



Bulletin

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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

The WTSC 2024/25 club year should prove to be another year of multiple opportunities to pursue our hobby both individually in our stamp rooms and collectively during our monthly in-person and online meetings.

Enjoying the hunt, making that special acquisition, starting or completing a stamp/philatelic project, sharing in-person and online with a community of like-minded individuals are the joys and raison d'être of the hobby.

I trust that our in-person meetings at the Fairfield Centre and online "Learning Workshop" and "Discussion Group" sessions will continue:

- to allow us to build community and comradery
- to increase learning and enthusiasm for this great hobby, and
- to meet the needs of the stamp collectors and the postal historians in our club.

Your participation, volunteerism and suggestions are valued and always appreciated.

Founded in March 1935 we will celebrate our 90th Anniversary this coming March.

Plan to attend our 90th celebratory evening event to be held Friday, March 28th 2025 at the "Renaissance by the Creek". 90th Anniversary Dinner Tickets will become available for purchase mid October. Further ticket and event details to follow in the October WTSC Bulletin.

Looking forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with local and online members, guests and friends of WTSC.



SEPTEMBER - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



Sept. 10 - *Auction & Circuit Book evening* - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

Sept. 17 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "A members and guests driven Show & Tell".

Sept 24 - *Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables* - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

PHILATELIC STUDY/ RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Be sure to check out the multiple digital resources available through the Library at the VGG.

<https://www.greenefoundation.ca/digital-resources>



Vincent Graves Greene
Philatelic Research Foundation

SEPTEMBER DISCUSSION GROUP TOPIC

The Discussion Group meeting will be September 17th. We will open the new philatelic season with an unrestricted **Show & Tell**. This meeting will provide an opportunity for attendees to present material that didn't fit in the previously themed show & tell sessions. Anything philatelic is acceptable for this session.

- Garfield Portch

FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Greetings, and I trust that everyone had a good summer and is looking forward to the renewal of activities as the West Toronto Stamp Club heads into its 2024/25 season. You don't want to miss this season as it is taking us to our 90th Anniversary celebration with a special event scheduled in March 2025!!!

Now is the time to renew your membership and I can save you money!! Renew your membership now for the 2024/25 session for just \$15. After October 31st it will cost you \$20. You can use this savings when purchasing tickets to our special event which will soon be available. Stay tuned!

At our first in-person meeting (scheduled for September 10th), I will be at the membership table and be happy to meet you and take your money!

Now I know that not everyone can attend in person, so following are some other ways you can renew your membership.

Payment can be made by e-transfer or by cheque. 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*



We have a great mix of members from both near and far. For those whom I don't see at my membership table, I look forward to seeing you on one of our great zoom sessions!

Happy Stamping!

Ted Swain
Membership Director

September Circuit Book Events

WTSC circuit books will be taken to the North Toronto Stamp Club evening circuit book event Sept 12.

WTSC circuit books will also travel to the Owen Sound Stamp Club circuit book fair on Saturday, September 28th 199 4th Ave West at the New Life Centre. Show starts at 10:00 and runs to 3:00 or 3:30.

Thank you, Simon and Victoria and your team for providing this opportunity and service to WTSC members.

OCTOBER LEARNING WORKSHOP

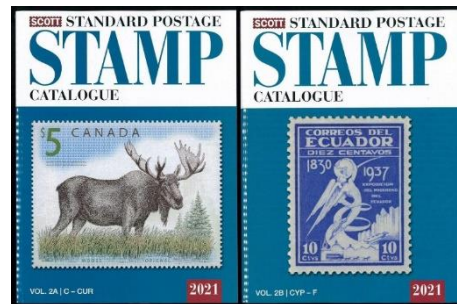
Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2024 via Zoom, the topic for our first virtual Learning Workshop of the 2024-2025 season is: "**What's in Your Philatelic Library?**"

Whether you have only a recent catalogue related to your stamp collection or a shelf bulging with philatelic literature, collectors have always been well-advised to expand their knowledge with books about our hobby.

Catalogues listing a country's stamps provide useful information about definitive and commemorative issues, varieties and market value, in chronological order. There are also worldwide catalogues.

Other publications come in many categories, including topics such as: Airmails; Classics; Postage Dues; Postal Stationery; Revenues; Special Delivery.

Specialty subjects include: Atlas references to help locate and identify a country by its name on stamps; counterfeits; dictionaries; errors; fakes and forgeries; face-perforated stamps; First Day Covers; fun facts; history-on-stamps; paper varieties; postmarks; postal rates plus provincial and state post office listings, which are important guides for postal history collectors; precanceled stamps; starting tips; topical stamps.



The large MICHEL Online catalogue: neutral – competent – reliable



Search, find and manage stamps easily online

- Quick search in about Country, Year, Motiv and much more
- 850,000 stamps from Germany, Europe and Overseas
- More than 2 Million accurate and independent price listings
- More than 450,000 high-resolution stamp pictures
- Frequent data update keeps you always up-to-date!
- All informative texts get translated into English step by step (completely translated yet: Most German areas and all other European countries)
- **NEW: List administration** possible for individual stamps and entire sets
- **NEW: MeinMICHEL-Online** - Create your own *motif catalog*



If you are keen to acquire myriad volumes but lack space in your home, many are available digitally, often via online purchases or subscriptions.



Scott Postage Stamp Catalogues

Valuing Guides in Digital and Print

In addition, there are philatelic libraries, which have books, catalogues, society journals and stamp newspapers. Canada's leading one is The Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, which has 14,000 books in its Toronto facility.

On a final note, the world's first stamp catalogue was published in France by Oscar Berger-Levrault on Sept. 17, 1861, with it the basis for the first illustrated catalogue, by Alfred Potiquet, in December of that year. Great Britain's first catalogues were published in 1862 by Frederick Booty, Mount Brown and Dr. John Edward Gray. The first in the U.S., also that year, was 'The Stamp Collectors Manual', by A.C. Kline.

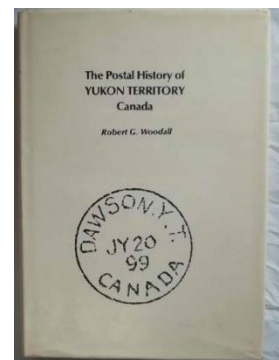


The Philatelic Canadian

1896-97
(1896)

Walter McMahon

As for our country, North America's first philatelic journal, 'Stamp Collector's Record', was published in Montreal by Samuel Allan Taylor. Yves Drolet wrote in an historic article for The Canadian Philatelic Association, which became the Canadian Philatelic Society in 1923, and formed a direct link to the present Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Books about Canadian stamps were also produced in the 1800s.



As with all Learning Workshops, we like to turn the page on good subjects, so book ahead to join in, share your thoughts and enjoy an inspiring evening.

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



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

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

RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Talks

September 9 - Natalie Mitchell - [VGG Foundation Library](#)

RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Panels

September 16 - [Philatelic Reference Material](#)

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Admission \$6 Saturday and \$3 Sunday



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10 AM-4 PM

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Table • Door Prizes • Wheelchair Access

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WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

How will you make use of this opportunity in during the 2024/25 stamp club year?

Ads for the monthly Bulletins must be submitted by the Monday of the last week of the month.

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