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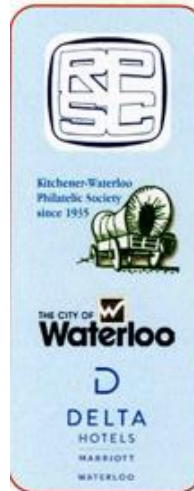
PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

June 2026 is month of significant opportunity for WTSC members.

June 12, 13, 14 - Royal 2026 Royale, the annual convention and show of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will take place in Waterloo Ontario at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex, 101 Father David Bauer Drive.

Not often is a National Level Show of this importance and calibre held a short one-hour drive away. If you have never attended a Royal Convention and Show this is your opportunity to do so. Admission and parking are also free.

Attending will provide you with great chance to view some amazing exhibits (190 Frames of Exhibits, including 18 Court of Honour Frames) and hunt/search for those elusive items by visiting 28 dealers' booths. Going to the show will also enable you to connect with other like-minded stamp collectors, postal historian and exhibitors who make up the larger philatelic community.



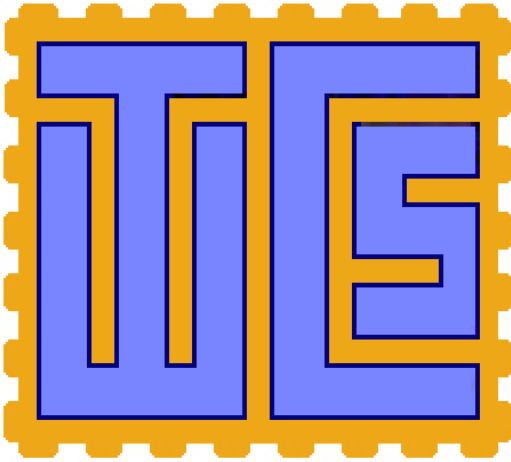
June 16 - Help shape WTSC's - Online program for 2026/27

This month's Discussion Group session will feature the traditional 'Town Hall' where members and guests have the opportunity to suggest content as well as critique this year's program. We will follow up this meeting with an unrestricted 'show & tell'. What ideas can you contribute that can be built upon to shape our 2026/2027 online program?

Our online sessions this past year have been most informative and entertaining providing us with new knowledge and insights and helped build a larger informed supportive community of stamp collectors and postal historians. Recorded sessions can be found at <https://www.westtorontostampclub.org/discussion.htm> and <https://www.westtorontostampclub.org/machins.htm#time> Thank you to all who presented and attended this past year. Information about our summer online sessions will be detailed in the July/ August Bulletin.

June 30 – The 5th Tuesday of the month – a three activity WTSC in-person evening.

1. **A new opportunity to participate – show and share (verbally if you wish) examples of what and how you collect.** Tables and easels will be available so you can bring album pages, stock books, albums, three-dimensional items, and other materials that informally demonstrate how you collect, organize, assemble, and mount your philatelic material.
2. **A special auction with a new bidding format – the late Norma Basset worldwide collection will be offered in Norma's red binders, organized by country.** Bidding will begin with the first selection. The highest bidder may choose a lot or lots first, followed by the underbidder at the same price. The remaining lots will then be offered again at auction.
3. The evening will also include the **awarding of Exhibition certificates/trophies** and a **slice of year end celebratory cake.**



JUNE PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES

June 2 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom: member participation show & tell **"Postcards that enhance collections"**.

June 9 - Auction & Circuit book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

June 16 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, 'Town Hall' and an unrestricted 'show & tell'.

June 23 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre

June 30 - What and how you collect sharing evening & the special auction of Norma's worldwide collection. - In-person - Fairfield Centre

ELECTION OF THE W.T.S.C BOARD FOR 2026-28

At our recent in-person meeting the WTSC Official Board was elected by acclamation. All current officers and directors agreed to serve for another two-year term, and no further nominations were received.

Your W.T.S.C. board for the 2026-2028 term.

President - Sid Mensinga
Vice President - Ian Robertson
Past President - Frank Alusio FRPSC
Secretary - Douglas Hill
Treasurer – Janice White
Membership - Ted Swain

Directors:

Don Hedger, Simon Claughton, Marilyn McKay, Jose Restrepo, Denzil Fernandes

Thank you to Tom Wicks for conducting the 2026-2028 election.

WTSC CIRCUIT BOOK REPORT – Janice White

The Circuit book event at the Hamilton stamp show on May 8th was most successful with the sale of \$200 from our circuit books.



Our next show with the circuit books is at North Toronto Stamp Show on June 11th at Christ Church Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St. Toronto. Meeting starts at 7:30. Doors open at 6 p.m. NTSC and Kawartha S.C. will also have their circuit books to view.



Simon at the tables during the May 8th Hamilton Show

ONLINE PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT



The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society *provides a forum for the exchange of information among Canadians who are interested in any aspect of world-wide aerophilately, and for collectors from around the world who are interested in Canadian aerophilately.*

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

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



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

- June 8 - Ann Miller - The 1947 Southern Africa Royal Tour: stamps, covers, and stops along the way

QUEBEC CITY STAMP AND OLD PAPER SHOW
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SPQ, SMO AND CCO

Saturday June 6, 2026 - 10 to 5:30
Sunday June 7, 2026 - 10 to 3

DEALERS - EXHIBITION - SPEAKERS

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

BUYING - SELLING - APPRAISALS

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

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Beaverton Coin & Stamp Show and Sale

Beaverton Curling Club, 164 Main Street, Beaverton, ON, L0K 1A0

One day only, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is only \$5 (youths under 16 are free). FREE admission after 2 p.m. Lots of free parking! Show floor is accessible, washrooms are down stairs. Both the Champlain Coin Club, Orillia and the Fenelon Stamp Club, Fenelon Falls will be present and participating.

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BNAPS convention, exhibition and bourse 17-20 September 2026

Thursday - BNAPEX prelude: full-day bilingual guided tour of Montreal
Friday (10:00-17:30) Saturday (10:00-17:30) Sunday (10:00-15:00)

Convention venue

Hôtel MOCO Valleyfield
40 Av du Centenaire
Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, QC J6S 3L6

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
2. Looking for Scott number 33 for plate collection. Contact David Bray 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 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
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.
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 for details. Thanks.
7. Wanted: Worldwide **Perfins** and Worldwide **Precancels**. Gary Douglas grandbankman@yahoo.ca
8. Wanted: Philatelic Society journals from any society and Stamp news publications. Maple Leaves, BNA Topics, Linns Stamp news, Gibbons Stamp monthly... **ANY** periodical and books. Auction catalogues any era. Gary Douglas grandbankman@yahoo.ca
9. THEME STAMPS WANTED- SHIP
As a collector of specific ship stamps – the Russian memorial cruiser AURORA - moored at St. Petersburg/Leningrad. I have all the Russian-issued stamps (I think). Searching for any issued by ex-communist countries I may have missed – the ship, her gun or searchlight (to start the 1916 'revolution'). Such as Albania, Bulgaria, Poland, Romania, Mongolia, China, Seychelles, etc. Possibly 1943 – 1997. After that date Russia discouraged such commemoration of 'revolution'! Or Theme lists?
Fraser McKee, fmck22@rogers.com or 416-655-8911.
10. Looking for Medical philately: material related to the following topics:
 - Blood donation (slogans and clinic appointment reminders)
 - Hospital for Sick Children material (letters, covers, cards)
 - WWI tobacco funds - Canadian and British, any material
 - Canadian Family Allowance envelopes (1948-1956)
 - Asbestos advertising (Canadian)
 - Mutual Aid Association cards listing cause of death.
 - Proprietary and patent medicine advertising (Canadian)Please contact Jean jcyw65@rogers.com
11. Interested in India Italy and Netherland colonies squared circle postmarks, stamps and covers Contact Mattia at 6479904073 email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca

	WE BUY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POSTCARDS • STAMPED ENVELOPES (COVERS) • STAMPS • OLD PHOTOGRAPHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAPER COLLECTIBLES • ADVERTISING • POSTAL HISTORY • CANADIAN AND FOREIGN 	
<p>IMMEDIATE PAYMENT FOR OLD COLLECTIONS, HOARDS, DEALER STOCKS, SMALL OR LARGE HOLDINGS, SPECIALISED OR DISORGANISED</p> <p>PETER PISZKO 416-618-4398 ppiszko@hotmail.com</p>		

FOR SALE

1. BOOKS

1. The Canadian Posted Letter Guide, The Classic Period, 1851 -1902, Volume 1, 1996 Edition; by Charles G. Firby & Victor L. Willson. - \$5.00.
 2. The Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada; printed 2017 - \$10.00
 3. The Edward VII Issue of Canada; by George C. Marler, printed 1975 - \$30.00
 4. The Admiral Issue of Canada; by George C. Marler, printed 1982 -\$30.00
- Used – Excellent condition – Contact Janice.white@rogers.com

2.

FOR SALE
 UNITED STATES MINT PLATE BLOCK COLLECTION
 IN BLUE RIBBON MOUNTS ON 71 Minkus ALBUM PAGES
 1982 thru 1985..... 103 pcs. including 24 blocks of 20
 And 79 blocks of 4.....all 796stamps are MNH
 2017 Cat. Value = \$967.00 - Face Value(postage)= \$167.20
 Your Price.....only \$80.00 !
 A TRUE BARGOON !!!

Contact Michael Graf at
mljgg@icloud.com

3. I would appreciate the opportunity to speak to anyone interested in a four-binder set of the Royal Air Force covers signed by the pilots." Contact info is as follows: greg@jgsholdingcorp.ca



4. Buying and Selling Italy and Italian area including Italian States and Colonies. Send me your want list Contact Mattia at 6479904073 email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca