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# Bulletin

The Newsletter of the West Toronto Stamp Club  
[www.westtorontostampclub.org](http://www.westtorontostampclub.org)

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## PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

This September Bulletin again marks the beginning of a new philatelic year at WTSC.

2026/27 - another year of newsletters that I trust are of value to you as you consider the month ahead and as we celebrate our successes. Our WTSC Bulletins posted online provide a worthwhile archive of the club's activities over the past 13 years. To read back-issues click. <https://www.westtorontostampclub.org/clubnews.htm#bulletin> Suggestions for improvement are always appreciated.

We are most fortunate to be stamp collectors/postal historians/topical collectors - students of the hobby at this time when we can be part of a great local club and have easy access to a plethora of "philatelic goodies" via the internet. There is so much philatelic joy to engage in but sometimes seems so little time. The task becomes how can we best maximize time to accomplish our varied personal philatelic pursuits and interests both as members of WTSC and as we engage with the larger philatelic community. What can we say "**Yes, I will**" to this September, the first month of our new 2026/27 philatelic year.

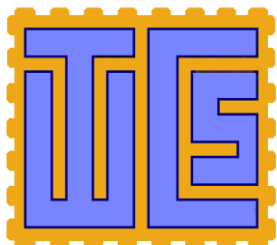
The following might be just some of those "**Yes, I will**" steps/commitments to consider.

- "**Yes, I**" will decide on a project or two that will get my full attention this fall and early winter.
- "**Yes, I**" will do a minimum of one "Show and Tell" this fall or early winter during one of our WTSC Tuesday in-person meetings. Our "*How and What Collect*" session in June was an example of the superb sharing that is possible.
- "**Yes, I**" will participate in/join at least one WTSC Learning Workshop/WTSC Discussion Group zoom meeting monthly.
- "**Yes, I**" will participate in our March Annual Club Exhibition. I will decide before month-end what parts of my collection/s I will share by creating a single page, a multi page and/or a single frame exhibit.
- "**Yes, I**" will find some way to volunteer to contribute to the success of the club. Note the volunteer request in the Circuit Book update on page 2.
- "**Yes, I**" will find out what others in the club collect and how I might support their collecting interests.
- "**Yes, I**" will reach out beyond our local club and share that experience/newfound knowledge with a fellow philatelist.

What will your "**Yes, I will**" commitments be this fall and early winter? Consider sharing them with a fellow club member or submitting them for a future newsletter.

**Your official board/leadership team will be meeting Sept 29th<sup>th</sup>** to plan the year ahead. We are always open to ideas, themes, or activities that could help shape and strengthen or add to our 2026/2027 in-person and online programs. Any suggestion to help build and grow the hobby as we experience it at WTSC is always appreciated. [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## SEPTEMBER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Sept. 8** - An Auction & Circuit book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

**Sept. 15** - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, TBA

**Sept. 22** - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

September 8th is to be the first in-person meeting beginning our 92nd season. And here we all are still continuing to work on our collections, exhibits, and presentations.

Now before getting into the renewal push, I have a question for you. I get asked once in a while by members to provide either a telephone number or address of another member. Mindful of privacy concerns, I usually seek permission before providing the information. If this of concern to you, please let me know.

So, it is perhaps timely to remind you to renew your membership for 2026/27 for just \$15. After October 31 st it will cost you \$20. I will be happy to collect your cash at any 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 CIRCUIT BOOK UPDATE



Welcome back and we hope you have had a wonderful relaxing summer preparing pages for inclusion in the club's books. Just a reminder that the books are available at our in- person meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

We have a busy fall ahead of us with the books being taken to events in Woodstock, Hamilton and Owen Sound scheduled so far.

**It would be helpful at our WTSC club meetings if we could have someone assist us at the circuit book table with handing out the books between 6:30 and 7:30.**

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Janice & Ted

Circuit Book Co-ordinators

## DISCUSSION GROUP

Our September 15 speaker and topic will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

If you missed any of last year's 11 informative sessions or wish a second look, be sure click on the link below.

<https://www.westtorontostampclub.org/discussion.htm>



## LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026 via Zoom, the topic for our first virtual Learning Workshop of the 2026-2027 season is **'What did you do for your collection this summer?'**

Call it a happy show and tell,

Perhaps that will ring a noble bell.

Did summer activities make your albums swell?

Perhaps you scored a real bombshell ...

With what first sounded like a hard sell.

We'd love to hear of your ride on the stamp carousel.

Reveal all, my friends. You could be unparalleled.

- Ian Robertson



## OTHER PHILATELIC LEARNING link to explore.



a fun informative series of videos to watch.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqaGTR\\_ljRQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqaGTR_ljRQ)



## OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



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

**September 14 @ 7 p.m.** - Paul Sarjeant - *Common Technologies for the production and perforation of Stamps: Part Two*

**September 21 @ 7 p.m.** - A ROYAL Review Lisa Tam, Alan Hills. A video recap watch party and discussion about this summer's ROYAL. Share your thoughts and help shape future shows!



We fortunate to have a strong connection with the **North Toronto Stamp Club**. Check out their **September newsletter**. A most worthwhile read! Here is the download link:

<https://bit.ly/2026-n08-September-NTSC-Newsletter>

**NATIONAL  
POSTAGE STAMP  
& COIN SHOW**

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

SATURDAY: 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.    SUNDAY: 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.  
ADMISSION: \$6                      ADMISSION: \$3

**WWW.STAMPANDCOINSHOW.COM**

Mark your calendars for the 2026 shows – the weekend after Easter and the weekend after Labour Day.

2026  
DATES  
APRIL  
11-12  
SEPT.  
12-13

SEP  
26

### Owen Sound Circuit Book Fair

**The New Life Centre, 199 4th Ave W, Owen Sound, ON, N4K 4V1**

Join us in beautiful Owen Sound for our annual Circuit Book Fair! Show open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is lots of parking, completely accessible, lunch counter and silent auction. Circuit books from five stamp clubs; Owen Sound, Saugeen, West Toronto, Barrie and Oxford. Hope to see you there!

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<http://owensoundstampclub.org>



**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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CANPEX 2026 is an opportunity to participate in Freestyle Philately, which was launched at the ROYAL in June. Share your stamp stories without the constraints of exhibiting rules! Entries of 1 to 8 letter-sized pages (or equivalent) accepted. More information and registration forms are available at the [CANPEX website](https://canpex.ca/data/freestyle_registration.pdf). **Deadline for registration is September 30.**

<https://canpex.ca/Canpex2026EntryForm.pdf>

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**EXHIBITION ENTRY FORM entry September 11 deadline**

**Freestyle entry form Deadline September 30**

# BNAPEX 2026 Convention in Valleyfield




Hosted by  
THE BNAPS LOWER CANADA REGIONAL GROUP AND LA SOCIÉTÉ D'HISTOIRE POSTALE DU QUÉBEC






## 17-18-19-20 SEPTEMBER 2026

Valleyfield, Québec

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Montreal Olympic Games, and the 96th anniversary of Valleyfield's regatta, with a 160-frame BNA exhibition and participation of 22 dealers. BNAPS Study Group meetings and seminars. Tours of the historic MOCO cotton mill.

- \* Thursday 17 and Friday 18 Tours
- \* Friday night out (dinner)
- \* Saturday reception & awards banquet
- \* Admission: \$5 / Day
- \* Free admission for members attending one of the events

**Dealers' opening hours**

**Friday 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM**  
**Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM**  
**Sunday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

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40 Contrebas Avenue, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 3E6  
Hotel reservations: (400) 373-1990  
Reservation code: 2026BNAPS




## WTSC MARKETPLACE:

### WANTED

- 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](mailto:jd33smith@yahoo.com)
- Centennial Collector?**  
Please get in touch at [ted.swain@sympatico.ca](mailto:ted.swain@sympatico.ca). I have a mountain of surplus centennials to trade to fill the gaps in my collection.

### FOR SALE

- Selling Italy and Italian** area including **Italian States and Colonies**. Want lists welcome. Contact Mattia at 647-990 4073 email [stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca](mailto:stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca)
- 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](mailto:stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca)
- 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](mailto:jd33smith@yahoo.com).

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REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS: **Ad space is free.** Send to [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)

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