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www.westtorontostampclub.org

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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

This new 2025/26 philatelic year at the WTSC, provides a renewed opportunity for each of us to look at the year ahead to consider and plan how we will pursue our hobby. What positive steps/new directions will you take this year, both personally and as a WTSC member?

Your reflection and responses to the following partial list of personal questions may well provide those positive next steps/new directions.

Personally

- Which projects might I bring to greater completion this year? What is ready to be mounted/written up? What needs further research/study? What gaps need to be filled?
- One cannot go down every "rabbit hole", but which ones might be worthwhile to consider?
- "Bringing order out of chaos" is a need for many of us. What accumulations/collections do I need to edit / dispose of?
- What digital tools/programs should I become more proficient at to fully participate in our hobby.

As a WTSC member

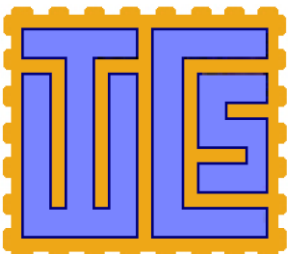
- What club tasks/responsibilities I can volunteer or take full responsibility for? (Our Club Bi-Annual elections take place May 2026)
- What can I do to increase my participation in and support of current WTSC programs? What new/improved program suggestion can I make and then make happen? Note our revised Bulletin masthead and ATA Chapter announcement on page 3.
- What actions can I take to support the collecting interests of my fellow club members and in doing so help to build community and comradery at WTSC?

Your official board/leadership team will be meeting Sept 30th to plan the year ahead. Any suggestion to help build and grow the hobby as we experience it at WTSC is always appreciated. sidmensinga@gmail.com

Members are reminded that September and October are the months to renew your WTSC membership. See Ted Swain's note "**FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**" on page 2.

Looking forward to your active participation as we anticipate a terrific 2025/26 year at the WTSC.

SEPTEMBER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



Sept. 9 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

Sept. 16 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, Ann Miller will present "The 1947 southern Africa Royal Tour: stamps, covers, events, and stops along the way".

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

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

I don't think I can remember a hotter summer! I put my mint collection in the fridge to keep the glue from melting! Not really, but I am reminding everyone to get your wallets out of the fridge because it is time to renew your membership at WTSC.

At our \$15 renewal rate, the West Toronto Stamp Club has got to be the best bargain in the city. Twice monthly in person meetings, from September to June. Twice monthly zoom sessions: 1. Discussion Group and 2. Learning Workshop.

Payment can be made by e-transfer, by cheque or cash at one of our in-person meetings.

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

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.

Thanks, and looking forward to hearing from you.

Ted Swain

Membership Director

membership@westtorontostampclub.org



WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP

September 16, 2025

Ann Miller will present “The 1947 southern Africa Royal Tour: stamps, covers, events, and stops along the way”.

Five dominions/colonies issued stamps to commemorate the 1947 Royal Tour of southern Africa. The talk will cover the portraits, the stamps, FD, Royal Train, and Royal Visit covers, and city/town covers from respective visit days, following the train's route chronologically. Covers with postmarks commemorating events such as the Opening of Parliament and the Princess's 21st birthday will also be shown. Most of the covers are “philatelic” but they do a nice job of telling the story.

ANNOUNCEMENT - WTSC IS NOW CHAPTER 148 OF THE AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION.



As you will have noted, our WTSC Bulletin masthead has been altered to indicate our Chapter status. At our first in-person meeting, club secretary Douglas Hill will review the benefits of Chapter status and share how you will be able to access the club copies of [Topical Time](#), a colorful 92-page journal, issued six times a year. It features news of the association, articles on many different topics, how-to articles about collecting and exhibiting, and much more.

Thank you, Douglas, for your leadership enabling our affiliation with the ATA.

Members are encouraged to visit the ATA website to see how they might participate in ATA activities



Don Hedger, an ATA member, notes the opportunity to participate in the ATA single page exhibit program.

"It only requires a scan of single page & downloaded to site sometime in mid Dec. for inclusion in 2026. No judging but nice for exhibitor to see his work displayed." <https://americantopical.org/My-One-Page-Exhibit>

Don's certificate for his 2025 participation.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE "Garfield Portch Ontario Club Single Frame Competition"-

The North Toronto Stamp Club recently announced the launch of the Garfield Portch Ontario Club Single Frame Competition. *"To honour Garfield Portch, a veteran Toronto-based philatelist and exhibitor who has served on the Board of the Vincent Graves Greene (VGG) Philatelic Foundation for many years, and to encourage exhibiting and a friendly rivalry among the stamp clubs in Ontario,*

This new annual competition will be run in conjunction with the Annual NTSC Stamp Exhibition at the National Postage Stamp & Coin Show. The next exhibition will be held at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale Hotel on April 11-12, 2026.

Any Ontario-based philatelic club that is a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada may compete by entering 3 single-frame exhibits. Single frames are 16 letter-sized pages or equivalent. The winner will be the club with the largest accumulated points total based on the judges' scores. Exhibitors will indicate on the entry form that they would like their exhibit to be entered in the Single-Frame competition and which club they would like to represent. Any club that has more than 3 single-frame ex-The Trophy will be hosted by the winning club for 6months, then be on display at the VGG until the next competition."

This is well deserved honour for Garfield, whose many contributions to the success of philately at the local, regional and national levels are most commendable and noteworthy. Congratulations Garfield, a most worthy recognition. Thank you for all that you do here at WTSC

WTSC participation in this new annual friendly interclub competition is a definite yes.

Further details to be provided.

WTSC CIRCUIT BOOK PROGRAM – UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27, 2025

Owen Sound Stamp Club Circuit Book Fair

New Life Centre, 199 4th Ave. W. Owen Sound.

Owen Sound Stamp Club is having a Circuit Book Fair with two silent auctions from 9:30 to 3:30, with about 6 participating clubs. Free admission & parking.

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Circuit Book Fair

Sat. Sept 27, 2025.

9:30 to 3:30 at the New Life Centre,
199 4th Ave. W. Owen Sound.

Free parking and the New Life Centre is completely accessible. See the map on our website;
owensoundstampclub.org

Browse through the circuit books from the Barrie, Oxford, West Toronto, Saugeen and Owen Sound stamp clubs.

Lunch is available & a silent auction will be held.

For more info call: Marion Ace:
(519) 934-1998 marionace@bmts.com

Or Phil Visser: (519) 387-0271
pmvisser54@gmail.com

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/199+4th+Ave.+W.+Owen+Sound?entry=gmail&source=g>

October 25, 2025

Oxford Philatelic Society Circuit Book Fair

Church of Epiphany, 560 Dundas Street, Woodstock

There will be about 8 clubs with circuit books from 10 to 4 p.m. Free admission & parking

November 7 - 8, 2025

Hamilton Stamp Club Fall Fair

Bishop Ryan High School, 1824 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Building accessible friendly.

Free admission and parking.

Friday evening -

Large voice auction starting at 6:30 p.m. Viewing starts at 4:30 p.m.

Circuit Books - 5 guest clubs participating, open from 5 - 9 p.m.

Saturday -

15 dealer bourse, Silent Auctions and Club sales circuit books and free stamps and prizes for students.

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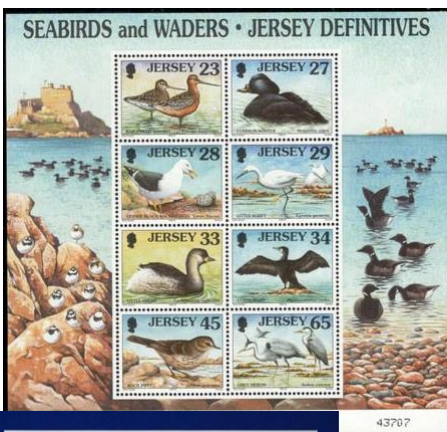
October Learning Workshop

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025 via Zoom, the topic for our first virtual Learning Workshop of the 2025-2026 season is: “J”

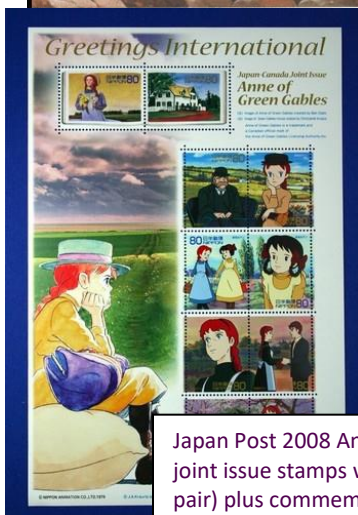
As before, it is intended to encourage participant sharing and to prompt discussion about related philatelic topics — whether describing a stamp or type of stamp, postal history, a related hobby activity, equipment, or a country whose name starts with this letter.



Term examples: Joint issue; Junk mail, something our home recycling bins often bulge with; Chinese junks (a style of high-sail ships); ‘Jamhuri 1964’, text applied to 1961 Zanzibar stamps to mark formation of the Republic of Zanzibar; philatelic judging; Jumelle press — derived from ‘twin’ in French — which combines photogravure and intaglio; jump strip; jusqu’à markings, various postal markings 1919-to-mid 1950s around the world, indicating how far airmail carrier service was available.



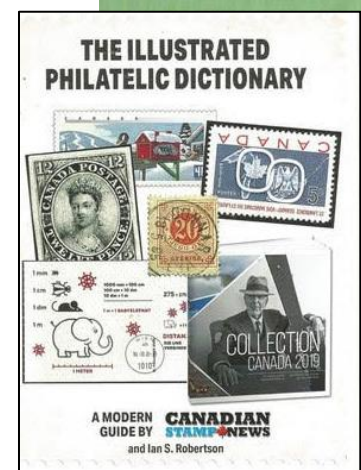
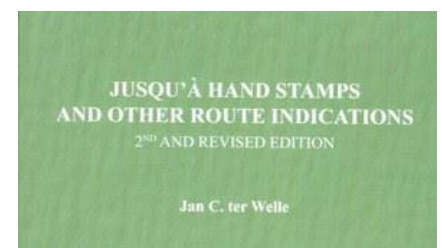
Several ‘J’ postal services — present and past: Jamaica; Japan; Jersey (a stamp-issuing British Crown Dependency island in the Channel Islands southeast of England); Jordan; Jubilees (Canada's 1897 Queen Victoria commemoratives); Jugoslavia; Jammu; Jaipur, an Indian Feudatory State which produced stamps in 1904 that were replaced by those of the Republic of India; Jasdan, an Indian Feudatory state, which produced postage and fiscal stamps in the 1940s; Jhalawar and Jind (all India feudatory states that issued stamps); and Johore, a Malaysia state that issued stamps.



Japan Post 2008 Anne of Green Gables joint issue stamps with Canada Post (top pair) plus commemoratives based on popular story about the red-headed

Finally, for a touch of humour, how about ‘Jackass Mail’?

It is a 1942 Western comedy film starring Wallace Beery as a horse thief/mail robber who can’t decide whether to rob or run The San Antonio-San Diego Mail Line. It was called the Jackass Mail because posted letters, packages and gold were delivered in a covered wagon driven by co-star Marjorie Main and pulled by donkeys.



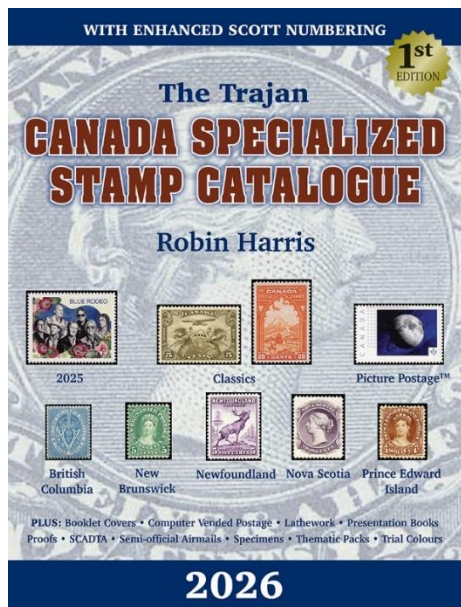
Always keep in mind when researching subjects — Dictionaries and other books are not only useful; they may help you avoid making mistakes.

Join us for fun and, hopefully, a varying session.

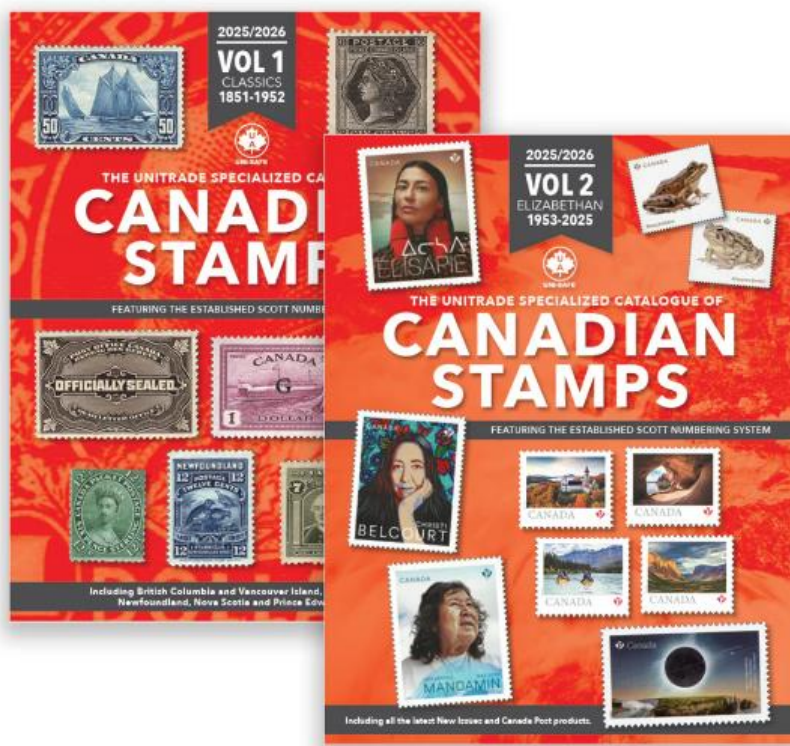
- Ian Robertson

TWO CANADIAN STAMP CATALOGUES are now available!

Both are on sale at a discounted price until **Sept 7th**. See websites for details. Consider adding both to your philatelic library. A WTSC member recently emailed me about the two catalogues and concluded by saying “Given my own collecting interests, I am glad to have both catalogues. Study the two catalogues and make up your own mind!”



<https://coinstampsupplies.com/product/the-2026-trajan-canada-specialized-stamp-catalogue-introductory-pre-order-offer/>



<https://www.durbanostamps.com/products/2025-2026-unitrade-specialized-catalogue-of-canadian-stamps?srltid=AfmBOoqrP27cR1eP-5HBU25wc4xhM-cTkWpXGNfDtkQ1xpACzE4yJw5V>

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



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

STAMP TALKS

- **September 8, 7 pm;** “Cheese, the Story of Oxford County's Cheese Industry”

STAMP PANEL

- **September 15, 7 pm;** “An Introduction to Collecting Postal History” - Jane Sodero & Gregg Redner



September 18 @ 7 pm **Zoom*

Derwin Mak, U.S. Disney Parks and Towns Cancels and Auxiliary Markings

(Email- NTSC.President@gmail.com for a link

September 27 Autumn Bourse at Yorkminster Park (see page--- for details)

**NATIONAL
POSTAGE STAMP
& COIN SHOW**

APRIL 5-6 2025 **SEPTEMBER 6-7 2025**

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

SATURDAY:
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
ADMISSION: \$8

SUNDAY:
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
ADMISSION: \$3

www.stampandcoinshow.com

Sept. 13, Cambridge Stamp Show

**Temple Baptist Church, 400 Holiday
Inn Dr., Cambridge, ON, N3C 3T1**

Temple Baptist Church is located in the old Hespeler part of Cambridge at the intersection with Franklin Boulevard. It is a modern building with no steps. Free admission with lots of parking.

BNAPLEX 2025 Vernon



BNAPS convention, exhibition, and bourse 19-21 September 2025

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

The convention venue is
Prestige Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre
3914 - 32nd Street, VERNON BC V1T 5P1
[Hotel information and reservations](#)

Hosted by the [BNAPS Pacific Northwest Regional Group](#).

LOOKING AHEAD

NYPs FALL STAMP SHOW

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Edithvale Community Centre

131 Finch Avenue West, Toronto

10:00am – 3:00pm

The North York Philatelic Society stamps show will take place at the usual location from 10am to 3pm with the participation of 8 stamps dealers and one coin dealer.

Free entry, visitors and families are welcome, easy access from the parking lot.

There will be a free draw at the show of 10 prizes, with the first prize being a box containing stamps and accessories worth \$1000 Scott catalogue.

NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB Postage Stamp Bourse

Sat. Sept. 27, 2025. 10-3

YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
1585 Yonge Street, Toronto

Dealers Open

Only at 10:00 a.m.

NEXT BOURSE

Sat. Nov. 15, 2025. 10-3

Info at: NTSCBouseschair@gmail.com

North Toronto Stamp Club
P.O. Box 341 Don Mills, Ontario M3C 2S7
www.NorthTorontoStampClub.ca

WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED WANTED

1. Looking for Scott number 33 for plate collection. Contact David Bray dbray12traditions@gmail.com
2. 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.
3. WANTED - Straits Settlements with clear company hand stamps.
SEE: <https://michelhoude.com/BMSM/Index.html> email: mjrhoude@gmail.com
4. 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.
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.

FOR SALE

1. I have the following 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 > for price & availability

2. Scott Catalogue 2017 ~ 6 Volumes (complete) in excellent shape *best offer*. Delivered to Club or pick up. contact ~ Don Hedger < don.hedger@gmail.com >

How will you make use of this opportunity in during the 2025/26 stamp club year?
Ads for the monthly Bulletins must be submitted by the Monday of the last week of the month.

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

