



# Bulletin

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## President Sid's Message

As we look forward to the final month of the philatelic year at WTSC, there are many opportunities to pursue our hobby and celebrate our successes.

Our WTSC Annual Exhibition was again most successful. Thank you to all who exhibited and to the attendees who showed their appreciation and interest in the exhibits displayed. Congratulations to the winners who will be recognized and awarded their trophies at our June 12 meeting. Judge Sam Chiu again generously provided invaluable lessons to all attendees and useful feedback and encouragement to all who exhibited or may exhibit in the future. His expertise and knowledge shared were most appreciated. A special thank you to Garfield for his leadership ensuring the success of this year's exhibition.

The month of May also allowed us to learn more about the USA Second Bureau set of stamps. We were most fortunate to have George Pepall (a past president of The RPSC) share his knowledge with us. As you look forward to this month and the coming philatelic year consider attending discussion group and learning workshop sessions. You will find these evenings most informative, giving you greater insight and appreciation for the stamps and philatelic items in your own collections.

During this last month of the philatelic year, be sure to:

- attend the "What if..." learning workshop on June 5.
- peruse our circuit books and plan to attend the multi club GTAPA circuit book event on October 20. As well, you might wish to complete circuit book pages for submission - a great summer activity.
- celebrate by participating in this year's pot luck to be held during the first part of our final meeting on June 26.
- attend at least one day of The RPSC's 2018 convention and AGM on June 22-24. We are fortunate that it will be held in St Catharines, on our doorstep a few miles away, rather than in another part of the country.

Please note that we will not be meeting during the summer. Our first meeting for the 2018/2019 philatelic year will be Tuesday, September 11.

I look forward to your attendance and participation this coming month.

## June Activities

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

**June 5 ~ Learning Workshop** (starts 7 - 7:15)  
**What if ...**

**June 12 ~ Regular Meeting**

Club circuit books, presentation of awards to club exhibition winners, exchange of information, show & tell, and auction

**June 19 ~ Discussion Group**

This will be a two-part meeting. Part 1 will be a show and tell in which members may bring a philatelic item of their choosing to share with others. Part 2 will be a discussion of possible topics and speakers for the 2018/2019 club year. Members are encouraged to come to the meeting with topics/speakers already in mind. A list of previous speakers/topics from the late 1990's to the present can be found at page 3 of the newsletter. Look at it; it might suggest another topic to be covered.

**June 26 ~ Regular Meeting**

Pot luck, exchange of information, show & tell, and auction

## Board of Directors Election

Your new board for the 2018/2020 term is:

President: Sid Mensinga  
Vice-President: Ian Robertson  
Past President: Frank Alusio  
Secretary: Rick Degendorfer  
Treasurer: Lawrence Pinkney  
Membership: Patricia Blanchard

Directors: Simon Cloughton, Fred Colbourn, Jose Restrepo, Rob Taylor, Bob Timberg

Sincere thanks to retiring directors Rhonda Kavanagh and Art Leduc for their years of service.

Don Hedger

# WTSC Annual Club Exhibition

The annual club exhibition on May 8 was well-attended and featured seventeen exhibits spread over the three competitive classes.

In the single page class, the winner of the Alusio Trophy was Don Hedger for "Epic of Vimy - A Canadian Pilgrimage July 1936 - A Soldier's Dedication and Unveiling of Monument".

In the open class, for the Allan Cup, the winner was Lawrence Pinkney for "Canada's Precancels of the Large & Small Queen Period".

The winner of the Drake Trophy in the single frame class was Denzil Fernandes for "British India - Early Cancellations (1866 - 1907) on Queen Victoria Postal Stationery".

Congratulations to the award winners and thanks to all who participated.

Garfield Portch

## Learning Workshops

At our monthly learning workshops, the emphasis is on sharing knowledge and, hopefully, having fun in an encouraging atmosphere.

I'm happy to report that this has been achieved, repeatedly, over the past months. We've had wide-ranging subjects, with a great deal of participation by members who have attended. Some came, saw, enjoyed and learned, while others contributed topics and items to discuss. This is all to the good.

Several participants have wondered in advance if their contributions would be welcomed. I assured every one of them that they were. And they were. The result, I'm pleased to report, was even more contributions.

Even if a member participates by just listening, perhaps asking questions of those who make presentations, their presence is also very much appreciated.

Club activities and interests should be wide-ranging, and the West Toronto Stamp Club has gained an admirable reputation for appealing to collectors with a range of interests.

Some are keen to study the intricacies of our hobby, discovering and exploring ways to challenge themselves and perhaps inspire others, thereby gaining further enjoyment and camaraderie. Some find pleasure in finding new and inexpensive items for their collections from a wide range of sources.

We all started somewhere with this "hobby of kings, and king of hobbies." Paths a novice collector starts on can lead to myriad topics. And it's all valid.

Notwithstanding, depending on your interests, there is always something more to learn — if for nothing else than the pleasure of doing so.

I have found, over the past six decades, that there is additional enjoyment in sharing our hobby with others.

I sincerely hope, come the first renewed session this coming fall, that even more members will attend at least one learning workshop, even better if they become regulars.

I'd particularly appreciate hearing ideas for future topics. But be warned: if you make a suggestion, you might be called on to share it with everyone.

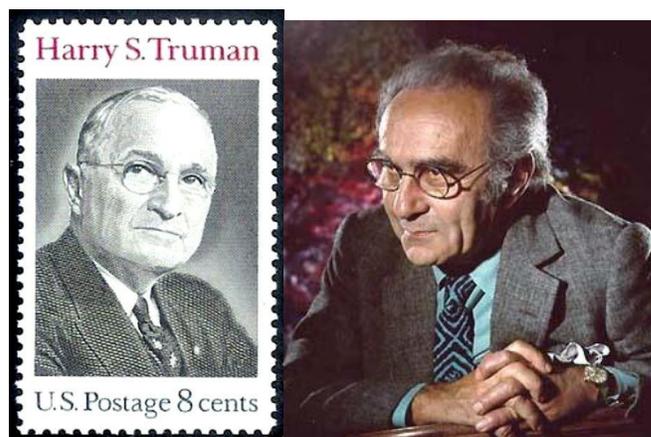
And now, for your amusement and edification, I've included a few quotes from sources who have commented about what learning contributes.

(Learning Workshops are held on the first Tuesday of every month, from October through June, starting at 7 p.m. in the library of the Fairfield Seniors Centre, 80 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke, which is southeast of Bloor Street and Islington Avenue. There is plenty of free parking at the centre. The centre is also a short walk from the Islington subway on the No. 2 Bloor-Danforth line. A Tim Horton's is nearby, on Islington Avenue south of the centre.)

Ian Robertson

*"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."*

Attributed to Harry S. Truman (1884-1972), President of the United States (April 12, 1945-Jan. 20, 1953)



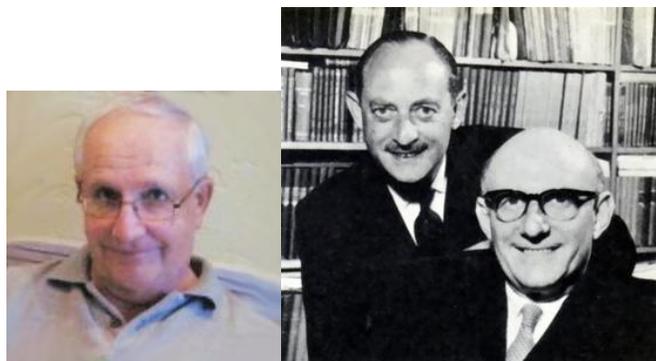
*"It is important that students bring a certain ragamuffin, barefoot irreverence to their studies; they are not here to worship what is known, but to question it."*

Jacob Bronowski (1908-1974), British mathematician, historian of science, theatre author, poet, inventor, and writer-presenter of the 1973 BBC television documentary series *The Ascent of Man* (above right)

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*"The willingness to share does not make one charitable; it makes one free."*

Freelance American magazine and newspaper writer Robert Brault, author of "Round up the Usual Suspects: Thoughts On Just About Everything", and "Short Thoughts for the Long Haul", among others (below left)



*"Philatelic knowledge is constantly in a state of flux,"* brothers L.N. and M. Williams (above right) wrote in their 1963 book, "Scott's Guidebook to Stamp Collecting", referring to benefits from reading on the subject. They also wrote in the book: *"What may seem true today might be quite unacceptable in the light of new discoveries tomorrow."*

And further: *"This does not mean that anybody who had made discoveries should be afraid to write about them for fear of being contradicted. On the contrary, it is often only by probing and reprobating that the truth comes to light, and the more information that is published the more will knowledge be increased."*

## Harry Sutherland Library

### **Saturday Extended Hours**

June 9, 10 to 6 (coincides with the North Toronto Stamp Club bourse taking place up the street from the library; also, members of the Toronto Postcard Club will visit the library between 2 and 4)

Also, July 14, August 11, September 1, 10 to 4

### **Wednesday Extended Hours**

June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, 10 to 7

Regular hours are Monday to Thursday from 10 to 4.

## Discussion Group Topics From the Late 1990's to the Present

As stated on page 1, Part 2 of our June 19 discussion group meeting will be a discussion of possible topics and speakers for the 2018/2019 club year. Members are encouraged to come to the meeting ready to discuss topics and speakers. The list (on the right) of

previous speakers/topics, prepared by Garfield, is included for information as it might suggest to someone a topic to be covered. It also shows the incredible range of great presentations the club has been fortunate to have had over the years.

Alusio, Frank - Thematic Exhibiting, Exhibiting Tips and Techniques

Butler, Peter - Grassroots Philately, Disposal of Collections, Picture Postage

Chiu, Sam - Judging and Judging Standards

Coates, Bill - Searching a Box of Junk

Foot, David - Eclipse Philately, Thursday Island, Australian Rocket Mail

Galway, Robert - Semi Official Airmail (3 presentations)

Guida, Mattia - Italian States

Hanks, Alan - Topical Collecting (Insects)

Harris, Robin - Machins

Hobden, David - War of 1812

Houde, Michel - Smelly Stamps

Johnson, Steve - Yukon Airways

Judge, Richard - Colour Discrimination on the Two Cent Admiral

Kamienski, Miet - The Krakow Issue of Poland

Longley, Bill - Philatelic Auctions

Matthys, Leon - Halifax Explosion

Millar, Michael - Perfin Travel Planner

Nessel, Ingo - Hong Kong

Nixon Ted - Paris Stars

Pepall, George - USA, The Second Bureau Printings

Pinet, Robert - Victorian Montreal

Pinkney, Lawrence - Steele Briggs & Manitoulin Island, Large Queens: An Overview

Portch, Garfield - Pardon Me but Your Slip is Showing, Expertizing at the Greene Foundation, Admiral Issue: Understanding the Colour Changes, Introduction to Collecting Postal History, Postal History of the Post Office in Toronto, Philatelic Exhibiting 101

Pugh, Ken - Fakes & Forgeries

Robertson, Ian - PSSC Sesquicentennial Project, Prince Edward County Post Cards

Rowe, Ken - Valentine Cards & Antique Writing Instruments

Snelson, Ken - Great Britain Postage Due

Stelmacovich, Mark - Ukrainian Provisionals

Stulberg, Fred - Canada: Small Queens

Street, Mike - Canada: The Peace Issue of 1946

Taylor, Rob - Grading and Putting Values on Stamps for Sale

Trauzzi, Joe - The Royal Visit, 1939

Trimble, Ralph - Understanding Re-entries

Verge, Charles - Why Collect Postal History

Walsh, Mike - Running a Philatelic Newspaper

Wang, Jean - The Story of Blood

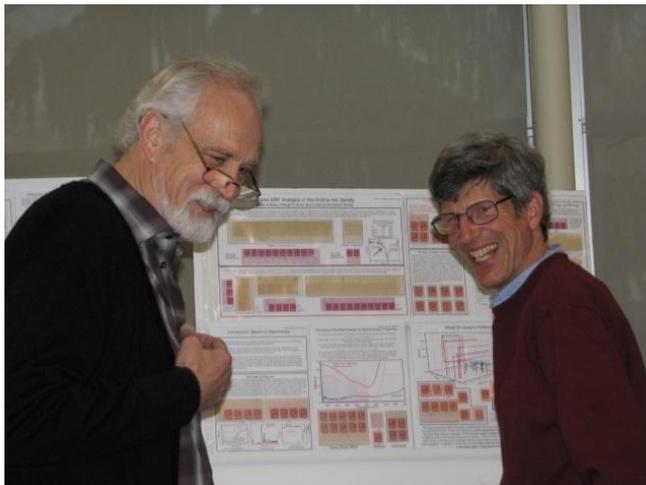
Wilson, John - Postmaster Chops of Hong Kong, Unusual African Postal Markings

## Still Waiting in Saskatoon

Your editor is a (long-distance) member of the Saskatoon Stamp Club. At a recent club meeting, a member circulated a 19 cent USA postcard from a stamp company franked with three additional 4 cent 'Make-Up Rate' stamps (Scott 2521). The card was to inform the member that a stamp the member wanted was on back order and would be forwarded as soon as it was in stock. The card was received in 1993. The member is still waiting.

## April Discussion Group

President Sid Mensinga (left) and Dr. Richard Judge share a moment before Dr. Judge's talk on April 17 about his scientific approach to determining colours and shades of the 2-cent Admiral definitive. (Ian Robertson photo)



## Shows

**Royal \*2018\* Royale**, the 90th annual convention and AGM of the RPSC, will take place in **St. Catharines** on **June 22 - 24**.

<https://www.rpsc.org/royal2018/>

The **PHSC Symposium 2018** will take place in **Hamilton** and vicinity on **July 19 - 22**.

<http://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/Symposium/>

Trajan Media's **National Postage Stamp and Coin Show** will take place in **Mississauga** on **September 8 - 9**.

<https://stampandcoinshow.com/>

**BNAPEX 2018**, the 2018 convention, exhibition and bourse of the British North America Philatelic Society, will take place on **September 21 - 23** in **Ville de Québec - Quebec City**.

<http://www.bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2018/>

**CANPEX 2018** will take place in **London** on **October 13 - 14**.

<http://www.canpex.ca/>

## KAPEX 2018

WTSC member Garfield Portch was a judge at KAPEX 2018, the 62nd annual stamp show of the Kawartha Stamp Club, in Peterborough on April 21, 2018. The Kawartha Club kindly forwarded a photo of Garfield (right) in action with fellow judge Robert Pinet.



Enjoy the summer ...



wherever you may be ...

