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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

This past month we are again fortunate to welcome new members to our club. As a WTSC member, your friendship, interest in what others collect, and your enthusiasm for the hobby are key. Thank you.

The WTSC leadership team works hard to make our programs happen but recognize that members' active participation ensures the success of a club and growth of the hobby. Thank you to those who see a task to be done and jump in to do it. A current pressing need is for one or two members to assist Janice with setting up and handing out the Circuit Book binders especially this Fall as Ted is busy with WTSC membership renewals. The help can be for a month or more depending on your availability. Thank you.

Your board and leadership team met on September 29.

Please note the following:

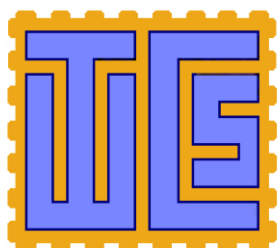
- Yes, we will again enjoy *WTSC Christmas 2025 Festive Get Together & Dinner* **Tuesday December 15th** to be held at the Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza. Details to follow.
- **Important WTSC auction changes** that will allow us to finish by 9:30 and improve the lots offered for sale.
 - The Auction will be limited to **120 lots** - received on a first come basis
 - **Reserve price and opening bid:** Each lot must have a reserve price of at least \$5. The opening bid will be the reserve of **\$5 or more** and **not be reduced**. Lots with a reserve price or opening bid below \$5 will not be accepted.
- Douglas Hill has informed the WTSC Board that regrettably he is unable to continue as the Club Secretary. Thank you to Douglas for his volunteer service and for the ways he helps build the hobby not only at WTSC but in the broader community. Douglas shared that will he continue is his role as ATA contact. Consider attending his upcoming RPSC presentation "Canada's Joint Stamp Issues," Monday, October 10th. See page 5.

October is National Stamp Collecting Month in Canada. To celebrate, in addition to your regular philatelic activities, consider:

- Watching; *Three kings who built this stamp collection It's worth 100 million pounds*".
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_rd2u0VgVI
- Attending **CANPEX 2026** - October 17–18, 2026, at the Hellenic Community Centre in London.
- Joining an **American Topical Association** October Stamp Collecting Month event: [Maps on Stamps](#) on Oct 6 at 7:00 PM Eastern, [Alaska Highway](#) on Oct 10 at 4:00 PM Eastern, [Space](#) on Oct 17 at 4:00 PM Eastern, and [Perim Island](#) on Oct 24 at 4:00 PM Eastern.



OCTOBER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



Oct.6 - LEARNING WORKSHOP "What did you do for your collection this summer?"

Oct 13 - An Auction & Circuit book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

Oct.20 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, Jean Wang "A Senior Philatelist Discusses Thematic Philately"

Oct. 27 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Where did September go! We no sooner started the month with our meeting on the 8th and now we are into October. Perhaps a good time to remind you that the annual fee increases from \$15 to \$20 as of Nov 1 st. Currently I have received renewals from about 50% of our members. So still a ways to go. And as always, I am happy to collect your cash at one of our in-person meetings.

Now I know that not everyone can attend in person, so following are some other ways you can renew your membership.

Payment can be made by e-transfer or by cheque.

Details are as follows:

E-TRANSFER: The WTSC email for e-transfer is:

president@westtorontostampclub.org

CHEQUES: Make your cheque payable to WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

And send it to:

West Toronto Stamp Club

c/o Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation

10 Summerhill Avenue

Toronto, Ontario M4T 1A8



We have a great mix of members from both near and far. For those whom I don't see at my membership table, I look forward to seeing you on one of our great zoom sessions!

If for some reason you wish to no longer be a member, please let me know and your name will be removed from future notifications.

Happy Stamping!

Ted Swain

Membership Director

WTSC online DISCUSSION GROUP

The **October 20th** Discussion Group will feature **Jean Wang** who is re-scheduled from July. The topic will be "**A Senior Philatelist Discusses Thematic Philately**".

WTSC CIRCUIT BOOK UPDATE

The Circuit Books went to Owen Sound on September 26th with sales of greater than \$250. There was an average attendance but that did not stop the shopping. The books will be on the road again on October 24th to Woodstock. We have also been invited to Hamilton in early November.

As always, the circuit books are available for our members on the 1st "in person" meeting of each month.

We are looking for someone each month to assist us at the circuit book table with handing out the books between 6:30 and 7:30.

Please let us know when you arrive if you can spare this time.

Ted and Janice

Circuit Book Co-ordinators



WTSC Circuit Books at Owen Sound

WTSC EXHIBITING EXCELLENCE

WTSC ANNUAL EXHIBITION – LONG AWAITED RECOGNITION.



The American Topical Association (ATA) **Best in Show Ribbon** was presented to **Ted Swain** at our September meeting for his superb Topical exhibit, **“The Alphabet according to CATS”**. Congratulations Ted and apologies for this late recognition, we thoroughly enjoyed your most entertaining sharing and demonstrated excellence in Topical Exhibiting.



This recognition is a timely reminder for all to consider topical exhibiting this year as we prepare our single page, multipage and/or single frame exhibits for our March Club Exhibition.

As WTSC is an ATA Chapter you are encouraged to check out Topical Collecting at <https://americantopical.org/> and join one of the events highlighted on **page 1**.



BNAPEX2026 Palmarès

FirstName	LastName	Title	MedalId	SpecialAward
P. Charles	Livermore	The Canadian National Exhibition – A Philatelic and Social History	Silver	
Sid	Mensinga	WWII Gravenhurst German Prisoner-of-War Camp Mail	Gold	Military Mail SG
Garfield J.	Portch	STEAMBOAT MAIL ON LAKE ONTARIO, 1818 TO 1856	Gold	
Jean	Wang	The Toronto Hospital for Sick Children’s Early Christmas Appeals: The Sweetest of All Charities	Gold	



Congratulations as well to Bil Burden and Jean Wang, who participated in the **FQP Regional Exhibition** held at BNAPEX 2026

Jean	Wang	HEALTH BEGINS AT HOME: CANADIAN FAMILY ALLOWANCE, METER SLOGANS 1948-1956	92	LARGE GOLD	SINGLE FRAME GRAND/ BEST BNA SINGLE FRAME
William G.	Burden	ADMIRAL PLATE FLAWS - SCRATCHING THE SURFACE	86	LARGE GOLD	AAPE SILVER AWARD/ BEST BNA RESEARCH

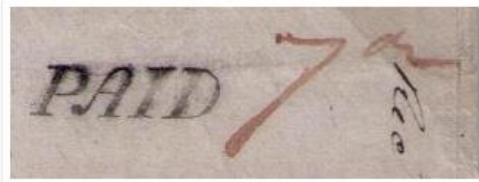
BNAPS GOLDEN HORSESHOE REGIONAL GROUP will meet on **SUNDAY 4 October 2026** at the **Brewers Blackbird Kitchen & Brewery, 375 Wilson St. East, Ancaster**. The meeting room will be open from 11AM and the agenda is dealers & chat, lunch (shortly after noon), announcements, auction of donated items, show & tell and finish by 3 pm. The set cost for lunch is \$26 – tax, service and coffee included but other beverages will be extra (we do not pay for the room, so lunch helps the owner). WTSC members are welcome to join the group for this event. If you plan to attend, please email Wayne Schnarr at gwschnarr@rogers.com for planning purposes.

WTSC NOVEMBER LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 via Zoom, the topic for our second virtual Learning Workshop of the 2026-2027 season is the **letter 'M'**.

As before, participants have an opportunity to share and encourage discussion about philatelic subjects that begin with **'M'** — a stamp, a type of stamp, postal history, a related hobby activity, equipment, or a country/colony.

Term examples: The letter 'M' in a catalogue refers to a stamp in mint condition; **'Machins'**, stamps designed by Arnold Machin, featuring a left-facing portrait of Queen Elizabeth II produced in Britain from 1967 until her death in 2022. and by some British-related countries including a 2022 Canada Post commemorative; 'machine cancel', a machine-applied postmark; 'magnifying glass' refers to a convex lens used to enlarge an image; 'makeup rate stamps' are low-denomination issues making up the difference between those bearing previous letter-rates and a new, higher fee; 'Maltese Cross' a curved cross-shaped British cancellation based on crosses used by the Knights Hospitaller, a chivalrous military-style noble order founded in 1099 in the Kingdom of Jerusalem, which relocated to the island of Malta in the Mediterranean Sea, then to Rome, Italy;



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'manuscript' is a handwritten postal notation, including text and digits indicating a postage fee, applied to folded letter sheets and envelopes at post offices in the 19th century; 'maple leaf' is a nickname for eight 1898 Canadian definitives featuring the same Queen Victoria portrait with maple leaves in all four corners;

'marginal inscription' is printed text or images on a margin; 'maximum card' is a picture postcard and stamp with the same image or topic on the front and a related

postmark; 'memorial stamp' refers to commemoratives or definitives issued after the death of a country's leader or other personality; 'MH' refers to a stamp with gum and a hinge or hinge remnant on the back; 'microprinting' is tiny lettering or numbers applied within a design as an anti-counterfeiting method; 'misperf' describes a stamp with wrongly-placed perforations; 'MISSENT TO' was a mostly-19th century marking applied to envelopes delivered to a wrong address and returned to the sender; 'money letter' was a 19th century term for the front of envelopes carrying currency; 'M.O.O.D.' refers to a Money Order Office Device, with numbers assigned to Accounting Post Offices, which were replaced in 1950 in Canada by 'M.O.O.N.' — Money Order Office Number; 'mourning cover', an envelope — used in the 1800s and early 1900s, with a black border printed or drawn along the edges, to alert recipients about contents reporting someone's death.



Several stamp-issuing "M" postage services, past and present: **Macao**, the oldest European settlement in China; **Macedonia**, in southeastern Europe; **'Magyar'** refers to stamps of Hungary; **Malawi**, a republic in Africa; **Malaysia**, in southeast Asia; **Maldives**, in the Indian Ocean; **Marshall Islands**, a Trust Territory of the United States; **Martinique**, a Caribbean Sea island; **Mauritania**, a former French colony in west Africa; **Moldavia**, which merged in 1859 with Walacha to become Romania; **Monaco**, a principality on the Mediterranean Sea coast; **Montenegro**, a southeastern Europe country; **Montserrat**, a Caribbean Seas island; **Morocco**, in north Africa; **Mozambique**, in south Africa.



British 1840 **Mulready** postal stationery envelope with engraved figures designed by William Mulready, cancelled with red **Maltese Cross**

This should be a great evening, featuring your many marvellous, magnificent **M**-related items — but no musty ones.

- Ian Robertson

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



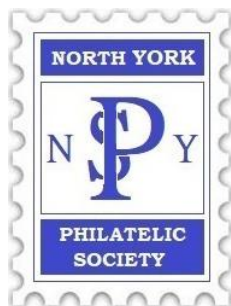
ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: Virtual ZOOM sessions Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

October 19 - Douglas Hill - Canada's Joint Stamp Issues



October 15 ZOOM Unresolved Mysteries: The 1-Penny Stamps Released "By Mistake"
by Paul Sarjeant

October 22 - History of a Small Town through Postcards by George Sachs



October 24th NYPS (North York Philatelic Society) Stamp Show

Edithvale Community Center (Banquet Room), 131 Finch Avenue West, North York, ON, M2N 2H8

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - 8 stamp dealers. Visitors are welcome, free entry, easy access to the room, plenty of parking available. All visitors will participate to a draw of good philatelic prizes (the first prize will be a box of stamps worth about \$1,000 catalogue).

GUELPHPEX
CANADA



\$10

Guelph Stamp Club
and
Dealer Bourse
Annual Show

at

The Evergreen Centre
683 Woolwich St, Guelph
Saturday Oct 3, 2026
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



National Philatelic Exhibition
Exposition Philatélique Nationale

October 17-18, 2026

The Hellenic Community Centre
133 Southdale Rd. West, London, Ontario
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
Free Admission, free parking, lunch counter.

Hosted by the The London-Middlesex Stamp Club
(Chapter 9 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada)

The theme for 2026 will be
London's Heritage Buildings,
past and present.

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WTSC MARKETPLACE:

WANTED

1. **Camlachie** – always looking for postal history related to this small community in Lambton County. Especially interested in covers addressed to Camlachie dated 1930 to 1954 but any cover to/from Camlachie will be of interest no matter the era. John at jd33smith@yahoo.com
2. **Centennial Collector?**
Please get in touch at ted.swain@sympatico.ca I have a mountain of surplus centennials to trade to fill the gaps in my collection.
3. **Looking for WW 1 mail to Canada** from Canadian military serving overseas; contact Wayne Schnarr at gwschnarr@rogers.com

FOR SALE

1. **Selling Italy and Italian** area including **Italian States and Colonies**. Want lists welcome. Contact Mattia at 647-990 4073 email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca
2. **Selling Canada postage lots**, minimum purchase of \$100 face value. Discounts between 30 and 50% depending on denominations. Contact Mattia at 6479904073 email: stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca
3. **Canada Lighthouse Hingeless Albums** – Looking for an album without breaking the bank? I have six binders with pages. 1970 to 2009 appears to be complete across three very full red binders with sleeves. Three more binders are filled with pages which are either duplicates and/or 2012 to 2015 although no year appears entirely complete. Most pages are very clean. A reasonable offer will not be refused. John at jd33smith@yahoo.com.

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

Ads for the monthly Bulletins must be submitted by the Monday of the last week of the month.

