



# Bulletin

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## PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

In "Blue Zones-Secrets for Living Longer" - Dan Buettner states that, "healthy people between the ages of 65 and 92 who expressed clear goals, or a purpose lived up to seven years longer and were sharper than those who did not. They are engulfed in activities and communities that allow them to immerse themselves in a rewarding and gratifying environment." Being active members of the WTSC stamp club provides each of us with mind engaging activities and a community that not only provides friendship and comradery but also the opportunity for many more productive happy years. Our active senior club members are a testament to the above stated truth.

Congratulations to WTSC member Fraser McKee who recently celebrated his 99th birthday. Fraser recently joined the club and is an active member, attending regularly, and enjoying the hobby to the full. Note his ad #9 in the WTSC Marketplace, Wanted Section.



As well, longtime WTSC "Honorary Member"- George Maclean turned 104 on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February!

George's son reports that George is doing extremely well for his age of 104. Still walking on his own using a walker. His good sense of humour is always in evidence. Being the oldest living 48th Highlander, three pipers and a drummer played for him at his residence birthday party. George's stamp collection is now his son's care. 'Hi' to everyone from George.

For our newer members, George Maclean, WTSC member # 634' is one of only four "Honorary Members" on the WTSC listing of Distinguished Members. George joined

the WTSC in 1975 and served on the board as director, and financial auditor for many years. His good sense of humour, friendship and kind, caring manner, and readiness to say the "Scottish Grace" at many of our annual Christmas Dinners are hallmarks of the true gentlemen that George is. George's contributions to the success of the WTSC have been significant and most noteworthy. Congratulations George!

## MARCH - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



**March 5** - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, 'What Don't You Know That You'd Like to Know? Followed by a "Show & Tell."

**March 12** - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

**March 19** - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "Long Distance or Unusual Route Covers Part II"

**March 26** - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

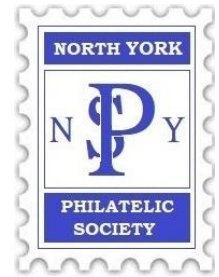


**WTSC Visits Circuit Book Fair held by the North York Philatelic Society.**

Held at the EDITHVALE COMMUNITY CENTER, 131 FINCH AVENUE WEST, TORONTO.

Mattia Guida, President NYPS, invited the WTSC to participate at their **Circuit Book Event** put on by the NYPS on **Wednesday, March 6th.**

Simon Claughton, Circuit co-manager.



Members are encouraged to contribute pages for the Circuit to gain exposure to other members interested in adding to their collections.

Our web site has a number of [page templates](#) to download for this purpose.

Also a [revised guideline](#) has been posted to help you with your preparation of pages.

[http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/resources/WTSC\\_CB\\_Guidelines\\_for\\_Users.pdf](http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/resources/WTSC_CB_Guidelines_for_Users.pdf)

**MARCH DISCUSSION GROUP TOPIC- "Long Distance or Unusual Route Covers Part II"**

The Discussion Group meeting for March 19 will be an encore performance of last October in which we asked members to show covers that had travelled either long distances or unusual routes. Again, anyone unable to generate a PowerPoint is welcome to send me images of their 'show & tell' and I will incorporate into a group presentation.



**CELEBRATING PHILATELIC EXCELLENCE.**

Congratulation to WTSC member Bob Timberg who had an article published in the Q1 2024 issue of *BNA Topics* on cancellation messages, entitled, *"Once called a slogan, it's now a cancellation message."*

A most informative article! Bob's communication with Canada Post demonstrates the corporation's willingness to communicate with collectors and the importance of the wording of the Access to Information Act (AIA) request for information. Well worth the read especially for the modern postal historian, and for the researcher wishing to use the AIA tool to request information from Canada Post.

Congratulation to WTSC member Ted Swain for receiving the GTAPA Certificate of Merit for his fine work as WTSC Membership Director. Ted fastidiously maintains very detailed current membership database and follows up personally with all who need a nudge to renew their dues. His willingness to assist where needed as a club director and his friendly manner as he interacts with new and long-time members is valued.



President Sid Mensinga presenting a GTAPA Certificate of Merit to Ted Swain in recognition of the great work he does as the Club's Membership Director.

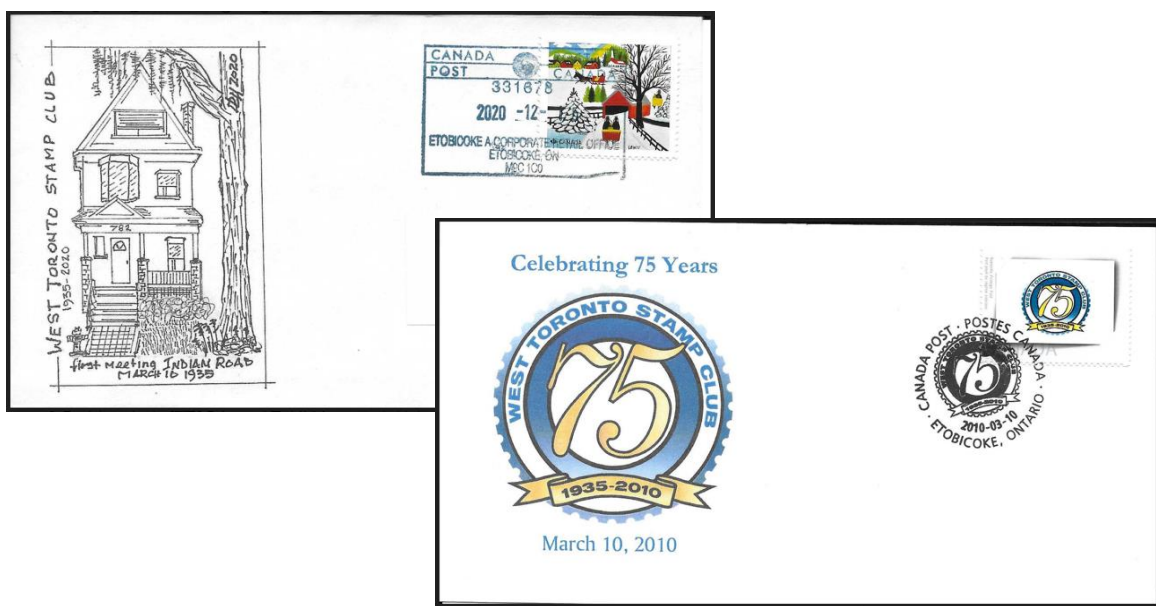
## WTSC 90<sup>TH</sup> OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

As you are aware WTSC will celebrate its 90th Anniversary **March 28 2025**, a short 13 months away. Plan to attend and circle that date in your calendar.

Over the next few months, you can participate in the following ways to make this a most memorable event.

### 1. Participate in the WTSC 90th Anniversary cachet and/or WTSC 90th logo design competitions.

- 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.
- The date to submit your WTSC 90th cachet design and/or WYSC 90th logo is this coming May **31/2024**. Hard copies or scans can be sent to [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)
- For inspiration see examples of the WTSC 75th and 85th Anniversary Covers.



### 2. WTSC Annual Exhibition will be held the 4th Tuesday in May

- 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**.
  - **Single Page:** to be judged using the GTAPA standard evaluation. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **FRANK ALUSIO** award.
  - **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**.
- The **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. *"Members of the Club are encouraged to submit an entry in one or more of the three classes. Members not wishing to be judged may also submit entries for display only."*

## APRIL LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2024 via Zoom, our 8th virtual Learning Workshop of the 2023-2024 season is, **“POSTAL MARKINGS OTHER THAN DATERS AND OBLITERATORS.”**

As Wikipedia aptly notes: “A postal marking is any kind of annotation applied to a letter by a postal service. The most common types are postmarks and cancellations.

“A key part of postal history is the identification of postal markings, their purpose, and period of use,” it continues. In keeping with the topic-at-hand, “less common types include forwarding addresses, routing annotations, warnings, postage due notices and explanations, such as for damaged or delayed mail and censored or inspected mail.”



Whether a collector seeks examples from Canada or those on covers from other countries, there are myriad markings to consider. Many are from the 19th and early 20th centuries, including: Way Letter — ‘Way’ in the United States, referring to letters brought to post offices by mail carriers; Return to Sender — ‘Retour a l’envoyeur’ in French.



For a crowning touch, consider a Royal Cipher. In Great Britain, mail by or on behalf of a member of royalty is mailed without postage applied. Instead, encircled initials of a current monarch are stamped onto covers. For instance, the marking identifying covers posted on behalf of the late Queen Elizabeth II consisted of ‘EIIIR’ below a crown.



I couldn’t resist this unusual historic U.S. example: Soon after the Civil War began in 1861, Northern officials declared existing stamps invalid, provided new issues and, to prevent Southern senders from using old definitives, supplied post offices with “Old stamps not recognized” devices to mark envelopes bearing any previous stamps. As one might imagine, such covers are now highly-prized collectibles.



On a passing note, modern post offices are now most often applying labels with text describing the status of a piece of mail, or applying computerized overprints on covers.

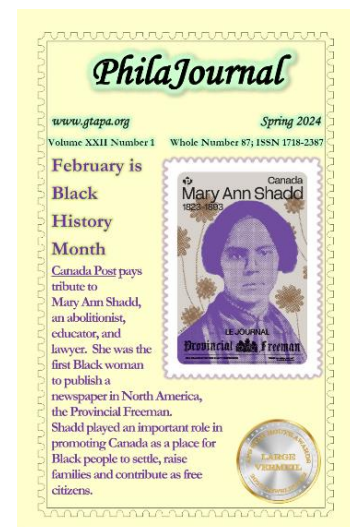
Finally, what other markings are you aware of that you could share?

Come one, come all, make your mark or tune in and be informed!

- Ian Robertson

**The new Spring PhilaJournal is now available at -**

<http://gtapa.org/philajournal>



## EXPANDING YOUR PHILATELIC HORIZONS

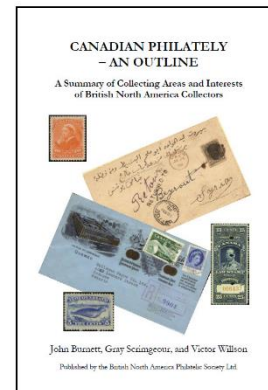
### *Canadian Philately - An Outline*

John Burnett, Gray Scrimgeour, and Victor Willson

Published by the British North America Philatelic Society

An excellent overview of Canadian philately intended for the new or general collector to introduce them to the many collecting areas available to them.

<https://bnaps.org/ore/Burnett-CanadianPhilatelyOutline/Burnett-CanadianPhilatelyOutline.htm>



## OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



### **MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> MISSISSAUGA COIN & STAMP SHOW**

**John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON, L4Z 1V8**

Sponsored by the Troyak Club, the Mississauga Coin and Stamp Show will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with 60 tables and more than 30 dealers.

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



March 11 - David Foot - **Eclipse Philately**

March 18 - **Social Philately** - [Elizabeth Sodero, Robert Stock, Mark Loomis]



### **MAR. 16, TORONTO, ON**

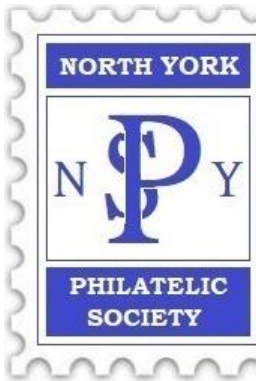
NTSC Stamp Bourse, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street Up to 20 dealers starting at 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking. For more information, email [enyitr618@rogers.com](mailto:enyitr618@rogers.com), telephone 905-477-1511. Website: [www.northtorontostampclub.ca/home](http://www.northtorontostampclub.ca/home).

## LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

Canada's best Stamp and Coin Show returns to the Hilton Mississauga, 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: [stampsOfItaly@yahoo.ca](mailto:stampsOfItaly@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.evelyn555@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**

### **WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED**

#### **FOR SALE:**

1. For sale 9 Safe Dual Hingeless Albums with pages from 1851 to 2018 complete. Retail Value is \$3800.00. Asking \$900.00 or best offer. Call Ben 705 726 5464 or Email [casinostamp@yahoo.ca](mailto:casinostamp@yahoo.ca).
2. 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](mailto:casinostamp@yahoo.ca)
3. Extensive collection of Jersey, Guernsey, & Isle of Man available.  
Contact: West Toronto Stamp Club member # 1045 or Email [pasenoj@gmail.com](mailto:pasenoj@gmail.com)
4. Extensive international stock available. Contact: Willy Schlatter, Email: [wstamps1@outlook.com](mailto:wstamps1@outlook.com)  
Ph: 705-252-4559
5. 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](mailto:stampsOfItaly@yahoo.ca)
6. Buying and selling: Canada postage, mint and mint hinged, any denomination Contact Mattia at 647 990 4073 or Email [stampsOfItaly@yahoo.ca](mailto:stampsOfItaly@yahoo.ca)

## WTSC MARKETPLACE:

### WANTED:

1. Etobicoke Post Office covers, especially before 1960' See John at club meetings, or call 416 742 2347.
2. 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](mailto:b62hkg@yahoo.ca) or text 416 700 5226.
3. Centennial Issue covers (1967-72) to foreign destinations other than Europe.  
Contact Sid at [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)
4. 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](mailto:don.hedger@gmail.com)

5. Germany Scott# 3011 379c flower. Germany Scott# 3085 120c flower. Mint (preferably) or used VF.  
Contact [dbuss@rogers.com](mailto:dbuss@rogers.com)
6. Shaubek blank pages, Kabe blank pages, Shaubek two post or spring back albums and strips of clear top opening mounts. [Dbray12traditions@gmail.com](mailto:Dbray12traditions@gmail.com)
7. 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](mailto:lawpin@rogers.com)
8. Great Britain Scott catalogue for any of the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021. Contact Belkys Herrera [Belkysherrera02@gmail.com](mailto:Belkysherrera02@gmail.com)
9. I would like to hear of ANY stamps (Scott #'s) depicting the pre-1<sup>st</sup> War white Kaiser's yacht HOHENZOLLERN other than those from Germany's colonies of the period e.g. Cameroun, Marianas, German East Africa, Togo, etc. None are known. Contact [fmmck22@rogers.com](mailto:fmmck22@rogers.com)

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