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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

This past month, we learned of the passing of Ralph Trimble, a man whom I and probably most of you have never met but whose passing is important to note. His contribution to philately has been immense and most noteworthy. We can be thankful for his life's work captured in part on his website <https://re-entries.com/> A site devoted to the study of re-entries on postage and revenue stamps of BNA, USA & the world.

Personally, without his website, I never would have found my copy of the '20 Cent Niagara Falls -The Major Re-entry #225 iv.

His images and description provided me with the knowledge to know what it looked like and thus enabled me to find it hidden in my duplicates.

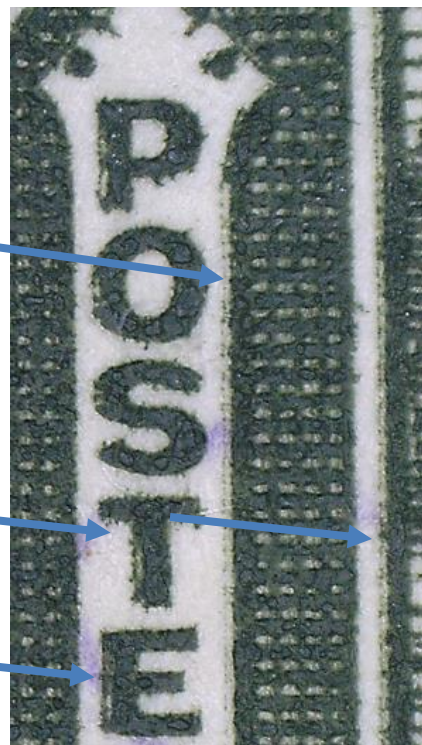
I will eternally be grateful to this giant in philately. I am saddened to have never met him and to be able to thank him for his work and encouragement to me as a student of the hobby. I would encourage you to peruse his website.

Our WTSC Annual Exhibition, held Tuesday May 28, was again a most successful evening underscoring the value of sharing by exhibiting.

A special thanks to Sam Chiu, (Internationally accredited judge) for judging this year's exhibition. His constructive comments and critique of exhibits provided a learning opportunity for all in attendance.

Congratulations to all those who entered an exhibit. The engraved Trophies and Certificates will be presented to the winners at the final June in-person meeting. See Page 3 '[WTSC Exhibition 2023/24 Highlights](#)'.

If there are any suggestions you have, to make the WTSC Annual Exhibition even more relevant for you and to enable you to actively participate, please let us know.



JUNE - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



June 4 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, '*Modern Philately - a collecting opportunity you don't want to miss.*'

June 11 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

June 18 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom WTSC member Ken Snelson presents: '*An Imaginary Circumnavigation of Great Britain and Offshore Islands in the Paquebot Era.*'

June 25 - Final In-person meeting of the 2023/24 Year - Fairfield Centre. Join your fellow club members for a piece of celebratory cake and participate in the final auction of this club year.

ELECTION OF THE WTSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your new board for 2024-26 is:

President: Sid Mensinga
Vice-President: Ian Robertson
Past President: Frank Alusio
Secretary: Douglas Hill
Treasurer: Lawrence Pinkney
Membership: Ted Swain

Directors: Simon Claughton, Denzil Fernandes, Don Hedger, Marilyn McKay, Jose Restrepo.

Welcome to two new Directors, Douglas Hill and Marilyn McKay

Sincere thank you to retiring Director Fred Colburn for his many years of service on the board.

Also thank you Tom Wicks for his work as election officer.

WTSC EXHIBITING EXCELLENCE



ORAPEX 2024 AWARDS / PRIX
NATIONAL-LEVEL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION / EXPOSITION PHILATÉLIQUE NIVEAU NATIONALE
Ottawa, Canada, May 4 mai - May 5 mai, 2024

Open Class Exhibits

Ken Snelson *The "Golden Age" of UK Postage Due Postcards* 90 points - Large Gold + The PHS Best Postal History

Ted Nixon *"Newfoundland 1880-98 Issue by British American Bank Note Co."* 83 points - Large Vermeil

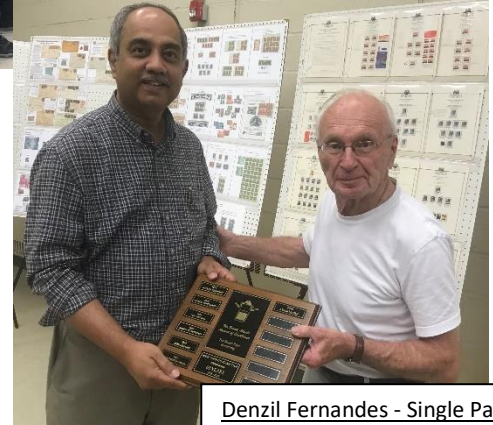
One Frame Exhibits

Ken Snelson *"Joseph Ady et Al. - Linking Unclaimed Dormant Accounts etc. with their Owners?"* 83 points - Large Vermeil

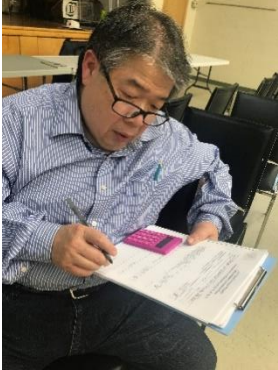
WTSC 'PRESENTING EXCELLENCE' at RPSC online sessions

- Douglas Hill - *Canadian Cartophilately: much more than the 1898 map stamps.*
- Garfield Portch - *Philatelic Expertising*
- Ann Miller - *Collecting Royalty*

WTSC EXHIBITION 2023/24 HIGHLIGHTS



Denzil Fernandes - Single Page winner, receiving congratulations and the Frankl Alusio award from exhibition chair Don Hedger.



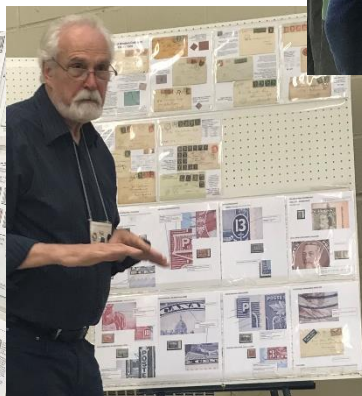
Exhibition Judge Sam Chiu busy at work!



Garfield Portch - Single Frame winner, receiving congratulations and Everett Drake trophy from exhibition chair Don Hedger.



Sid Mensinga - Multipage winner, receiving congratulations and the Ted Allen trophy from exhibition co-chair Joseph Perrone.



WTSC - LOG OF DISCUSSION GROUP & LEARNING WORKSHOP TOPICS- 2023/24

Thank you to all presenters and participants for a superb online year of philatelic sharing.

DISCUSSION GROUP

2023

- **July 18** - Guests and Members of WTSC: *"The Postal History and Examples of Usage of Low Value Definitives"*
- **August 15** - Guests and Members of WTSC: *"Canada Large Queen stamp issues of 1868"*
- **September 19** - RPSC President, Gregg Redner: *"How Pre-payment of postage was indicated on Pre-Stamp Belgian Mail"*
- **October 17** - Member & Guest Participation: *Presenting, Long Distance Covers (Through Land, Sea, Air & Space)"*
- **November 21** - Dr. Darin Cherniwchan: *"You Too Can be a Digital Philatelist"*

2024

- **January 16** - Doug Mattox of the Atlanta Stamp Club: *"A Postal History of Tonga (Friendly Island)"*
- **February 20** - Dr. Robert Galway: *"Empresses of the Atlantic"*
- **March 20** - Guest and Members of WTSC: *"Part II Long Distance or Unusual Route Covers"*
- **April 16** - Michel Houde: *"The B overprints of Bangkok - Siam Stamps and Covers"*
- **May 21** - Town Hall meeting combined with members' Show & Tell
- **June 18** - Ken Snelson: *"An Imaginary Circumnavigation of Great Britain and Offshore Islands in the Paquebot Era"*

LEARNING WORKSHOP

2023

- **July 4** - *"A Red-Hot Topic a colour preference theme, and Red it is."*
- **August 1** - *"One on One- postal related themes highlighting the number 1"*
- **October 3** - *"Everything and anything philatelic, that starts with the Letter G."*
- **November 7** - *"Let's talk about Philatelic Auctions."*
- **December 5** - *"Why Join National Philatelic Organizations"*

2024

- **January 2** - *"Everything and anything Philatelic, that starts with the Letter H."*
- **February 6** - *"Datestamps and Obliterators"*
- **March 5** - *"What Don't You Know That You'd Like to Know"*
- **April 2** - *"Postal Markings other than Datestamps and Obliterators"*
- **May 7** - *"Worldwide Overprinted Stamps"*
- **June 4** - *"Modern philately — a collecting opportunity you don't want to miss".*

WTSC LEARNING WORKSHOP & DISCUSSION GROUP SESSIONS - Summer Program

As in past years, our online Learning Workshop & Discussion Group sessions will continue during the summer on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. via zoom. Topic details will be communicated later in June as we approach the summer months.

A REQUEST: from an exhibitor of Villeneuve/Ferrari.

Wanted – Canada Post-1997 Gilles Villeneuve canceled letter mail / postcards / package either domestic (45c) or International (90c). Also, if you have mail showing the Ferrari of Gilles from other countries.

Canada Post – 2017 50th Anniversary of F1 depicting 5 International F1 drivers who won the CDN GP. Looking for domestic (85c) / international (x2) canceled letter mail postcards, package post.

Canada Post – 2017 framed FDC of each F1 50th stamp and portrait. Plus, any unusual / unique Villeneuve material or items: *please contact:*

Robie Clarke - clarkepr65@gmail.com

Member: 347-Barrie District Stamp Club-#73 RPSC

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS. Registration in advance

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



June 10 - Jan Hofmeyr - **Understanding the grill stamps of the United States**

June 17 - **Aspects of US Philately** - [Pat Walker]



NTSC SUMMER BOURSE

When: Saturday, Jun 8, 2024

Where: 1585 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M4T 1Z9, Canada

LOOKING AHEAD



BNAPEX 2024 Kingston BNAPS convention, exhibition, and bourse 23-25 August 2024

Friday (10:00-17:00) Saturday (10:00-18:00) Sunday (10:00-15:00)

The convention venue is the St. Lawrence College Event, Conference and Banquet Centre
100 Portsmouth Ave, Kingston K7L 5A6

Royal * 2024 * Royale
September 20 - 22
du 20 au 22 septembre
Fredericton New/Nouveau-Brunswick
National Stamp Exhibition
Exposition nationale de timbres

Hosted by/présentée par
The Fredericton District Stamp Club

QUEBEC CITY OLD PAPER SHOW

Saturday October 26, 2024 - 10 to 5:30 | Sunday October 27, 2024 - 10 to 3

DEALERS - EXHIBITION - CONFERENCES

FUTURE SHOWS:
OCTOBER 25-26, 2025
OCTOBER 24-25, 2026
OCTOBER 30-31, 2027
OCTOBER 28-29, 2028

POSTAL HISTORY
POSTCARDS
POSTAGE-STAMPS
COVERS
OLD PAPERS
ANTIQUARIAN BOOKS
VINTAGE POSTERS
PHOTOGRAPHY
MANUSCRIPTS

Travelodge HOTEL TRAVELODGE
3125, Blvd. Hochelaga,
Québec, QC G1W 2P9

Saturday: 5\$
Sunday: free admission
All kids: free admission

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WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

FOR SALE:

1. For sale 9 Safe Dual Hingeless Albums with pages from 1851 to 2018 complete. Retail Value is \$3800.00. Asking \$900.00 or best offer. Call Ben 705 726 5464 or Email casinostamp@yahoo.ca.
2. Safe dual blank pages, #612, 614, 615x3, 616x2, 617x4 ,618x2 620, 662. Retail is \$22.50 each. Sell for \$5.00 each, Ben Heintzberger 705 726 5464 or casinostamp@yahoo.ca
3. Willy's Stamps, offering worldwide stamps and philatelic supplies at good prices. Want lists accepted.

Email: wstamps1@outlook.com

4. Buying and selling: Italy and Italian area, with a particular interest in Italian States and Squared Circle Postmarks. Contact Mattia at 647 990 4073 or Email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca
5. Buying and selling: Canada postage, mint and mint hinged, any denomination Contact Mattia at 647 990 4073 or Email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca

6.

ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL	
5-Frame + Exhibit	THE ATOM / FIP Level Exhibit / Plus collateral material
One-Frame Exhibit	· Victoria & Penny Black (including the Penny Black) · The Ancient Olympiads · Canada Postal Museum
	Contact Frank at falusio@sympatico.ca To discuss details and price

WTSC MARKETPLACE:

WANTED:

1. Etobicoke Post Office covers, especially before 1960. See John at club meetings or call 416 742 2347.
2. If anyone has stamps from the baby wildlife series with lots of extra, may I borrow them? Trying to put together an exhibit. I will pay for the stamps I keep. Ben Heintzberger 705-726-5464, casinostamp@yahoo.ca
3. In search of Zeppelin Stamps or Covers. Contact Joseph Perrone at ajphilatelic@gmail.com or 519.270.4216
4. 1985-89 50c Canadian Parliament vending machine booklet stamps, especially the low values (1c, 2c, 5c, 6c) postally used or on cover.

Hong Kong: stamps, covers, booklets, revenues, ephemera, postcards old maps. Anything Hong Kong!

Contact Ingo at b62hkg@yahoo.ca or text 416 700 5226.

5. 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 for details. Thanks.

6. Topical collector: any stamps showing Russian Memorial Cruiser AURORA or her gun, preserved at St. Petersburg (NOT Russian Stamps): Also wants: Naval aircraft (Only)

Contact: fmmck22@rogers.com

7. EKKO radio reception stamps for Canadian Radio stations.

Issued by radio stations to confirm station reception. Circa 1920's. Mint; used; on cover or card.
Example CFCA 1921 became CFRB in 1928



Vimy Pilgrimage 1936 covers with rectangle slogan cancel "Monument de Vimy."



Contact- Don Hedger; don.hedger@gmail.com

8. Precancelled stamps, preferably cover ANYTHING older than Style U as per Unitrade PRECANCEL listings. Also looking for MAP COVER dated December 18th, 1889. Contact Lawrence at lawpin@rogers.com
9. Great Britain- Scott catalogue for any of the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021. Contact Belkys Herrera Belkysherrera02@gmail.com
10. Old Ontario Agricultural College covers going back to where it originated in the Toronto Normal School (late 1800s) to its move to Guelph. e-mail davidbest1953@gmail.com.
11. Looking for Great Britain used penny reds. Scott # 33 Contact David Bray dbray12traditions@gmail.com

REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS: Ad space is free. Send to sidmensinga@gmail.com