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# Bulletin

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## President Sid's Message

October is Stamp Collecting Month. There are many ways you can celebrate philately and stamp collecting this month.

One could:

- This month, select a personal philatelic project that deserves special attention.
- Participate in our new Learning Workshop which will run the first Tuesday of the month. This month we will be sharing your "Favourite Philatelic Thing".
- Select and prepare items to sell at our twice monthly auctions.
- Attend the Discussion Group evening Tuesday, October 18, as guest speaker Ken Pugh presents "*Fakes and Forgeries of Canadian and BNA Stamps*".
- Attend CANPEX, a new national show, in London on October 15-16. Check out their website <http://www.canpex.ca/>
- Visit the Harry Sutherland Library at the VGG - regular hours Monday to Thursday 10-4 and extended hours October 8 (10 to 4) and October 26 (10 to 7) or access the library catalogue using [www.greenefoundation.ca](http://www.greenefoundation.ca)
- Share a new find or discovery with a fellow club member.
- Find a mentor / Become a mentor.
- I am sure you can add many items to this list.

Above all, enjoy!! Personally, I am looking forward to a fulfilling, exciting month. A month filled with a host of opportunities to satisfy my growing stamp collecting and deeper philatelic interests. I look forward to the camaraderie of like minded collectors as we meet together.

**A date to circle in your calendar:** Our WTSC **Christmas festivities** will be held Friday, **December 9**, at the **Canadiana Restaurant** at **Six Points Plaza**. Details to follow as we approach the Christmas season.

## October Activities

Meetings are held on Tuesday evening unless otherwise specified. Doors open at 6:30, meetings start at 7.

**Oct 4 ~ Learning Workshop** (doors open at 7, meeting starts at 7:30)

**LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE ...**

**Oct 11 ~ Regular Meeting**

Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

**Oct 18 ~ Discussion Group**

Guest Speaker **Ken Pugh** will speak on **FAKES AND FORGERIES OF CANADIAN AND BNA STAMPS: DETECTION TECHNIQUES**. Ken is a noted researcher, author and general authority on this topic.

**Oct 25 ~ Regular Meeting**

Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

## Discussion Group Schedule (November – June)

**November 15 ~ Dr. Robert Galway**

**AVIATION IN WESTERN CANADA** - This will be a continuation of the presentation begun in September 2015 and will deal with the development of airmail service in the Canadian West.

**January 17 ~ Ian Robertson**

**MR. LIVINGSTONE, I PRESUME** - The story of a shopkeeper from Picton, Ontario who branched into postcards before World War 1 and distributed what may be the best quality photographic postcards of Ontario scenes.

**April 18 ~ Mark Stelmacovich**

**UKRAINIAN PROVISIONAL STAMPS** – This will be a PowerPoint presentation outlining the speaker's research and award winning exhibit of the provisional stamps of the Ukraine in the 1990's.

**February 11, March 21, May 16, June 20 ~ TBA**

## November Learning Workshop

Centennial Year — 1967 — was a birthday to remember for Canadians.

The 100th anniversary of Confederation also yielded a new series of stamps.

The definitives started with low-denomination definitives featuring Queen Elizabeth II in a new design that included Canadian scenes in the background. The larger mid to high-value denominations, from eight cents to \$1, featured single-colour engravings that reproduced paintings of sites across the country.

In addition to sheet-format stamps, coils were issued, along with various denominations in booklets. There were also precancelled stamps, postal stationery, plus additional low-value denominations showing the queen in front of new backgrounds.

More important, for students of philately, there were subsequent different printings, tagging, gums and varying paper fluorescence, providing collectors with a field day to study and collect varieties with which to fill album pages, mostly at inexpensive to moderate expense to this day.

Our club's second Learning Workshop on November 1 will offer members a chance to share their interest in the Centennial Issue, at varying levels.

The meeting offers everyone a chance to participate, discuss how far you've gone — or wish to go — with this interesting series of stamps.

Come early for a place around the table. Don't be shy!

Ian



## Reminder: Please Renew Your Membership and Confirm Your Member Profile

Reminder: Membership dues are unchanged from last year - \$15.00 if paid by October 31 and \$ 20.00 thereafter. **If you renew now, you save \$5.00.** For a family membership, add \$5.00.

Payment may be made to Patricia Blanchard at club meetings or via cheque payable to West Toronto Stamp Club mailed to her at 84 Gulliver Crescent, Brampton, ON L6S 1S9. If payment is not received by November 30, you will be deemed to have resigned.

Also, if you have not yet done so, please update your profile with Patricia – phone, e-mail, collecting interests, other memberships, etc.

## BNAPEX 2016

Garfield attended BNAPEX and reports it was a great convention with 158 frames holding 43 exhibits. He was awarded silver for "*The Expansion of the Post Office in Toronto, 1880 to 1899*". Leon Mathys, our September Discussion Group presenter, was awarded bronze for "*The Great Halifax Explosion of 1917*". His score was hurt as BNAPS does not recognize social philately or his display class. His exhibit however was probably the most visited of all.

## CSN

The latest issue, released on Tuesday, October 4, reports on our club's September Discussion Group presentation by Leon, and mentions the first meeting of our Learning Workshop, held October 4. Our thanks to CSN for the coverage.

## WTSC Board 2016-2018

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