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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

As evidenced by the content of this month's Bulletin you will see that WTSC continues to be a busy active growing club. This past month's Learning Workshop was not only well attended but also allowed members and guests to recognize the critical role and importance of stamp dealers within the hobby.

A special thank you to stamp dealers John Beddows, Chris Green, Sam Hakim and Bill Longley, members of the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association <https://www.csdaonline.com/> for a most informative evening. WTSC members are encouraged to expand their dealer relationships by connecting with these dealers; to get on their regularly stamp/cover offering distributions lists, to visit their retail stores and websites and to attend auctions. We are fortunate to have met:

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<p>Sam Hakim Retail Store: Century Stamp Company 1723 Lakeshore Road W. Mississauga, ON L5J 1J4 Canada</p> <p>Telephone: (905) 822-5464 Fax: (905) 822-2113 e-mail: centurystamps@rogers.com Website: www.centurystamps.com</p>	<p>Bill Longley Longley Auctions P.O. Box 620 Waterdown, ON, LOR 2H0 Canada</p> <p>Telephone: (905) 690-3598 Fax: (905) 690-3762 e-mail: bill@longleyauctions.com Website: www.longleyauctions.com</p>

Late breaking news! Congratulation to John Beddows, the newly elected Mayor of Gananoque. Well done, John, from your friends and frequent guests at the WTSC.

This past month's Discussion Group presentation by Dr. Darin Cherwichan – "The Power of PowerPoint" was also most educational. The session, enjoyed by 43 online attendees, highlighted the ease of creating a digital flip book as a way to identify re-entries, plate flaws, wet and dry printing. <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/discussion.htm>

In-person meeting attendance continues to improve and interesting and valued auction lots continue to sell well.



New this year, as a recognition of loyal support, WTSC membership status recognition pins will be given to each WTSC member. WTSC Pins were handed out to paid-up members at our two recent in-person meetings. Pins will be mailed to out of town/ distant members who have already submitted their dues for the 2022-23 year. I look forward to distributing pins to new members and to the rest of the WTSC members as they renew their membership.

As well earlier this past month I was finally able to present returning WTSC member Joseph Perrone with his much overdue single page exhibit award which he had won in 2016.

Joseph receiving a framed certificate for his winning 2016 single page exhibit Propaganda vs Truth.



Again, this month I am pleased to welcome new WTSC members, Susan Murray, and John D. Smith. We look forward to your continued online participation and contributions, as we together deepen our philatelic knowledge. Welcome to the WTSC!

OCTOBER - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



November 1 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, 'Enjoying Your Hobby: How Do You House & Organize Your Collections'?

November 8- Auction and Circuit book evening. In-person meeting at the Fairfield Centre.

November 15 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via zoom, 'Show and Tell a page or part of your Stamp Collection'. See details on page 3.

November 22 - Auction and Member/Vest pocket dealer tables evening. In-person meeting at the Fairfield Centre.

WTSC MEMBERSHIP

To help us to better know each other, a Membership name tag showing your name and membership number, useful during in person meetings, is available upon request.

Thank you to most members who have promptly renewed their membership. A reminder email has been sent to those who have yet to renew their membership. We value your participation and contributions. Beginning November 1st, individual member dues are \$20. Payment can be made by e-transfer or by cheque or cash.

Details are as follows:

E-TRANSFER: The WTSC email for e-transfer is: president@westtorontostampclub.org

CHEQUES: Make your cheque payable to WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

And send it to:

West Toronto Stamp Club
c/o Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation
10 Summerhill Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M4T 1A8

Membership name tag requests and any questions regarding your WTSC membership can be directed to Ted Swain at membership@westtorontostampclub.org

DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Discussion Group meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on November 15. We will continue online as a ZOOM meeting.

We are asking members and guests to participate in a different type of Show and Tell. Rather than featuring that beloved philatelic item, we would like to see how you do it.

We know that almost everyone has a different way of assembling and/or writing up a collection. Some are stockbooks, others preprinted albums, and many are freehand on blank pages. There will also be some who design and print their own pages or even use an exhibiting format. There is no rule -- nothing can be wrong so long as the collector is happy and content.

Please take the time to scan part or a page of your collection and show as a PowerPoint. If you do not have PowerPoint, send your scans to me (before November 14) and I will incorporate them into a group presentation.

This is a subject in which everyone can participate so we hope to see lots of submissions.

Garfield Portch

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National Philatelic Exhibition

Exposition Philatélique Nationale

EXHIBITING EXCELLENCE – CANPEX 2022 October 15 &16 Congratulations to WTSC member

Dharmendra Patel

Dharmendra achieved great success as he exhibited for the first time in a National Level Show, achieving a “Silver” for his three frame Mahatma Gandhi exhibit.

As well, Dharmendra received three Special Awards.

- The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Award of Excellence - Novice
- The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors -Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Pin and Novice Award
- American Topical Association Third Place Medal and Ribbon

Well done Dharmendra, your success is an encouragement to all to exhibit beyond the club level, and is an inspiration to all of us as we look forward to exhibiting at our Annual Club Exhibition in May.



WTSC Circuit Books

WTSC circuit books will be going to The Hamilton Stamp Show November 4th. Additional volunteer help is sought. Many hands make lighter work and will enable the volunteers to participate in other aspects of the show. Contact Simon at simon@berlet.com

As well, newly filled circuit book pages are always welcome. Templates are available online at <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/meetings.htm#circuit-books>

LEARNING WORKSHOP Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022 via Zoom, our third virtual Learning Workshop of the 2022-2023 season is titled 'Ratty, Tatty Covers'.

Despite the cheeky title, there is merit in collecting covers that have gone through — shall we say — heavy-duty hands-on handling that could include multiple handwritten notes and postmarks as they were shuffled from place to place.

The trackable story revealed on the fronts and backs by written references and/or post office markings, such as 'Missent To', "Redirect," 'Return to Sender' and "Dead Letter Office," certainly have their place with collectors. But wait, there's more.

A good example I found on eBay was mailed on March 14, 1944 from Edmonton to New York city. Resealed after being opened and examined, it was marked on the back 'Received in bad condition at Church St. Annex, N.Y.P.O,' beside an intact American 'Officially Sealed' stamp. The opening bid price was a mere \$3.25 U.S. (\$4.51 Cdn.) plus \$2.25 U.S. shipping (\$3.12 Cdn.). As for 'Feb. 28' scrawled in red pencil on the front, well, that remains a puzzle.



Covers recovered after a plane crash or shipwreck are often understandably damaged. Detailed special postal markings or attached labels make them collectible, especially if a collector can obtain additional facts.

The accompanying illustration shows a tape-sealed, water-stained cover mailed Dec. 20, 1930 from Illinois to Fontana, California. The seller's opening bid was \$39.99 U.S. (\$55.50 Cdn.) plus \$11.82 U.S. (\$16.40) Cdn. for shipping. The listing included a reference to 260 kilograms of mail on a passenger-less Fokker F.10 - NC5170 that crashed at Alhambra, Calif. during an attempted landing on Dec. 22

following engine trouble while en route from Salt Lake City to San Diego, with "1 survivor." Curious, I went online and, on the Aviation Safety Network, read that all occupants — one passenger plus two Western Air Express pilots — escaped after the two-year-old plane "overshot the landing field" and crashed "into a house, bursting into flames."

As many collectors have discovered in recent years, research online can sometimes provide excellent background information.

Finally, a two-cent postal stationery cover mailed Nov. 11, 1910, from Winnipeg to Quebec city, with a five-cent 1897 Jubilee commemorative paying the additional Registered fee, has several "Received in damaged condition" labels used to reseal it after examination by postal staff. Clear, so far, but the cover posed a puzzle. The Winnipeg cancels are clearly dated "Nov. 11, 10," but the receiving Quebec year dates read '01'. "A light Montreal transit on back with year 10 corroborates" the correct year, resulting in the sharp-eyed seller concluding "the Quebec cds postmarks NO 15 01, year digits reversed." The price? Bids started at \$20.40 Cdn., plus \$1.40 shipping.



Some hobbyists prefer pristine covers. But 'busy' or damaged ones are often sought after by others who are intrigued by added notes and markings. Beauty, as they say, is in the eyes of the beholder.

All this certainly doesn't cover every opportunity for club members and guests to get involved and join in for what should be another top-end evening. So tune in, relax, actively participate and share a ratty, tatty cover or two in your possession.

- Ian Robertson

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1. The next PhilaJournal issue is planned for November 23. To get you to thoroughly read upcoming PhilaJournals, a special "Hidden Entry" will be included for you to find. The first GTAPA club member to identify its location, according to the rules to be included, will win a substantial prize.

2. A search function has been added to the PhilaJournal area of the GTAPA website <http://gtapa.org/philajournal> to enable you to quickly find information about a specific topic that might be in the many back issues available. Try it!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS

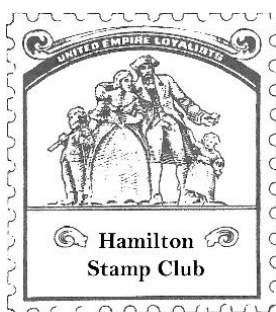


Royal Philatelic Society of Canada: Stamp Talk and Stamp Panel sessions.
Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

- **Monday November 14** – Wendi Trauzzi “WWII Rationing in Canada”
- **Monday November 21** - Varieties, Colour and Perforations



- **Saturday November 12- WINTER BOURSE**
- **Thursday November 17-** “Divided by War” by George Pepall
<http://www.northtorontostampclub.ca/>



- **Hamilton Fall Show - November 4 & 5.**
 - **(WTSC Circuit Books will be at the show Saturday Nov 4)**

Location: Salvation Army Citadel, 835 Stone Church Road E. Hamilton, L8W 1R8.

<https://hamiltonstampclub.ca/img/fall22.jpg>



If you missed it, Jerry Kalyn’s presentation – ‘A primer on Ukraine Philately’
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=a+primer+on+ukrainian+philately

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>		