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# Bulletin

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## PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

We have much to celebrate and to be thankful for this past month and as we anticipate April at WTSC.

Our **WTSC ANNUAL EXHIBITION** was most successful. The evening was very well attended and set a record for the numbers of exhibits entered; 14 single-page, 4 multi-page, and 9 single frame exhibits. Congratulations and thank you to all who stepped out of their comfort zone to share their philatelic interests and expertise by exhibiting.

A special thank you to John Wilson for his outstanding contribution as judge during this year's exhibition. His ability to evaluate 23 exhibits efficiently and to deliver an insightful debriefing provided valuable philatelic learning for all. This dedication is highly commendable and underscores John's commitment to the hobby. Thank you, John!



Single frame winner,  
Jean Wang for her  
exhibit, "Call to Arms."



Muti-page winner, Garfield Portch for his  
exhibit, "Using Constant Varieties to Determine  
Plate Positions of the Five Cent Beaver."



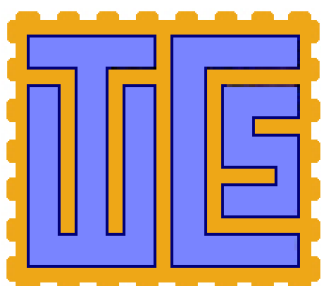
Single-page winner, Sid Mensinga for  
his exhibit, "The Colony of New Brunswick  
- 5 cent Chalon Head of 1860."

This year's exhibition also enabled us to further deepen that reciprocal connection we are building with the Atlanta Stamp Club, with three Atlanta exhibitors entering 5 single-page exhibits.

Best wishes to all who will be exhibiting at the upcoming 83rd NTSC Annual Exhibition on April 11 & 12, 2026 held at the [National Postage Stamp and Coin Show](#), and to the WTSC team who will be competing against other Ontario club teams in the "Garfield Portch Single-Frame Competition" **WTSC Exhibition 2026 photo highlights on page 2.**

Congratulations and a big thank you to Janice, Ted, Simon and Jim as they organized and hosted another most successful **MULTI-CLUB CIRCUIT BOOK EVENT**. This year's event was the largest yet, with 7 clubs participating. WTSC members and visitors enjoyed the hunt for stamps and covers to add to their collections as they perused the various club's circuit books. This yearly event again brings the larger philatelic community together, fostering connections and camaraderie. Thank you to our visiting clubs and the WTSC Circuit Book team for a superb, much enjoyed evening. **Photo highlights on page 4.**

## APRIL PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



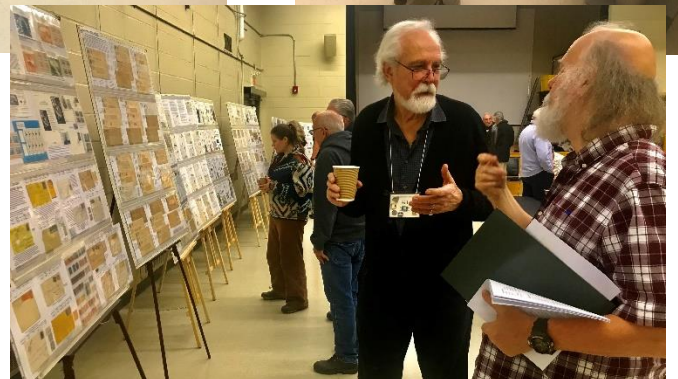
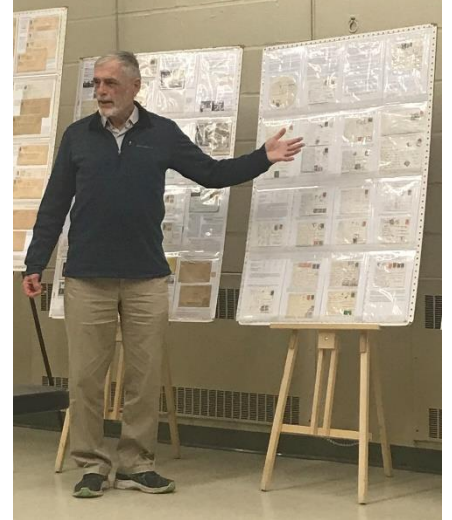
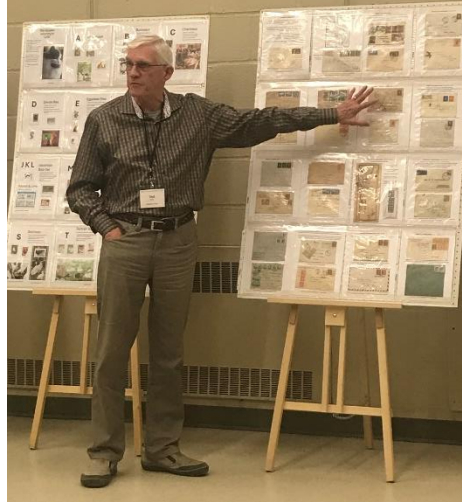
**April 7- LEARNING WORKSHOP**, 7 p.m. via Zoom: "Interpreting Postal History?" with panelist Chris Green, Garfield Portch, and Ken Snelson.

**April 14 - Auction & Circuit book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.**

**April 21 - DISCUSSION GROUP**, 7 p.m. via Zoom, member participation show & tell on the theme of "The oldest Item in My Collection".

**April 28- - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre**

**WTSC ANNUAL EXHIBITION !!! Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> – a few highlights**





Also at our exhibition, we welcomed Al Hills, the Co-Chair- *Royal2026Royale*. Alan detailed the upcoming show program and shared how members can help make the event a success. Members are encouraged to attend this special event, which this year is just a short one-hour drive away. <https://www.kwstampclub.org/royal-2026-royale/>

There are now two exhibit categories available for entry.

### 1. OFFICIAL EXHIBIT REGISTRATION

Exhibit entry deadline is **Thursday, April 30.**

<https://www.kwstampclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Royal2026Royale-Exhibit-Entry-Form-April-30-2026.pdf>

Hard copies of the entry forms will be available at this month's WTSC meetings.

### 2. FREE STYLE PHILATELY - A new initiative this year!

<https://www.kwstampclub.org/royal-2026-royale/freestyle-philately/>

Exhibit entry deadline is **Friday May 29.**



## DISCUSSION GROUP - UPCOMING MEETINGS

We are going to lighten up a bit for the meeting **on April 21** when we will feature a member participation 'show & tell' on the theme of "The Oldest Item in My Collection". Anyone having two or more items in their collection has, by definition, one item that is the oldest, so we expect lots of participation. If you can't scan your item into a PowerPoint piece, please send scans of your discussion piece to me for inclusion in a group PowerPoint show.

**In May** we will continue the lighthearted approach with a second 'show & tell' asking "What is this doing in my collection?" This could be laughing at yourself for a foolish purchase, or it could be an item that became a keystone of the collection or exhibit. As usual, we don't know what to expect from our members and guests.... but it should be a lot of fun.

**June** will feature the traditional 'Town Hall' where members and guests have the opportunity to suggest content for the 2026-27 season as well as critique this year's program. We will follow up this meeting with an unrestricted 'show & tell'.

## ONLINE PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT.



Take time this month to click on the RPSC 's YouTube channel link below, and view some of the 51 informative videos available!

# Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

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# MULTI CLUB CIRCUIT BOOK EVENING!!! Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> – a few highlights

WTSC hosting a circuit book night, in the gym of the Fairfield Seniors' Centre.

Members and guests visiting and searching through West Toronto Stamp Club, Barrie Stamp Club, Burlington Stamp Club, Bramalea Stamp Club, Oxford Philatelic Society, Owen Sound Stamp Club, and the Saugeen Stamp Club circuit books.

Oh, the joy of the hunt!



## MAY LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, 2026 via Zoom, the topic for our eighth virtual Learning Workshop of the 2025-2026 season is the **letter ‘L.’**

As before, participants can share and encourage discussion about philatelic subjects that begin with **‘L’** — a stamp, a type of stamp, postal history, a related hobby activity, equipment, or a country/colony.

Term examples: **‘Label’**, a stamp-like object invalid for postage; **Laid paper** — light and dark lines impressed into the wet web of paper, parallel to the grain of the paper, visible on early Canadian stamps including the very scarce 1, 2 and 3 cent ‘Large Queens’, Scott numbers #31, #32 and #33; **‘Late Fee’** stamps applied to mail taken to a ship after regular service closed; **Lathework**, beautiful engine-turned engraving found on the bottom outer sheet margins of some Canadian 1911-28 King George V ‘Admiral’ definitives; **Letterpress** Printing produced from raised metal image; **Letter Cards & Letter Sheets** are light-weight cards and paper whose prices include postage; a **Line Pair** are joined coil stamps with a printed ink line between them; **Lithography**, a printing style in which greasy hand-painted ink images were first transferred to paper from flat, polished stones, with photographic images now applied onto aluminum sheets; **Local stamps** are produced for mail couriers deliver to limited geographic destinations such as a city or islands — the best-known being Lundy Island in the English Channel.



Three popular Canadian-related labels inscribed ‘Labrador/USA’ were produced for a firm created in 1908 “to exploit the resources of Labrador,” Kenneth Wood wrote in his 1982 book, ‘This is Philately’. Refused on mail by Newfoundland and USA postal services, some were reportedly used briefly with regular stamps.

Several stamp-issuing “L” postage services, past and present: **Labuan; Lagos; Laos; Latvia; Lebanon; Leeward Islands; Lesotho; Levant; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania;**

**Luxembourg;** a city in northern Germany, **Lübeck** issued stamps from 1859 to 1868.



As we know, **Love** is a many-splendored thing — regardless of the source. The topic has also resulted in many **lovely stamps** issued around the world.



In 1994, Canada Post released two 43-cent self-stick labels with gummed centre stickers provided, including a heart-shared red ‘Love’ one; in 1999, a 46-cent ‘Love Amour’ coil commemorative featured a white dove, a 55-cent ‘Peace Love’ stamp with a young girl holding a white dove, and a 95-cent commemorative with a ‘Love & Peace dove. Five ‘Love your Pets’ commemoratives featuring cats and dogs were issued in 2015.



The United States has been particularly lush with Love stamps, featuring quite a variety of related images.

Finally, as is often emphasized during WTSC workshops, collectors benefit from having a **Library** of philatelic books, pamphlets, journals, magazines and clippings, best before considering buying a collection or a single item that could be misrepresented. This should be a terrific evening. Love your hobby.

- Ian Robertson

**OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES**



**ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: Virtual ZOOM sessions** Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

- STAMP TALKS **April 13** - Garfield Portch - **The Steamboat Mail of Lake Ontario**
- STAMP PANELS [https://rpsc.org/zoom/public\\_zoom.php](https://rpsc.org/zoom/public_zoom.php)



- April 9 in person "Canadian Admiral Stamps" by Art Halpert
- April 16 Zoom "Ghost Towns of Ontario" by Jeri Danyleyko of the Toronto Postcard Club
- April 23 in person "Going Beyond Stamps in Topical and Thematic Collecting" by Jean Wang using examples from her COVID-19 collection

**NATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP & COIN SHOW**

**2026 DATES**  
**APRIL 11-12**  
**SEPT. 12-13**

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale,  
 6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, ON

SATURDAY: 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.    SUNDAY: 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.  
 ADMISSION: \$6                      ADMISSION: \$3

[WWW.STAMPANDCOINSHOW.COM](http://WWW.STAMPANDCOINSHOW.COM)

Mark your calendars for the 2026 shows – the weekend after Easter and the weekend after Labour Day.

**ORAPEX 2026**  
 Ottawa's National Stamp Exhibition

63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Exhibition and Bourse  
 Themes: Aerophilately, and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bytown  
 APS World Series of Philately Show  
 Exhibit applications for all subjects welcome.

**Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 - 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 - 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Free admission and parking  
 Free stamps for youth

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Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Montreal Olympic Games, and the 86th anniversary of Valleyfield's regatta, with a 160+ frame BNA exhibition and participation of 22 dealers. BNA's Study Group meetings and seminars. Tours of the historic MOCO cotton mill.

- Thursday 17 and Friday 18 Tours
- Friday night out (dinner)
- Saturday reception & awards banquet
- Admission: \$5 / Day

\*Free admission for members attending one of the events

**Dealers' opening hours**  
**Friday 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM**  
**Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM**  
**Sunday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

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**17-18-19-20 SEPTEMBER 2026**  
 Valleyfield, Québec

## WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

### WANTED

1. Mail addressed to Camlachie, Ontario and any mail postmarked Camlachie, Ontario. Also happy to learn about any other postal history you may have related to Camlachie. Please contact John at [jd33smith@yahoo.com](mailto:jd33smith@yahoo.com)
2. Looking for Scott number 33 for plate collection. Contact David Bray [dbray12traditions@gmail.com](mailto:dbray12traditions@gmail.com)
3. WANTED: Queen Elizabeth II era Canadian covers 1950's - 1980's. Registered, special delivery, auxiliary markings, foreign destinations, anything unusual. Email Ingo at [b62hkg@yahoo.ca](mailto:b62hkg@yahoo.ca) if you have some for sale or trade.
4. WANTED - Straits Settlements with clear company hand stamps.  
SEE: <https://michelhoude.com/BMSM/Index.html> email: [mjrhoude@gmail.com](mailto:mjrhoude@gmail.com)
5. WANTED- German "Germania" stamps of any wmk. nowmk. overprint, surcharged from Germany, and all the regions, countries occupied by Germany. Please contact Vijay at [vijaystamps@gmail.com](mailto:vijaystamps@gmail.com).
6. If you are burdened with an excess of used Canada Admirals, I may be able to help. I am always looking for Admirals in quantity to further my research on plate flaws. Contact [wgburden@mac.com](mailto:wgburden@mac.com) for details. Thanks.
7. Looking for common USA definitives from the last 20 years to check variants. See if you have surplus of those and can help me. Thanks. Jose Restrepo - WTSC Member #1034 - [restrepo.jg@gmail.com](mailto:restrepo.jg@gmail.com)

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## FOR SALE

1. **BRIGHAM AUCTION CATALOGS W/ DATES OF SALE** ~ fully illustrated in colour, a definitive study of each issue, for those who collect the following issues:

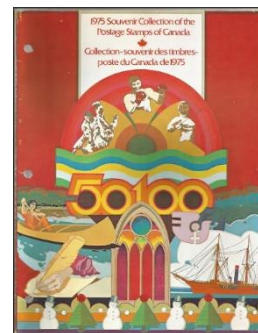
Large Queens ~ 1868-1897	Feb. 22, 2014	Late Victorian Issue ~ 1897-1902	June 6-7 2014
Admiral Issue ~ 1911-1931	Mar. 6-7 2015	Geo. V / Edward VIII / Geo. VI 1917 -1935	June 13 2015
Small Queens ~ 1870-1879	Apr. 6 2016	Quebec Tercentenary 1908	Jan 23 2016
MacDonald / Cartier Centenary 1914	QE II 1953 - 1995	Edward VII 1903-1911 / QEII 1953 - 1995	Jan 23 2016

Contact Don Hedger for price & availability.

**1b. Canada Post Annual Collections ~ Cat. #18**

1975 Souvenir Collection of Postage Stamps excellent condition w/ 29 MNH stamps mounted - as issued for 1975 ~ CV \$85.00 asking \$8.00"

Contact Don Hedger at e/m < [don.hedger@gmail.com](mailto:don.hedger@gmail.com) > for price & availability.



2. **BOOKS**

1. The Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada; printed 2017 - \$10.00

Used – Excellent condition. Contact [Janice.white@rogers.com](mailto:Janice.white@rogers.com)

2. Canada's Small Queen Era 1870 – 1897; by George B. Arfkin, - \$50.00

Used – Excellent condition. Contact [Janice.white@rogers.com](mailto:Janice.white@rogers.com)

3. The Edward VII Issue of Canada; by George C. Marler, printed 1975 - \$30.00

Used – Excellent condition – Contact [Janice.white@rogers.com](mailto:Janice.white@rogers.com)

4. The Admiral Issue of Canada; by George C. Marler, printed 1982 -\$30.00

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3.

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