



# Bulletin

The Newsletter of the West Toronto Stamp Club  
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## President Sid's Message

While attending an auction this past week I was pleased to be able to chat with two newer but serious collectors who were getting back into the hobby after years away. Both did not belong to a club or know about the many resources available to them, so I was pleased to share. Both were of course encouraged to join a local club (contact information was provided) so they could not only celebrate philately and grow their knowledge but also enjoy the camaraderie and support provided by likeminded collectors.

We talked about the resources and opportunities available to all of us this coming month beyond club level participation, such as:

- The terrific philatelic organizations for the Canadian collector
  - RPSC <http://www.rpsc.org>
  - BNAPS <http://www.bnaps.org>
  - PHSC  
<http://www.postalhistorycanada.net>
  - Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain  
<http://www.canadianpsgb.org.uk/>
- Upcoming national level shows to attend
  - CANPEX National Philatelic Exhibition in London on October 14 and 15  
<http://www.canpex.ca/>
  - National Postage Stamp and Coin Show in Mississauga on October 28 and 29 <http://stampandcoinshow.com/>
- Visits to the Harry Sutherland Library at the VGG, or accessing the library catalogue via the website <http://www.greenefoundation.ca/>

At WTSC, we continue to grow and thrive as a club because you, as well, take every opportunity to share and to show interest and friendship to fellow members. Thank you.

Our twice monthly auctions continue to be appreciated as a means for some to dispose of surplus items and for others to satisfy the hunt for philatelic treasures. To ensure a successful auction process you are reminded that no lots will be accepted after 6:55 pm. The maximum number of lots per member is 10. The minimum value of each lot is \$5. Be sure to use WTSC tags. For further rules and guidelines go to: <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/meetings.htm#auction>

For those who like to celebrate, please circle a date on your calendar. The WTSC Christmas dinner will be held Friday, **December 8th** at the Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza. More detail will follow as we approach the Christmas season.

I look forward to your participation this coming month.

Sid

## Membership Renewal

REMINDER – Please renew your membership. Dues are unchanged from last year - \$15.00 if paid by October 31, and \$20.00 thereafter. For each additional family member, 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.

## WTSC Board 2016-2018

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# October Activities

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

**Oct 3 ~ Learning Workshop** (starts 7 - 7:15)  
**B, for 'Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder'**

**Oct 10 ~ Regular Meeting**  
Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

**Oct 17 ~ Discussion Group**  
Club vice-president **Ian Robertson** will use a PowerPoint presentation to describe **The Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada's (PSSC) 'Sesquicentennial Project'**.

**Oct 24 ~ Regular Meeting**  
Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

## Discussion Group Schedule (October – June)

**November 21 ~ Joe Trauzzi**

**The Royal Visit of 1937** – Joe is from the Bramalea Stamp Club and is a member of the PSSC.

**January 16 ~ Various**

**Exhibiting Workshop** - This workshop is intended to provide assistance to those planning to enter an exhibit in the club exhibition in May.

**February 20 ~ Dr. Jean Wang**

**The Story of Blood** – Jean is from the North Toronto Stamp Club and is a member of the PSSC. She will present her award-winning exhibit.

**March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19 ~ TBA**

## November Learning Workshop

"An Admirable Stamp Series" is the topic of our second Learning Workshop of the 2017-2018 season.

Though King George V succeeded his father after the death on May 6, 1910 of King Edward VII, the first Canadian definitive stamps featuring the new monarch's portrait were not issued until December 1911.

On sale with additional denominations added as postal ranges changed, different colours adopted for some denominations, and numerous key varieties including introduction of coil and War Tax stamps, plus

printing on dry pre-gummed paper instead of traditional wet ungummed paper — they were eventually replaced by the 1928 'Scroll' series, which have a different portrait of the king.

The 'Admirals' ranked as the longest-running series of definitives after the 'Small Queens'. With surplus stocks available years later at post offices plus the philatelic division in Ottawa, many were used on mail well into the 1930s. Collectors nicknamed the colourful set after the Royal Navy uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, which the king wore for the photo on which the design for the single-colour engraved stamps were based.

Because of their long production, using a precedent-setting number of plates with different numbers, 'Admirals' are ranked as one of the most interesting Canadian series. Extensive studies led to frequent articles in journals and hobby papers, plus the authoritative 1982 American Philatelic Society book, *The Admiral Issue of Canada*, by George C. Marler.

Since coil, war tax overprint and surcharged versions command higher prices than the regular stamps, collectors must also beware of chicanery. Low-value Admirals with perforations on three or four sides, depending on their position on a sheet, have had perfs trimmed to produce fake coil, part-perforate and imperforate varieties. In addition, forged overprints have turned 3¢ stamps into what appear to be more expensive 2¢ surcharged varieties, and 5-, 20- and 50-cent stamps into much rarer War Tax versions.

Whether you want to show members your set of 1¢ to \$1 Admirals or examples on covers, whether you seek more information in order to add interesting varieties to your collection, or would like to share what you know, our meeting will provide a great opportunity to salute this fine subject.

Doors open at 7 on Tuesday, November 7.

Come early and grab a good seat.

Ian

1¢ Admiral with popular engraved lathework on lower margin



WWI Canadian Forces Overseas soldier's postcard with September 20, 1916 Field Post Office postmark for free posting, with 2-cent Admiral cancelled the following month in Vancouver



Strip of three 3-cent brown Admiral coils used in 1933, five years after the KG V 'Scroll' series was introduced



Surcharged 2¢ on 3¢ carmine 1926 KG V Admiral definitive



Pair of green 2¢ Admiral definitives with lower sheet margin Plate 134 inscription



## 2<sup>nd</sup> PHSC Symposium

The second Postal History Society of Canada (PHSC) Symposium will be held in Hamilton on July 19-22, 2018. The event will offer tours and presentations on the Thursday and Friday with a show and bourse on the Saturday and Sunday. Events (to be confirmed) will include a Niagara wine tour, a dinner somewhere in the Niagara Peninsula, and an awards "picnic or BBQ" at a location to be determined.

Garfield

## Stamp Collecting Month

October is National Stamp Collecting Month, an event celebrated primarily in the United States. For more information, check out <https://stamps.org/Stamp-Collecting-Month>

## Safeguarding Collections

From APS, on how to safeguard collections from hurricanes and other weather events.

<http://blog.stamps.org/2017/09/07/hurricane-damaged-stamps/>



