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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Our recent most successful Discussion Group session via Zoom; Parliament Booklets presented by speaker Ingo Nessel, not only attracted a record number of 36 participants but also highlighted the growing interest in and realization that modern definitive stamp issues provide significant scope for new learning and research. For the serious collector there are numerous types, perf, paper, fluorescence and printing varieties and interesting rarities to identify and collect. For the postal historian locating recent definitive stamps on in-period covers that display single use, short period rates, and routes to exotic destinations can pose significant challenges. Finding unique or scarce items not only encourages mental acuity and provides personal pleasure but also builds the stamp collecting/ philatelic community as enthusiasts share their findings and knowledge. The recent headline in Canadian Stamp News "*Modern Elizabethan hot heading into 2021*" points to and underscores the fact that there is much to enjoy and learn by studying modern Canadian definitive issues.

As an outcome of our recent board meeting there are a number of items to bring to your attention. I am pleased to share that club member Ted Swain has agreed to conduct the **WTSC election** to be completed in May 2021. Members are encouraged to consider how they might be part of the WTSC leadership team. Please give this thoughtful consideration.

See Ted's note detailing this opportunity.

Secondly, our WTSC website continues to promote our club and did this past year attract new membership. However, as you are well aware, it is no longer current and is difficult to update. Our goal is to reformat the website into a more user friendly, easily updateable template format. If you have template website development knowledge your skills are needed. Your willingness to take on this task would be greatly appreciated.

As well **Circuit Books continue** to be available for perusal and new pages can still be submitted. Contact Simon at simon@berlet.com

Members are reminded that an Ad in the "**FREE/ SALE/ WANTED COLUMN**" is still possible; Ads will appear in the WTSC Bulletin for up to 3 months - submit to Bob Timberg timberg@bell.net

As a GTAPA club WTSC members can also submit a free ad in the Philajournal (Check out the last Philajournal for details) Editor: philajournal@gmail.com

February continues to be a time of multiple philatelic opportunities for WTSC members

1. **Discussion group, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb 16** - Plan to attend and join attendees from across the country. **Guest speaker: Darin Cherniwchan - Topic: Canada's Two Cent Small Queen of 1870. Details page 2**
2. Our recent **Learning Workshop** evening **Feb 2 "Pride and Joy"** was very well attended, 32 participants – a first, and again enabled amazing sharing of treasures just waiting to be discovered as we grow in philatelic knowledge. Be sure to attend the **Learning Workshop** session planned for **March 2nd – Details page 3**
3. As well consider attending this month's (RPSC) **Stamp Talk and Stamp Panel sessions**
 - a. Monday Feb 8th David Foot - "ELDO: Forerunner to the European Space Agency"
 - b. Tuesday Feb 9th - Collecting and Real Life- Moderator - Chris Hargreaves Panelists - David Hobden, Sam Chiu and Bob GardnerRegistration details were sent to you from me by previous email Wed Jan 20th 1:34 p.m.

Virtual meetings in some form will be part of our future meeting format even when we can meet face to face. If you need any help to get started using the Zoom application do not hesitate to contact me at sidmensinga@gamil.com for assistance.

WTSC BOARD ELECTION

As defined in our constitution, the Board of Directors for WTSC is to be elected by ballot with the election occurring bi-annually at the second regular meeting of May in even-numbered years. The term of office is for 2 years.

Obviously Covid-19 implications prohibited our holding the election last May, 2020. Our intention is to hold the election this May but with the term of office being only 1 year. This will bring us back into line with the Elections Article VI of our Constitution.

As such, President Sid has asked me to conduct the election to be held this May. My first task will be to contact the current Board Officers and Directors to learn if they are interested in continuing to participate in Board activities.

Leadership positions are as follows: President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 6 other Directors.

At present, there is one vacancy in the Director's position.

I would ask any member interested in joining the Board to let me know no later than the end of February. My email is as follows; ted.swain@sympatico.ca

For your information, following is Article VI-Elections of our Constitution.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

Section 1 – Term

The Officers and Directors of the CLUB shall be elected by ballot for a two-year term with the election held bi-annually at the second regular meeting of May of even-numbered year. The term of office shall commence on 1 September and shall conclude on 31 August.

Section 2 - Voting

All active members in good standing, and in attendance at the election meeting, shall be qualified to vote. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Section 3 - Nominees

Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for the Election. Nominations from the floor may also be accepted provided the candidate has given his/her consent.

Section 4 - Conduct

The election shall be conducted by an active member in good standing provided that they are not a member of the Board or a candidate for election.

Please give some thought to this opportunity to be part of our club's operations.

Thanks, Ted Swain

DISCUSSION GROUP

On Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7 pm Darin Cherniwchan of Vancouver, B.C. will present a comprehensive study of **Canada's Two Cent Small Queen of 1870**. Garfield Portch, FRPSC, President of the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation will augment Darin's presentation with some postal history of this most interesting classic Canadian stamp.

The meeting of March 16 will feature Ed Kroft, President of the RPSC who will discuss **The Doar Ivri First Stamps of Israel: Postal and Commercial Usages of the Three High Value Doar Ivri Stamps**

DISCUSSION GROUP Continued

This postal history talk deals with the commercial usages of the three high values of the first stamps of Israel (Doar Ivri or Hebrew Post) issued on May 16, 1948. The discussion will focus on:

- The usages of each of the three high values on commercial airmail, commercial parcel post and commercial documents during 1948-1950;
- The reasons why this mail is rare and highly sought after;
- The alternatives to the three high values available to pay high rate postage and revenue fees during 1948-1950; and
- The immediate successors to the three high values issued during 1950-1952.

A Zoom invite will be sent several days before the meeting to all who have attended a prior discussion group. For all others, email Garfield at garfield.portch@gmail.com for the link. Guests are always most welcome.

LEARNING WORKSHOP MARCH 2ND

Our seventh learning workshop of the 2020-2021 season at 7 pm, Tuesday, March 2, 2021 via Zoom is titled **“Topic of Conversation.”**

As we settle into the latest overcast social times, trying to keep a positive outlook, many West Toronto Stamp Club members are finding solace in their favorite hobby.

Some collect stamps and covers, content with a particular country or continent.

Others find fun with favorite topics which — as you’ve guessed by now — is the subject at hand.

Almost everyone has at least a small topical collection, based on something that attracts their attention. There are certainly myriad subjects.

Just for fun, and that’s what evenings like this aim for, I’m providing an alphabetical list. While looking for illustrations, I found several that featured more than one topic. Why not?

Participation is what we aim for. And, as I’m sure some of you know, there really are no limits.

And now for that alphabetical list: Astronomy; birds; cats; dogs; elephants; fish; gorillas; Hansel & Gretel; islands; jesters; kings; lamps; mountains; navy; ostriches; people; queens; rabbits; ships; trees; umbrella; volcanoes; winter; X-Rays; YMCA-YWCA; zebra.

Naturally, if you have a different topic, or two, or three, or ... that’s just fine.

Welcome all, to share and share alike.

The more, the merrier.

- Ian Robertson



- Canada 2009 International Year of Astronomy mini-sheet displaying Carina Nebula star formations



- Set of four 1961 German postage stamps featuring Hansel and Gretel



- Canada 2014 Picture Postage 'P' - first class letter rate - stamp featuring a Zebra