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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

I continue to be amazed at the digital resources readily available that support our philatelic research and quest for knowledge.

As you are aware, the VGG Digital Resources Hub <https://www.greenefoundation.ca/digital-resources> provides access to a variety of websites, digital newsletter archives, and online philatelic tools to aid one's BNA research. Limited resources for those who study other parts of the world are also available. One can spend many pleasurable hours perusing the links available. This week, I thoroughly enjoyed viewing a short video, **Dutch stamp collector**, linked to u-tube through this portal.

As well, a recent conversation with fellow philatelists introduced me to a digital portal through the **Collaboration Crew** whose stated purpose includes "Sharing, Learning, Growing Philately Together".

<https://philately.live/keyword/digital-resources>

The digital resources links through this portal enables one to connect with other worldwide study groups, auction houses dealers and philatelic organizations that will enable you to focus on your foreign area of study.

For example, researching mail to and from the Netherlands prior to 1900, I was able to connect with a Dutch auction house that will help further my research and understanding.

As well, the above link led me an overview of the Penny Black.

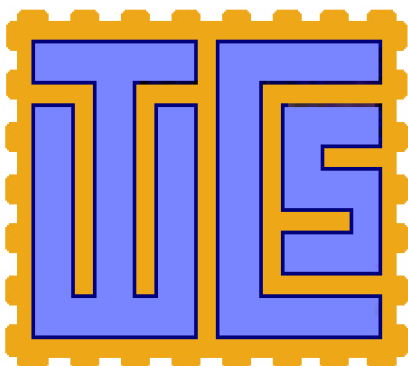
<https://www.warwickandwarwick.com/news/guides/the-ultimate-penny-black-stamp-guide>

Not in my area of study, but an enjoyable few moments appreciating a stamp all of us I am sure would like to know more about.

Oh, the joy of the hobby!!!!

Circle the date! *WTSC Christmas 2025 Festive Get Together & Dinner* **Tuesday December 16th** to be held the at the Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza. Details to follow.

OCTOBER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



Oct. 7 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, **Show & Tell meeting on the theme of the letter "J"**. Guests and members are encouraged to present anything and everything "J".

Oct. 14 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

Oct. 21 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, **Dr. Alec Globe** will present a Toronto story entitled "**Mud Hole to Metropolis**".

Oct. 28 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

To date 50% of our membership has renewed their membership. If you have yet to do so, you are encouraged to stop reading and do it now.

Members are reminded that September and October are the months to renew your WTSC membership at our discount \$15 renewal rate. Beginning November dues are \$20.

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



WTSC BOARD REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP - WTSC Annual Exhibition changes - To further broaden opportunities for members to participate and experience the joy and fun of exhibiting, the following have been agreed to.

1. Now that we are Chapter 148 of the ATA a new topical exhibit category/class will be added to the three existing exhibit classes.
2. A presentation on single page exhibiting will be made to the members at the next in-person meeting October 14th. Advantages of single page exhibiting will be highlighted, the process of creating a 1-page exhibit will be detailed, and changes to the scoring, paper size and opportunities for distance members will be noted.
3. As well, instead of happening in May, the WTSC Annual Exhibition will take place Tuesday, March 24th. This will enable WTSC's best 3 single frame exhibits to be selected to participate in the interclub "Garfield Portch Ontario Club Single Frame Competition" to be held at *Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale Hotel on April 11-12, 2026.*

WTSC CIRCUIT BOOK PROGRAM

The Circuit Book team reports - The Circuit Books did extremely well both at North Toronto and at Owen Sound Circuit Book events.



At the Owen Sound Circuit Book event



At the North Toronto Circuit Book event

The next event to attend is the **Oxford Philatelic Society Circuit Book Fair - October 25, 2025**

Members who wish to submit pages to be included in the books for that event must do so by the next in-person meeting **October 14th**.



The Oxford Philatelic Society

Since 1949

Circuit Book Fair

Saturday, October 25, 2025

- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm -

The Church of the Epiphany

560 Dundas Street, Woodstock ON

Free Admission & Parking

Members from all area clubs are welcome to attend.
Update your want lists and come prepared to fill some of the holes in your collections.
OPS Member Buy-it-Now Table items will be available.

Participating Clubs:

Oxford Philatelic Society, West Toronto Stamp Club, St. Catharines Stamp Club,
London-Middlesex Stamp Club, Saugeen Stamp Club, (more to be confirmed)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1055893872274015>

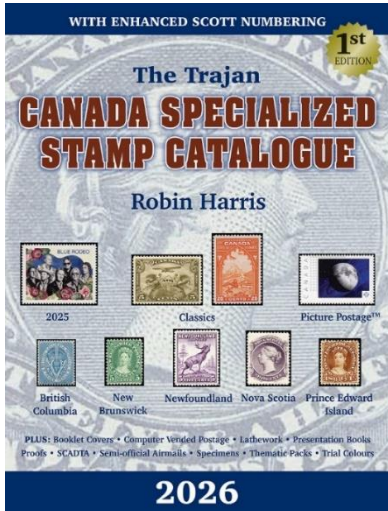
Web Site: <https://www.rpsc.org/chapters/oxford/>

NOVEMBER LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov 4th, 2025 via Zoom, the topic for our second virtual Learning Workshop of the 2025-2026 season is: **"American Topical Association (ATA) awareness night."**

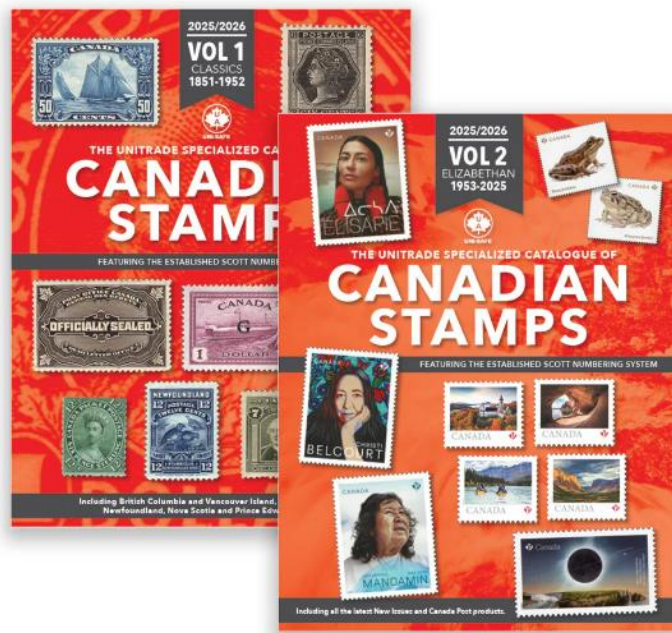
This will be a member and guest participatory meeting. The evening will allow attendees to share a beginning or well-developed topical collection or exhibit, and to share and to learn "the how to" and the resources available.

WTSC now has link on the ATA website. <https://americantopical.org/>



TWO CANADIAN STAMP CATALOGUES are now available!

<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

- **October 20** - Sam Chiu – **Canada's C-Force in Hong Kong**



October 16 @ 7 pm **Zoom Paul Sarjeant, Early British Stamps & the Dawn of the Railway Age** (Email- NTSC.President@gmail.com for a link.



CANPEX 2025

October 18 - October 19, 2025
The Hellenic Community Centre
133 Southdale Rd. West
London, Ontario

Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
Free Admission, free parking, lunch counter.

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.

Annual stamp show of the Guelph Stamp Club

The Evergreen Seniors Centre
683 Woolwich St,
Guelph, ON N1H 3Y8

Saturday Oct. 5, 2024

9:00AM to 3:30 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/1824+Rymal+Road+East?entry=gmail&source=g>

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

