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# Bulletin

The Newsletter of the West Toronto Stamp Club  
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## PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

We can be thankful that in troubled times we are part of a philatelic community, strengthened by collegiality, and positive individual and community support. That support was clearly evident with the recent passing of our fellow club member and friend Lawrence Pinkney.

Our condolence to Janice on losing her life's partner and to the family at this time of sorrow. The care and compassion shown by Janice to Lawrence, that we have witnessed these past many months, has been most commendable and impressive.

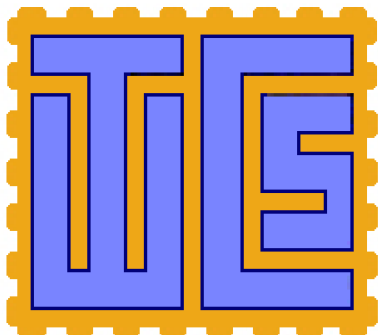
Lawrence, WTSC member #1054, joined the club 2013 and had been our dedicated and most capable club treasurer these past 10+ years, a significant contribution to the success of the club. Lawrence was serious well-respected philatelist, a member of the VGG expertizing committee, one of Canada's resident experts on the Large Queen issue, and hooked on Canada's 1898 map stamp, as well as Steele Briggs Seed Company covers. Lawrence was a thoughtful listener, who with wit and a dry sense of humour would readily share his knowledge. We will all miss this kind, caring gentleman. A donation from the club has been made in Lawrence's memory to the *Passion for Parkinson's Foundation*.



As we look forward to the coming months, members are encouraged to carefully review the details noted on pages 2 and 3 detailing the opportunities to actively participate in our **WTSC Annual Exhibition - Tuesday March 24** and our **Circuit Book Multi Club Event Tuesday March 31**.

Thank you to those who make things happen and actively participate ensuring that WTSC continues to be a growing and thriving club. A special thank you to Janice who, along with her Circuit Book leadership responsibilities, has enthusiastically taken on the role of club treasurer.

This month there are a number of new Ads detailed on pages 6 & 7 in our **WTSC MARKETPLACE**: The listing contains some amazing bargains ready for you to purchase. As well the listing includes requests for items members need to further their research/study. How might you be able to help?



## **FEBRUARY PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES**

**Feb. 3 - LEARNING WORKSHOP**, 7 p.m. via Zoom: "**Cinderellas**." Another opportunity for participants to share and to learn.

**Feb. 10 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.**

**Feb. 17 - DISCUSSION GROUP**, 7 p.m. via Zoom, **Dr. Alec Globe**, will present **Part 2** of his story of the development of Toronto entitled "**From Mud Hole to Metropolis**".

**Feb. 24- Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.**



EVERETT DRAKE TROPHY

**WTSC ANNUAL EXHIBITION** to be held **Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>**.



FRANK ALUSIO TROPHY



TED ALLEN TROPHY

How will you participate this year? Members are invited to exhibit in one or all of the three exhibit categories: Single Page, Multi-Page or One Frame Exhibit for this year's club exhibition.

If you have not previously exhibited try joining in the fun by assembling a Single Page exhibit. The PowerPoint entitled ***"SINGLE PAGE EXHIBITING! So why would you want to participate in the club's single page exhibit competition?"*** previously distributed should be of help. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

For those who have previously participated consider entering an exhibit in more than one class or add an exhibit previously exhibited for display only.

- **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 **EVERETT DRAKE TROPHY**.
- **Single Page:** to be judged using our new WTSC scoring criteria. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **FRANK ALUSIO TROPHY**
- **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**.

Winners will also receive a free membership for the 2026/27 club year

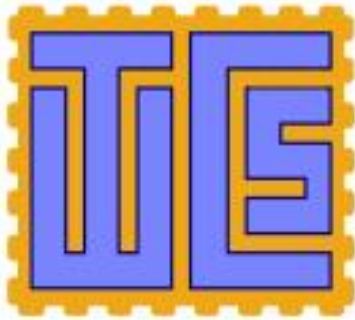
As well, now that we are Chapter 148 of the ATA, **Topical exhibiting excellence** will also be recognized by the awarding of attractive **ATA ribbon awards** for any topical exhibits entered into our club competition. The ribbons are labeled: ATA First award; ATA One Frame Award, and ATA Youth Award. Remember a topical exhibit could be a single page, multipage or single frame exhibit

Please note :

- To assist with planning and set up, please let Garfield know as soon as possible of your intent to exhibit a single page, multi-page and/ or single frame exhibit. [garfield.portch@gmail.com](mailto:garfield.portch@gmail.com)
- WTSC online/distance members can participate by sending a scanned copy of their single page exhibit (8 ½ x11 or 11x17), to [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com) by Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> at the latest. This printed single page exhibit will be shown and judged along with the other single page exhibits at the club competition.

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div>Single Page Exhibits Scoring Sheet (8-11 Bronze, 12 – 15 Silver, 16 – 20 Gold)</div> </div>								
Exhibit #	TITLE	Story/Description	Elements (1,2,3) Can be same type	>3 types of Elements	Fits a single page exhibit	Knowledge & Quality	Creativity & Pres.	Total Score
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**MULTI CLUB CIRCUIT BOOK EVENING- Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>!! Join the fun. Who knows what treasures await your discovery. Oh, the joy of the hunt!**



**CLUB CIRCUIT BOOK EVENING**

**TUESDAY MARCH 31, 2026**

West Toronto Stamp Club ( WTSC ) will be hosting a circuit book night, in the gym of the Fairfield Seniors' Centre. 80 Lothian Avenue Etobicoke.

In addition to our own club books, we have invited the **North Toronto Stamp Club, Burlington Stamp Club, Barrie Stamp Club, Oxford Philatelic Society, and Owen Sound Stamp Club** to bring their circuit books.

Members from all area clubs are welcome to attend.

The books will be available from 6:30 pm to 9 pm.

Update your want lists and come prepared to fill some of the holes in your collections.

Free Parking, Coffee and Cookies.



Contact Info:

Jamie White - [jamie.white@rogers.com](mailto:jamie.white@rogers.com) OR Ted Swain - [ted.swain@sympatico.ca](mailto:ted.swain@sympatico.ca)

## **DISCUSSION GROUP - UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The WTSC Discussion Group will feature the following:

- Feb. 17 - **Part 2** of Dr. Alec Globe's "**Mud to Metropolis**" - the postal history of York and Toronto in the 19th century
- Mar. 17 - Simon Claughton will present "**The Postal History of Jane Austen**"

**ONLINE PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT**. Since we meet online each 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month for our superb WTSC Discussion Group sessions, we miss the opportunity to join the *“PHSC Under the Cover”* presentations that are given on that same evening. **This month** consider checking out some of the presentations you have missed.



<https://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/Library/av/index.php>

Here is a listing of some of the excellent presentations that are available for viewing

Darcy Hickson <i>Thomas Mayne Daly: A Postal history Study of Brandon's first Mayor</i>	Nov 20 2025
Chris Ellis <i>Unusual (Rare) Uses of Victorian and Edwardian Official Stationary "Advertising" Cards</i>	Oct 21 2025
Bob Toombs <i>RAF Ferry Command Dorval 1940-1946 - The Four Phases</i>	Sep 23 2025
Various Presenters <i>Curated Show and Tell</i>	May 20 2025
David McLaughlin <i>Householder Mail Rate 1889-1989</i>	Apr 15 2025
Ron Smith <i>Trans-Atlantic Stampless Covers to and from Fredericton, New Brunswick</i>	Mar 25 2025
Chris Hargreaves <i>Kingston Ontario's Postal and Economic History</i>	Feb 18 2025
Gray Scrimgeour <i>Cable Repair in the Pacific, 1937-1942</i>	Jan 21 2025

## **MARCH LEARNING WORKSHOP**

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2026 via Zoom, the topic for our sixth virtual Learning Workshop of the 2025-2026 season is: **“What’s it worth?”**

When you see a worthy cover in a dealer’s shop, listed in a physical or online auction, or offered by another collector, there is usually a price attached. But is it worth paying that amount? How do you figure that out?

Unlike stamps, which catalogues list with estimated values, a posted envelope could be unique and is not easily priced, though collecting trends may have established a realistic assessment. Reading up about covers in articles and books, or consulting other collectors, can be helpful and provide a better understanding.

The cover you are considering may be a pre-stamp antique, was mailed later with a classic or modern stamp affixed — perhaps several — and has clear postal markings. Senders and recipient’s addresses are beneficial, especially of interest if either or both are of historical importance.

Overall condition may not be good, but the cover could still be intriguing, perhaps significantly rare enough for your collection.

Another good thing to consider: Is it empty or are the contents intact, for what is called an ‘Entire’?

These and other topics for consideration will make for a great discussion, with members and guests invited to share covers they would like to discuss or get an opinion about.

An online guest expert will provide some helpful guidance and information about what is shown and discussed.

The hunt for value is part of the fun of our hobby.

- Ian Robertson



## OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



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

- STAMP TALKS February 9 - Douglas Hill - Canadian Illustrated Permits

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### Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse

**Judith Nyman Secondary School Cafeteria**, 1305 Williams Pkwy, Brampton (west of Bramalea Road), Brampton, ON, L6S 3J8

Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 10 dealer tables, auctions, exhibits, youth table. Free admission and free parking.

**Phone:** 905-791-6070

**Email:**  
jerry Piotrowski74@hotmail.com

**Web:**  
<https://bramaleastampclub.org/>

**Canada's Largest Postcard Show**

**44<sup>th</sup> TORONTO POSTCARD CLUB SHOW**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026  
10:00am to 5:00pm**

**JAPANESE CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE**  
6 Sakura Way, Toronto, M3C 1Z5  
DVP-Eglinton Ave. E, opposite Aga Khan Park  
Full Details at [www.torontopostcardclub.com](http://www.torontopostcardclub.com)

**\$10.00 ADMISSION**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**COLLECTEX**  
Sun. Mar 1, 2026  
New collectible show 400+ tables

Stamps	Video games
Coins	Ephemera
Postcards	Gems, Minerals
Pokemon	Vinyl records
Sports cards	Guitars
Comics	Militaria

**Lime Ridge Mall**  
999 Upper Wentworth St.  
Hamilton, ON

10AM-5PM Free Parking, Free Admission

**CANADA**

Stamp dealers that have already signed up:

John Baddows	Longley Auctions
Hugo Deshayes	Nigel Mackey
Durbano Stamps	Steve Simon
Frank Hoyles	Stamp societies
Kings Collectables	will be in
Lee Stamps Sales	attendance

Stamp/coin portion of show sponsored by

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### Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show

**John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre**, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON, L4Z 1V8

Sponsored by the Troyak Club, the Mississauga Coin and Stamp Show will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with 60 tables and more than 30 dealers. There's something for everyone, with Canadian and world coins, stamps, paper money, tokens, medals, trade dollars, official mint products, hobby supplies, reference books and more. Free evaluations plus buying, selling and trading. Admission is \$7 (children under the age of 16 are free), and parking is free.

**Phone:** 416-505-7999

**Email:** [leszekp@rogers.com](mailto:leszekp@rogers.com)

**Web:** <https://troyakclub.com/shows/>

Mar 21/26

Oxford Philatelic Society OXPEX & OTEX 2026  
Oxford Philatelic Society  
St. Mary's Catholic High School 431 Juliana Drive  
Woodstock, Ontario

9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

OXPEX & OTEX 2026 St. Mary's Catholic High School, 431 Juliana Drive Woodstock ON, N4V 1E8 Oxford Philatelic Society presents: 74th OXPEX & 44th OTEX Join us as we celebrate 77 years of Philatelic Excellence. Show is open from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Framed and Judged Exhibits. Free admission and parking. Up to 12 Dealers, Youth Gift Bags, Sales Circuits, Draw Prizes, Everyone Welcome

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Website: <http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/oxford>



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**98e Congrès et Exposition de la RPSC**

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Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex  
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## 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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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• POSTCARDS</li><li>• STAMPED ENVELOPES (COVERS)</li><li>• STAMPS</li><li>• OLD PHOTOGRAPHS</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PAPER COLLECTABLES</li><li>• ADVERTISING</li><li>• POSTAL HISTORY</li><li>• CANADIAN AND FOREIGN</li></ul>
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**FOR SALE – see next page!**

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

2. **BOOKS**

Canada's Postage Stamps of the Small Queen Era, 1870 -1897, by John Hillson and J. Edward Nixon, - **\$25.00**

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

The Large Queen Stamps of Canada and Their Use; 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, by H.E. & H. W. Duckworth. - **\$40.00**

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

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

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The Admiral Issue of Canada; by George C. Marler, printed 1982 - **\$30.0**

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The Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps; Volume V, by Robson Lowe Ltd. - **\$30.00**

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Stamps of British North America; by Fred Jarrett, printed 1975 - **\$30.00**

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**FOR SALE**

**UNITED STATES MINT PLATE BLOCK COLLECTION  
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