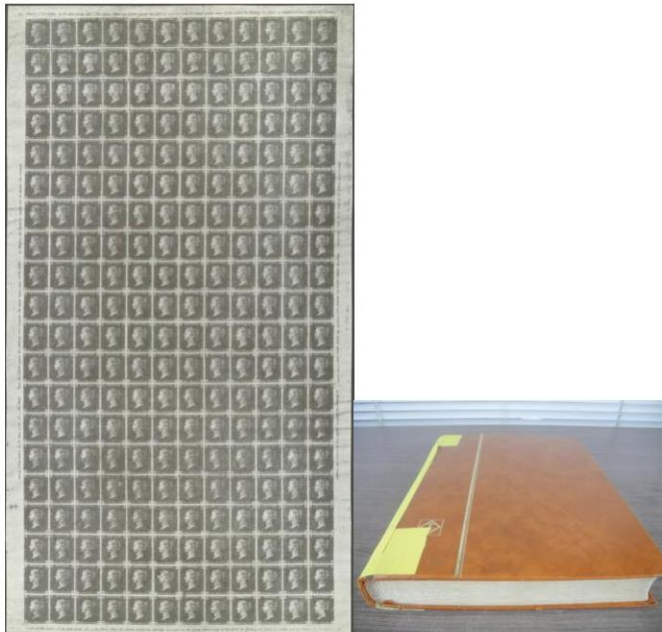


Fig. 3 (left) Consider donating your full sheet of 1840 British 1-pence black Queen Victoria definitives - the world's first stamp. Fig. 4 (right) Hidden treasures awaiting album pages, or long-forgotten stamps in need of a good new home?

- Reach out to fellow West Toronto Stamp Club members by phone, by email and, possibly, consider a socially-distanced cafe get-together if you're comfortable with that.
- Did you receive a new hobby-related book for Christmas? Since chilly days are ahead, snuggling up with a good research volume — perhaps one with anecdotes, even a novel with a stamp theme — is a worthwhile pastime. (Figs. 5, 6 and 7.)
- Are you a member of a philatelic society? More than one? Consider going further afield and benefit from publications, online information and other related subjects offered by: The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the British North American Philatelic Society, the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, and the American Philatelic Society. There are also myriad topical collecting societies.

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- Since CAPEX 22 is scheduled for June 9-12 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, mark your calendar, keep your tongs crossed and hope for the way through COVID times to be cleared to attend.

These are just a few ideas that came to mind.

Feel free to add to the subject of our next Zoom-together.

As our participant numbers increase, I'm proud and pleased to say there are always members and visitors keen to share experiences, with others tuning in to hear tips or to relax and enjoy another interesting get-together.

So sign on at the appointed hour, enjoy and perhaps prepare for another new door to open in our great hobby.

Come prepared to show and tell why you selected a particular resolution or how you might begin to carry out or achieve your New Year's philatelic resolutions.

Happy New Year!

Ian Robertson

Free/For Sale/Wanted

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

WANTED - Covers with corner cache "Harbord Stamp & Coin Store, 203 Harbord St., Toronto" - Circa 1925 - 1950. Contact Don Hedger at don.hedger@gmail.com.

Congratulations

Club member **Denzil Fernandes** was published in the Winter 2021 issue of the *PhilaJournal*, the publication of The Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance. One note was *Town Postmark Names – Lost to Time & History!* The other was *New Brunswick, 1863 – Steamer Mail to Honorable Peter Mitchell*. Well done, Denzil.

Support CAPEX 22

Many people wait until December to make their annual charitable donations. If you're in this group, consider adding CAPEX 22 to the list of worthwhile charities you will support this month.

There are many charities deserving of our support. We all have our favourites we give to each year. Please find a way to add one more to your list.

An official donation receipt for income tax purposes will be issued for all donations over \$25.00. In addition, if you're a BNAPS member, BNAPS will match your donation (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in total donations), which means your donation is effectively doubled.

To donate, please visit <https://capex22.org/sponsor-donate/donate/>. If a BNAPS member, enter BNAPS in the 'organization' box.

We Need Your Help

Your bulletin is looking for short notes. If you've acquired a cover on eBay or made a presentation at a learning workshop, for instance, write it up.

Don't have the time or worried about your writing skills. Send it to the editor at timberg@bell.net with a note why you find it so interesting, and I will write it up (it's called editing, it's what editors do).

Don't assume your material is interesting only to you. There may be a club member who knows something about your cover and can help you better understand it. You won't find out if they don't know about it.

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An 'In-Store' Opportunity for Members

Buy – Sell - Trade



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