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Bulletin

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www.westtorontostampclub.org

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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

While drafting our 90th Anniversary Souvenir Program Booklet this past week and working with the 90th Planning team as we finalize various tasks in preparation for our upcoming West Toronto Stamp Club 90th Anniversary Dinner/Event, I was again struck by the many contributions of members over these past 90 years enabling the success of our club. We have a rich and vibrant history.

Since 1935 well over 1100 members have participated in our great philatelic hobby and enjoyed and built a long-lasting community of friendship and comradery. Their active participation and commitment to our club regardless of the depth they chose to pursue the hobby is what make our club one of the best.

Our history demonstrates that WTSC has always focused on and responded to the philatelic interests and needs of its members while recognizing and encouraging new learning and philatelic excellence.

A review of our 1935-2025 members list, confirms that many of our members have in the past and continue in the present to work hard to build the hobby beyond the walls of our club, by providing significant leadership in the larger philatelic community at the local, regional and national level. Their contributions to the hobby are and have been immense and most noteworthy.

WTSC has always and continues to be is a club of enthusiastic postal historians and stamp collectors, friends and mentors, leaders of significance, local, national and international exhibitors, authors, and web developers; all are active keen members with diverse philatelic interests and expertise.

We have much to be proud of and to celebrate, at our 90th Anniversary Dinner and Gala event Friday March 28th.

Be sure not to miss this most memorable evening in the history of our club. If you have yet to do so, 90th Anniversary dinner tickets (\$50. per person) are still available by contacting Ted at ted.swain@sympatico.ca Payment can be made in cash or by E-Transfer. E-TRANSFER link for direct auto deposit: president@westtorontostampclub.org



MARCH- PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



March 4 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "Special Services of the Post Office."

March 11 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

March 18- DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, Speaker - Simon Claughton "Overseas Mail to and from Canada during World War II".

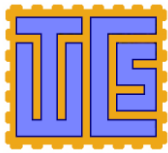
March 25 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

CIRCUIT BOOK UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APRIL 29TH MULTI CLUB CIRCUIT EVENT

The WTSC Circuit Book team attended the recent North York Philatelic Society Show, with great success. Congratulations to Janice and Ted, and the circuit book team for dragging the circuits out to a show on that snowy winter day. I understand the sales were greater than expected. Well, Done!



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, seven clubs have been invited to bring their circuit books.

Members from any local clubs are welcome to attend.

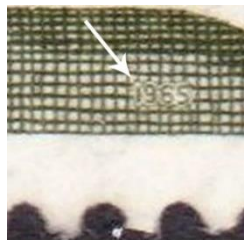
The books will be available from 6:30 pm to 9 pm.

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

PUBLISHING EXCELLENCE

Congratulation to WTSC member Douglas Hill on his most interesting recent article "*Hidden Dates on Canadian Stamps*" in The Canadian Philatelist Jan-Feb 2025, pages 20-23.



WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP

On March 18 Simon Cloughton will be the speaker at the WTSC Discussion Group. The topic will be "Overseas Mail to and from Canada during World War II".

This should prove to be a most informative evening of learning, sharing knowledge and an opportunity to ask questions.



LOOKING AHEAD AT WTSC THIS 90TH YEAR.

1. WTSC Annual Exhibition will be held the 4th Tuesday in May (May 27th)

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 **DRAKE TROPHY**.
- **Single Page:** to be judged using the GTAPA standard evaluation. The winner will have his/her name engraved on the **FRANK ALUSIO** award.
- **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**.

2. That WTSC will become a Chapter of the American Topical Association (ATA) was a decision made at our recent board meeting. More details will be communicated as they become available. Chapter affiliation is intended to promote topical philately, including collecting, research and exhibiting. The information and resources available to stamp collectors who are thematic and topical collectors is extensive. www.americantopical.org



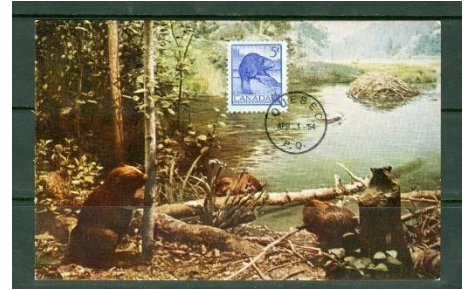
3. Anticipate participating in our Special 90th Anniversary 90 lot Auction to be held at our final in-person meeting this **June 2025**. The auction will be limited to 90 high value items - minimum starting bid \$10. The club profit portion will be donated to the Sick Kids Foundation. Be on the lookout for a special notice and invitation detailing how you might participate.



APRIL LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025 via Zoom, the topic for our seventh virtual Learning Workshop of the 2024-2025 season is: “Busy as a Beaver.”

Among accompanying illustrations for this wide-ranging topic, one that is particularly appropriate shows a five-cent commemorative featuring a Beaver overlooking a pond on the front of a Maxi Card. It has a timely postmark, applied in Quebec on the stamp’s first day of issue 71 years ago to this day — April 1, 1954.



It is well-known that Canada’s first postage stamp was the red-toned three-pence Beaver.

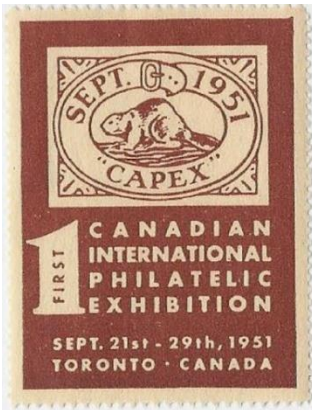
The design “was symbolic of the people in the young country of Canada building their towns, cities, and communities,” Douglas and Mary Patrick wrote in their 1964 book, ‘Canada’s Postage Stamps’. “The secondary purpose of choosing the beaver centred in the original meaning of the beaver skin; it represented a medium of exchange in trade.”



Issued April 23, 1851, Sir Sandford Fleming designed the world’s first stamp depicting an animal. The civil engineer and draughtsman drew it on a napkin during lunch in downtown Toronto with a senior postal official.

Printed on laid paper in New York by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson — which joined other firms in 1858 as the American Bank Note Company — the 3-pence engraved Beaver was reprinted on wove paper. Released on April 17, 1852, it is much less expensive than its predecessor. Perforated 3-pence Beavers were issued in January 1859, followed on July 1, 1859 by perforated five-cent Beavers based on the same design.

Canada’s post office produced several Beaver commemoratives and definitives in the 20th and 21st centuries.



The first, issued in 1951 for the 100th anniversary of the 3-pence, reproduced it in miniature on a 15-cent commemorative. A Beaver design label vaguely based on the 1851 stamp was produced for the first CAPEX philatelic exhibition, held in Toronto.



The second Canadian commemorative based on the 1851 Beaver 3-pence is a 30-cent issued for the 1982 International Philatelic Youth Exhibition in Toronto. The latest 3-pence reproduction on a Canadian stamp was in 2001, when Canada Post released a 47-cent commemorative for “One Hundred and Fifty Years of

Canadian Post” as an official government agency responsible for processing and carrying mail.

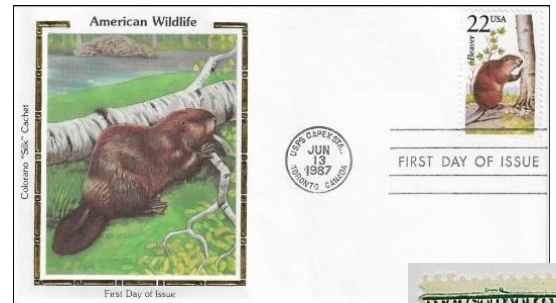


A branch-chewing Beaver standing in water is on a 25-cent 1988 definitive. A stylized Beaver is on a 51-cent 2006 stamp commemorating the Society of Graphic Designers.



Based on a popular animated preschool education children's television series, a cartoon Beaver is with Franklin the Turtle on a 'P' - Permanent Postage - 2012 commemorative issued in booklets and on souvenir sheets. Two leaves-eating Beavers on a 2014 "P" definitive were also produced on coils and a souvenir sheet. One wearing a colourful cap and coat while chewing on a holly branch is on the \$1.20 Christmas 2015 commemorative.

Covers with a 22-cent U.S. stamp showing a beaver gnawing on a tree trunk were attached to 'First Day of Issue' covers postmarked "USPS CAPEX STA. TORONTO, CANADA" on June 13, 1987.



For postal history collectors, how about a postmark from Beaver Creek, British Columbia; Beaver Harbour, New Brunswick; Beaver Cove, Nova Scotia; Beaverton, Ontario

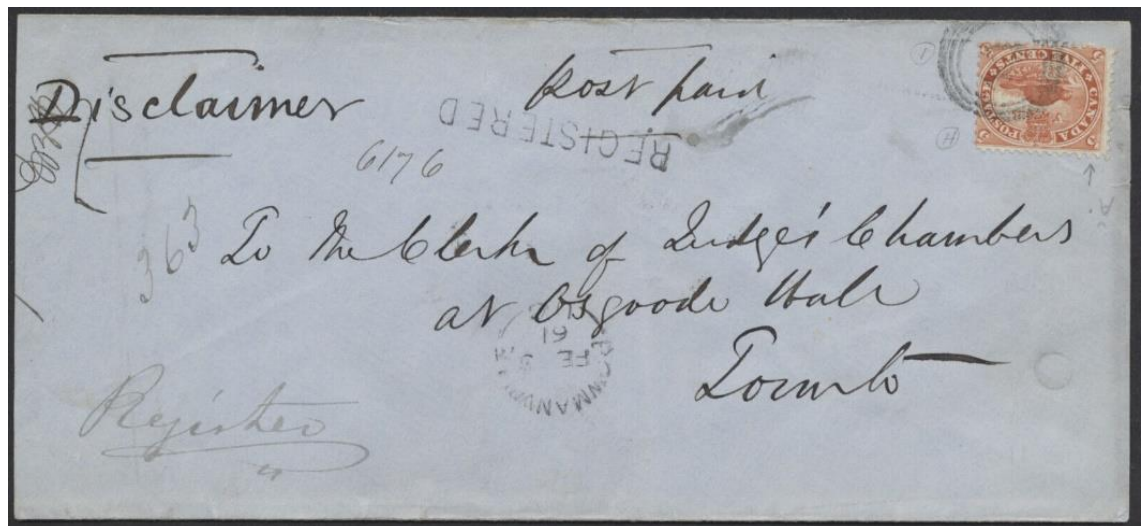
On a sidenote, the province of Quebec issued attractive engraved Registration revenue stamps in nine denominations with varying single colours in 1871.



Finally, forgeries of the 3-pence and the 5-cent 1859 Beaver have been produced. The most interesting was engraved by Erasmo Oneglia — which is easily detected due to the too-thin '3' in each corner and their lack of background leaves.

As we spring into action on this first day of April, showing stamps and covers with this historic, attractive topic provides a good way to celebrate the passage of winter.

- Ian Robertson



ONLINE PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT.

This month for those who collect and study countries other than Canada, be sure to feast your eyes on the amazing exhibits posted at this incredible website.



<http://www.exponet.info/index.php?lng=EN>

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



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

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

Stamp Talks: March 10 - Arnie Janson - A Variety of Varieties, Chapter 3

Stamp Panels: March 17 - A Philatelic Glossary - [Jean Wang, Charles Verge, Peter MacDonald]



March 20 @ 7 pm **Zoom**

Ken Snelson, Early 1900s Novelty Postcards
(Email klaushintz7@gmail.com for a link)

NTSC SPRING BOURSE



**SATURDAY MARCH 8
10 AM-4 PM**

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
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Over 500 lots for sale between the live and silent auctions.



March 17, 7:00 p.m.



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

Upper Canada Stamp Society



Stamp Fair

Saturday, March 29, 2025, 12:09am-3:00pm
[Add to Calendar](#)

Location

Trinity United Church
461 Park Ave
Newmarket, ON
[Directions](#)

Price

Free

Description

Discover the hobby of stamp collecting, or restart your interest in it. On **March 29, 2025** a stamp fair will be held in **Newmarket!** It is going to be the kickoff of a new club for the area North of Toronto. *Attendees will meet friendly people ready to answer any questions about stamps and related topics.* We can help you with starting or restarting a collection after a hiatus. We will also be happy to provide advice on what to do about inherited collections. The event, features several dealers. We look forward to seeing you at the Stamp Show!

Contact: Upper Canada Stamp Society;


Klaus Hintz & Allan Hoyle; 289-926-9251 or 905-853-0481

credit: www.yorkregion.com

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LOOKING AHEAD



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Hilton Mississauga/Meadowdale,
6750 Mississauga Road,
Mississauga, ON

SATURDAY:
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
ADMISSION: \$6

SUNDAY:
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ADMISSION: \$3

www.stampandcoinshow.com

The Ajax-Pickering Stamp & Coin Show

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

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Free admission & parking – lunch & refreshments available

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CONTACT: Peter Chmatil prchmatil@gmail.com



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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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.

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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.

WANTED - Continued

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
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.
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