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# Bulletin

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

As I assemble this bulletin, it becomes clear to me, and I am sure to you the reader, that we again have multiple opportunities this month and, in the months ahead, to actively participate and engage in the joy of this great hobby. As well as participating in WTSC activities we can attend other local, regional, national philatelic zoom meetings, stamp shows, conventions and auctions. The opportunities are numerous!

Being thus engaged, enriches us in many ways. Doing so will not only enable us to add to our collections, build new philatelic skills, and add to our resources and knowledge but also deepens our friendships and enlarges our philatelic friendship circles.

Speaking of auctions, WTSC members and others in the stamp community will want to know that our late club treasurer and friend Lawrence Pinkney's extensively researched Large Queen and Unauthorized Precancel Stamps and Covers collections will be sold at auction in the upcoming Garden City Sale #7 to be held May 23, 2026. Note lots 25-108 and lots 136-170. The sale starts at 08:00 am Pacific time (11:00 am Eastern Time). The entire sale can be viewed on [StampAuctionNetwork](#) where you will find descriptions and pictures.

Lawrence, as you know, was one of Canada's leading experts on Canada's 1868 Large Queen Issue.

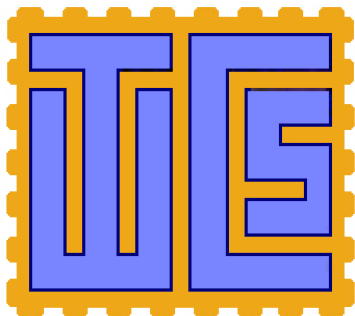


**Royal 2026 Royale** I am pleased to announce that W.T.S.C as R.P.S.C Chapter 14 has made a \$500 donation to support the success of this major national level event. Being just a short one-hour drive away, local WTSC members are fortunate to be able to easily fully participate and attend in this national level show. See page 3 for important dates, and information about "Free Style Philately".

## Election of the W.T.S.C official board for 2026-28

I am grateful to work with a most capable hard working leadership team which includes elected board members and appointees, supported by other willing volunteers. Our bi-annual election provides you with the opportunity to step forward as a candidate for a position on the board. Consider how you might contribute to the club's leadership during the next two-year cycle. Thank you to Tom Wicks for volunteering to conduct the 2026-2028 election. See details on page 2.

## MAY PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



**May 5 - LEARNING WORKSHOP**, 7 p.m. via Zoom: "member participation show & tell "The letter 'L.'"

**May 12 - Auction & Circuit book evening - In-person** - Fairfield Centre.

**May 19 - DISCUSSION GROUP**, 7 p.m. via Zoom, member participation show & tell on the theme of "What is this doing in my collection?".

**May 26 - WTSC Bi-Annual Election & Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person** - Fairfield Centre

## ELECTION OF THE W.T.S.C BOARD FOR 2026-28

Tom Wicks is in the process of connecting with the current Officers and Directors to learn if they willing to continue to stand for another term as a member of the Official Board.

A number have already agreed to stand for the coming two years. However, **any member can put their name forward to stand for any position on the board and should let Tom know by Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Tom can be reached at [wickstom8@gmail.com](mailto:wickstom8@gmail.com)

### **“ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS”**

***Section 1 – Term** The Officers and Directors of the CLUB shall be elected by ballot for a two-year term with the election held bi-annually at the second regular meeting of May of even-numbered year. The term of office shall commence on 1 September and shall conclude on 31 August.*

***Section 2 – Voting** All active members in good standing, and in attendance at the election meeting, shall be qualified to vote. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.*

***Section 3 – Nominees** Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for the Election. Nominations from the floor may also be accepted provided the candidate has given his/her consent.*

***Section 4 – Conduct** The election shall be conducted by an active member in good standing provided that they are not a member of the Board or a candidate for election.*

## **West Toronto club tops field in inaugural Portch competition**

The West Toronto Stamp Club captured top honours in the inaugural Garfield Portch Ontario Club Single Frame Competition, held April 11 to 12 as part of the North Toronto Stamp Club's annual exhibition at the National Postage Stamp and Coin Show in Mississauga, Ont.

West Toronto posted a winning total of 272 points, with contributions from exhibitors Sid Mensinga, Garfield Portch and Jean Wang.



The new competition, introduced by the North Toronto Stamp Club, was created to promote one-frame exhibiting while fostering friendly rivalry among Ontario-based philatelic societies. It also honours Garfield Portch, a long-time Toronto exhibitor and respected member of the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation board, whose contributions to organized philately span decades.

Photo by Les Selby



Garfield with his exhibit “\_The Steamboat Mail of Lake Ontario\_”, Jean with “\_Call to Arms\_”, and I with “\_WWII Gravenhurst Prisoner of War Camp - Mail\_” were honoured to represent W.T.S.C at the inaugural **Garfield Portch Single-Frame Competition** during the National Postage Stamp and Coin Show this month, successfully competing against six other Ontario club teams. A special thank you to the North Toronto Stamp Club for initiating and hosting this new annual province wide competition.

## WTSC CIRCUIT BOOK – Janice White

**WTSC circuit books will be at the Hamilton Stamp Show on May 8th** from 5 - 9 p.m. at Bishop Ryan Secondary School, 1824 Rymal Rd E. Hamilton. There will be 4 other circuit book clubs as well. There will also be a live auction starting at 6:30 p.m. on the Friday evening. For those interested, the show will continue Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 12+ dealers, silent auction, and youth booth. Free admission, free parking and light food and refreshments available.

WTSC circuit books will also be at the NTSC meeting on Thursday June 11th from 7 - 9 p.m. at Christ Church Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St. Toronto. Doors open at 6 p.m. NTSC and Kawartha S.C. will also have their circuit books to view.



## DISCUSSION GROUP - UPCOMING MEETINGS – Garfield Portch

In May we will continue the lighthearted approach with a second 'show & tell' asking "What is this doing in my collection?" This could be laughing at yourself for a foolish purchase, or it could be an item that became a keystone of the collection or exhibit. As usual, we don't know what to expect from our members and guests.... but it should be a lot of fun.

June will feature the traditional 'Town Hall' where members and guests have the opportunity to suggest content for the 2026-27 season as well as critique this year's program. We will follow up this meeting with an unrestricted 'show & tell'.

## Royal 2026 Royale-- Opportunities and Critical May dates to note.

Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society since 1955

THE CITY OF Waterloo

DELTA HOTELS MARRIOTT WATERLOO

98th RPSC Convention & Exhibition  
98e Congrès et Exposition de la RPSC

# Royal \* 2026 \* Royale

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KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

## June 12-14, 2026

10 am - 4 pm daily  
Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex  
101 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo, On N2L 0B4

Competitive Exhibits • Dealers • Social Events  
President's Reception and Awards Banquet  
Youth & New Collector Booth • Fully Accessible Venues

Free Admission • Entrée libre

1. President's Reception and Palmars Banquet  
Registration **Registration deadline May 15!**

# Freestyle PHILATELY

Share Your Stamp Stories!

Freestyle Philately is a new initiative that provides a friendly space for sharing your favourite stamp stories at Canadian stamp shows.

2. **FREE STYLE PHILATELY** - A new initiative this year! An opportunity to develop and share a small philatelic story <https://www.kwstampclub.org/royal-2026-royale/freestyle-philately/> Freestyle Philately exhibits are open until May 29, 2026.

## ONLINE PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT

This month, check out the Horace Harrison library, <https://bnaps.org/hhl/hhl-index.php> The Horace Harrison Library search engine indexes not only BNA Topics but also Maple Leaves, the journal of the [Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain](#) and the PHSC Journal of the [Postal History Society of Canada](#).



## JUNE LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2026 via Zoom, the topic for our ninth virtual Learning Workshop of the 2025-2026 season is **'Postcards that enhance collections.'**

Many people think of colourful photographic cards posted on holidays to relatives and friends, with notes about fun times, food, weather, and locales. But in the beginning, posted cards were much plainer.

The first ones, published in Austria, were 'Correspondenz-Kartes', which the Austrian-Hungarian Post permitted in 1869. Franked with a printed stamp image and space for addresses on the front, messages were written or printed on the backs.

Stamp-like images on postal stationery cards officially introduced in Canada in 1871 featured Queen Victoria. Card-mailing costs were set in 1875 at half a first-class letter rate.

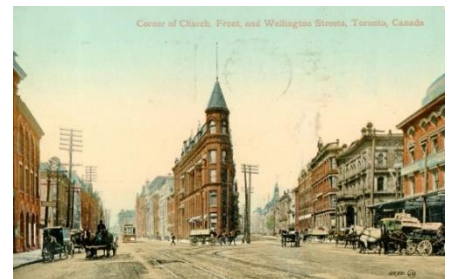


THE DEDICATING ROOM AT MESSRS. VALENTINE'S WESTFIELD WORKS, DUNDEE.

Though art was used on fronts, particularly celebrating special holidays, photos became popular by the late 1800s. Images included people, buildings, streets, and outdoor scenes. Companies, especially railroads and hotels, had promotional cards produced.

As lithography improved, printers sought quality thick or thin paper. In the early 1900s, addresses and messages were permitted on divided backs, which had space for a stamp. With artwork or photos on the fronts, postcard popularity soared.

Black-and-white photographs were used, but staff in large printing plants also made additional plates to produce colourized photo cards. Canadian divided back cards dated roughly from the 'Golden Age' of postcards – 1903 to 1915. A top supplier, J. Valentine & Sons of Dundee, Scotland, had Canadian branches. Several firms in Germany were popular until the First World War, after which many former foreign customers sought cards elsewhere. Though some rival firms produced good-quality cards, others including those printed at newspaper plants had grainier images.



As telephones provided quicker contacts, production slowed, with limited finances caused by the Great Depression starting in 1929 also reducing card sales.

Postcard use increased after colour photography was introduced in 1939 by a California company. Such 'chrome' cards were popular by the late 1940s.

In the collecting world, cards are included in two categories: Deltiology and Postal Stationery. The latter term includes other mailable items that "have value stamps printed on them," the United Postal Stationery Society notes.



Many postcards survived for decades in albums and became popular with collectors seeking cards based on photographs illustrating postal history subjects related to locales, especially those with postmarks.

For information about Canadian postcards, a good source is 'Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue of Canada and Newfoundland'. There are many online related sites, including the BNAPS Postal Stationery Study Group, whose [bnaps.org](http://bnaps.org) also lists books.

Regardless of your interests, this broad-scoped topic should provide a great evening of sharing postcards that enhance collections. - Ian Robertson

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE UPPER CANADA STAMP CLUB!

In case you missed the request below as it appeared in last month's COMMON GROUND newsletter - an opportunity to sell/donate some surplus postage!



### Do you have...

#### ✓ Multiple **MINT** copies of the 1998 Sir William Mulock Stamp

... that you would like to sell?

The Town of Newmarket has asked the Upper Canada Stamp Society to help create mementos for the opening of the new Mulock Art Park later this year with these stamps.

***If you have copies you would like to sell, please contact Klaus or Allan!***

Klaus Hintz [klaushintz7@gmail.com](mailto:klaushintz7@gmail.com) Allan Hoyle [allanhoyle8@gmail.com](mailto:allanhoyle8@gmail.com)

(We have already sourced 200 copies of the 1898 stamp!!!)

## OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



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

- **May 11** - Chris McFetridge - Small & Large Queens



**MAY 21 @ 7 PM \*\*Zoom\*\*** (Email [NTSC.President@gmail.com](mailto:NTSC.President@gmail.com) for a link)

Arnie Janson, *Philatelic Varieties, The Spices of our Hobby.*



## Saugeen Stamp Club

### Annual Stamp Show & Bourse (Sale) information

**When:** Saturday, May 2, 2026, 10 a.m. To 3 p.m.

**Where:** Clifford Community Auditorium  
2 William Street, Clifford ON N0G 1M0

Free parking and admission  
Free WIFI  
Lunch counter  
Level access

## ORAPEX 2026

Ottawa's National Stamp Exhibition

63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Exhibition and Bourse  
Themes: Aeroplately, and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bytown  
APS World Series of Philately Shows  
Exhibit applications for all subjects welcome.

**Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 - 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 - 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
Free admission and parking  
Free stamps for youth

Nepean Sportsplex  
1701 Woodroffe Avenue  
Ottawa, Ontario K2G 1W2

[www.orapex.ca](http://www.orapex.ca)  
[info@orapex.ca](mailto:info@orapex.ca)

## QUEBEC CITY STAMP AND OLD PAPER SHOW

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SPQ, SHPQ AND CCQ

**Saturday June 6, 2026 - 10 to 5:30**  
**Sunday June 7, 2026 - 10 to 3**

**DEALERS - EXHIBITION - SPEAKERS**

- POSTAL HISTORY
- POSTCARDS
- POSTAGE STAMPS
- COVERS
- OLD PAPER
- ANTIQUARIAN BOOKS
- VINTAGE POSTERS
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- MANUSCRIPTS

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Saturday: \$5  
Sunday: free admission  
All kids: free admission

Information:  
[info@quebecstampshow.com](mailto:info@quebecstampshow.com)  
#qps26

## WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

### WANTED

1. Mail addressed to Camlachie, Ontario and any mail postmarked Camlachie, Ontario. Also happy to learn about any other postal history you may have related to Camlachie. Please contact John at [jd33smith@yahoo.com](mailto:jd33smith@yahoo.com)
2. Looking for Scott number 33 for plate collection. Contact David Bray [dbray12traditions@gmail.com](mailto:dbray12traditions@gmail.com)
3. 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](mailto:b62hkg@yahoo.ca) if you have some for sale or trade.
4. WANTED - Straits Settlements with clear company hand stamps.  
SEE: <https://michelhoude.com/BMSM/Index.html> email: [mjrhoude@gmail.com](mailto:mjrhoude@gmail.com)
5. 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](mailto:vijaystamps@gmail.com).
6. 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.
7. THEME STAMPS WANTED- SHIP  
As a collector of specific ship stamps – the Russian memorial cruiser AURORA - moored at St. Petersburg/Leningrad. I have all the Russian-issued stamps (I think). Searching for any issued by ex-communist countries I may have missed – the ship, her gun or searchlight (to start the 1916 'revolution'). Such as Albania, Bulgaria, Poland, Romania, Mongolia, China, Seychelles, etc. Possibly 1943 – 1997. After that date Russia discouraged such commemoration of 'revolution'! Or Theme lists?  
Fraser McKee, [fmmck22@rogers.com](mailto:fmmck22@rogers.com) or 416-655-8911.
8. Looking for Medical philately: material related to the following topics:
  - Blood donation (slogans and clinic appointment reminders)
  - Hospital for Sick Children material (letters, covers, cards)
  - WWI tobacco funds - Canadian and British, any material
  - Canadian Family Allowance envelopes (1948-1956)
  - Asbestos advertising (Canadian)
  - Mutual Aid Association cards listing cause of death.
  - Proprietary and patent medicine advertising (Canadian)Please contact Jean [jcyw65@rogers.com](mailto:jcyw65@rogers.com)

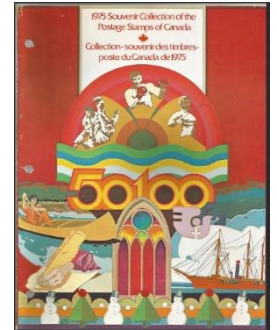
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**FOR SALE**

1. **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 for price & availability.



**1b. Canada Post Annual Collections ~ Cat. #18**

1975 Souvenir Collection of Postage Stamps excellent condition w/ 29 MNH stamps mounted - as issued for 1975 ~ CV \$85.00 asking \$8.00”.

Contact Don Hedger at e/m < [don.hedger@gmail.com](mailto:don.hedger@gmail.com) > for price & availability.

2. **BOOKS**

1. A Large Queen’s Report; by Hans Reiche, printed 1977 - \$10.00
  2. Admiral Cancels; by Hans Reiche. \$5.00, Used – Excellent condition, contact [Janice.white@rogers.com](mailto:Janice.white@rogers.com)
  3. Canada The Admiral Flaws; by Hans Reiche, printed 1987 - \$5.00
  4. The Canadian Posted Letter Guide, The Classic Period, 1851 -1902, Volume 1, 1996 Edition; by Charles G. Firby & Victor L. Willson. - \$5.00.
  5. The Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada; printed 2017 - \$10.00
  6. The Edward VII Issue of Canada; by George C. Marler, printed 1975 - \$30.00
  7. The Admiral Issue of Canada; by George C. Marler, printed 1982 -\$30.00
- All Used – Excellent condition – Contact [Janice.white@rogers.com](mailto:Janice.white@rogers.com)

3.

FOR SALE  
 UNITED STATES MINT PLATE BLOCK COLLECTION  
 IN BLUE RIBBON MOUNTS ON 71 Minkus ALBUM PAGES  
 1982 thru 1985..... 103 pcs. including 24 blocks of 20  
 And 79 blocks of 4.....all 796stamps are MNH  
 2017 Cat. Value = \$967.00 - Face Value(postage)= \$167.20  
 Your Price.....only \$80.00 !  
 A TRUE BARGOON !!!

Contact Michael Graf at [mljig@icloud.com](mailto:mljig@icloud.com)

4. I would appreciate the opportunity to speak to anyone interested in a four-binder set of the Royal Air Force covers signed by the pilots." Contact info is as follows: [greg@jgsholdingcorp.ca](mailto:greg@jgsholdingcorp.ca)

