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## PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

As we deal with another "stay at home" order, we can be thankful that we can pursue this captivating hobby, either in solitude with our stamp tongs and albums, online via zoom, or by browsing through a superb philatelic website.

I took some time this past month to peruse and enjoy the many excellent presentations on the Philatelic Specialists Society (PSSC) website. The presentations cover a wide range of topics, countries and themes that would be of interest to you no matter your stamp collecting pursuits. Looking at a presentation or two is a most a pleasurable way to pass the time, to acquire new learnings, and to be presented with new collecting possibilities. For your viewing pleasure, be sure to check out the many outstanding presentations on Philatelic Specialists Society website.

<https://www.philatelicspecialistsociety.com/>

Members will be pleased to learn that WTSC will be participating in Capex 22 and has reserved a 2- hour slot to hold a WTSC organized seminar. Holding a WTSC seminar at Capex 22 will be a tremendous way to showcase and promote our club, to support this upcoming international event, and to grow the hobby in the GTHA. The topic and details for the seminar will be developed and shared over the coming months.

The formation of the WTSC Executive for the 2021 -2022 year has been finalized. See election update on page 2. Thank you to Ted Swain for his most competent leadership on this file and for taking on this responsibility.

### MAY - Philatelic opportunities for WTSC members.

1. **Learning Workshop, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 4 - "The Art of Stamps"** The zoom link and reminder have been sent to all members. Philatelic Art is a significant draw for many as they consider this hobby. This should prove to be another most interesting evening of learning and sharing. As well, plan to attend the Learning Workshop session planned for June 1. Details on pages 2-4.
2. **Discussion Group, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 18 - "Toronto's First Post Office"** will be the focus. See page 2 for the details about upcoming Discussion Group meetings.
3. As well, again consider attending this month's (RPSC) **Stamp Talk and Stamp Panel sessions**
  - a. **Monday May 10** - Gerard McCulloch (Punk Philatelist) "*Online Philately*"
  - b. **Monday May 17** - The back of the book. *What does it comprise? Should I collect it? Is it affordable?* Chris Hargreaves (panelist), Ingo Nessel (panelist), John Wilson (panelist).  
Registration in advance is required for both RPSC webinars. See RPSC website for details.  
<https://www.rpsc.org/>
4. **GTAPA events.**
  - a. **May 20<sup>th</sup>** Markham Stamp Club online auction. Registration is required; send your request to [sojourner2@rogers.com](mailto:sojourner2@rogers.com)
  - b. **May 13<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.** North Toronto Stamp Club guest speaker [Michel Houde](#) on Bangkok's postal history and social philately, from the stampless era to 1885. To get an invitation to attend this event on Zoom, contact Klaus at [NTSC.Membership@gmail.com](mailto:NTSC.Membership@gmail.com)

Be sure to note the changes in the **FREE/FOR SALE/WANTED MARKETPLACE** at the end of this Bulletin. Ads will appear in the WTSC Bulletin for up to 3 months. Send your ads to Bob Timberg [timberg@bell.net](mailto:timberg@bell.net) or Sid Mensinga [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)

## **CLOSED ALBUM**

As communicated by email earlier this past month, we were saddened and shocked to learn of the sudden passing of Rob Taylor, WTSC member #1000. Rob was a significant contributor to the WTSC community and a valued board member. His active, thoughtful, caring, and direct contributions as a WTSC Board Director were most noteworthy and appreciated. As well, his extensive knowledge which he readily shared, his contributions to philately as a dealer, his role as expertiser at the V. G. Greene Foundation and his contributions to our club as an active member were significant and will long be remembered. Condolences to Rhonda and family have been expressed personally and by way of a flower/plant arrangement sent to her home.

## **DISCUSSION GROUP SESSSIONS**

**MAY 18:** "Toronto's First Post Office" - This meeting will feature a virtual guided tour of TFPO and its operations followed by a short postal history presentation by the postmaster.

**JUNE 15:** "The Perforated O.H.M.S. Stamps of Canada" presented by Patrick Durbano.

**JULY 20:** "The Mulready Stationery and its Caricatures" presented by Chris Green.

**ELECTION UPDATE** Having passed the April 30<sup>th</sup> nomination date with no new names coming forward, the WTSC Board is acclaimed for the coming philatelic year.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS for 2021/2022**

President: Sid Mensinga

Vice-President: Ian Robertson

Past President: Frankl Alusio

Treasurer: Lawrence Pinkney

Membership Officer: Patricia Blanchard

Directors-at-Large: Simon Cloughton, Fred Colbourn, Denzil Fernandes, Don Hedger, Jose Restrepo, Bob Timberg.

**Board Appointees** providing leadership include:

Victoria Cloughton (Circuit Book Manager) and Garfield Portch (Discussion Group Chair)

The 2021/22 WTSC Board includes two new directors Don and Denzil whose willingness to serve is appreciated. With the passing of Rob Taylor this past month, the board will function with a slate of 11 directors.

As well, the role and responsibilities of secretary have not been assigned to one individual but will be shared amongst the Board members. Thank you to Rhonda Kavanaugh, Rob's wife, who has served as Secretary for many years. Rhonda, we grieve with you and value the leadership you have provided in your role as a WTSC Director.

## **JUNE LEARNING WORKSHOP**

Starting at 7 pm, Tuesday, June 1, 2021 via Zoom, our 10th virtual Learning Workshop of the 2020-2021 season is titled '*People who influenced the world around them — and beyond*'.

Leaders fit into many categories and, whether it is or was as head of a country, a religion, in a creative or sporting category, for having made an important discovery, or contributing to better living, our topic is wide-ranging. It was, as you may have guessed, influenced by the passing April 9 of Prince Philip, two months before his 100th birthday. He is featured on two Canadian stamps, the first issued in 1951 with then-Princess Elizabeth, then in 1957 with her as Queen. They commemorated their first and second Royal Visits. We can also remember Prince Philip as father of the future king, Prince Charles, grandfather of his son's heir, Prince William, also for his sporting activities, warning of climate issues long before that became a popular topic, and for establishing the Duke of Edinburgh Award to encourage young people. Married to Princess Elizabeth in 1947, Prince Philip was appointed 10 years later to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, which he visited 29 times.

Starting in 1851 with Queen Victoria and her husband, Prince Albert, Canada has issued numerous stamps portraying our Royals, though not Prince Charles, the current heir to the throne. Several depict his eldest son Prince William, first in 2011 with his bride, Catherine 'Kate' Middleton, then as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge holding their first child, Prince George, in 2013. Numerous Commonwealth countries have featured Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip on stamps, together and separately. The topic of Royalty-on-stamps includes numerous other postal agencies' issues.

Titles on the accompanying illustrations offer that and suggestions for a wide range of subjects which could fit the theme for another good evening of sharing. The door — via the virtual world of ZOOM — is open for myriad other topics that represent people of influence featured on definitives and commemoratives from here and afar.

As always, participation is the name of this game and teamwork is a gain.

- Ian Robertson



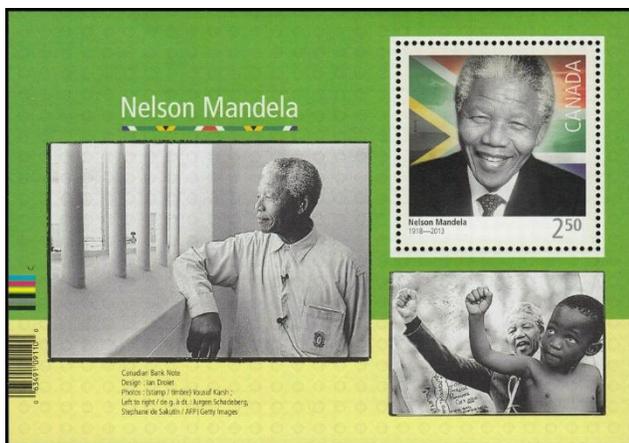
EXPLORER — Explorer Jacques Cartier on 3-cent large-format 1934 Canadian commemorative



FILM STAR — Princess Grace, a U.S. movie star who married the Prince of Monaco, on a 1993 5-franc Monaco commemorative.



HUMANITARIAN — Mother Theresa, on 2010 commemorative issued by Serbia.



HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER — Nelson Mandela on 2015 Canada Post souvenir sheet



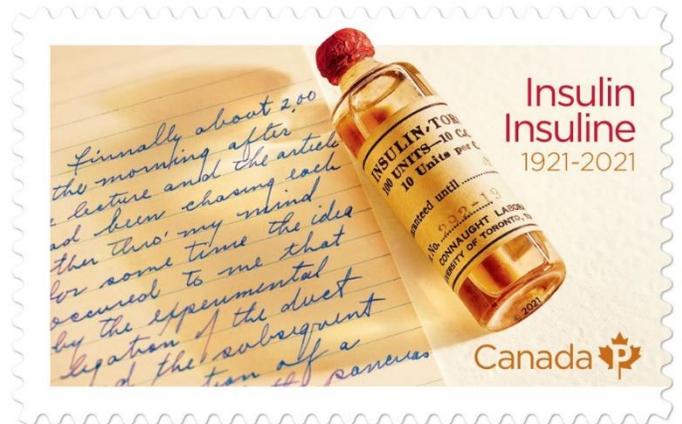
ROYALTY ON CANADIAN STAMPS — 5-cent commemorative issued for 1957 visit to Canada by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip



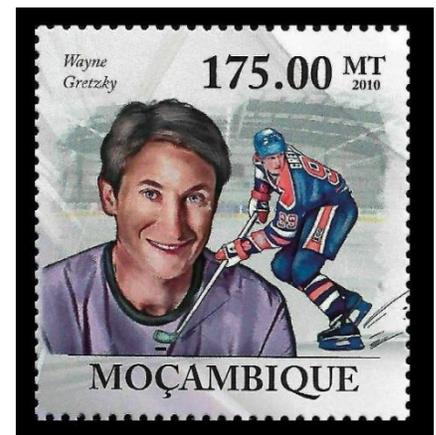
SCIENCE (Error) — Dr. Frederick Banting and Charles Best as 1923 Nobel Prize recipients for discovering insulin in Toronto, on 2011 commemorative issued by Guinea-Bissau. Best, a medical scientist, was not a recipient, nor was a fourth associate, biochemist James Bertran Collip. The Nobel Prize was shared with Prof. John James Rickard Macleod, a biochemist and physiologist. Banting rightfully shared the honours and award money with his assistant, Best. McLeod shared his prize money with Collip. Banting alone was featured on a 2000 Canadian commemorative, while a recently released 2021 stamp issued for the 100th anniversary of Insulin's discovery shows a vial of insulin on a diary note by Banting.



SCIENCE (Correct) - Canada Post 100th anniversary stamp marking 100th anniversary of discovery of insulin in Toronto, and for which he shared the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1923 with Prof. John Macleod, a key advisor on the project and head of the University of Toronto physiology department.



SPORTS — Brantford, Ontario-born hockey great Wayne 'No. 99' Gretzky on 2010 Mozambique commemorative



## WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FOR SALE/WANTED

**FOR SALE:** 2016 set of Scott's Catalogues, **\$20 or best offer** - will also consider taking stamps in exchange.

Contact Fred Colbourn: [416-231-1283](tel:416-231-1283)

**FOR SALE:** *"The Postage stamps of Switzerland 1843-1862"* - P. Mirabaud and Alex de Reuterskiold- a superb reference for the Swiss specialist. Hardcover with dustjacket Quarterman Publications Inc. 1975 - **Price \$20**  
*"The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada"* – *Winthrop S. Boggs* - a classic (out of print) reference for the serious Canadian collector- Hardcover with dustjacket Quarterman Publications Inc. 1974 - **Price \$35**  
*"Canada Post Offices 1755/1895"* - *Frank W. Campbell*- an invaluable reference for the serious Canadian Collector – Quarterman Publications Inc 1972 – **\$25 or best offer on any of these books.** Contact Sid: [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com).

**WANTED:** First Day Cover of Canada Wildlife Habitat Duck FWH23. Contact Jim at [tazzwild@hotmail.com](mailto:tazzwild@hotmail.com)

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