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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Excellence in sharing, resulting in increased knowledge and a desire for further learning has been the hallmark of our popular online Learning Workshop and Discussion Group sessions. A special thank you to our most recent Discussion Group speaker, Arnie Jansen for his most informative presentation "*A Variety of Varieties*". This superb presentation will definitely encourage further learning and study, and spur on the hunt for varieties that may well be waiting to be discovered but still hidden in our collections and accumulations.

http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/resources/df_gp_WTSCDG_Philatelic_Variety_of_Varieties_by_Arnie_Janson.m_p4

For those eager to learn even more, be sure to peruse '*Dots and Scratches*' available at the BNAPS Study Group - Re-entries and Constant Plate Varieties <https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-ree.htm>. As well, be sure to visit the websites listed below. Doing so will reward you in multiple ways.

<http://www.flyspecker.com/>

<http://www.re-entries.com/>

<http://www.wgburden.com/>

As confirmed at our recent board meeting, the WTSC Annual Exhibition, will be held the 4th Tuesday in May. Members will again, for the first time in 3 years, be able to exhibit in all three classes: Single Page, Multi-Page and/or One Frame.

- **Single Frame:** to be judged using relaxed National standards by a judge retained for this competition. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **DRAKE TROPHY**.
- **Single Page:** to be judged using the GTAPA standard evaluation. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **FRANK ALUSIO** award.
- **Multi page:** an entry of any shape and/or size (2 pages or more) in any format to be judged on popularity by balloting among members. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **TED ALLEN TROPHY**.

As our website notes: *'Members of the Club are encouraged to submit an entry in one or more of the three classes. Members not wishing to be judged may also submit entries for display only.'*

Now is the time to make the decision to participate in our Annual Exhibition by building an exhibit or exhibits to tell the stories of stamps and covers that are hidden in your collections. Challenge yourself this year to assemble and to submit an exhibit. Exhibiting provides a great sense of accomplishment and personal satisfaction.

Again, this month I am very pleased to welcome new WTSC members: Rabbi Sion Binyamin and Elias Emad. We look forward to your participation at our online and in-person meetings. Welcome to the WTSC!



The Everett Drake Trophy

FEBRUARY - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



February 7 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, 'Cinderellas and Labels'.

February 14 - Auction and Circuit Book evening. In-person - Fairfield Centre.

February 21 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via zoom, Guest speaker David Foot who will present "Australia's First Airmail".

February 28 - Auction and Member/Vest pocket dealer tables evening. In-person - Fairfield Centre.

YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA (RPSC)

WTSC is proud to be Chapter 14 of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. A recent informal survey indicates that only 15-20% of us are RPSC members. Please consider this your invitation to join our national stamp collecting organization. Contrary to what some believe, this month's journal with superb articles entitled 'SS Great Eastern', and 'Belgian Congo 1931-1937 Engraved Pictorial Regular Series', as well as the regular feature 'Book Reports', demonstrates that the RPSC is much more than, 'only about Canadian philately'.

Consider the personal benefits you would gain by becoming a RPSC member.

RPSC membership Application <https://www.rpsc.org/application.php>

The Benefits of Membership in The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

- Six Issues (four print + two electronic) of The Canadian Philatelist (TCP) Journal.
- Access to back issues of TCP for research and information on your area of interest.
- Use of The Royal members' Sales Circuit in order to buy and sell stamps. Purchase stamps typically at 25—30% of catalogue. The circuit you receive is custom assembled to your collecting interests.
- Customized collection insurance at special low rates from Hugh Wood Canada Ltd. In Quebec, insurance through AMBRI Assurances Inc. For more insurance information, go to [Services](#)
- Assistance with collection preparation.
- Opportunity to exhibit at our annual Conventions.
- Regular newsletters from The RPSC Board of Directors.
- Virtual education programmes and speaker series. Throughout 2021, The RPSC will present a series of Zoom Stamp Panels and Stamp talks. Register on The RPSC [home page](#).
- Membership will offer collecting materials to acquire for your particular interests, new collector knowledge and social interchange.



• ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS.

Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

- **Monday February 13** – Douglas Hill – "Collecting Modern Canadian Beaver Stamps"
- **Monday February 20** - Promoting/Marketing the Hobby

WTSC Circuit Books @ the

North York
Philatelic Society

- WTSC will be participating in the **NYPS --Circuit Books night** Wednesday March 1st in co-operation with the North Toronto Stamp Club.
 - Location Edithvale Community Center (131 Finch Avenue West)
 - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Come and peruse the Circuit books to search for treasures to add to your collections.

- Your help is needed! So that Simon and Victoria are not overloaded as they try to assist eager customers and to ensure that they are not stuck behind the tables without a break all evening, **two or three additional WTSC member volunteers are needed**. Please contact Simon if you can be of help for all or part of the evening. Thank you in advance for your willingness to be part of the WTSC Circuit book team.
- As well, now would be a good time to add your new pages to our WTSC Circuit Books. Circuit page templates are available online at <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/meetings.htm#circuit-books>



GTAPA recent and past journals available at – <http://gtapa.org/philajournal>

Do you have philatelic story to share with fellow collectors? Articles for the spring edition are to be submitted to editor Tom Malicki philajournal@gmail.com anytime prior to Feb 23

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

A few simple rules: Each Ad will be published in 4 consecutive issues, marked by (#), and then removed unless the owner requests continuation for additional 4 issues. To keep the ads interesting I suggest updating them based on feedback received. Each club member can put in up to 5 ads per issue. No professional dealers, please. Ads will be printed as received. Maximum 5 lines. No colour, bold font, pictures, or other fancy stuff.

Please send your ads to the Editor at philajournal@gmail.com.



- **February 16** via ZOOM [Members' Eight Minutes!](#)
- **February 23** LIVE FLOOR AUCTION

LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2023 via Zoom, our 6th virtual Learning Workshop topic of the 2022-2023 season is 'What Matters to You.'

No matter how or what you collect — even if your topic appears to be the same as some other collectors — everyone has their preferences, which may be different and interesting to fellow hobbyists.



With that in mind, this workshop provides an opportunity to reveal a wide range of related interests.

- How do you sort good items from the chaff? What happens to 'seconds', duplicates, triplicates, individual and bundled discards or items set aside for future reconsideration due to perforations, cancellations and other possible varieties?
- Other than mounting stamps in a preprinted album, how do you identify your good stuff?
- When or does condition or collecting in-period items

matter?

- Of all the covers you own, do you have any particular favorites? What makes them stand out?



- Does having a library help? Are catalogues, books, philatelic journals, and newspaper articles helpful — either in the starting sense of providing more in-depth information?
- Does the lack of a hobby-related library hinder you in any way?
- Has your world changed since the advent of Covid-19 in early 2020? Do you have more time for your collection; to go online in search of more interesting or upgrading items; to arrange/rearrange album pages; to write descriptions of stamp varieties or covers; to decide whether to continue on a subject or switch to

something more interesting or less time-consuming? Did you find forgotten treasures set aside eons ago for a rainy day?



- Did you start collecting Covid-related stamps as a topic, or an addition to a health/medical-related theme?
- Have you given any thought to what will inevitably happen to your collection? Relatives? A philatelic organization? A sell-off with proceeds for your family, a charity or that vacation you've always dreamed of taking?

Global Covid-19 pandemic souvenir sheet and stamps Sri Lanka issued in 2020.



Here are a couple of other thoughts to consider:

- Why and how does meeting with local and online fellow collectors or joining philatelic organizations matter?
- What else matters to you?

Take a deep breath, tune in and share another all-round interesting evening.

- Ian Robertson



LOOKING AHEAD

Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse
Saturday February 4 2023 9:30 – 4:00

Judith Nyman Secondary School (cafeteria)
1305 Williams Pkwy, Brampton
(southwest corner Williams Parkway and Bramalea road)

10 dealers, exhibits, club sales books, table auctions, kids table.
snack bar, free parking, free admission, wheelchair accessible.

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Canada's Largest Postcard Show

41st TORONTO POSTCARD CLUB SHOW

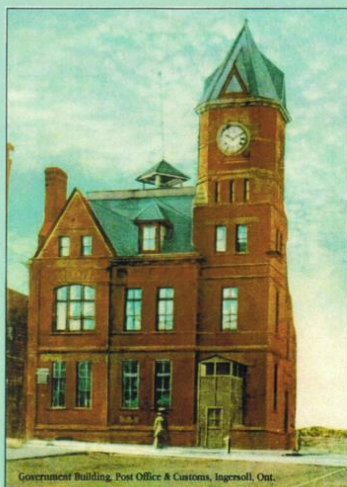
Sunday, February 26, 2023
10:00am to 5:00pm

JAPANESE CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE
6 Garamond Court, Toronto, M3C 1Z5
DVP-Eglinton Ave. E, opposite Aga Khan Park

Full Details at www.torontopostcardclub.com

WTSC members are invited to attend and exhibit at the 71st OXPEX and the 41OTEX Regional Exhibition.

Entry forms must reach the exhibit coordinator by February 15, 2023, to be eligible. www.oxfordphilsoc.com



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SATURDAY, MARCH 18th, 2023
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WTSC MARKET PLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED WANTED:

1. Scott catalogue with United States listings doesn't need to be current, something used and bit older. Contact Jim at tazzwild@hotmail.com
2. Scans (both sides) of covers cancelled at Old Mill Post Office needed for article on history of this post office (open 11/21/1928 – 11/25.1933). It was located in the Old Mill complex at Bloor St W and Humber River. I don't wish to purchase your covers. I need only scans for the article. Email Bob at timberg@bell.net
3. CANADA WANTED
 - I) Canada #1900 (47c beaver) on FDC issued at the AGM of RPSC, *Royale*2001*Royal*, at Dorval, QC.
 - (II) M or U "muddy water" unlisted variety of the 1898 Canadian map stamp. For either item, send a scan of what you have and your price, including shipping, to D. Hill at dahill3973@rogers.com.

REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS Ad space is free. Ads can be submitted anytime during the month to sidmensinga@gmail.com