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# Bulletin

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## President Sid's Message

I trust that you have enjoyed a relaxing and joyful holiday season with family and friends, and that Santa brought you an eagerly sought after philatelic item or resource that will spur you on in your pursuit of this pleasurable hobby.

I am pleased to report that a good time was had by all who attended the WTSC Christmas dinner and festivities. Consider attending next year. You will not only enjoy a festive time but will also have a further opportunity to build on friendships and deepen comradery, both pleasures of this hobby.

January 2018 marks the fifth month of the WTSC philatelic year; not the midpoint, but being the New Year a prime time to reflect on any philatelic goals or projects you intended to accomplish or embark upon earlier this year. Consider what you might do to move ahead on those intentions. Is there someone in the club who could assist you or is there a resource you need? Don't hesitate to ask any fellow member.

If you do not set goals since you know that you will alter them, nor make resolutions since you know you will not keep them, I am sure you will still enjoy moving ahead on an unfinished project that begs for completion or continue to add to your collecting joys in 2018.

I look forward to your attendance and active participation at our January meetings. As a reminder, the January Learning Workshop will be held Tuesday, January 2 (topic - "Two pages or not two pages, that is the option") and the first regular meeting/auction will be held Tuesday, January 9.

As well, please note and circle February 27 in your calendar. On this date WTSC will host and participate in our first 3 Club Circuit Book Evening. Plan to attend this new event.

Board members are reminded of our mid-year board meeting on Tuesday January 30. If club members have any suggestions or comments for your executive to consider, please email me at

[sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)

See you in 2018.

## 3 Club Circuit Book Evening

On February 27, 2018 (the 4th Tuesday of the month), WTSC will be featuring a circuit book night, in the library of the Fairfield Seniors' Centre. In addition to our own club books, we have invited the Bramalea Stamp Club and the Barrie District Stamp Club to bring their circuit books. We hope to see many of their members too. The books will be available from 7 pm to 9 pm. Update your want lists and come prepared to fill some of the holes in your collections.

## January Activities

Meetings are held on Tuesday evening unless otherwise specified. Doors open at 6:30, meetings start at 7:30.

**Jan 2 ~ Learning Workshop** (starts 7 – 7:15)  
**'Two pages or not two pages, that is the option'**

**Jan 9 ~ Regular Meeting**  
Club circuit books, exchange of information, show & tell, and auction

**Jan 16 ~ Discussion Group Exhibiting Workshop** - This workshop is intended to provide assistance to those planning to enter an exhibit in the club exhibition in May.

**Jan 23 ~ Regular Meeting**  
Club circuit books, exchange of information, show & tell, and auction

**Jan 30 ~ Board Meeting** (starts 7 pm)

## Discussion Group Schedule

**February 20 ~ Dr. Jean Wang**

**The Story of Blood** – Jean is from the North Toronto Stamp Club and is a member of the PSSC. She will present her award-winning exhibit.

**March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19 ~ TBA**

# February Learning Workshop

'Elsewhere or Elsewhat' is the topic of our fifth Learning Workshop of the 2017-2018 season.

Go wide, worldwide -- no Canada or British. It's time for a wee break, to expand our horizons at the Tuesday, February 6 meeting.

Reach beyond our shores and bring some unique, most favourite stamps, covers and/or proofs from another country or countries, a horde, or something gathering dust in your basement or attic.

Then tell us all about what caught your interest:

Family background, a vacation, a business trip ...

Was it, or is it, easy to find decent material with which to expand on your initial idea?

Is your collection complete or are you boldly moving on, hoping to expand on that subject?

Other items for consideration at this open session could include:

A foreign catalogue that shows ways stamps are described elsewhere, often with more varieties and details than general worldwide catalogues.

A topical catalogue: You name it, there's a good chance someone has that subject published in book form or on a compact disc.

Are you keen on a specific designer or engraver, perhaps one who produced stamp artwork for more than one country? The first one to come to mind was stamp and banknote engraver Czeslaw Slania, who was born in Poland, where he first engraved stamps, before moving to Sweden in 1955. Before his death in 2005, he produced intaglio engravings for definitives and commemoratives issued by more than 25 countries, totalling more than 1,000 stamps. He wasn't involved in production of any Canadian stamps, but the Sir Wilfrid Laurier portrait on our 2002 \$5 Bank of Canada banknote was engraved by him.

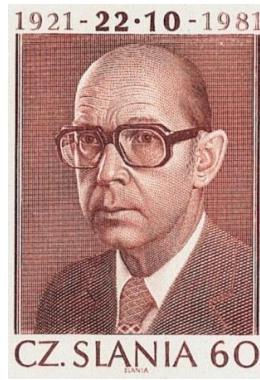
Let your imaginations on the above topics flow freely.

And remember, the doors open at 7 p.m. Come early, choose a good seat and relax. We're all in this together.

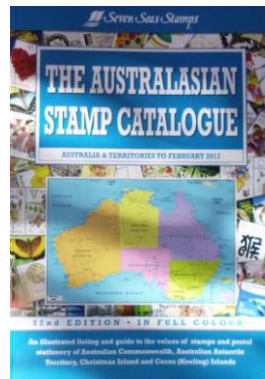
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Several examples of possible 'elsewhere or elsewhat' topics are found to the right.

Prolific stamp designer Czeslaw Slania (1921-2005)



Seven Seas 2017 Australasian colour stamp catalogue - 32nd edition



Butterfly stamps in a Japanese collection catalog



Domfil World Wildlife Fund for Nature thematic stamp catalogue, 1<sup>st</sup> edition (1996)

