



Bulletin

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President Sid's Message

Attending WTSC meetings this December should prove to be not only festive but also most worthwhile.

If you have yet to attend a **Learning Workshop** session, consider attending **December 5** as we learn and share all about "EFOs". Knowing what to look for and how an "error, freak or oddity" was caused will undoubtedly have you give each of the stamps in your collection a second look. Given my recent experience of finding "the missing bird on the totem" you as well may find a significant "EFO" that was hiding amongst the common philatelic material in your collection.

As well **December 12** will be our final **auction/circuit book evening** and the last meeting of 2017. By bidding or making a purchase who knows what philatelic "treasures" you might uncover or items you can strike off your want list.

This coming week I will be finalizing numbers and our Christmas dinner menu. So yes, there is still time to make a last-minute decision to attend our **WTSC Christmas dinner and festive get together** on **Friday, December 8** at the **Canadiana Restaurant**, Six Points Plaza. Plan to **arrive between 6:00 and 6:30. Dinner is at 7.**

Contact me at sidmensinga@gmail.com **no later than Monday, December 4** if you wish to go.

I am looking forward to this annual opportunity to visit with fellow club members and their significant others while enjoying a delicious festive meal together.

As you participate in the many festive, busy activities and obligations this coming month, be sure to take time to enjoy family and also to reflect on the meaning of the season.

On behalf of the WTSC board members, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

What neat philatelic item will Santa leave under the tree for you?

Sid

Membership Renewal

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so. Dues are \$20.00. 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.

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RPSC Facebook Page

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada has set up a Facebook page. Check it out, and like the page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Royal.Philatelic.Society.Canada/>

CBS Radio Mystery Theatre

A 1977 episode on CBS Radio Mystery Theatre, entitled "Stamped for Death", dealt with a stamp collection. To listen to the drama, which runs a little over 40 minutes, go to the link below. This item was mentioned in the *Calgary Philatelist*, Issue 152, December 2017, at page 4, "Philatelic Fiction" by Dale Speirs.

<https://www.cbsrmt.com/episode/600-stamped-for-death.html>

December Activities

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

Dec 5 ~ Learning Workshop (starts 7 – 7:15)
EFOs (Errors, Freaks and Oddities)

Dec 8 ~ Christmas Dinner, at the Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza, Etobicoke (arrive 6 - 6:30, dinner at 7)

Dec 12 ~ Regular Meeting

Club circuit books, exchange of information, show & tell, and auction

Discussion Group Schedule (January – June)

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

January Learning Workshop

'Two pages or not two pages, that is the option' is the topic of our fourth Learning Workshop of the 2017-2018 season.

Bring two pages from your album to the table for our first time together in this new year — no more, no less.

Whether 'tis nobler in the eyes of our members ...

Or be they merely stamps that you admire, from whimsy, from simple or from intricate appreciation ...

Whether on pre-printed pages, or ones carefully designed by you for a special reason or occasion ...

There will be interest expressed.

For that you can be assured.

"Share and share alike" will be the motto of this night of good nights, Tuesday, January 2, as it should be always.

Pause not, my friends. Let your imaginations flow freely.

For the amusement, pleasure and contemplation of what is presented, you shall be rewarded — with thanks and good cheer for one and all.

And remember, the doors to the evening do open at 7 p.m.

Enter early, choose a good seat and prepare to share-thee-well.

Who knows, you may even decide to turn over a new page for your own collection.

Ian

The following are illustrations from online listings. We can only guess at some of the stories they tell, but members will be able to tell us stories about their pages.

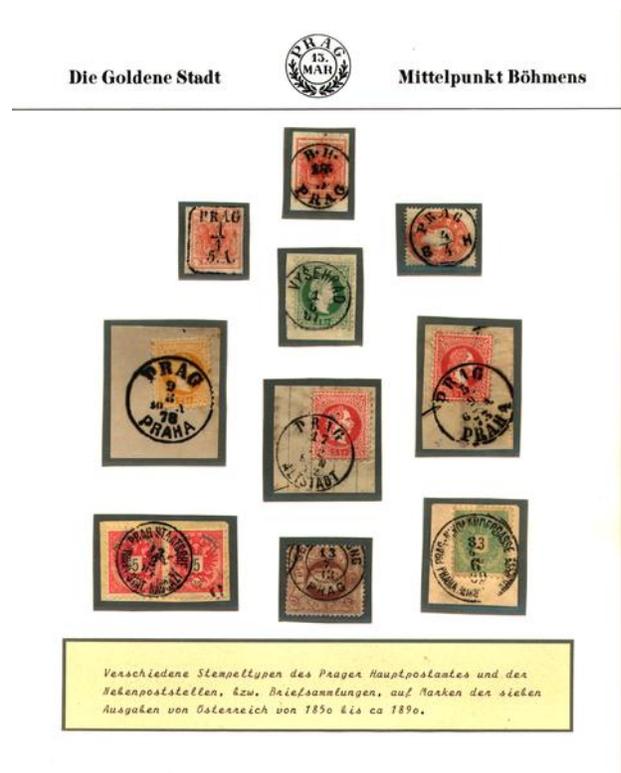
What's so special about the protective-mounted stamps on this page of good early Germany briefmarkes (stamps)?



A crowning touch, a royal subject that caught someone's eye.



Custom home-made album page for a collection of 1850-1890 postmarks from Prague, capital of Czech Republic (courtesy of Wikipedia).



A cut above the ordinary -- art made from sound and cut-to-shape common stamps.



Simple hand-written album page with Nepalese Pashupati stamp collection (courtesy of Wikipedia).



Welcome to December. Enjoy, stay safe. We will see you in January!



From APS

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested after refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man. The incident on a Montgomery, Alabama city bus resulted in a year-long boycott of the buses and is widely recognized as the start of the American Civil Rights Movement.

<https://www.facebook.com/american.philatelic.society/photos/a.434047259171.226787.23645114171/10156103008234172/?type=3&theater>

Theft from Longley Auctions

<http://canadianstampnews.com/5000-reward-offered-stolen-philatelic-material/>