

PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hard to believe June, the last full month of the 2024 / 25 WTSC year, is upon us. That being the case, be sure to attend our final in-person meeting of the year, June 24th to join your fellow club members for a piece of celebratory cake and to participate in the final auction of this club year.

Even though our in-person meetings end this month, our online sessions will continue during the summer and will be detailed in the July/ August Bulletin.

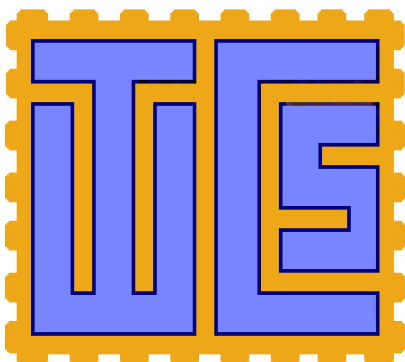
This month and into the summer we again have multiple philatelic opportunities to pursue both at the club level and regionally. Our choices of what and how we study and collect might well differ, but all our activities include some aspect of "the hunt". The hunt for that special stamp or cover, for completeness, for clarity of understanding, for better organization, for tools and resources, these are some of what drives us. That hunt differs for all of us but is best accomplished when we support and share with others. This past Tuesday's Learning Workshop session "*What rocks your boat in the hobby*" was a prime example of great sharing amongst 32 attendees and 10 presenters.

Our online sessions this past year have been most informative and entertaining, providing us with not only new knowledge and insights but enabled us to build a larger informed supportive community of stamp collectors and postal historians. Thank you to all who presented and attended, we look forward to seeing you online this summer. Recorded sessions can be found at <https://www.westtorontostampclub.org/discussion.htm> and <https://www.westtorontostampclub.org/machins.htm#time>

Our WTSC Annual Exhibition, held Tuesday May 27, was again a most worthwhile evening for both the exhibitors and those able to attend.

A special thank you to John Wilson, (Internationally accredited judge) for judging this year's exhibition. I understand John's critique of the exhibits was both most constructive and encouraging.

Congratulations to the winners, all those who entered an exhibit, and to supportive attendees. The engraved Trophies and Certificates will be presented to the winners at the final June in-person meeting. See Page 2 for 'WTSC Exhibition 2024/25 Highlights'.



JUNE - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 3- LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "**What floats your boat in the hobby?**"

JUNE 10 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

JUNE 17 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "**What is in Your Secondary Collection?**"

JUNE 24 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables – Year end In-person - Fairfield Centre.

WTSC 2024/25 ANNUAL EXHIBITION - May 27th

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS



The **EVERETT DRAKE TROPHY** (single frame) was won by Mark Stelmacovich with his exhibit "World War I Revenue Documents and Stamps from the Ukraine".



The **FRANK ALUSIO TROPHY** (single page) was won by Ann Miller for her exhibit "Princess Elizabeth's Philatelic Debut".



The **TED ALLEN TROPHY** (multi page) was won by Denzil Fernandes for his exhibit "Admiral Rate Covers."

This is the first time one of our awards has been won by an 'out of province' member. Thank you Ann your participation.

Congratulation Mark, Ann and Denzil for sharing and demonstrating exhibiting excellence. Your engraved trophies and certificates will be awarded the last meeting in June. As winners you will also receive a Free Membership for the 2025/26 year

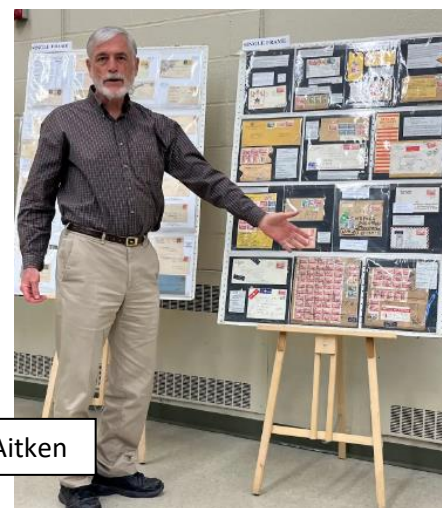
Members sharing their exhibits.



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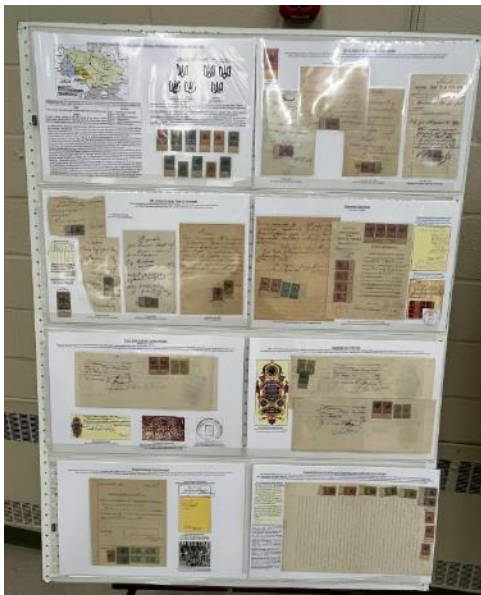
John Robertson



Denzil Fernandes



Judge John Wilson providing his critique for the single page exhibits



Winning Single Frame - Mark Stelmacovich



Peter Jones - Photographer

Thank You Peter.



Ian Robertson and Garfield Portch this year's Exhibition co-chairs and organizers

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP

For the Discussion Group on the 17th, I think an interesting Show & Tell subject could be "**What is in Your Secondary Collection?**"

We all enjoy our stamp collections, but most folks have their "key" collections but secretly maintain a second or third topic of interest that rarely sees the light of day. This is an opportunity to broadcast that hidden interest and (perhaps) find some support and material from other viewers.

The July 15 Discussion Group will be a presentation by Chris Hargreaves in which he will present and discuss a number of candidates for 'The Earliest Airmail'

Garfield



ORAPEX AWARDS

EXHIBITING EXCELLENCE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

Congratulations to the following WTSC members



Open Class Exhibits

Large Gold

(both were 8 frame exhibits)

Ken Snelson	UK International Postage Due Letter Mail: Formative Years of Postal Union -The First 25 Years	APS Award of Excellence (pre-1900) Auxilliary Markings Society Award of Merit
Mark Stelmacovitch	Ukrainian Provisional Postage Stamps and Usage, 1992-1996	APS Award of Excellence (post-1980)

One Frame Exhibits

Large Gold

Jean Wang	Smokes for the Troops: British and Canadian Tobacco Funds in WWI	RPSC Excellence - Presentation BNAPS Best BNA One-Frame
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Gold

Don Hedger	Epic of Vimy - A Canadian Pilgrimage	ATA One Frame Award
Ken Snelson	Taxed US Transatlantic Sea Post Office Mail - 1891 to 1917: The UK Angle	

Large Vermeil

Mark Stelmacovitch	Ukraine's Trident-Overprinted Russian Revenue Stamps of Podillia and Usage, Years 1918-1919
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THE GLOBE AND MAIL



Canadian soldiers march through Plymouth, Mass., near the Canadian military headquarters in Canada, England, as they celebrate Germany's surrender in the Atlantic on May 8, 1945. (Photo courtesy of the Canadian War Museum)

VICTORY AND VALOUR

Canada and the world mark 80 years since the war in Europe came to an end



Second World War veteran Fraser McKee, a former commander with the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, salutes during a wreath laying ceremony in Toronto commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Wednesday. (Photo courtesy of the Canadian War Museum)

A Dutch family's wartime scrapbook preserves the stories of Canadian liberators in its

Veteran's home, Fraser McKee, and his wife, Fraser McKee, are celebrating their 80th anniversary of VE Day on Wednesday. (Photo courtesy of the Canadian War Museum)

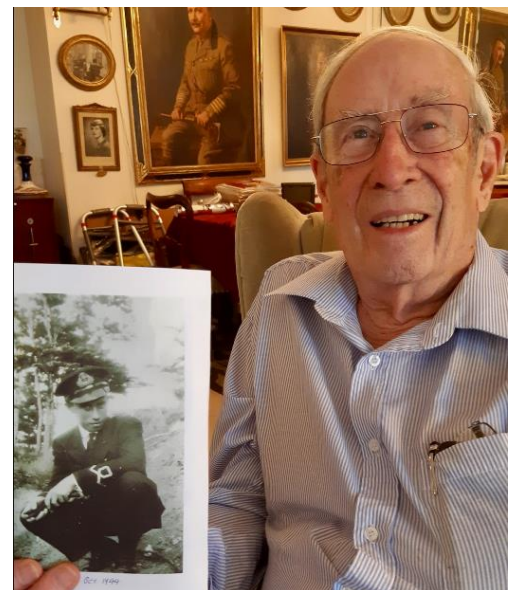
NEWS Veterans call off search teams, saying it's unlikely missing children still alive
WORLD Pakistan Defence Minister welcomes U.S. help to defeat militants with India
REPORT ON BUSINESS U.S. Fed holds interest rates steady, citing strong employment and inflation risks

SECRET CANADA			
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WTSC member **Fraser McKee** 100 years young (Feb 22, 1925) shown in The Globe and Mail, this past month, marching to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. VE Day marks the end of the Second World War in Europe on 8 May 1945, when the Allies accepted the surrender of Nazi Germany.

A belated **congratulations** Fraser on your **100th Birthday** and **Thank You** for your service.

After the war, Fraser stayed in the reserves until 1978 specializing in anti-submarine warfare and retired as a commander after 35 years of service.



Learn more about Fraser's significant military career and service at

<https://www.crestwood.on.ca/ohp/mckee-fraser/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/navy/corporate/history-heritage/battle-atlantic/heroes/fraser-mckee.html>

ONLINE PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT. This month be sure to check out this link to the digital resources at the Harry Sutherland Library (HSPL) at the VGG to find a variety of websites, digital newsletter archives, and online philatelic tools to aid your research.

<https://www.greenefoundation.ca/digital-resources>



OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: Registration in advance required.

<https://www.rpsc.org/>

Stamp Talks: RPSC Stamp Talks June 9 @ 7 pm

Mirko Zatka, Varieties and Errors on Modern Canadian Stamps



June 12 @ 7:30 pm **In-Person** (Doors open at 6 PM) **Lesley Luce, Mark of a Nation – Stamps in Art**

June 14 Summer Bourse Saturday June 14, 10 AM–4 PM Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto 20 Dealers · Sales Circuit · 10¢ Books · Members Table · Door Prizes · Wheelchair Access

June 19 @ 7:30 pm **In-Person** (Doors open at 6 PM) **Harvey Shuter, Multi-line Optical Character Spray Cancels**

Beaverton Coin & Stamp Show

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

Just north of Toronto. One day only, Saturday, June 14 from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission \$5.00 (Youth under 16 free). FREE admission after 2 pm. At the Beaverton Curling Club, 164 Main Street, Beaverton, Ont. Lots of free parking! Show floor is accessible, washrooms are downstairs. Presented by Champlain Coin Club of Orillia and the Fenelon Stamp Club of Fenelon Falls.

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LOOKING AHEAD

**AUG
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Gananoque Stamp Show

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92, 55 King St East, Gananoque, ON, K7G 1E8

The Gananoque Stamp Show is back between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Entrance is free. Parking and ground level entrance to the show is off Pine Street at the rear of the Legion Hall. Gananoque is a great destination for a weekend family trip with a show in the middle. There are lots of interesting sights and activities within walking distance of the show including a crafts fair, beach & splash pad, cruises on the St Lawrence River kayaking, crafts and more!

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**GEORGIAN BAY
COIN & STAMP CLUB**



presents

WASAGA BEACH COIN & STAMP SHOW

Saturday, August 16th, 2025, 9:30am - 3:30pm
YMCA RecPlex: 1724 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach

Over 70 tables of coins and stamps, circuit books, tokens, bank notes, mint issues, collectibles and supplies, RCNA Youth Booth.
Admission is \$2 per person, free for youth 16 and under (with an adult)
SILENT AUCTION • DRAWS AND PRIZES • FREE PARKING

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WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FOR SALE/WANTED

WANTED

1. Wanted - **Mail addressed to Camlachie**, Ontario and any mail postmarked Camlachie, Ontario from 1864 to 1975. Also happy to learn about any other postal history you may have related to Camlachie. Please contact John at jd33smith@yahoo.com.
2. 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.
3. Wanted - Old Scott stamp albums, especially British Colonies contact Lionel Collier 647-236-7734
lionelmc@interlog.com
4. Scott 2023 Catalogue, Vols 2b
If anyone is interested in selling these to me, please feel free to give them my email, robert_pinet@yahoo.ca and/or phone number, 416-878-8529.
5. Looking for used copies of the **Baby Wildlife Series**, 2011-2014. Cat #, s 2427-29, 2507-09, 2603, 2606-10 2692, 2710a, 2712-14 Ben Heintzberger, casinostamp@yahoo.ca 705-726-5464
6. Wanted to buy: Canadian "**Hockey**" stamps (from 1956 to 2024) used in-period and preferably on cover (or entire). Contact G. Morel with availability and asking \$.
Email to gillesmorel53@gmail.com
7. **Cape of Good Hope**: Would like to purchase numbers: 165,166,167,170,176,180 David Macmorine, d.m.macmorine@gmail.com 647-222-3168
8. Wanted - **Airmail covers from the following 1928 Golden Jubilee flights**:
Aug 24 Montréal to Kingston; Aug 29 Kingston to Ottawa, Kingston to Montréal, Ottawa to Montréal, Hamilton to London
Contact: charleslivermore@hotmail.com OR 917 863 9011

FOR SALE

9. For Sale - **Large Queen reference material/books**. Listing available buy one buy them all.
contact 55younger.64@gmail.com I would obviously deliver them to a meeting to prevent shipping costs.
10. **Indian Feudatory States: Buy, Trade or Sell** - David Macmorine, d.m.macmorine@gmail.com 647-222-3168
11. For sale:
As demonstrated at previous meeting at Fairfield Centre, **Innovative Digital Microscope**
12v cable for computer 7" (17.5cm) H.D. LCD screen, 12mp H.D. colour CMOS sensor Stills & Video, w/ Micro SD card
\$100.00 ea. ~ only 2 left / contact ~ don.hedger@gmail.com



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