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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Working on my exhibits for our upcoming Annual Exhibition again underscored for me the value of the many online resources we have readily available to us as we study our collections and prepare to share. I have recently found the following sites to be most useful.

Horace Harrison library, <https://bnaps.org/hhl/hhl-index.php> *The Horace Harrison Library search engine indexes not just BNA Topics but also Maple Leaves, the journal of the [Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain](http://www.cpsgb.org) and the PHSC Journal, the journal of the [Postal History Society of Canada](http://www.phsc.org).*

Ralph Trimble's <https://re-entries.com/> *A site devoted to the study of re-entries on postage and revenue stamps of BNA, USA & the world.*

These online resources and others you will be aware of are definite assets to use and to be thankful for.

If you have yet to do so, check out the digital resources portal on the **new website** for the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Foundation. <https://www.greenefoundation.ca/digital-resources>

I trust that you are preparing and looking forward to our upcoming WTSC Annual Exhibition to be held Tuesday May 28; enabling members to participate in all three classes Single Frame, Single Page and Multi Page. Winners will have their name engraved on the trophy for the class and receive a free WTSC membership for the 2024/25 club year. May 28 should be a most interesting, informative, and fun evening of sharing and accomplishment.



New information to note:

1. Additional exhibiting details provided in the most informative document "BEGINNERS EXHIBITING MANUAL" is being distributed along with this WTSC May Bulletin
2. As you are aware, our theme this year is "1935 the year of our founding - WTSC celebrates 90 years." **However**, if you have or wish to prepare a single/or multi page exhibit that does not meet that theme you are more than welcome to enter that exhibit.
3. To assist with planning, be sure to inform Don Hedger don.hedger@gmail.com by **May 17th** of your intent to exhibit.

MAY-PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



May 7 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, 'WORLDWIDE OVERPRINTED STAMPS'.

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

May 21 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, 'Feedback Session (Town Hall Meeting) coupled with a participant driven Show & Tell'.

May 28 - Annual Exhibition and Election evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.



ELECTION OF THE WTSC BOARD FOR 2024-26

Tom Wicks reports he has contacted the current Board Officers and Directors to learn if they are interested in continuing to participate in Board activities. One director has decided to step down after many years of service. The others have agreed to stand for the coming two years.

At present, there are therefore two vacancies on the Board, the Secretary position and a Director at large.

Any member wishing to stand for any position on the board or would be willing to fill either vacancy should let Tom know by Friday, May 24th. Tom can be reached at wickstom8@gmail.com

“ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS”

Section 1 – Term

The Officers and Directors of the CLUB shall be elected by ballot for a two-year term with the election held bi-annually at the second regular meeting of May of even-numbered year. The term of office shall commence on 1 September and shall conclude on 31 August.

Section 2 - Voting

All active members in good standing, and in attendance at the election meeting, shall be qualified to vote. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Section 3 - Nominees

Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for the Election. Nominations from the floor may also be accepted provided the candidate has given his/her consent.

Section 4 - Conduct

The election shall be conducted by an active member in good standing provided that they are not a member of the Board or a candidate for election.

**The Circuit Book Team will be bringing
the WTSC Circuit Books to SPRINGPEX**

SPRINGPEX 2024

**Hamilton Stamp Club
Stamp Show**

Fri. May 10 & Sat. May 11

**Bishop Ryan High School
1824 Rymal Road East
Hamilton Ont. LOR 1P0**

Friday, May 10

Voice Auction - 6:30 pm
Viewing - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Guest Sales Circuits - 5 pm - 10 pm

Saturday, May 11

10:00 am - 4:00 pm
15 Stamp Dealers * Silent Auctions
Hamilton Stamp Club Circuit Books
Free stamps & prizes for students
Web Site: www.hamiltonstampclub.com

**THE MAY PHILAJOURNAL is
currently in the development
stages,**

Articles, and philatelic stories are needed as soon as possible, with May 10th being the latest date. The summer issue will be published on May 22, 2024.

Thank you,
Tom Malicki,
Editor, GTAPA PhilaJournal
philajournal@gmail.com

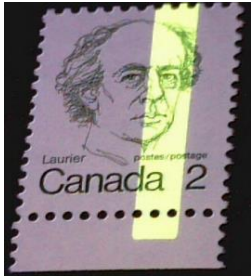
If you have yet to read it the "Spring 2024" PhilaJournal, it is available online at gtapa.org/philajournal

JUNE LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2024 via Zoom, the topic for our 9th virtual Learning Workshop of the 2023-2024 season is: **'Modern philately — a collecting opportunity you don't want to miss'**.

Club members often enjoy classic-era collectibles, for the beauty of the stamp engravings, myriad varieties, postal history and the challenge of acquiring decent examples. Exhibits the world over have included treasures from various countries, and a plethora of articles plus books have provided even more details.

Moving on, a whole wide world worthy of consideration and appreciation awaits with issues produced over the past half-century. Some hobbyists are keen, others not so much. To spur your interest, I have cited a few examples from a broad range of subjects, most available without overly-lightening your pockets.

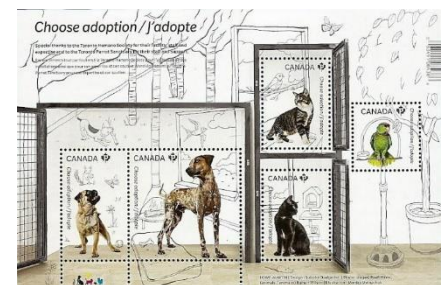


Stamps are now often produced with numerous colours, images and special features that surpass old-style stamp-printing. Instead of seeking one of each, some collectors prefer favourite designs and, of course, despite precautionary measures at the security printing plants, there are examples with tagging, perforation and printing errors.



In addition to regular definitives and commemoratives, related miniature sheets provide additional artwork and – in Canada — are prepared with different perforations and gum.

Here are three excellent contemporary mini-sheets: Canada, Norway and Greenland released joint issues 20 years ago depicting famous Norwegian explorer Otto Sverdrup (1854-1930) and crewmen, with images of his ice-trapped Arctic exploration ship; two stamps plus outer artwork on another 2004 souvenir sheet feature several motorcycles; particularly attractive and multi-faceted, dogs, cats and a parrot are in cages on the 2013 'Choose Adoption' mini-sheet, with drawings showing other critters in more pleasant, less-restrictive venues.



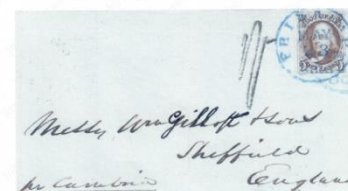
Some registered covers come with large stamps, including \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$5 outdoor scene definitives issued between 1972 and 1986. Even more challenging to acquire are ones franked with \$1, \$2, \$4, \$5, \$8 and \$10 Domestic Wildlife definitives issued from 1998 to 2018, often with added postage to complete a rate. If such covers are too elusive, especially posted in-period, all of those wildlife images were printed as singles on first-class rate postal stationery envelopes – yet another collectible topic.



There are also many modern covers with special designs, some produced by stamp clubs for exhibitions, fairs and anniversaries, others with

Picture Postage stamps produced by Canada Post until that program was cancelled in September 2022. Some businesses use covers with special cachets, and the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Foundation in Toronto has produced ones commemorating special speakers.

7th HARRY SUTHERLAND PHILATELIC LECTURE
June 24, 2015, Badminton & Raquet Club, Toronto



Stay tuned for an evening with these — and, hopefully, more — interesting talking points.

Lastly, consider this: If you only focus on past philatelic subjects, you could be closing the door on a worthwhile new collecting adventure.

90 ANNIVERSARY CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY

Members are reminded of their opportunity to create a WTSC 90th Anniversary cachet and/or WTSC 90th logo design.

- Submissions will allow us to provide each WTSC members with a special WTSC 90th Anniversary cover next March.
- As well the WTSC 90th celebration logo design will be used on printed materials to promote our 90th anniversary year.
- Submission date for both is **May 31/2024**.

Hard copies or scans can be sent to sidmensinga@gmail.com

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS. Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>



May 13 - Garfield Portch - **Philatelic Expertising**

May 20 - **Collecting Royalty** - [Steve McGill, David McLaughlin, Ann Miller]



ORAPEX 2024
May 4 10am-6pm
May 5 10am-4pm
Nepean Sportsplex
1701 Woodroffe Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K2G 1W2



Saugeen Stamp Club

Annual Show

Saturday May 4, 2024

Clifford Community Hall

2 William Street, Clifford Ontario
Hours 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Door Prizes / Exhibits

Dealers / Circuit Books / Lunch Counter

Free Admission / Free Parking / NO STAIRS

Further information contact:

President Walt Berry wsberry@sympatico.ca

Special Silent auction with binders of New Zealand and Australian stamps

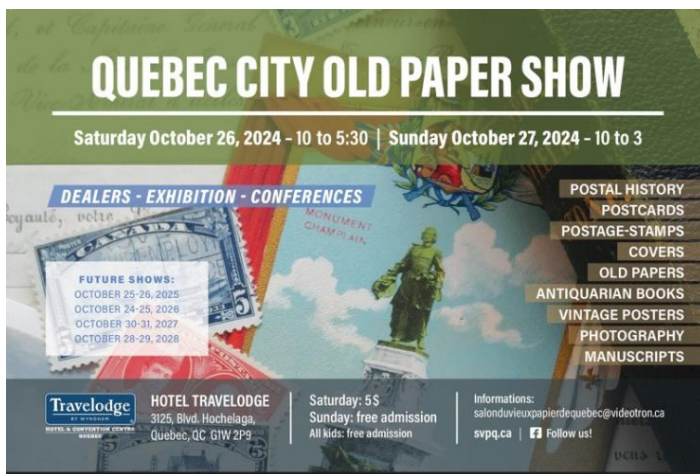
Barrie Stamp Club Auction will take place on **Thursday May 9, 2024.**

- Previewing will be from 12:30 until 1:00 pm with the auction starting at 1 pm.
- All sales are cash only.

The auction will be held at the **East Bayfield Community Centre** at 80 Livingstone Avenue East.

- Take the 400 north to Bayfield exit (also Hwy # 26) and turn left. Proceed about 2 kms to Livingstone and turn right. (There's a large water tower on the south-west corner of this intersection). The community centre is left at the 2nd set of lights on Livingstone.

LOOKING AHEAD



WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

FOR SALE:

1. For sale 9 Safe Dual Hingeless Albums with pages from 1851 to 2018 compete. Retail Value is \$3800.00. Asking \$900.00 or best offer. Call Ben 705 726 5464 or Email casinostamp@yahoo.ca.
2. Safe dual blank pages, #612, 614, 615x3, 616x2, 617x4, 618x2 620, 662. Retail is \$22.50 each. Sell for \$5.00 each, Ben Heintzberger 705 726 5464 or casinostamp@yahoo.ca
3. Extensive international stock available. Contact: Willy Schlatter, Email: wstamps1@outlook.com
Ph: 705-252-4559
4. Buying and selling: Italy and Italian area, with a particular interest in Italian States and Squared Circle Postmarks. Contact Mattia at 647 990 4073 or Email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca
5. Buying and selling: Canada postage, mint and mint hinged, any denomination Contact Mattia at 647 990 4073 or Email stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca

6.

ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL	
5-Frame + Exhibit	THE ATOM / FIP Level Exhibit / Plus collateral material
One-Frame Exhibit	· Victoria & Penny Black (including the Penny Black)
	· The Ancient Olympiads
	· Canada Postal Museum
	Contact Frank at falusio@sympatico.ca To discuss details and price

WTSC MARKETPLACE:

WANTED:

1. Etobicoke Post Office covers, especially before 1960. See John at club meetings or call 416 742 2347.
2. If anyone has stamps from the baby wildlife series with lots of extra, may I borrow them? Trying to put together an exhibit. I will pay for the stamps I keep. Ben Heintzberger 705-726-5464, casinostamp@yahoo.ca
3. In search of Zeppelin Stamps or Covers. Contact Joseph Perrone at aiphilatellic@gmail.com or 519.270.4216
4. 1985-89 50c Canadian Parliament vending machine booklet stamps, especially the low values (1c, 2c, 5c, 6c) postally used or on cover.

Hong Kong: stamps, covers, booklets, revenues, ephemera, postcards old maps. Anything Hong Kong!

Contact Ingo at b62hkg@yahoo.ca or text 416 700 5226.

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.
6. Topical collector: any stamps showing Russian Memorial Cruiser AURORA or her gun, preserved at St. Petersburg (NOT Russian Stamps): Also wants: Naval aircraft (Only)
Contact: fmmck22@rogers.com
7. EKKO radio reception stamps for Canadian Radio stations.

Issued by radio stations to confirm station reception. Circa 1920's. Mint; used; on cover or card.
Example CFCFA 1921 became CFRB in 1928



Vimy Pilgrimage 1936 covers with rectangle slogan cancel "Monument de Vimy."



Contact- Don Hedger; don.hedger@gmail.com

8. Precancelled stamps, preferably cover ANYTHING older than Style U as per Unitrade PRECANCEL listings.
Also looking for MAP COVER dated December 18th, 1889. Contact Lawrence at lawpin@rogers.com
9. Great Britain- Scott catalogue for any of the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021. Contact Belkys Herrera Belkysherrera02@gmail.com
10. Old Ontario Agricultural College covers going back to where it originated in the Toronto Normal School (late 1800s) to its move to Guelph. e-mail davidbest1953@gmail.com.

REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS Ad space is free. Send to sidmensinga@gmail.com