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The Editor's Input Susan Butler <u>sbutler@ilap.com</u>

It's time for a break

This will be my last PhilaJournal for a while. My husband and I have decided to take a break and do some extensive travelling this year. We were born in the Year of the Dragon which is the mightiest of the signs. Our Chinese horoscope indicates that Dragons are, "driven, unafraid of challenges and willing to take risks." So, we are ready for this adventure. It also seems that "Dragons prefer leading to being led" so we are not certain of our roles. Who will hold the maps? Who will choose the bistro? Who will tip the garcon?

The downside of travelling is that you miss all of the events that make being at home so worthwhile...family birthdays, weddings, retirement parties, anniversary celebrations and, of course, stamp shows. The extensive list of shows on page 32 indicates that a busy season is coming up. We are especially sorry to be missing ORAPEX where our good friend, Ian Kimmerly will be honoured this year. As well, we will miss our annual participation in the American Philatelic Society's Summer Seminar in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

Once again, I think that we have put together a collection of articles that will be of interest to many collectors. We have also increased the number of advertisers thanks to our advertising guru, Larry Friend. I am confident that the PhilaJournal, under the interim editorship of Tom Malacki, will thrive in my absence. Thank you, Tom.



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Our cover.....

On Monday, January 16, 2012 Canada Post issued its official Diamond Jubilee commemorative stamp as a tribute to Queen Elizabeth's 60th anniversary of her ascent to the throne in February, 1952. The stamp shows the 85-year-old Queen as she appears today, clad in her tiara and royal robes. Governor General David Johnston unveiled the stamp design at the Canadian Museum of

Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec, home of the National Postal Museum.

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The President's Viewpoint Larry Friend

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Time to reflect!

Last year - did your stamp club membership grow? – Bring in new members? – Try new marketing strategies? - Build a web site? - Take advantage of all the advertising available? Did your club grow?

Last year was a great year for several clubs but, sad to say, not so good for others. In fact, I am sorry to say we lost one of our historic Toronto clubs, East Toronto. Luckily we have received some historical documents about the club. Watch for an article about East Toronto in the next PhilaJournal.

Let's all look ahead to a banner year this year. We have several shows, sales and auctions coming up. See page 32 or go to the website **www.gtapa.org**. Make an effort get out to the shows, auctions and sales. See our glorious hobby through other venues. See what is working for other clubs. Support our great hobby!

One only needs to look at PhilaJournal's advertisers to see the progressive clubs stepping up and taking advantage of the market place PhilaJournal reaches. PhilaJournal, has a readership of over 1,000 stamp, FDC and card collectors. And then there is the web site - what better way to reach our target market. By the way, our advertisers are also listed on GTAPA's web site.

Club members should feel a sense of responsibility in helping their club grow if not for their own needs but those of others as well as collectors to follow. Remember someone else made an effort before you got there. When was the last time you brought a friend to your club or the last time you volunteered your help at your club or club function?



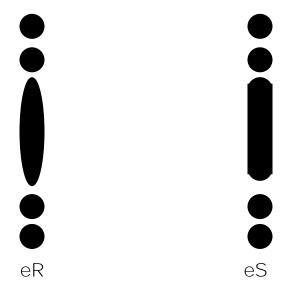
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The MACHIN Corner Dave Moss

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In this issue I'd like to review and discuss a couple of the non-printed security features employed on Machins. These are the elongated, or elliptical, perforations (sometimes known as syncopated) and the "U" shaped cut slots on the self-adhesive issues.

Elliptical perforations were introduced on April 6, 1993 and were first seen on the 1st Flame and 2nd Light Blue on that date. Later that year, the 6p Lime, 1p Crimson, 5p Ash Brown, 30p Sage Green, 35p Old Gold, 25p Salmon Pink, 20p Sea Green, 4p Cobalt Blue and 50p Sand were all issued. All subsequent new issues include this feature. The last stamp to be released with these was the 2p Dark Green. It was issued on April 11, 1995.



These were originally instituted as an anti-forgery security feature.

Since then and to date, two types of elliptical perforations have been identified:

- i. narrow at top and bottom, with Rounded sides (eR)
- ii. wide at top and bottom, with Straight sides (eS)

Identifying either of these two types of elliptical perforations on any single specimen can be rather difficult. Pairs always make the task easier.

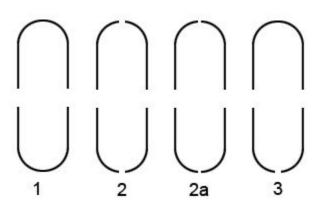
In addition, February 17, 2009 saw the introduction of several self-adhesive stamps with security "U Slits". These slits occurred on the 1st Gold, 1st Gold PIP and Large, 2nd Light Blue, 2nd Light Blue PIP and Large, 50p Light Grey, £1 Ruby, £1.50 Terracotta, £2 Slate blue, £3 Purple and £5 Grey Blue. A total of 10 denominations were affected.

Several other denominations have since been released with this security feature.

These "U-Slits" can be placed into 4 distinct types.

"U-Slit" Types

- 1 no cuts at top and bottom
- 2 cuts at top and bottom are wider than 2a
- 2a cuts at top and bottom are narrower than 2
- $3 no \operatorname{cut} \operatorname{at} \operatorname{top}$, cut at bottom



These slits will probably need to be addressed together with the background security printing and the hidden codes and dates that also takes place on new stamps.

Being a relatively new feature, we in North America may not see these features in the same quantity as we have for the other types of relatively abundant Machins.

So, until next time, good luck and happy sorting,

Dave

Thanks to Robin Harris of <u>www.adminware.com</u> for the use of his sketches.

Clippings & Commentary Peter Butler, FRPSC pbutler@ilap.com

While reading through the January 2012 issue of the *American Philatelist*, I came across a letter to the editor that tweaked my interest. The writer was offering several comments about the use of hinges, particularly by children, and he concluded that, "If we are serious about getting youths more involved with stamp collecting, a useful start would be to get rid of hinges!" A man of my own heart, I thought. Here is his rationale.

In working with youth stamp clubs for many years he concluded that applying hinges to stamps then stamps to album pages is one of the children's least-liked activities. It is a tiresome task, time consuming and often with unattractive results. If a stamp is not centered in the album space, children will often try to reposition it while stamp and hinge are still moist or remove the stamp and hinge altogether, usually resulting in damage to the stamp. Impatiently waiting for the hinge to dry, so it can be removed properly, to re-affix to the album page with a new hinge, is frustrating to both the youth and the mentor. Hence the conclusion not to use hinges at all was reached, and a different strategy for organizing collections needs consideration.

A few evenings later, I was glancing through an 1892 copy of *The Canadian Philatelist* and found a poem written by a member of the Society, Guy W. Green, entitled *The Young Collector*. Here are four stanzas of the longer poem that will give you an idea of what Mr. Green was getting at.

What young collector lives within, A realm of perfect bliss;His pulses thrill as if aroused By love's impassioned kiss;The sky assumes a brighter hue, The earth is gladder grown;He looks on happiness and joy, And claims them for his own.

What matters it, if albums fail To prove exactly new, If stamps are fastened side by side With Smither's patent glue If sundry issues find a place They ne'er have known before, Or margins show where sticky hands Have turned the pages o'er.

What matters it, if watermarks Have never caused him groans, If shades and dies and "outer lines" He haughtily disowns; If envelopes are cut to shape Or heedless thrown aside; Or Australians have found repose Where Finlands should abide.

The young collector, spite and all, Is happy as the day; He treads a path that seems to him A bright and shining way; I'd not disturb his dream of bliss Nor darken smiling skies, Since time will tear the veil aside That hangs before his eyes.

While the poet's view of youth in the first stanza is a little too romantic for this reader, the other statements ring true and the message of encouraging children to lead the way in terms of what they are interested in doing, should be prescriptive and worth heeding by the mentors of youthful collectors. And while one is thinking about that, do throw out the hinges!

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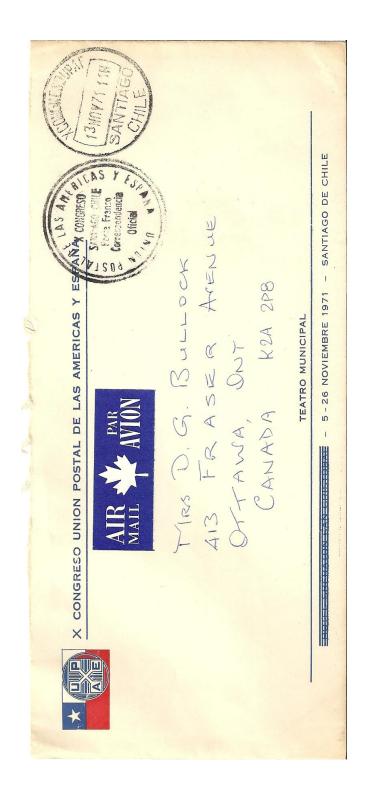


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Coveting Covers John Wilson wilsonjn@sympatico.ca

A Modern Stampless Cover

This time around, let's focus on an unusual modern cover – one sent free of cost, according to the Conventions of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain. This "local" postal union, approved by the UPU, was created in 1911 as a means of getting the postal administrations of South America to work more closely together in efficient delivery of mails – including giro transfers of money! The USA joined in 1926 (and Spain was invited to join the same year, as the Mother Nation of the group) but Canada did not become involved until 1931. Though there is a permanent secretariat, headquartered in Uruguay, it is fair to say that the organization does not have a high profile in Canada!

Conferences are held every five years, and in 1971 there was a very lengthy session devoted to modernization of technology, lasting a full three weeks. A Canadian delegate sent this letter home. As it was deemed to be on official business of the Union, it went free-franked. Thus the letter bears a handstamp to validate the privilege, and a special Congress date stamp as well.

It is well-known that Embassies and Consulates have special privileges of free postage, under the terms of international postal or diplomatic conventions. Mail sent by diplomatic pouch, for example, often travels stamp-free. We tend not to notice this type of mail nowadays, given the preponderance of electronic communication. A good collection can, however, be made of free-franked diplomatic mails, entitled to special handling and total security. Who has not seen a cover of this nature addressed to Franklin D. Roosevelt, for example?

Since the Second War we tend not to encounter so much officially-franked international mail; the UN, and its manifold agencies, all use their own stamps. There are, however, other international organizations which share the privilege of sending stampless mail, though they are rather obscure to most of us. Covers such as this one have a real interest despite their mundane appearance; they reveal the often obscure structures that smooth the course of international business and standards.



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Maple Leaf Chapter Covers from the Past

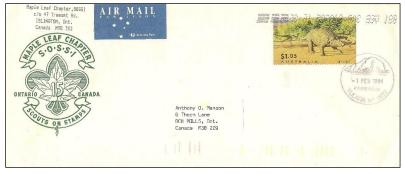
The Maple Leaf Chapter of SOSSI was founded in April 1962. They quickly developed a Chapter logo, and printed both #8 & #10 size envelopes with the green logo as a cachet. Shown are three interesting early uses of those envelopes by some Chapter members.



The addressee of this cover, James Hodgins, was Chapter member #37, joining in early 1963. The cover is cancelled on August 6, 1963 at Kandersteg, Switzerland. As well as the normal postage, it includes a Swiss

scout seal/label for their 50th anniversary, 1913-1963 (top right corner) and a rubber hand stamp along the bottom for the Scout International Chalet at Kandersteg, Switzerland. By co-incidence, I took a scout troop to the Chalet just three months earlier, from the RCAF base by Baden-Baden, Germany. Scouts from both troops probably bunked in the same "Canada Room", so named because Canadian scouts helped raise funds for building the Chalet.

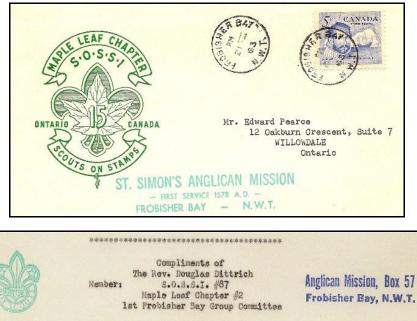
In 1994, Jack Lyons was the Editor of the Chapter bulletin, "The Maple Leaf-Let". When he went to visit his sister in Australia he prepared the bulletin ahead of time and carried them to Australia for mailing to all Chapter members in #10 size envelopes. In fact, he managed to get a nice



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philatelic cancel for the well-known Ayres Rock in Yulara, NT on 1 Feb 1994. For additional interest he printed the whole bulletin up-side-down on The Maple Leaf-Let letterhead stationery.

The Reverend Doug Dittrich joined SOSSI as Member #87 in 1952, one year after SOSSI was founded. He was a founding Member (#2) of the Maple Leaf Chapter in 1962. Shortly after, he and his wife Jean moved to Frobisher Bay, N.W.T. When the Canadian stamp, Scott #412, honouring the explorer Sir Martin Frobisher, was issued on August 21, 1963, Doug used the Chapter envelopes to make FDC's for his friends back in Ontario. He included an insert (enlarged for legibility) as shown below the cover. The interesting part is the green hand stamp along the bottom of the cover. It says "St. Simon's Anglican Mission/ First Service 1578 A.D./ Frobisher Bay – N.W.T.". Frobisher lived from 1535 to 1594, so that first service was probably on his arrival and founding of what was to be later named as Frobisher Bay. So Doug, as the new Mission minister had a tradition to maintain, which had started 385 years before, and 289 years before Confederation!



Doug & Jean now live in the Vancouver area and continue to attend the occasional SOSSI meetings, as well as some Maple Leaf Chapter ones.

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Unusual Postage Stamps Jerry Piotrowski

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Most of us are familiar with the personalized stamp programs such as Picture Postage offered by Canada Post. After suitable photographs are submitted, stamps valid for domestic postage are prepared. France used a different approach to personalized stamps in January 2011 when it issued 2 stamps in the ongoing Valentine Hearts series. The 0.95 \in stamp has a metallic film on the heart and the user is encouraged to "engrave" a message or their initials on it. The lower left corner of the stamps shows a



drawing of a hand holding a pen or stylus. The $0.58 \in$ stamp which could be coloured was sold in a miniature sheet of 5 which shows drawings on the selvage of a hand and crayons.

The 150th anniversary of New Zealand's first lighthouse was commemorated in January 2009 by the issuing of 5 stamps showing current lighthouses. Each stamp features a lighthouse beam that actually glows in the dark. When the special ink used to print the beam has been activated by a light source the beam can be seen in the dark. Three of the stamps are shown.



If you have information about unusual stamps and would like me to add it to future articles on this subject please email me, using **unusual stamps** in the subject line, at <u>jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com</u>. Or give it to your club GTAPA representative to pass along to me at a GTAPA Board meeting.

Tin Can Mail Jerry Piotrowski

The tiny island of Niuafo'ou in the South Pacific Tonga group is little more than a 15 square kilometre tip of a volcano jutting out of the Pacific Ocean. Since there is no safe anchorage for ships, an innovative way of sending and receiving mail had to be devised.

Incoming, as well as outgoing, mail was sealed into biscuit tins that were carried by strong swimmers who often used long buoyant poles to keep themselves from sinking.

Inevitably, one of the "mailmen" was killed by a shark. Queen Salote of Tonga ordered that further mail transfers were to be done by canoe. This was difficult since the canoes had to be lowered from the cliff tops and the crew then had to jump into the water and climb aboard. Since there was no restriction on the locals fishing by using their buoyant poles, many of the islanders continued to swim out to the ships, using the poles, when no one was looking.

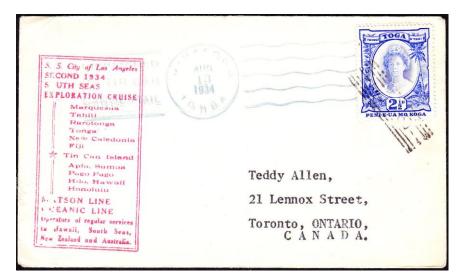
Of course, the philatelic opportunities offered by this method of moving mail did not go unnoticed. When Walter George Quensell arrived on the island in 1928, he produced a rubber stamp that read "Tin Can Mail" and applied it to all outgoing letters. Later on, a multitude of cachets in various languages and colours, as well as Quensell's rubber stamp signature, were applied to both sides of the cover creating what some might consider "over the top" philatelic items. He then arranged for ships' captains to encourage passengers to put letters into the incoming "tin" along with 6d to cover stamps and costs. He then forwarded that mail. Ships' captains soon created their own cachets showing where and when the items were "posted" at sea.

As an active volcano, Niuafo'ou was constantly subject to tremors. In 1946 a major eruption covered a large portion of the island resulting in the evacuation of everyone. It was not until 1958 that the residents were allowed to return. In response to requests from islanders, the Matson cruise line reinstated Tin Can Mail service in 1962, which continued until 1983 when an airfield was built on the island.

Thank you to Garfield Portch for providing scans of Tin Can Mail from his collection.



To Dunedin New Zealand July 15 1937



Matson Line prepared cover to Toronto Canada August 18 1934







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Peter Butler, Clippings & Commentary Dave Moss, The Machin Corner John Wilson (absent), Coveting Covers Jerry Piotrowski, Unusual Stamps Frank Alusio, Philatelic Elements were thanked for their regular columns which highlight a variety of topics of interest to GTAPA member clubs. Tony Manson, Scouts on Stamps, was also welcomed as a new columnist.

Remember, occasional articles by club members are always welcome. Contact the editor or your club GTAPA representative.

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Bramalea Stamp Club RPSC Chapter #144

Meets the 1st Sunday, from 2 to 4 pm, October to June and the 3rd Tuesday, from 7 to 9 pm, year round at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd and Bramalea Rd.) Brampton

Bob Thorne, FRPSC 905-792-3526 <u>r.thorne@sympatico.ca</u> <u>www.bramaleastampclub.com</u>

Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society <u>RPSC Chapter #82</u>

Meets on the 3rd Thursday each month at Hampton Securities, 141 Adelaide Street West **Joe Janthur 416-364-4112**

North Toronto Stamp Club RPSC Chapter #5

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (except July, Aug and Dec) at Yorkminister Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street (a short walk north of the St. Clair TTC subway station) Members begin arriving between 6:30 and 7:00pm George Sachs 416-453-5641 grsachs@gmail.com Lloyd Yamada 416-787-9232 slloydyamada@hotmail.ca

North York Philatelic Society RPSC Chapter #21

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from Sept to June July and August, 3rd Wednesday only Skaters' Lounge at the Carnagie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue **Mike Turk 905-731-8380** <u>turkm@accessv.com</u>

Oshawa/Whitby Stamp Groups RPSC Chapter #230

The Oshawa/Whitby stamp groups meet 4 times every week, twice in Oshawa, on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm to 8.30 pm, at Conant Seniors Centre on 115 Grassmere Ave. Oshawa Friday mornings from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm at Legends Community Centre 1661 Harmony Rd. N. Oshawa. The Whitby/Brooklin Group meets Monday morning 10 am to noon at Whitby Seniors Building, 801 Brock Street Whitby and every Tuesday evening 7 pm to 9 pm at Brooklin Community Centre 8 Vipond Rd in Brooklin

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Polish-Canadian Coin and Stamp Club "Troyak"

Meets on the last Sunday of each month, except holidays, at 4:30 pm John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, English speaking meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday from 7pm to 9pm Etobicoke Civic Ctre, 399 West Mall, (Hwy 427 & Burnhamthorpe) **Wieslaw Grzesicki 416-258-1651** <u>info@troyakclub.com</u> **Tom Malicki 905-281-0000**

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Scouts On Stamps Society International (SOSSI) Maple Leaf Chapter

Meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month from Sept to May at 2:00 pm (coffee/cookies at 1:30 pm).

Meetings are held in different locations. The schedule for the 2011/2012 season is: Sept. 18 Etobicoke/Oct 16 Kitchener, Scout House/ Nov 20 Etobicoke/ Mar 18 Vincent Greene Foundation, Toronto/Apr 15 Hamilton, Scout House/ May 27 Niagara Falls, Scout House/Museum

Tony Manson 416-447-4281 tony.manson@sympatico.ca.

Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club Founded 1892

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except July and Aug) at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Room 502, 1585 Yonge Street (a short walk north of the St. Clair TTC Subway Station). Limited parking is available in the church parking lot. City parking lot is within 100 yds.of the church.

Members gather at 7 p.m. for a programme commencing at 7:30 p.m Owen White 416-481-4731 <u>owen.white@sympatico.ca</u>

Scarborough Stamp Club RPSC Chapter #223

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month except December, July and August, at Cedarbrook Community Centre, Rooms 1 & 2, main floor, 91 East Park Blvd. (near Markham and Lawrence), Scarborough

Doug Cockburn 416-757-4072

Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) RPSC Chapter #228

Chapter of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society

Meets on the 1st Monday of every month at 7 pm Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, 2445 Bloor Street West, Toronto Jerry Kalyn 416-251-6898 ucst@upns.org

West Toronto Stamp Club RPSC Chapter #14 APS Chapter #174151

Meets on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays from Sept to June at 7:00 Fairfield Senior Centre, 60 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke The 1st Tuesday is the Machin Study Group, regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays feature auctions, 3rd Tuesday feature discussion. **Frank Alusio, FRPSC 416-621-8232 falusio@sympatico.ca Garfield Portch, FRPSC 416-239-0623 gportch@ca.inter.net**



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Dates to remember...Shows to consider...

March 2012

Saturday, March 10 (9:30 to 4:30) Kapex at The Evinrude Centre 911 Monaghan Road Peterborough <u>www.rpsc.org/chapters/kawartha</u>

Saturday, March 10 Eastern Auctions <u>www.easternstamps.com</u> The Lord Nelson Hotel & Suites Halifax, Nova Scotia

Saturday, March 17 (9:00 to 2:00) Scarborough Stamp Club Mini Show Cedarbrook Community Centre, 81 Eastpark Blvd. Scarborough

Saturday, March 24 (10:00 to 2:00) North Toronto Stamp Club Bourse Yorkminster Park Baptist Church 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto

Saturday, March 31 (10:00 to 3:00) North York Philatelic NYPEX Skaters Lounge at Carnegie Centennial Arena 580 Finch Ave. West

April 2012

Sunday, April 1 Oshawa Seniors' Live Auction 10am viewing, 12:30 Auction Conant Seniors Centre 115 Grassmere Ave, Oshawa

> April 13, 14, 15 Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto

April 15 SOSSI Maple Leaf Chapter 50th Anniversary in Hamilton

Wednesday, April 18, (starting 7:00 pm) Spring Auction North York Philatelic Carnegie Centennial Arena 580 Finch Ave. West

> Saturday, April 21 (10:00 to 4:00) Stampfest 1275 Bleams Road, Kitchener <u>www.kwstampclub.org</u>

Saturday, April 28 (9:00 to 2:00) Scarborough Stamp Club Mini Show Cedarbrook Community Centre, 81 Eastpark Blvd. Scarborough

May 2012

Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6, 2012 Orapex The RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa <u>www.racentre.com</u>

May 18, 19, 20 ROPEX 2700 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road, Rochester, New York

Tuesday, May 22 (6.30 pm) OshawaWhitby 250 lot Silent Auction Brooklin Seniors Centre 8 Vipond Rd. Brooklin, Ont

June 2012

June 1-3, 2012 Royal*2012*Royale West Edmonton Mall Convention Centre, For more information: <u>www.royal2012royale.com</u>

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