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## President Sid's Message

Our far-reaching virtual presence and programming this past year continues to attract many visitors and new memberships. In addition to the nine new members recognized in my August President's e-Letter, I am pleased to welcome two new members: Gary Loew and Fred Feddema. The participation of our eleven new members enables even more knowledge sharing and adds to a collective expertise we all benefit from.

Your executive met early in September to consider the WTSC 2021/2022 philatelic year. The following are important items for you to be aware of:

- The Board confirmed the decision that the Learning Workshop and Discussion Group meetings will be held only virtually. This will enable increased out of town membership and guest participation.
- Membership dues will be collected for the 2021/2022 year. Paying yearly dues not only provides financial resources to cover costs but also demonstrates ongoing membership commitment. See "[WTSC Membership Dues](#)" next page for details.
- Website updates are ongoing. A special thank you to our new webmaster Denzil Fernandes. The monthly WTSC Bulletins are posted (back to September-October 2012) and recent Discussion Group and Learning Workshop recording links have been added. See <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/>
- Unfortunately face to face meetings will not be possible until at least January 2022. The city-operated Fairfield Centre remains closed, and no permits are being issued at this time. A COVID-19 safety plan will be communicated prior to our first meeting at the Centre.
- Director Don Hedger will be contacting members regarding the development of a data base listing "Members Collecting Interests". Participation will be optional.
- Circuit Books continue to be available for perusal and new pages can still be submitted. See Simon Cloughton [simonATberletDOTcom](mailto:simonATberletDOTcom).
- "Loyal Members" who have reached the 25-year

milestone and "Honorary Members", those who have provided noteworthy service as 10 years on the board, will receive "Distinguished Member" certificates this month and will be honoured and identified in an upcoming WTSC Bulletin.

- WTSC looks forward to its participation at CAPEX 22. More details will be forthcoming.

A highlight for many earlier this month was attending the [BNAPEX Virtual Conference](#). Being a virtual conference, it demonstrated and highlighted the value of the extensive philatelic resources available online and on the BNAPS website. For those who enjoy the hunt for defective transfers, retouches, major and minor re-entries, plate flaws and to learn about their plate positions be sure to check out <https://cms.wgburden.com/#%20> and <http://flyspecker.com/> Both were highlighted during the Admiral Study Group seminar.

The exhibits as well were excellent. The stories and research shared were not only remarkable but also inspirational. They created an enthusiasm for sharing and encouraged the observer to do more, to go deeper, to apply what was learned. On a personal note, the "Usage of Canadian Karsh Definitive Stamps" exhibit's detail and organization will help put structure/format and organization to my Karsh collection. It also highlighted the gaps in my collection.

A host of new most informative videos were also posted, such as "Some Interesting Covers From the Decade of the 1940s" by WTSC member Simon Cloughton.

You may have missed the conference but do not let it go by without a look. The exhibits will be online until September 30 to allow you to peruse and study them at your leisure. As well the seminars were recorded and will be posted on the BNAPS website <https://bnaps.org/index.php>

### Upcoming Club Zoom meetings

1. Plan to attend this month's **Discussion Group, 7 pm, Tuesday, September 21** and join members and guests from across the country. Guest speaker and club member **Lawrence Pinkney** will present "**The Map Stamp: A Collector's Perspective**".

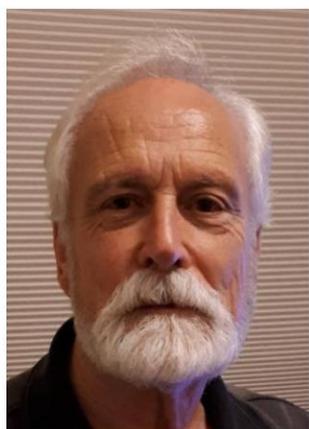
Be sure to attend the next **Learning Workshop** session planned for **October 5**. Details to the right.

### WTSC MEMBERSHIP DUES

- 2021/2022 membership dues continue to be \$20. However, members who pay their dues before the end of October will receive a \$5 reduction and will pay only \$15. The few new members who joined during the summer and very late in the previous year have already prepaid their dues for the 2021/2022 year.
- Dues can be paid by cheque payable to the West Toronto Stamp Club addressed to:

*West Toronto Stamp Club  
c/o Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research  
Foundation  
P.O. 69100, St. Clair Post Office  
Toronto, Ontario M4T 3A1  
Canada*

- Payment by e-transfer will also be possible. Details to follow when this has been set up at our bank.



Sid Mensinga

## The Postage Stamp

"The postage stamp is a flimsy thing  
No thicker than a beetle's wing  
And yet it will roam the world for you  
Exactly where you tell it to."

E. V. Lucas (1868 – 1938)

*Royal Philatelic Society London Facebook page, June 21, 2021.*

*WTSC Bulletin, September 2021, p. 2*

## October Learning Workshop

Beginning at **7 pm, Tuesday, October 5, 2021** via Zoom, our 1st virtual **Learning Workshop** of the 2021-2022 season is entitled **Philatelic-Stamp Collecting Project Under Construction**. In other words, **What's up, fellow collectors?**

Through these lazy, hazy days of summer, along with extra time on our hands due to COVID-19 limits, many members were able to spend more time pursuing stamp and postal history options as additions to a favorite topic, or the latest one that struck a chord.

Are flowers blossoming on new topics pages?

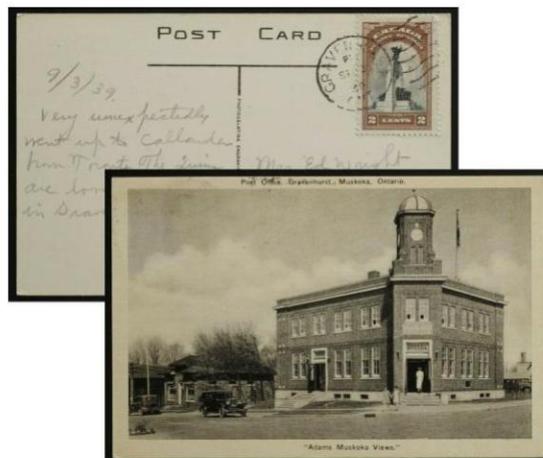


*Pink Lily on Canada*

*'Picture Postage' stamp*

Were plans for a deep sea cruise at least partly fulfilled by commemoratives featuring ocean liners? Did you dream of slipping the surly bonds of earth and dancing the skies on laughter-silvered wings while mounting some decent aircraft stamps on a page?

Perhaps you finally obtained a cover or a postcard with a long sought-after postmark, view or destination?



*Postcard showing post office at Gravenhurst, Ontario, with town duplex postmark on 2-cent 1939 War Memorial Ottawa commemorative*

[See additional images next page, left column.]



Hong Kong censored cover to Japan, postmarked in Kowloon April 25, 1940, 1 1/2 years before Japanese troops captured the British colony



First two of three Queen Elizabeth II mint coils from 1967 Centennial series

There are also plenty of varieties for aficionados of foreign stamps, for instance, Australia's kangaroo-map and King George V definitives produced between 1913 and 1936. The list goes on.



1932 cover mailed from Bangkok, Thailand to Copenhagen, Denmark, franked with four 15-Stg 'Blue King' definitives with portraits of King Prajadhipok (Rama VII)

If nothing new was added, perhaps some pleasant hours were spent going through envelopes and stockbooks filled with good intentions.

Studying Canadian 1950s-70s Queen Elizabeth II definitives with portraits by photographers Yousuf Karsh, Dorothy Wilding or Anthony Buckley — the latter took the one used on the low-denomination Centennial series plus that year's Royal Visit commemorative — plus the 1962 'Cameos' with her cameo portrait engraved by Yves Baril, have numerous varieties including different papers, perforations and tagging, plus booklets, coils, and precancelled versions.

*WTSC Bulletin, September 2021, p. 3*



1-pence 1913 Kangaroo and Map definitive from first set of Australia definitives which featured the hopping marsupial

With all that in mind, or none of the above, you are invited to share a recent Philatelic-Stamp Collecting Project Under Construction.

As always, participation in our workshops can be rewarding and contributes to continuing teamwork and friendship.

So mark your calendars, open your albums and prepare to Zoom in for another virtual delight night.

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## Free/For Sale/Wanted

WANTED – Covers, particularly registered, Franz, Frater, Hawk Junction, Oba, Hearst to Sault Ste Marie, Soo to Hearst. Contact Bob at [timberg@bell.net](mailto:timberg@bell.net)

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