



# Bulletin

The Newsletter of the West Toronto Stamp Club  
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## PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE



Our final in-person meeting of the 2023/24 philatelic year gave us the opportunity to share a piece of celebratory cake as we recognized exhibiting accomplishments, years of membership dedication to the club, and the value of volunteerism.

Ongoing active commitment and dedication to the WTSC is most noteworthy. Congratulations to our newest 25 year "Distinguished Loyal Member", Fred Colbourn. Fred was also presented with the RPSC Volunteerism Award and Pin. Fred's

various contributions and dedication to the club as a long serving board member are most noteworthy and greatly appreciated. Thank you, Fred, for your many years of service to the WTSC.

Congratulation to were also extended to Ted Swain on receiving the RPSC Volunteerism Award and Pin. Ted's ongoing excellence as our WTSC Membership Director is recognized and valued. Being absent, a presentation will be made to Ted during the summer months.



Congratulations were also extended to our 2023/24 WTSC Exhibition winners, who received their engraved Trophies (presented last month), Certificates and a free WTSC 2024/25 membership.

- **Garfield Portch** - Everett Drake Trophy ~ Single Frame Exhibit
- **Sid Mensinga** - Ted Allen Trophy ~ Multi-Page Exhibit
- **Denzil Fernandes** - Frank Alusio Trophy ~ Single Page Exhibit

For those who are considering exhibiting in the coming year, you will want to review the "Additional Feedback" suggestions sheet provided by this year's Judge Sam Chiu. **The one-page document is provided along with this newsletter.**

As in past years, our online Learning Workshop & Discussion Group sessions will continue during the summer on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. via zoom. See details on page 2.

Please note - Our first meeting for the 2024/25 club year will be an in-person meeting to take place **Tuesday Sept. 10**

On behalf of the WTSC leadership team have a safe and restful summer as you take time, to catch up on personal projects and to enjoy summer family activities.



## JULY/AUGUST - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES

**July 2** - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom. *"I really like this subject- Any philatelic item/story based on the letter I."*

**July 16**- DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, *"Stampless Covers"*.

**August 6** - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, *"All hail August."*

**August 20** - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, *"Philatelic Treasure Hunting."*



## UPCOMING DISCUSSION GROUP TOPICS

The summer editions of the West Toronto Stamp Club Discussion Group will both follow the 'show & tell' format which has proven to be popular in recent years.

All attendees are encouraged to participate. Scans of material can be forwarded to Garfield for inclusion in a PowerPoint presentation or participants can show their own presentations.

**July 16, 2024** the theme will be **Stampless Covers**. Contributions are invited from any time period from any country and can include permit mail, meter mail, free frankings just to name a few.

**August 20, 2024** will feature **Philatelic Treasure Hunting**.

Participants are invited to show recent results of treasure hunting and to explain how the find works in the collection. This is also an opportunity to share Want Lists, a chance to have more eyes searching for that elusive item on your behalf.

## AUGUST LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2024 via Zoom, the topic for our 11th virtual Learning Workshop of the 2023-2024 season is: 'All hail August'.

This topic celebrates not only the month marking summer's sultry end in Canada, it can have special meaning for collectors, with names of people, events and a few places. Hint: Postmarks! Covers!



Starting with Roman Empire founding Emperor Augustus 'Caesar' Octavian, the name was used for later powerful kings and saints. He has been depicted on several Italy stamps. In more recent times, Leo August (1914-1997) was a New Jersey philatelist, dealer and publisher who sparked interest in First Covers by introducing 'Art Craft' engraved caches. Currently there is Swedish actress Pernilla August.

Covers addressed to anyone named August or Augustus could be fun.

If born on an August day, or at night, postmarks with that date are, therefore, memorable — especially from

the nearest post office.



There are 24 places in the world named Augusta, with 20 in the U.S., where better-known is St. Augustine, Florida. A few overseas place names include: BELGIUM — Augustine; BELIZE — August Pine Ridge; BRAZIL — Augustinho; CROATIA — August; GERMANY — Augustfelde, Augustgroden, Augustfehn, Augusthausen; NETHERLANDS — Augustinusga; NIGERIA — Augusto-Obe; POLAND has six communities named Augustowo; SCOTLAND — Fort Augustus, a village on the southwest end of Loch Ness.



There are, or were, August-related communities in Canada, some with post offices. Examples: ONTARIO — Augusta; Auguston (1886-1905); North Augusta. In QUEBEC, Saint-Augustin-Saguenay. There may be more, so good luck searching.

Some events are featured on covers, such as stamp exhibitions, firefighters' picnics, anniversary celebrations, etc. If held in August, well, you get the idea ... As with any subject, philatelic topics related to this month can be majestic, venerable, noble and impressive. So join us for an inspiring, fun August evening.

## SUMMER READING

1. Order a book from or visit the Harry Sutherland Library at the VGG.  
<https://www.greenefoundation.ca/library>
2. Considering adding to your personal philatelic library by purchasing a BNAPS publication.



British North America Philatelic Society  
The Society for Canadian Philately

To browse through the BNAPS books on the Longley Auctions website, go to:

<https://longleyauctions.com/product-category/bnaps-books/>



### RPSC 50-year membership!

Congratulations to Ian Robertson who was presented with his 50-year RPSC membership medal and certificate at our recent WTSC meeting. Ian's contributions to philately as a regular columnist with the Canadian Stamp News and by his role as the Chair of our Learning Workshop sessions continue to provide multiple learning opportunities for students of the hobby.



## OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS. Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>



### RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Talks

- July 8 - Michel Houde - **Stamp Collages**
- August 12 - Yan Turmine - **Montreal Telegraph Company (en français)**

### RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Panels

- July 15 - **Learn about Specialist Societies** - [Ken Nilsestuen]
- August 19 - **Show and Tell** - [You!]

## FENPEX



**Fenelon Falls Community Centre, 27 Veterans Way, Fenelon Falls, ON, K0M 1N0**

Fenelon Stamp Club's Annual Show and Sale

**August 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.** 10 dealers, auction table, club sales, exhibits, door prizes,

Free admission & free parking.

## Aug. 17 Wasaga Beach Coin & Stamp Show

**Wasaga YMCA Recplex, 1724 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach, ON, L9Z 1Z7**

The Georgian Bay Coin and Stamp Club, Wasaga Chapter, present a combined Coin and Stamp Show, open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2

## 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

## NEED YOUR HELP IF YOU ARE GOING TO THE ROYAL IN FREDERICTON

Request of any member *who is exhibiting and taking their exhibit. I have an exhibit I would like taken as well.*

If they might take it & bring it back, would be appreciated *just call me (416) 621-9982 or e/m [don.hedger@gmail.com](mailto:don.hedger@gmail.com)*

## WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

### FOR SALE:

- American Air Mail Catalogue, 7th Edition, Volume 4 (the air mails of Canada and Newfoundland 2nd edition). Mint condition never used. \$35.00. Contact Bob at [timberg@bell.net](mailto:timberg@bell.net)
- Willy's Stamps, offering worldwide stamps and philatelic supplies at good prices. Want lists accepted  
Email: [wstamps1@outlook.com](mailto:wstamps1@outlook.com)
- 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](mailto:stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca)
- Buying and selling: Canada postage, mint and mint hinged, any denomination Contact Mattia at 647 990 4073 or Email [stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca](mailto:stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca)

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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 <a href="mailto:falusio@sympatico.ca">falusio@sympatico.ca</a> 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](mailto:casinostamp@yahoo.ca)
3. In search of Zeppelin Stamps or Covers. Contact Joseph Perrone at [ajphilatelic@gmail.com](mailto:ajphilatelic@gmail.com) or 519.270.4216
4. 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](mailto:wgburden@mac.com) for details. Thanks.
5. 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](mailto:fmmck22@rogers.com)
6. 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 CFA 1921 became CFRB in 1928  
Vimy Pilgrimage 1936 covers with rectangle slogan cancel "Monument de Vimy."  
Contact- Don Hedger; [don.hedger@gmail.com](mailto:don.hedger@gmail.com)
7. 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](mailto:lawpin@rogers.com)
8. 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](mailto:davidbest1953@gmail.com).
9. Looking for a modern stamp album for Isle of man. Also looking for Great Britain used penny reds. Scott # 33 Contact David Bray [dbray12traditions@gmail.com](mailto:dbray12traditions@gmail.com)



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