



# Bulletin

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## President Sid's Message

2022, though at times clouded by our ever-changing present reality, will be what we decide to make of it. The year ahead promises to be and can be significant philatelically at both a club and personal level. The following comes to mind as I consider 2022, a list I am confident you can add to.

- We can look forward to attending CAPEX 22 June 9-12. Multiple days, to view outstanding international exhibits, to peruse dealers' stock, and to enjoy meeting visitors and out-of-town members at our WTSC CAPEX 22 Seminar to be held Friday, June 10 from 2-4 PM. For each of us and the club, CAPEX 22 will be the philatelic highlight of the year.
- We can continue to enjoy our superb online Learning Workshop and Discussion Group sessions. Terrific times to learn and share, giving us opportunities to grow in knowledge and expand our stamp collecting / philatelic horizons. Fortunately, we can review Learning Workshop and Discussion Group sessions at <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/>
- 2022 can be a year to develop an exhibit that can be shown at a future WTSC spring Annual Exhibition. As well, I know many of us have and will use the year to develop and refine want lists and have set aside lots to sell, looking forward to WTSC Auction and Circuit Book evenings. Hopefully I will be able to share positive face-to-face meeting news next month.
- We can continue to build a strong positive nation-wide and local philatelic community. Regularly connecting with like-minded collectors provides a strong positive sense of community and multiple opportunities to share and to learn. Our expanding WTSC community is always exciting news to share. A special welcome to new WTSC member Irfan Ansari.
- 2022 can also be a year to set specific, measurable, personal stamp collecting / philatelic goals. Our January Learning Workshop noted next will help you launch or consider new or revised stamp collecting/philatelic goals / resolutions for this new year.

Foremost, I trust that the plans and decisions we each make will ensure that 2022 will be a year of "Happy Stamping" and good health for all WTSC members and guests.

[January - Philatelic opportunities for WTSC members via Zoom](#)

1. **Learning Workshop, 7 PM, Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - New Year's Resolutions in my Stamp World.** A perfect time to consider and to share our next stamp collecting / philatelic steps. The learning workshop session planned for February 1 is detailed on the next page.
2. **Discussion Group, 7 PM, Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - Show & Tell - Favourite Album Pages.** This is an opportunity for member / guest participation.

Sid Mensinga

## NTSC Presentation

**Thursday, January 20, 2022, 7 PM**  
**Gregg Redner**  
***The Philately of the 1920 Antwerp Olympic Games***

Email Klaus at [NTSC.Membership@gmail.com](mailto:NTSC.Membership@gmail.com) to receive a Zoom link to the meeting.

## British Empire Study Group Presentation

**Thursday, January 13, 2022, 6 PM**  
**Ken Pugh** with special guest **Herbert Friedman**  
***Propaganda Stamps and Espionage Currency, Part 2***

Presentation description - "If I told you, I would have to kill you: Propaganda mail and espionage - Part 2."

The webinar is open to all. You need not be a member of the BESG to attend, however you must register in advance at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2816356367624/WN\\_n5jPifipSyqlhbpio8cqNq](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2816356367624/WN_n5jPifipSyqlhbpio8cqNq).

# January – December, the Year Ahead

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolour, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."

« L'hiver est une gravure, le printemps une aquarelle, l'été une peinture à l'huile et l'automne une mosaïque de tous ces éléments. »

Stanlet Horowitz

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## Quote of the Month

In last month's quote, Scott English, APS Executive Director, wrote: *"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."*

In this month's quote from January 2020, Howard Michel, then CEO of the ARRL (American Radio Relay League), commented on the importance/not of clubs to young people interested in amateur radio. ARRL is the national association for amateur radio in the United States. It is to amateur radio in the USA what the American Philatelic Society is to philately.

*"But traditional clubs [clubs that meet monthly for business and social events] are not the future of clubs. Young people now join causes not clubs."* Howard E. Michel, (then) Chief Executive Officer, ARRL, *Dare to Imagine*, column in January 2020 issue of *QST*, the monthly journal of the ARRL, p. 9.

Does the comment also apply to the philatelic world?

## February Learning Workshop

Beginning at **7 PM, Tuesday, February 1, 2022** via Zoom, our fifth virtual **Learning Workshop** of the 2021-2022 season is entitled **Canada's Centennials: A significant definitive issue to study.**

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We will open our evening with Neil Elson, of Kane Stamps in Ottawa, who will describe highlights of the single-colour engraved definitives issued 55 years ago for Confederation's 100th anniversary. (Fig. 1)



Fig. 1 Set of 12 1967 Centennial definitives plus the first three coil stamps.

Stamp production around the world was undergoing major changes in the 1960s and the printing industry was also changing.

The Post Office Department allowed the two Ottawa-based private security printing firms it had contracts with to acquire different papers, which resulted in many shade varieties.

The Canadian Bank Note Company, Limited issued sheet stock and booklets on ribbed paper. The rival British American Bank Note company, which produced its last Canadian stamps in the mid-1930s, used smooth paper.

Some Centennials were also released in coil, mini-pane formats and with horizontal precancel overprint black bars. (Figs. 2 – 4, this page and next)



Fig. 2 Seven Centennial coil stamps issued between 1967 and 1973.

In addition to describing paper varieties, the PowerPoint presentation — which Neil shared with the Ottawa Philatelic Society last March — will also



Fig.3 Sealed cello paq with mini-pane of 5¢ Centennial definitives.



Fig. 4 Upper right corner block of four 6¢ orange Centennial definitives with horizontal precancel overprint bars.

illustrate the system he developed to identify different formats, perf variations, gums and printing shades.

He will also discuss the need to use an ultra-violet lamp to identify a wide range of fluorescent grades and phosphor tagging overprints. This subject is still widely debated by many specialists due to different paper fluorescence dimensions. (Figs. 5 & 6.)

Since the 1980s, this series has received more attention from mainstream collectors and sales outlets, and there have been many additions to listings in the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*.

Depending on the depth a collector wants to pursue,

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Fig. 5 Corner block of four 1¢ Centennial definitives with center-bar phosphor tagging.



Fig. 6 Block of 12 8¢ Centennial 1971 Centennials with bluish vertical phosphor overprinting along perforations.

Centennials offer lots of scope for both generalist and specialists, with myriad variations and related postal rates, which underwent changes requiring additional denominations, plus different plate numbers on corner inscription blocks (Fig. 7).



Fig. 7 Used lower right corner plate block of 20¢ Centennial, with Canadian Bank Note Co. Limited No. 2 plate number.

There are also excellent guides available, including

articles published in philatelic journals, online internet references, plus these books: *CANADA The 1967-73 Definitive Issue*, Edited by Doug C Irwin & Murray H. Freedman; *The Centennial Definitives of Canada*, by David Gronbeck-Jones; and *Centennial Definitives, 1967-1973*, by Robin Harris, Unitrade's editor.

There are also many other related subjects, including: Essays and die proofs; imperforates, stamps with paper creases, tagging errors and varieties, test coils (Fig. 8), plate varieties, perforation shifts, postal stationery, counterfeits (Fig. 9) and forgeries, plus rarely-seen private 'perfin's applied for use by businesses and government offices.



Fig. 8 Canadian Bank Note Company, Limited imperforate pair of 1967 Centennial-era test coils.



Fig. 9 Pair of used counterfeit 6¢ Centennial definitives produced in Montreal.

Anyone keen on expanding on this topic might also consider joining the long-standing Centennial Definitives Study Group of the British North America Philatelic Society.

As always with our Learning Workshops, this subject will kick off a worthwhile evening with other members keen on Centennials offering their thoughts and experiences. For instance, President Sid will discuss some other aspects of this interesting series, and other members may also want to jump on board.

With all this in mind, sign on at the appointed hour and enjoy this intriguing topic.

Ian Robertson

## Free/For Sale/Wanted

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

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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).

## An 'In-Store' Opportunity for Members

### Buy – Sell - Trade



- POSTAL HISTORY
- STAMPED ENVELOPES (COVERS)
  - POSTCARDS
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