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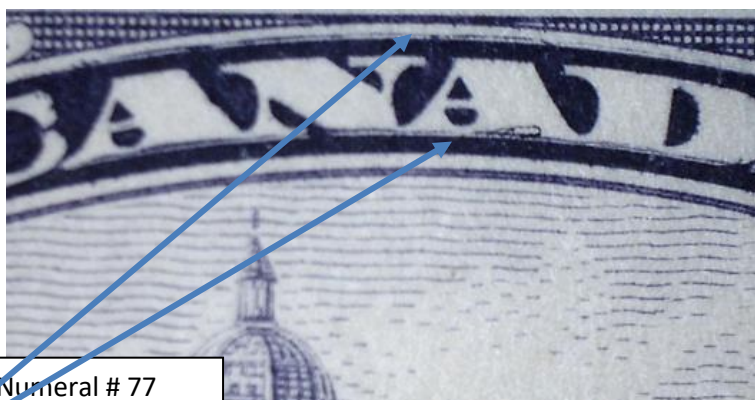
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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

The cold snowy wet winter months are definitely upon us; a great time to pursue this wonderful hobby of ours, by bringing a project to completion or digging deeper, or by trying something new.

Recently, after several discussions about the use of technology and specific software one might use to capture detailed images of stamps in our collections, I was inspired to finally try out my digital microscope (a handheld Celestron Pro). With a bit of practice, I was pleased to be able to capture amazing, detailed images of re-entries found on stamps in my collections.



A nice re-entry on a 2 cent Numeral # 77
and the major re-entry on the 50 cent
Parliament # 226i

The results made me again realize that there is so much to learn and enjoy in this hobby. What technology have you recently tried out to build your own pages or to study the stamps and covers in your collections? What parts of your hobby have you brought further to completion? Considering sharing your new learnings with a friend in the hobby.

Given the upcoming holiday season, new learnings and recent/planned philatelic acquisitions, the following jumps to mind.

- For those interested in detail on stamps, be sure to check out Ralph Trimble's website. <https://re-entries.com/> and the BNAPS, *Re-entries and Constant Plate Varieties Study Group's* newsletter <https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-ree.htm>
- Be sure, take advantage of the Christmas Season by asking for a philatelic reference book to expand your personal library. BNAPS published books are available through <https://longleyauctions.com/product-category/bnaps-books/>
- Also, as you play Santa, consider giving the members of the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association your business this holiday season. <https://www.csdaonline.com/>



On behalf of the WTSC leadership team have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

DECEMBER - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



December 6 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, 'Ratty, Tatty Covers'

December 13 - Auction and Circuit book evening. In-person meeting at the Fairfield Centre.

December 20 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via zoom, 'December Festive Season'. See details below on this page.

WTSC Circuit Books - An Invitation to our "Out-of-town" Members

The club runs a sales circuit each month during the club year.

Each meeting realizes about \$100. The circuit also gets invited to other clubs in Southern Ontario where our average sales reach about \$300 per event.

Participation in the circuit is a benefit for members. We would like to extend this benefit to you, our distant members, by enabling you to participate by submitting pages to put in the sales books.

The Circuit book guidelines and 13 different circuit page templates have been uploaded to the WTSC website. Templates are available online at <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/meetings.htm#circuit-books>

(*'Out of country' members will need a Customs Declaration and may be subject to some tariff, although stamps should be exempt.*)

Please mail your completed pages to:

West Toronto Stamp Club

c/o Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation

10 Summerhill Avenue

Toronto, Ontario M4T 1A8

DISCUSSION GROUP- December 20, 2022

The Discussion Group for December will be another of the popular "Show & Tell" evenings in which all Members and Guests are invited to show something based on the '**December Festive Season**'. The challenge I will put forward to all participants is to find something unusual or 'out of the normal'

As always, please try to present your subject as a PowerPoint. If you are unable, please send me your images (as jpegs) and I will incorporate them into a group show.

I am looking forward to another exciting and entertaining evening of stamp sharing.

Garfield Portch

garfield.portch@gmail.com

LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 via Zoom, our 4th virtual Learning Workshop of the 2022-2023 season is **‘Everything and anything that starts with F.’** This is the sixth Learning Workshop to feature subjects beginning with a letter of the alphabet.

There are obviously many Fine terms to consider — including that one which, as everyone knows, refers to a stamp in mid-range condition, between Very Good and Very Fine. Some terms are well-known, while others are not Frequently seen and could leave you Fazed, Flummoxed or Fumbling.

As we did before — July 2022 was the last letter-theme event, using ‘E’ — members are invited to share some of their favourite ‘F’ subjects.

Here are a Few: Face, the front of a stamp; Facing slips are authorized printed forms or plain paper pieces with the address of mail Forwarded to other post offices; Facsimiles are copies of stamps not intended to be mistaken for genuine issues; a Fake is a genuine stamp altered to improve its value, with Fresh gum, different perforations or an overprint; a Forgery is a bogus stamp made to sell to a collector; a Postal Forgery is an optional term for a counterfeit, produced to defraud a postal service; a Fantasy resembles a real stamp; Fading describes softened colours on a stamp’s surface; Faux, French for Forgery, often used to describe a counterfeit; Falsch, German for Forgery, often used to describe a counterfeit; a First Day Cover is an envelope processed with a stamp postmarked with its first issue date; a First Flight cover is a postmarked envelope bearing text and sometimes images identifying it having been transported on an inaugural airplane passenger flight; a Favor cancel applied to a stamp or cover by a postal clerk Fulfilling a collector’s request —

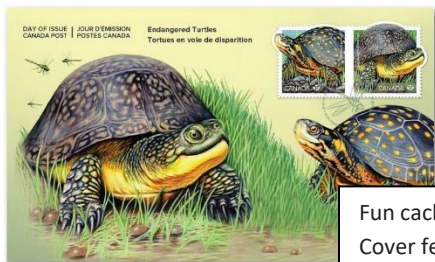


Japan 1919 - fake overprint



Unaddressed Belgium 1916 Favor cover with carefully-applied postmarks on King Albert I definitives

usually handed back once postmarked; a Fraudulent cover is an envelope prepared for deception, with a stamp cancelled by a back-dated postmark; a Field Post Office is a military postal service designation often used on a postmark; Feldpost is a German equivalent; a Filler is a damaged stamp collected to Fill an album space, often because of its low cost; a Fiscal cancel applied to a postage stamp attached to a document or cover as a revenue-raising tax receipt; a Flag cancel was based on a country’s flag; a Flaw describes a variety caused by a printing defect; Fluorescence is an optical brightener on paper, which glows whitish-violet when exposed to ultra-violet light; Fly-speck refers to a minor stamp variety; Foil stamps have been printed on metallic surfaces, usually to attract



Fun cachet art on official 2019 First Day Cover featuring endangered turtles

collectors since they are not practical on mail; a Freak stamp has an abnormality such as creased paper, faulty perforations and incorrect folds; a Free Frank consists of the signature of a person with free mailing privileges, including an elected official.

Many collectors are also interested in Foreign stamps, so in that category consider sharing details about such places as: The Falkland Islands; Faroe Islands, whose stamps are inscribed ‘Føroyar’; Fiji; Finland; France; French Guiana; and French Polynesia.



Of course, Famous People is also a popular topic, Featuring interesting Folks.

Some collectors like Fancy cancels on stamps or covers, including old-style cancellations applied to Canadian definitives in the late 1800s by devices carved from corks, plus later postmarks bearing special text and symbols.

Finally, For Fun, there are stamps that simply catch your Fancy.



When members participate and share, we all learn something — whether it is new, or a reminder of a long-forgotten subject. Stay tuned.

- Ian Robertson



GTAPA NEWS

1. If you have yet to do so, take time this month to read the new winter PhilaJournal.

<http://gtapa.org/philajournal>

2. To quickly find information in back issues, a search function has been added.



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS



Royal Philatelic Society of Canada: Stamp Talk and Stamp Panel sessions.

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

- **Monday December 12** - David Oberholtzer – “The Christmas Stamps of Austria”
- **Monday December 19** - Cinderellas. Easter Seals, Christmas Seals

LOOKING AHEAD

**Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse
Saturday February 4 2023 9:30 – 4:00**

**Judith Nyman Secondary School (cafeteria)
1305 Williams Pkwy, Brampton
(southwest corner Williams Parkway and Bramalea road)**

**10 dealers, exhibits, club sales books, table auctions, kids table.
snack bar, free parking, free admission, wheelchair accessible.**

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WTSC MARKET PLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

FOR SALE:

1. Three Prophila Collection Stock albums. 30 black pages with cello cover. Brand new. No stamps. Selling on Ebay for \$17.55. All three for \$30.
2. Three American Commemoratives albums. Stamps and descriptions. 1972-74, 1975 1977. 90 pages. Original cost \$100. All three for \$40.00

Email Ernest at etypeprinter@gmail.com

3. For sale The New Specialized Catalogue of Canada Post Official First Day Covers, Fourth Edition authored by Andrew Chung & R. F. Narbonne. Like new! Price \$15.00 (plus shipping.) or arrange to pick up at West Toronto Stamp Club. Contact Jim at: tazzwild@hotmail.com

WANTED:

1. Scans (both sides) of covers cancelled at Old Mill Post Office needed for article on history of this post office (open 11/21/1928 – 11/25.1933). It was located in the Old Mill complex at Bloor St W and Humber River. I don't wish to purchase your covers. I need only scans for the article. Email Bob at timberg@bell.net
2. CANADA WANTED
 - (1) Canada #1900 (47c beaver) on FDC issued at the AGM of RPSC, *Royale*2001*Royal*, at Dorval, QC.
 - (2) M or U "muddy water" unlisted variety of the 1898 Canadian map stamp. For either item, send a scan of what you have and your price, including shipping, to D. Hill at dahill3973@rogers.com.

REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS Ad space is free. Ads can be submitted anytime during the month to sidmensinga@gmail.com

	WE BUY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• POSTCARDS• STAMPED ENVELOPES (COVERS)• STAMPS• OLD PHOTOGRAPHS		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PAPER COLLECTABLES• ADVERTISING• POSTAL HISTORY• CANADIAN AND FOREIGN
<p>IMMEDIATE PAYMENT FOR OLD COLLECTIONS, HOARDS, DEALER STOCKS, SMALL OR LARGE HOLDINGS, SPECIALISED OR DISORGANISED</p> <p>PETER PISZKO 416-618-4398 ppiszko@hotmail.com</p>		