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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

This past month I had the pleasure of attending two well run local stamp shows, one a larger regional level show and the other a smaller club sponsored event. Attending shows enables me to meet and chat with fellow club members and other philatelic friends, some of whom I often see only on Zoom, greatly appreciating and valuing the comradery. Personally, I was most pleased to have a deeper discussion with what started out as stranger beside me at a dealer table to become a new philatelic friend with shared interests.

Those who attended had:

- The pleasure of the hunt, spending uninterrupted time going through boxes looking for and purchasing items both scarce and common that would enhance/add to our various philatelic projects.
- The opportunity to speak at length with dealers we know and those we don't often see (definitely a benefit of attending a smaller show) telling or reminding them of our collecting interests and ongoing philatelic projects. *(We are most fortunate to be served by highly professional dealers, knowing they will do their utmost to meet our collecting needs.)*
- The chance to support these initiatives and thank those who are doing their utmost to build the hobby in the larger philatelic community as well as locally.
- The joy of viewing many superb, most interesting, well researched exhibits, appreciating the desire of collectors to share and tell stories about what they collect.

I am confident you would agree that the value of attending stamp shows, be they national, regional, or local, is immense!

Speaking of sharing, I trust you are preparing and looking forward to our upcoming WTSC Annual Club Exhibition to be held Tuesday May 23; the first full in-person exhibition since 2019 enabling members to participate in all three classes **Single Frame, Single Page** and **Multi page**. Your participation is encouraged as an exhibitor and/or one who enjoys viewing and appreciating exhibits assembled by fellow club members.

May 23 should be a most interesting, informative, and fun evening of sharing and accomplishment. To assist with planning, be sure to inform Joseph Perrone ajphilatelic@gmail.com or Don Hedger don.hedger@gmail.com by May 15th of your intent to exhibit.

Again, this month I am pleased to welcome new WTSC members: Ingo Nessel, Bert DiVincenzo, and Fred Koepke. We look forward to your active participation, both online and at our in-person meetings.

MAY - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



May 2 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, 'Coronations and Celebrating Monarchy'.

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

May 16- DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, 'Feedback Session (Town Hall Meeting) coupled with a participant driven Show & Tell'.

May 23- WTSC ANNUAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION - Fairfield Centre.

WTSC Circuit Book Team visits the Georgian Bay Stamp Club

Ian McCruer of the Georgian Bay Coin and Stamp Club invited WTSC to display our Circuit Books on April 22, 2023. Simon, Victoria, Ted, Lawrence, and Janice arrived at the Prime-Time Club, 1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach at 11 a.m. to set up the tables ready to begin the show from 12 – 4 p.m.

Visitors gradually arrived, and by 2 p.m. we had a full table of 6-7 buyers. This remained the case up to about 2:30 p.m. At 4 p.m. we packed up and began our trip back to the GTA.

Overall, we had 10 guests at our tables during the afternoon and had a total of \$93.20 in sales.

We all had the opportunity during the day to visit the Owen Sound SC, Barrie SC, and other dealer's tables to have a look at their wares and add to our collections.



- Janice White – Circuit Book team member

WTSC Building the Hobby across the country.

As well as our various recent WTSC Circuit Book trips to support other club shows, our WTSC online sessions continue to be most informative and well attended by stamp and postal history enthusiasts from across the country and beyond.

Thank you to Denzil Fernandes for his most informative April 18th DISCUSSION GROUP presentation *Bombay General Post Office - Foreign Mail.* Thirty-one individuals attended, one from as far away as Atlanta USA.

Earlier at our April 4th LEARNING WORKSHOP, *'Tying Your Collection to a Calendar'* we were pleased to welcome 16 members from the Fredericton District Stamp Club -- who joined by projecting our live Zoom session.



If you wish to connect with like-minded collectors, be sure to attend our online sessions. Suggesting a topic that could form the basis of a future Learning Workshop or Discussion Group session is also always welcome. Our knowledge-filled but casual sessions, well worth a first or send look, are posted at <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/>.

Reaching out to like-minded collectors continues to enable a network of support and comradery and builds a positive supportive, sharing, learning community.

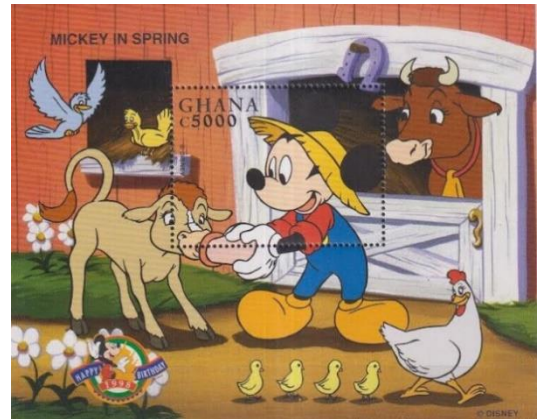
JUNE LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, 2023, via Zoom, our 9th virtual Learning Workshop topic of the 2022-2023 season is *"Hints of Spring in Your Collections."*

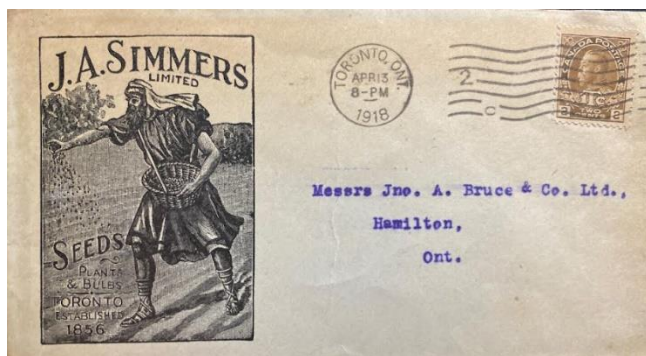
The first of our four seasons, which often puts a spring in our steps, provides a wide variety of topics for collectors, including spring cleaning your collection. That includes tidying albums and stock books on shelves or clearing those piled high on floors, plus trading or selling surplus stamps and covers.

There are also numerous related stamp subjects, including spring events, flowers, gardens, parks, and spring births — which have been commemorated with images of young farm animals and birds. Here are a few examples:

- In 1979, Iraq issued three Mosul Spring Festival commemoratives showing a young woman playing a flute, with a bright red heart in the background.
- The Isle of Man in the Irish Channel between the UK and Ireland released 'Spring Flora' stamps in 1991 and 1997, depicting swans, ducks, flowers, frogs, sheep, lambs, and a goat.
- A "Mickey in Spring" souvenir sheet Ghana released in 1998.
- The Republic of China issued three colourful Spring Festival commemoratives in 2000, featuring dancing cartoon characters, with a dragon on one stamp.
- Canada Post produces annual stamps featuring flowers to commemorate spring.



For instance: On March 1, 2022, two 'P' — Permanent Postage, 92¢ — commemorative designs in various formats depict white and dark pink trumpet-shaped Calla flowers, called Zantedeschia in Latin, which are native to South Africa. They were issued as two 20-by-26-millimeter coils, 26-by-32-mm booklet stamps, and on two souvenir sheets, one with a CAPEX 22 promotional overprint. Released in coil and booklet pairs, this year's garden flowers feature two Persian Buttercup flowers — Ranunculus Renoncule.



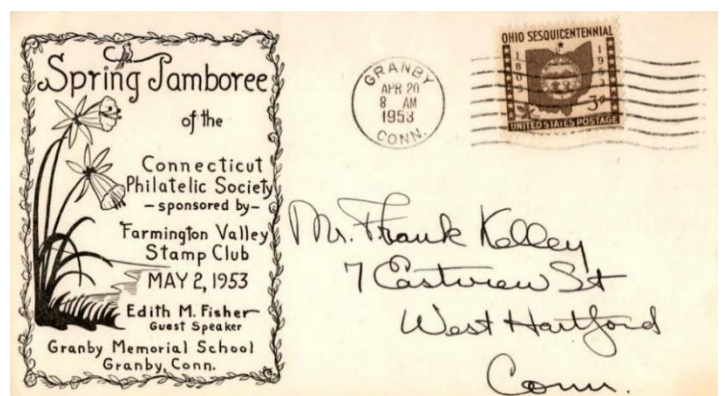
Postal history enthusiasts can also consider a wide range of themes, including: Covers mailed to or from seed companies such as the famous William Rennie, Steele-Briggs and J.A. Simmers Limited supply businesses in Toronto; illustrated covers produced by farm implement dealers, whose machinery includes tractors used to pull plows in springtime; plus covers with other spring theme cachets or text. I recently spotted one with a cachet promoting the May 2, 1953, Spring Jamboree of the Connecticut Philatelic Society, sponsored by the Farmington Valley Stamp Club.

There are also underground natural springs shown on postcards. One I found on eBay shows women collecting water from a spring in Macedonia, titled "An Der Quelle in Macedonien" — 'At the Spring, Macedonia.'

Spring names for communities are found in several countries, according to the geotargit.com website, with the U.S. having the highest number. Examples include: Burning Springs, West Virginia; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Harbor Springs, Michigan; Mineral Springs, New York; Hot Springs, Colorado; Springfield, Massachusetts; Spring, Texas; Spring Hill, Louisiana; Spring Green, Wisconsin; Stockton Spring, Maine; Slaterville Springs, New York; Tarpon Springs, Florida. In Canada, there is: Purple Springs, Alberta; Springdale, Newfoundland; Springfield, Ontario; Spring Lake, Alberta; Springside, Saskatchewan; Springwater, Ontario.

Foreign countries with spring-theme names include: Alba, Romania; Baja California, Sur, Mexico; Caroni, Trinidad, and Tobago; Jawa Timur, Indonesia; Jawa Tengah, Indonesia; Primavera, Brazil; Primavera, Chile.

As with all Learning Workshops, participants are welcome to share treasured material. Consider springing aboard this topic!



OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH



ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS.

Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

- **Monday May 8** - Arnie Janson - "A Variety of Varieties"
- **Monday May 15** - Unusual Collecting



NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB

May- Thursdays

- **11 LIVE FLOOR AUCTION**
- **18** Colour & Appearance, Attempted Uses in Philately by Sam Chiu
- **25** Germany's Beautiful Issues of 1933-44 - Minus You-Know-Who by Dan Marz



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Ottawa's National Stamp Exhibition

60th Annual Exhibition and Bourse

Theme: "Definitives"

APS World Series of Philately Show

Exhibit applications for all subjects welcome.

Saturday, May 6th, 2023 - 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 7th, 2023 - 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free admission and parking

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HAMILTON SPRINGPEX 2023

MAY 12, 2023 TO MAY 13, 2023

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, 1824 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, ON, L0R 1P0

The Hamilton Stamp Club Springpex 2023 Show. Show hours are Friday, May 12, 5 pm – 10 pm and Saturday, May 13, 10 am – 4 pm. Friday evening will have a large voice auction at 7 pm with viewing 5 – 7 pm. Four guest clubs will present their Sales Circuit on Friday evening 5 – 10 pm. Saturday includes a 15-dealer bourse with stamps, postcards, covers and supplies plus Silent Auctions, Club Sales Circuit and Youth Booth. Free admission, free parking, building is accessible friendly and light food / refreshments will be available.

Phone: 289-925-5343

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BNAPS Study Groups

- Upcoming events
- Active Study Groups
- Dormant Study Groups

Study Group Newsletters

A popular activity within BNAPS are the many study groups (listed below) that afford members the opportunity to communicate with other members sharing similar interests. Most groups publish their own newsletter in which group members can exchange opinions, ask questions, and report findings. The information published in study group newsletters can lead to the production of specialized handbooks by the BNAPS Publications Committee.

<https://bnaps.org/study.php#ActiveSG>

WTSC MARKET PLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

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1. Unitrade Harris Canada Stamp Album - 2 Volumes 1851-2015 Album empty.
Only ever had ten stamps mounted. \$40

Email dougsmith262@gmail.com

WANTED:

- 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

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

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- Canadian illustrated permits.
- Back issues of Canada Post's *Details* magazine.

Contact Douglas Hill at dahill3973@rogers.com

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