



Bulletin

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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

As evidenced by the picture gallery on page four, our 90th Anniversary Dinner and Gala event this past Friday March 28th was a most successful celebratory evening.

Members and guests took the opportunity to celebrate our history, to visit with each other, and to view the various displays and excellent exhibits. We enjoyed a tasty dinner and were thoroughly engaged and entertained by our after-dinner speaker Dr David Foot, who took us around the world on his "My Eclipse Philately" journey.



As I mentioned in my opening comments on Friday, to be able to reach this 90th anniversary milestone is a result of the commitment, the many contributions and the volunteer efforts of 1176 members over the past 90 years. What enables WTSC to flourish and reach out to the larger philatelic community are not only our varied excellent programs (the in-person evenings/ auctions / circuit book program/ online Learning Workshop and Discussion group sessions), but also the ongoing active participation of all our members, regardless of the depth to they choose to pursue our great hobby.

Thank you for the part you individually play, whether you were able to attend or not, to enable the success of WTSC.

The commemorative keepsake package shown will be mailed to long distance members and will be available at our upcoming in-person meetings for local members who were unable to attend the event.

April continues to be full of opportunities to enjoy our hobby. Please take special note of; how, when and where to participate in our special **April 29th Circuit Book Event**, and the **Special 90th Anniversary 90 lot Auction**, which are detailed on page 2.



Thank you to the volunteers who make these events happen.

APRIL - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES – a 5 Tuesday month!!!



April 1 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "Busy as a Beaver."

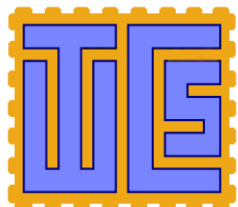
April 8 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

April 15 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "A Show & Tell"

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

April 29 – Special Six Club Circuit Book Evening 6:30- 9p.m. Fairfield Centre.

NOTICE - APRIL 29TH, A 5TH TUESDAY AT WTSC, WILL BE A **MULTI CLUB CIRCUIT BOOK EVENING!!!**



CLUB CIRCUIT BOOK EVENING TUESDAY APRIL 29, 2025



West Toronto Stamp Club (WTSC) will be hosting a circuit book night, in the gym of the Fairfield Seniors' Centre.

80 Lothian Avenue Etobicoke.

In addition to our own club books, we have invited the North Toronto Stamp Club, Barrie Stamp Club, Burlington Stamp Club, Oxford Philatelic Society and the Bramalea Stamp Club to bring their circuit books.

Members from all area clubs are welcome to attend.

The books will be available from 6:30 pm to 9 pm.

Update your want lists and come prepared to fill some of the holes in your collections.

Free Parking and free Coffee and Cookies.

Contact Info: Janice White - janice.white@rogers.com OR Ted Swain - ted.swain@sympatico.ca

<https://canadianstampnews.com/event/west-toronto-circuit-book-evening/>



SPECIAL WTSC 90TH ANNIVERSARY 90 LOT AUCTION - Details noting how you might participate.

This special Auction will be held June 24th during our final in-person meeting this club year.



The club profit portion and money received from member wholly donated lots should allow us to make a substantive donation to the Sick Kids Foundation, as a further means to celebrate our 90th Anniversary Year.

- The auction will be limited to 90 high value items - minimum starting bid \$10.
- WTSC Members are invited to submit lots (wholly donated or for sale) for consideration by providing an image & description of each lot submitted. Obviously, no bags, boxes or collections.
- Lot descriptions and images must be submitted by April 25 to Sid at sidmensinga@gmail.com and Garfield at garfield.portch@gmail.com
- Lots will be curated and 90 selected from those submitted.
- An auction catalogue will be created and distributed in early May to club members and made available to members of clubs in the Region.

Thank you for giving back some of the joy you receive from our great hobby by participating in our **Special WTSC 90th Anniversary 90 lot Auction** as a seller, donor, and/or purchaser.

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP

The **April 15** Zoom meeting of the West Toronto Stamp Club Discussion Group will be another "**Show & Tell**" participation meeting that has proved to be so popular recently.

Participants are asked to show recent additions to their collections and explain how the new item enhances or contributes to the collection.

Plan to attend, this should prove to be another fun evening with great audience participation.

Please have your contribution in PowerPoint format. If you need help, contact Garfield at garfield.portch@gmail.com



EVERETT DRAKE TROPHY

WTSC ANNUAL EXHIBITION to be held Tuesday May 27th



FRANK ALUSIO TROPHY



TED ALLEN TROPHY

How will you participate this year? If you have not previously done so, consider participating by building a Single Page, Multi-Page or One Frame Exhibit for this year's club exhibition. For those who have previously participated consider entering an exhibit in more than one class or add an additional exhibit for display only.

- **Single Frame:** to be judged using relaxed National standards by a judge retained for this competition. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **EVERETT DRAKE TROPHY**.
- **Single Page:** to be judged using the GTAPA standard evaluation. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **FRANK ALUSIO TROPHY**
- **Multi page:** an entry of any shape and/or size (2 pages or more) in any format to be judged on popularity by balloting among members. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **TED ALLEN TROPHY**.

ONLINE PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT.



This month be sure to check out what is new at the **V.G.G.**



<https://www.greenefoundation.ca/news>

WTSC 90TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET MARCH 28TH a few highlights - Ian Robertson Photographer



West Toronto Stamp Club 90th anniversary event, 'Renaissance By The Creek' banquet hall, Mississauga, Ontario.



Sid Mensinga, West Toronto Stamp Club president, presents 10-year Board member Denzil Fernandes with Honourary Membership certificate.



Garfield and Leslie Portch with guest speaker David Foot.



Guest Natalie Mitchell, head librarian at Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation in Toronto, chats with members Mark Stelmacovich, Don Hedger and Jorge Montalvo.



Guest speaker David Foot describes 25 visits to countries during solar eclipses, with anecdotes and highlights of stamps, special cancels and cacheted covers.



Charles Livermore, BNAPS representative from New York state, and WTSC member with his exhibit.



John Robertson, Sid Mensinga & Peter Jones view award-winning exhibit.

MAY LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2025 via Zoom, the topic for our eighth virtual Learning Workshop of the 2024-2025 season is: **“Elizabethan Issues before 1960.”**

Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022) was not only featured on myriad British Commonwealth country’s definitives and commemoratives — from 1952 until her death in 2022 — she was also depicted on earlier issues as a young princess.



There isn’t time to go into it all, but there are plenty of stamps including omnibus issues many countries produced including 1953 Coronation commemoratives, plus varieties and postal history before and during her early years on the throne.

The world’s first Princess Elizabeth stamp was a 6-cent dark blue 1932 Newfoundland definitive. The colony issued others in 1938, a 1941 reprint with different perfs, and in 1947.



Canada’s first commemorative with a portrait of the princess is a green 1-cent in a 1935 set of five commemorating the 25th anniversary of her grandfather King George V’s reign. A popular variety, the ‘Weeping Princess’ on the 21st stamp on a Plate 1 pane of 100 has slight engraving damage that looks like a teardrop under her right eye.

She was next on a Canadian stamp with her sister Princess Margaret, in a 1939 set of three produced for the only tour by their parents, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth — the Queen Mother. Next was a single 4-cent 1948 stamp with Princess Elizabeth’s portrait, commemorating her 1947 marriage to Prince Phillip. The couple are on a 1951 4-cent issued for their first visit to Canada, and one released in 1957 for their next visit.



Interesting to note is that the 1948 commemorative was based on a photo by Dorothy Wilding, of London, England — who provided another official photograph for the 1954 set of Queen Elizabeth II definitives. They replaced a 1953 set based on a picture of the new monarch by Ottawa photographer Yousuf Karsh. He also took the photo used for an engraved Coronation 4-cent commemorative Canada issued in 1953.



Both the Karsh and Wilding stamps provided collectors with numerous topics, including corner marginal blocks with different plate numbers, some denominations with precancels, some with perforated company initials, plus ‘G’ overprints for use on mail at federal government offices. The ‘Wildings’ were also the first Canadian stamps with phosphor overprints applied for use in Winnipeg, as a security measure recognized by high-volume post office cancelling machines.

Stamps issued by other countries include some bearing portraits of Princess Elizabeth and her sister. British issues featuring Queen Elizabeth II began in 1952 based on a Wilding portrait photograph. Those ‘Wildings’ include definitives with different watermarks and perforations, plus a set with sorting machine-triggering graphite black lines on the backs.

Finally, for postal history fans, covers mailed to foreign destinations are also worthwhile.

Join us for a fun session — a chance for a Crowning touch!

- Ian Robertson



OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS.

Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

Stamp Talks: April 14 - Mattia Guida - **Square Circle Cancels**

Stamp Panels: April 21 - **So You Want to Host a Club Show** - [Bruce Pollock Dianne Earl, Al Hills]



April 25 and 26, 2025 at the Plaza Universel Hotel in Montreal,

<http://philatelie.qc.ca/royale-2025-filex>



NTSC's 82nd Annual Exhibition at the



April 5-6, 2025

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM & Sunday 10 AM-4 PM

Admission \$6 Saturday and \$3 Sunday. Free parking.



Saturday April 12, North York Philatelic Society Stamp Show

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Avenue West, North York. Eight stamp dealers, members' table, silent auction. Free admission, free parking, multiple door prizes.

Con-tact: Mattia Guida stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca

<https://rpsc.org/chapters/nyps>

KAPEX 2025

Kawartha Stamp Club

68th Annual Stamp Show & Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th

9:30 to 3:00

Westdale United Church
1509 Sherbrooke St., Peterborough, ON

**FREE
ADMISSION**

Collection Valuations

Professional Dealers
Canada Post
Show Covers
Club Sales Circuit Books
Members' Sales Table
Over \$900 CV in Raffle Prizes
Juried Exhibits
Woolworths 5 & 10 Cent Table
Wheelchair Access
Snack Bar

FREE PARKING

INFO: email Sue Evelyn at
sue.evelyn555@gmail.com

The Ajax-Pickering Stamp & Coin Show

April 28 2024 - 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

CHESTNUT HILL RECREATION COMPLEX

1867 Valley Farm Road, Pickering

Free admission & parking – lunch & refreshments available

STAMP & COIN DEALERS ----STAMP CLUB LOTS

CONTACT: Peter Chmatil prchmatil@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD



Owen Sound Stamp Club

The History and Postal Expo

**** May 31, 2025 ** SAVE THE DATE ** May 31, 2025 ** SAVE THE DATE**

Come visit Owen Sound before the tourists arrive. The Owen Sound Stamp Club (OSSC) is inviting you to celebrate its 40th anniversary. In honour of this anniversary, the OSSC is holding a **History and Postal Expo on May 31st, 2025.**

QUEBEC CITY STAMP AND OLD PAPER SHOW
Saturday May 24, 2025 - 10 to 5:30 | Sunday May 25, 2025 - 10 to 3

DEALERS - EXHIBITION - SPEAKERS

FUTURE SHOWS
JUNE 6-7, 2026
MAY 29-30, 2027
MAY 27-28, 2028

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ORAPEX 2025

Ottawa's National Stamp Exhibition

62nd Annual Exhibition and Bourse

Theme: The Beaver

APS World Series of Philately Show

Exhibit applications for all subjects welcome.

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 - 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 4th, 2025 - 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free admission and parking

Free stamps for youth

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Ottawa, Ontario K2G 1W2

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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 1A and 6A.
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

WANTED - Continued

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

FOR SALE

8. 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.
9. Indian Feudatory States: Buy, Trade or Sell
David Macmorine,
d.m.macmorine@gmail.com 647-222-3168
10. 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
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