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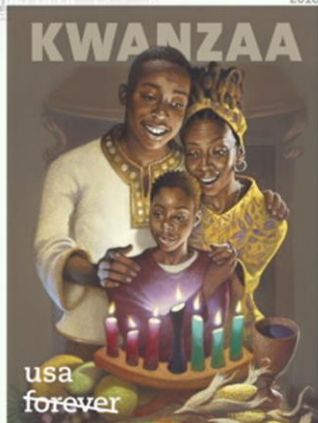
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## PhilaJournal Winter 2019 issue notes...

Much thanks to all the contributors, I had just enough to fill the 32 pages.

Starting with this issue I have two additions to the regularly included sections. Both of these will be distributed as pdf attachments in a GTAPA broadcast to your directors. It will be up to them to distribute to the Club members.

I have re-started a version of a stamp shows list and added events and called it “**GTAPA Member Clubs’ Shows & Events**”. It will be for member clubs’ shows and their important events only. Check page 28 to see current listings. Now it is over to you, the Clubs, to make it complete. With any luck this will increase your shows attendance or bring more visitors to your meetings. Email me at the above address.

I am also starting a new Page called “**Internet, the philatelist’s friend**”. Hopefully it will meet with your approval. Key reason is that there are tens of thousands sites related to philately. Some are great and some are horrific. I hope to concentrate and lead you to the great ones (but, if you did come across some that is really bad or worst, distributes malware) let me know and I will include it as a warning for others not to go there). See page 27.

Our sister organization Grand River Valley Philatelic Alliance, GRVPA ([www.grvpa.com](http://www.grvpa.com)) has made a major change in the way it distributes to all members newsletter the “Grand News”. It has gone digital and it can be downloaded from GRVPA website as a PDF file. The first issue looks great. Waiting to see the second one, so far the first page looks excellent.

PhilaJournal wishes the new Editor, Wendy, much success in her new role.

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## GTAPA's Circuit Circus – Another successful event by Larry Friend

With eight clubs taking advantage of the GTAPA's event coupled with the very successful sales table – a very rewarding day. When speaking with the participating clubs at the end of the day – all responded positively about the experience and sales. Many asked if the date had been set for the next Circus. There was so much material available from the club tables and the 400 items on the sales table. Some collectors were still picking stamps as the tables were being put away at the end of the Circuit Circus.

Financially, the day was a success with a return of the deposit plus a small profit. All clubs were comfortable with the token table fees (\$20) as were the members who put items on the table for a 10% sales fees. By the way – all members were paid for lots sold from the sales table at the close of the day.

A special thanks go to **David Best** and **Jim Breadner** for the original Circuit Circus idea and their efforts to organize the event (for a second time), the set up and take down of the room. **Well Done and Thank You!!!**

Hats off to the ladies who prepared fresh sandwiches coupled with choice of beverages and muffins – Thank You!

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## **David's Collection...my special summary**

It is very obvious David (not his real name) got a lot more out of stamp collecting than many others. There were never enough stamps for David.

Not only did he enjoy his personal collecting – but enjoyed helping others further their collecting interest. He enjoyed making custom pages for his own albums and for others – he enjoyed trading and selling his stamps.

David's collecting interests were wide and varied with many interesting country choices. He had a desire to fill every spot in his many albums – even if the stamp was not up-to his personal standards – his intention – to replace a poorer stamp with a better one when one came along.

I first met David at least 45 years ago when I sold him a stamp at one of the clubs' – a lifelong friendship started from that stamp. I'm sure he never said "no" when a collection was offered to him.

While reviewing the values of David's collections – much time was spent properly evaluating the stamps by condition, centering, hinged & never hinged values, copies and cancels – all of which have to be taken into consideration when properly valuing a stamp or a collection.

With catalogue values placed on the individual collections (with Jim's help on Germany) – total sales to-date are approx. \$30,000 with more to come... and the proceeds from sales going to David's family (thanks for allowing me to donate material and loose stamps to our youth groups – David would have liked that). Thanks again Mary - for the trust you placed in me to achieve the best results and joy working with David's collection. Many collectors are happy to have some of David's stamps as their own – particularly those who knew and associated with David.

## **It's worth repeating...Story of two collections.**

In both cases, these two collections had belonged to active stamp club members before their deaths. One here in Toronto area, the other person belonged to a club in Edmonton. Both large cities with very active stamp clubs.

In the Edmonton, both husband and wife were collectors and club members. Upon their passing (4 years ago) the collection went from one sibling to another sibling until it was determined no one wanted the collection, several binders, Canadian mint, FDC and shoe boxes). The current custodian of the collection, living in Oshawa, asked a neighbor, who owned a pick-up truck if he would take the collection to the recycling centre.

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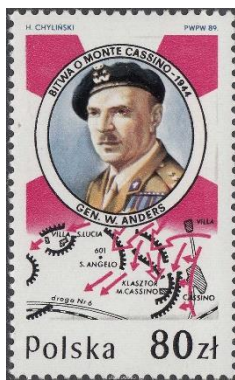
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## Victory at Monte Cassino

In the Fall 2019 issue of PhilaJournal Ron Dell'Agnese wrote about the Monte Cassino in "Stamps of Italy". And in the Spring 2015 issue Mattia Guida wrote about the involvement of the Polish army in the allied campaign in Italy including the 4 battles of Monte Cassino.

At an elevation of 1700 feet, the Abbey of Monte Cassino overlooks the town of Cassino and the surrounding countryside. It was a major position of German defence line that stood in the way of the Allied forces to liberate Rome. From the vantage point of the Abbey, the German forces controlled air and ground fire against the Allies. It is estimated that during the fierce fighting of the four battles, the capture of Monte Cassino resulted in 55,000 Allied casualties including 281 officers and 3,503 other ranks of the Polish forces. German losses were about 20,000 killed and wounded. The fourth and final battle began on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1944.

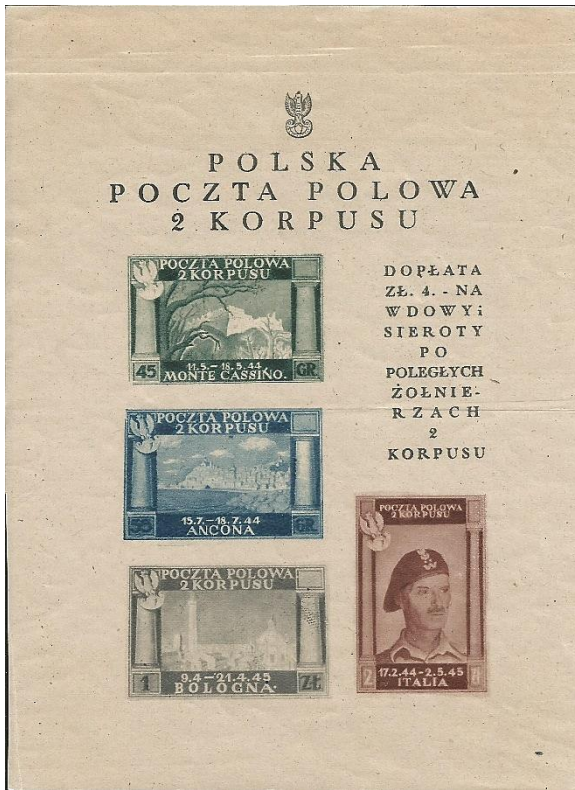


On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Polish Second Corps under the leadership of General Wladyslaw Anders launched what was to become the final attack on Monte Cassino. Under constant artillery and mortar fire from the strongly fortified German positions and with little natural cover for protection, the fighting was fierce and at times hand-to-hand. On the morning of May 18<sup>th</sup> Polish troops reached the ruins of the mountaintop monastery with no resistance to plant a Polish flag over the remains of the abbey. Overnight, the Germans had evacuated their positions, leaving behind thirty wounded men.



The Polish Government in Exile in the U.K. issued a set of overprinted stamps to mark the occasion.

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While still in Italy, the Polish Second Corps issued a set of stamps including a souvenir sheet showing its involvement in the battles of Monte Cassino, Ancona and Bologna.

Following his death in London in 1970 General Anders was buried in accordance with his wishes, amongst his fallen soldiers at the Polish War Cemetery at Monte Cassino.

At the foot of the cemetery is an inscription in Polish which translates as:

**Passerby, tell Poland that we fell faithfully in her service, for our freedom and yours, we Polish soldiers gave our souls to God, our bodies to the soil of Italy, and our hearts to Poland.**



**GTAPA's Circuit Circus – Another successful event in pictures**





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Troyak Club took advantage of the newly created volunteer recognition program from the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada to nominate **Robert Owczarz** (on left). He was awarded the certificate and a special RPSC pin.



Robert is a philatelist specializing in John Paul II (JPII) topic having amassed probably all worldwide philatelic issues related to the Polish Pope. He has also an extensive philatelic library, possibly every catalogue or book published about JPII. He is a regular guest exhibitor at bourses, club shows, and was invited to present a multi frame exhibit at one of the past CSDA/GTAPA shows.

His exhibits are always present at the Troyak Club's shows and at the Roncesvalles' Polish Festival each September (These exhibits are usually prepared in cooperation with his colleague and JPII collector Stan Korzepa).

His Troyak volunteer work includes serving several years as the Secretary archiving the beginnings of the Club. Robert was vital in establishing Club's web site [troyakclub.com](http://troyakclub.com). He is also one of the funding members.

From the beginning he has authored the monthly newsletter. First it was a paper version which later migrating a web only version. Actually, the May 2019 issue was his 200<sup>th</sup>. A feat not to be matched by one person in any other Club that I am aware off.

Robert has represented Troyak Club as a GTAPA Director since the begging and served several years as GTAPA's Vice-President actively contributing and participating in all GTAPA's projects and undertakings. Thank you!

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Troyak Club's other news: We had two very succesfull Shows in March and October of this year. Each year we get more and more philatelic dealers, local and from as far as Quebec. In numbers that translates to about 30 dealers with about 60 dealer tables (1/3<sup>rd</sup> is philatelic).

So if you have been holding back from travelling to Mississauga for the **Mississauga's Coin & Stamp Show** please come to the next one on Sunday, March 8, 2020 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. More information and dealer application on [www.troyakclub.com/shows/](http://www.troyakclub.com/shows/)



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Well the moment has arrived! After 15 years of negotiations, the owner of these three UNIQUE imperforate sheets has finally agreed to sell. The editors of the Uni-trade Canada Specialized were aware of their existence and they were listed in a footnote. Orders will be taken on a first come first basis and cut up accordingly. Sheets are all VF Never Hinged but some do have minor gum pinches or wrinkles and were originally bought from an Archive Sale. Prices will be as follows. Payment plans can be arranged.

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## Antonio Meucci

Alexander Graham Bell did not invent the telephone. No more than ten men were experimenting on trying to invent a “telephone”, and one of them was Bell. An Italian, working in New York City was one of the ten.



The Italian was Antonio Meucci, who was born on April 13, 1808 in Florence, Italy. Meucci invented and patented many items, but spent much of his time experimenting on a product today known as the telephone. Meucci lived in Cuba for a few years, but then moved to New York City where he felt that opportunities were better. His latest invention was what he called the “teletrofono”.

He demonstrated it in 1860 to the public, and had a description of it published in New York's Italian language newspaper (he was not fluent in English). Meucci filed a patent caveat for a telephone device in December 1871. Patent Caveats were valid for one year and did not permit anyone else to patent any similar invention during that year. Unfortunately, Meucci did not have \$10.00 that it cost to patent his telephone.

In March 1876, Bell, who conducted experiments in the same laboratory where Meucci worked, was granted a patent for a telephone and was thus credited with inventing the telephone. On Jan 13, 1887, the US government moved to annul the patent issued to Bell on the grounds of fraud and misrepresentation... Therefore, the inventor of the telephone, or teletrofono, was Antonio Meucci.

Italy has issued a number of stamps honouring Meucci. In 1965, a 70 lire stamp portraying Meucci and Marconi. In 1978, a 170 lire stamp (above)



portraying Meucci was issued as part of a 6 stamp set. In 2003, a 52 centesemi souvenir sheet with one stamp was issued.

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## Mail in the time of Cholera

Full title: “Reggio Emilia (Italy) 1855: Disinfection labels during an epidemic of Asian Cholera”

I was inspired to write this article by a letter I acquired recently at an auction. The letter is dated August 3, 1855 and has been mailed by a local Reggio Emilia priest to the Health Superintendent in the same town.



**Reggio Emilia is a town in Italy near Parma, Modena and Bologna.**

This letter has been slit and fumigated as normally done during an epidemic, but also bears a special label to certify that the letter has been indeed disinfected and therefore it is authorized to be forwarded through the mail system and be delivered to the addressee.



In the year 1854 a large part of Italy started to be affected by a very nasty strain of cholera, named the Asian Cholera. The disease luckily would not transmit so easily but would be deadly in 100 per cent of the cases and the people infected would die within 24 hours from the time that the first symptoms started to appear.

The epidemic slowly moved through Italy from South to North and reached the Reggio Emilia area in mid-1854. The local authorities, when the disease

was approaching Reggio Emilia, decided to introduce a series of measures to contain the spread of the Asian Cholera. As at the time people believed that the disease could also spread through the mail, they introduced measures to disinfect all mail.

To make sure that all mail would be fumigated they introduced a special label which had to be affixed to the letter soon after fumigation. A letter without this special label could not be delivered.

The fumigation was made through chlorine fumes. The fumigation mix was obtained by mixing manganese peroxide with common salt, to which then was added sulphuric acid. The letters were first slit and then put in a special box where they were exposed to these disinfection fumes for a few minutes.



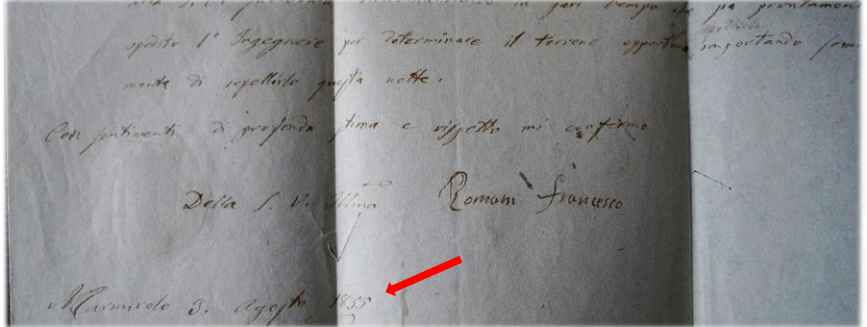
The labels were introduced on September 1854 and were used until October 1855, when finally the disease was contained and the fumigation was discontinued. In a period of 13 months the label design (always the words “Disinfection Office in Reggio” surrounded by an elaborate frame) was changed 3 times. So 4 different labels exist. I have 3 of the 4 type shown in the article.



The label is known always un-cancelled and on letters without stamps. The total number of labels printed is unknown but in any case most letters used during the cholera time were destroyed so a very limited number of letters with this label are known to exist. These labels can also be found loose in a mint condition but also in this case only a limited number have survived those challenging times.

The fumigation was always performed by monks and members of the clergy. This because the local authorities were concerned about protecting the privacy of the messages contained in the letters.

By the way the message contained in this letter is short but very interesting. The priest is writing to his Superintendent to inform him that an individual mentioned in a previous letter of the same day has already died. So the priest requests instructions on where and how this person could be safely buried.



# SPARKS AUCTIONS

A sampling of what will be offered in our January 2020 sale:

- Part two of a consignment of mint never hinged Canadian blocks and multiples from the late 1890s to early 1930s, all being offered on the market for the first time.
- The Leon Victor Pont collection of pioneer India first flight covers and other postal history tucked away since the 1930s.
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## NEWS from North Toronto Stamp Club by Mattia Guida

The North Toronto Fall Bourse: 14 Prizes Distributed to the Winners of the September Draw... The Fall Bourse took place on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and saw a large number of visitors, with a good level of sales for the 20 dealers present. One of the attractions of the Bourse was the customary draw that saw a record number of winners; 14 visitors won a prize! In fact, thanks to the generosity of two dealers, Rick Day and Geoff Solway, we have been able to add 4 extra prizes to the usual list of 10. The complete list of the winners is on [northtorontostampclub.ca](http://northtorontostampclub.ca) → Events-Calendar → 2019-programme.

A couple of pictures:



*Thirteenth Prize – Selection of 10 Souvenir Sheets: Barb Scott*



*The First Prize – One Kilo of Stamps:  
Frank Van De Water*

The next Bourse took place on November 16<sup>th</sup> so check prizes and the winners and the dealers attending our Bourses by visiting our website [www.northtorontostampclub.ca](http://www.northtorontostampclub.ca)

**The NTSC and RPSC joined forces and booth #642 at the Oct 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 ZoomerShow at the Enercare Centre at the CNE.**



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## NEWS from Markham Stamp Club by Klaus Hintz

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(Ed.: As announced in MSC September 2019 Newsletter a Raffle draw was to be held during a regular Club meeting on Sept.25<sup>th</sup> for 3 great prizes to offset the cost of running the Club).

The draw took place, as scheduled, on September 25<sup>th</sup> during our regular Wednesday meeting. The proceeds help with the room rentals and other expenses.

Winner of the First prize was Robert Perfect. His was the ticket for the first prize, a framed, uncut sheet of the \$5 Canadian Flag stamp containing 20 souvenir sheets and three stamps; Scott # 2808 iii. Only 1,000 were printed.



Winner of the Second prize was Jun Sheng Liang. The prize was a limited edition framed uncut and numbered Year of the Pig press sheet. It was signed by the designer and calligrapher Albert Ng, and by the designer and illustrator Seung Jai Paek.

Winner of the Third prize was Jim Bedley. The prize was a framed souvenir sheet enlargement of the Year of Pig stamps.

Congratulations to the winners.

The Markham Stamp Club would like to thank Joe Than for the generous First Prize donation and the initiative to get the other prizes.



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## The Siam 1920 Scouts Fund Overprints

The Siam 1920 Scouts Fund Overprints became one of the earliest issues of scout stamps.

King Rama VI was an early advocate of scouting. In 1920 three sets of stamps, totaling 19 stamps honoring their kings, were overprinted as a means of receiving a tax to support the “Scouts Fund”. The scouts in Siam were known as the “Wild Tiger Corps” and as a result the head of a tiger was included in each of the three types of overprints.



Type 1

Type 2

Type 3

The resultant three sets of overprinted Semi-Postal stamps were Scott numbers B12 to B17 (Type 1), B18 to B23 (Type 2) and B24-B30 (Type 3).

These overprints are easier to duplicate than the stamps themselves and this has led to some counterfeit overprints.

In addition, nine government postal cards were also over-printed, three of each type. These are very scarce and thus very expensive.



## York Region responsible for Canada?

Who remembers that the Northern part of the York region played a pivotal role in the history of Canada, anticipating the creation of Canada as we know it today? Astounding events took place centred on the towns of Sharon (formerly Hope) and Holland Landing (all in East Gwillimbury, North of Newmarket).

During the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the lands north of the Oak Ridges Moraine were the frontier. Roads were hacked through the woods and some pioneers established themselves with their families in clearings along newly drawn concession lines.

The “Children of Peace”, a group that split from the Quakers in Newmarket, established Hope. Their philosophy of justice and equality, drawn from the Bible, lead some of their members to participate in the 1837 rebellion. One of them, from Holland Landing, Samuel Lount, was hung for his participation in the march down Yonge Street and the ensuing skirmish at Montgomery's Inn. The underlying reason for the rebellion was the demand for responsible government, i.e. “A government that has to justify to the electorate their policies and actions.” The first election to the “House of Assembly” for the newly united Canadas (“Province of Canada”, formerly Lower and Upper Canada) was held in 1841. Among the candidates were two lawyers who argued for responsible government: Robert Baldwin and Louis-Hippolyte LaFontaine.

Baldwin was from York, now Toronto, Anglophone and - most likely a Protestant. LaFontaine was from Boucherville, Lower Canada, Francophone and Catholic. The government of the day tried to influence the outcomes of the elections through

intimidation and locating polling stations in places favouring the government's party.



In 1841, the Children of Peace held a campaign rally for Baldwin and LaFontaine in their Temple, where they rejoiced to say that “we have it in our power to show our impartial respect to the Canadian people of the Lower Province.” Despite threats of Orange Order violence, LaFontaine was elected as representative of 4<sup>th</sup> York.” (Wikipedia, July 27, 2019). Fourth York, the Northern part of today's York Region was overwhelmingly Anglophone and Protestant.

Later, in 1843, Baldwin was elected to represent an overwhelming Francophone and Catholic riding of Rimouski, East of Quebec City. It is worth noting that the electorates overcame prejudices towards other languages or religious groups which were prevalent in those days.

It was not until 1848 that the first freely elected government in the British colonies took power in Nova Scotia and the Baldwin - LaFontaine government shortly thereafter.

In 1927, to celebrate Canada's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, Canada Post issued a commemorative stamp (Scott # 148) depicting both politicians. Two other stamps were issued at the same time for three other fathers of confederation: Thomas D'Arcy McGee, John A. MacDonald, and Wilfred Laurier.

One could argue that the above-mentioned stamp also honours the electorates of Rimouski and the North York area and their push for democracy. On another level, it is a reminder, that VOTING MATTERS.

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Fortunately, an Oshawa Senior Member suggested they call me before dumping all and the collection was saved...donating some to youth and selling the rest to other collectors.

In the Toronto case, even more bizarre; this man passed away a few years ago. His collection, over 100 binders and several shoe boxes, had 3 different “stamp people” involved. One bought the mint Canada at an extremely low price, the last 20 years of post office purchases, for \$300. Two others collectors actually took the balance of the collection away, untimely returning it back to the owner as they felt there was not sufficient value or time to do the work to sell the collection. Exasperated, the owner who did not drive, asked a neighbour to take the balance to the dump. Fortunately, I was contacted through that neighbour and the collection was untimely sold to other collectors, with the youth benefiting as well. Please put directions with your collections.

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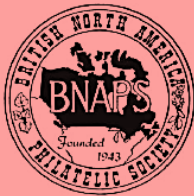
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On occasion, a PhilaJournal article will mention an interesting website. I have amassed hundreds of 'links' to philatelic sites that contain literature, articles, pictures, postal history and much more.

With an introduction of this page, hopefully permanent, I would like to initiate an exchange of 'links' between the readers to be published here.

Every "internet connected" reader must have links that are very dear to their collecting spirit, you visit them often, rely on the information and learn, learn, learn. And that will be the mission of this page: to provide PhilaJournal readers with valuable links used by others and pointing to new sources of information. Only one caveat, any retail or auction website must contain large enough education component to be included here.

With this intro I call upon all readers to send your best links to the Editor at **philajournal@gmail.com**. Sites don't have to be 'English only' as the Google browser has a reasonably good translator.

As an added bonus this information page will be distributed to all Clubs, in pdf format, so you can "click and see" the links, judge their value to your collecting interests, and maybe even bookmark few.

### **Editor's favorite sites to visit on regular basics:**



<https://canadianstampnews.com/events/> - for an up to date listing of all the Stamp Shows in Canada that include a short description and contact information. Worth visiting weekly when you are planning your outings.

<https://canadiancoinnews.com/events/> - don't let the name confuse you, in this day and age, many if not all "coin show" are introducing other hobbies to their offerings. Worth checking out as well.

<http://www.stampboards.com/> - I must say that I don't have enough time to give this site more attention, but anytime I get some down time to just browse I go here to see what others are talking about or looking for. I always learn something new from other collectors worldwide.

<http://www.thestampweb.com/> - I learned about this Canadian site from the "stampboards" site above. It offers "AlbumEasy - Free software for creating custom stamp album pages" plus much more. It offers several albums of countries and topics or specializations. Pdf file "Canada Classic" covers 1851 to 1973, has colour pictures of stamps and has 203 pages.

## **GTAPA MEMBER CLUBS' SHOWS & EVENTS**

This list is updated based on information provided by the GTAPA Directors, from Clubs' websites and from the Canadian Stamp News ([www.canadianstampnews.com](http://www.canadianstampnews.com)) EVENTS web page. Email new Shows or Club Special Events to [philajournal@gmail.com](mailto:philajournal@gmail.com)

<p>Saturday, December 7, 2019: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm            North York Philatelic Society's Annual Bourse            See: <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/northyorkphilatelicsociety/">https://sites.google.com/site/northyorkphilatelicsociety/</a></p>
<p>Saturday, December 14, 2019: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm            Scarborough Stamp Club Show: Club circuit books and stamp Dealers            Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough, ON, M1H 1C6</p>
<p>Saturday, January 4, 2020: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm            Scarborough Stamp Club Show: Club circuit books and stamp Dealers            Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough, ON, M1H 1C6</p>
<p>Saturday, January 25, 2020: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm            Scarborough Stamp Club Show: Club circuit books and stamp Dealers            Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough, ON, M1H 1C6</p>
<p>Saturday, February 1, 2020: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm            Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse            See: <a href="http://www.bramaleastampclub.org">www.bramaleastampclub.org</a> for more info</p>
<p>Thursday, February 13, 2020: Viewing: 5:00 - 7:00 pm...Auction: 7:00 - 9:00 pm            Ajax-Pickering Stamp Club Auction &amp; Sale            Read more: <a href="http://www.ajax-pickering-stamp-club.com">www.ajax-pickering-stamp-club.com</a></p>
<p>Thursday, February 27, 2020: 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm            North Toronto Stamp Club: Live Floor Auction #1            See: <a href="http://www.northtorontostampclub.ca">www.northtorontostampclub.ca</a></p>
<p>Sunday, March 8, 2020: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm            Polish-Canadian Coin &amp; Stamp Club "Troyak": Mississauga's Coin &amp; Stamp Show. Details &amp; Dealer sign-up: <a href="http://www.troyakclub.com">www.troyakclub.com</a></p>
<p>Saturday, March 14, 2020: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm            North Toronto Stamp Club Spring Bourse            See: <a href="http://www.northtorontostampclub.ca">www.northtorontostampclub.ca</a></p>
<p>Wednesday, April 15, 2020: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm            North York Philatelic Society Annual Auction            See: <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/northyorkphilatelicsociety/">https://sites.google.com/site/northyorkphilatelicsociety/</a></p>
<p>Saturday, April 18, 2020: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm            Kawartha Stamp Club: 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Stamp Show KAPEX 2020            See: <a href="http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/kawartha/index.htm">www.rpsc.org/chapters/kawartha/index.htm</a></p>
<p>Sunday, April 26, 2020: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm            Ajax-Pickering Stamp Club: Stamp &amp; Coin Show Apex 2020            Read more: <a href="http://www.ajax-pickering-stamp-club.com">www.ajax-pickering-stamp-club.com</a></p>
<p>Saturday, May 23, 2020: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm            North York Philatelic Society's NYPEX Stamp Show            See: <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/northyorkphilatelicsociety/">https://sites.google.com/site/northyorkphilatelicsociety/</a></p>
<p>Saturday, June 6, 2020: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm            North Toronto Stamp Club Summer Bourse            See: <a href="http://www.northtorontostampclub.ca">www.northtorontostampclub.ca</a></p>

This page will be emailed to GTAPA Clubs so members can take advantage of the web links.

# Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance

## CLUB DIRECTORY

**(Clubs' contact information change, always check for current at [www.gtapa.org](http://www.gtapa.org))**

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### Ajax-Pickering Stamp Club

**RPSC Chapter #163**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month, 5 to 9 pm at Ajax Public Library on Harwood Road South (south of the 401). Free parking and wheelchair accessibility

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Paul Delongchamp 905-430-2942      paul\_delongchamp@hotmail.com

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### Barrie District Stamp Club (NEW)

**RPSC Chapter #73**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, except July & August, 7 to 9 pm  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 47 Owen St., Barrie  
Bruce Walter, CD, Sec. at 705-735-6009      b.walter@rogers.com

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### Bramalea Stamp Club

**RPSC Chapter #144**

Meets twice a month. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. from 2 to 4 pm (October to June) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. from 7 to 9pm (year round) at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd and Bramalea Rd.), Brampton.  
Bob Thorne, FRPSC 905-792-3526      bobthorne70@gmail.com  
[www.bramaleastampclub.org](http://www.bramaleastampclub.org)

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### Credit Valley Stamp Club

**RPSC Chapter #67**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7 to 9 pm, Christ Church United, 1700 Mazo Cr, Mississauga (1 block E of Clarkson Rd & 1 block S of Truscott)  
**Ernest Ockenden 905-822-9363**      [etypeprinter@gmail.com](mailto:etypeprinter@gmail.com)

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### Fenelon Falls Stamp Club

**RPSC Chapter #176**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (except Aug., Oct. and Dec.) at 7 pm in the Salvation Army Church, 42 Bond St. W. in Fenelon Falls (W. of Colbourne St.)  
Jim Breadner      jim\_breadner@hotmail.com  
Yvan Racine      yvan\_racine@yahoo.ca

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### Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club

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#### **Wasaga Beach Chapter**

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President: Jeff Wilson 902-488-7149      jeffery.wilson001@gmail.com  
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Club mailing address: 212-39 St. South, Wasaga Beach ON. L9Z 1S3  
Ian McRuer (GTAPA Director) 705-445-8033      imcruer@gmail.com

#### **Midland Chapter**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre, 527 Len Self Boulevard, Midland  
Bern Kramer 705-686-3830      bkramer@eastlink.ca

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**Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society** **RPSC Chapter #82**

Meets the 3rd Thursday each month at 5 pm  
Albany Club of Toronto (3rd floor) 91 King St. E. (King and Church)  
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**Kawartha Stamp Club, The** **RPSC Chapter #58**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month  
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<http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/kawartha/program.htm>

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**Markham Stamp Club** **Markhamstampclub@gmail.com**

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at the Markham Village Community Centre,  
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**Muskoka Stamp Club** **RPSC Chapter #216**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 to 9:00 pm in Bracebridge Public School,  
90 McMurray St., Bracebridge (except July & August – contact Larry).  
Larry Matthews 705-645-7527 muskokapost@gmail.com

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**North Toronto Stamp Club** **RPSC Chapter #5**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month (except July, Aug and Dec) at  
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street  
Members begin arriving between 6:30 and 7:00pm  
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Bruce Philip b.philipfca@yahoo.ca

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**North York Philatelic Society**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month Sept to June from 6:00 to 9:00 pm  
at the Skaters' Lounge at the Carnegie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue  
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**Oshawa/Whitby/Brooklin Stamp Groups** **RPSC Chapter #230**

[www.oshawawhitby-stamp-club.com](http://www.oshawawhitby-stamp-club.com)

**Oshawa** - Fridays 10:15 to 12:15. Legends Comm. Centre 1661 Harmony Rd. N.  
**Whitby** - meets Mondays **9:00 to 11:30am**. Whitby Seniors Building, 801 Brock St.  
**Brooklin** - Tuesdays from **5:00 to 8:00pm**. Brooklin Comm. Centre, 8 Vipond Rd.

**Oshawa/Whitby/Brooklin Contact Information**

**Brooklin** - David Best 905-263-2216 davidbest1953@gmail.com  
**Oshawa** - Larry Friend 905-666-7696 lfriend@sympatico.ca  
**Whitby** - Jim Stevenson 905-576-4449



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**Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club “Troyak” RPSC Ch.#240**

Meets on the last Sunday of each month, except holidays, at 4:30 pm  
John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga  
Contact: Tom Malicki 905-281-0000 tom.malicki@gmail.com  
info@troyakclub.com www.troyakclub.com

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**Scarborough Stamp Club RPSC Chapter #223**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. each month (except July & August) at Cedarbrook Comm. Centre,  
RM 1 & 2 on main floor. 91 East Park Blvd. (near Markham and Lawrence).  
Doug Cockburn 416-757-4072; Ron Dell’Agnese rdellagnese@rogers.com

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**Scouts on Stamps Society International RPSC Chapter # 242**  
**SOSSI, Maple Leaf Chapter**

Meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from Sept to May at 2:00 pm (coffee/cookies at  
1:30 pm) in Toronto and South Western Ontario.

**To attend call Tony to confirm date, times and actual location.**

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

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**Toronto Stamp Collectors’ Club RPSC Chapter # 238**

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month (except July and Aug) at  
the V G Greene Foundation, 10 Summerhill Avenue.

Members gather at 6:30 pm for a program commencing at 7:00 pm  
Mike Graf 416-534-6936 graf20003@yahoo.ca

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**Trenton Stamp Club RPSC Chapter # 89**

Meets on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, monthly 6:30 to 8:30 pm at  
105 Seniors Centre, 61 Bay St., Trenton.

Peter Koenig 905-373-0806 peter.koenig@sympatico.ca  
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**Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) RPSC Chapter #228**

Chapter of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 7 pm (except July and August) at  
Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian Centre, 482 Horner Avenue, Etobicoke  
Jerry Kalyn 416-251-6898 ucst@upns.org

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**West Toronto Stamp Club RPSC Chapter #14**

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from Sept to June at 7:00 pm in  
Fairfield Senior Centre, 60 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday is the Learning Workshop.

Regular meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays feature auctions;  
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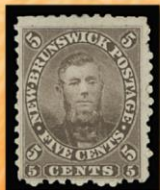
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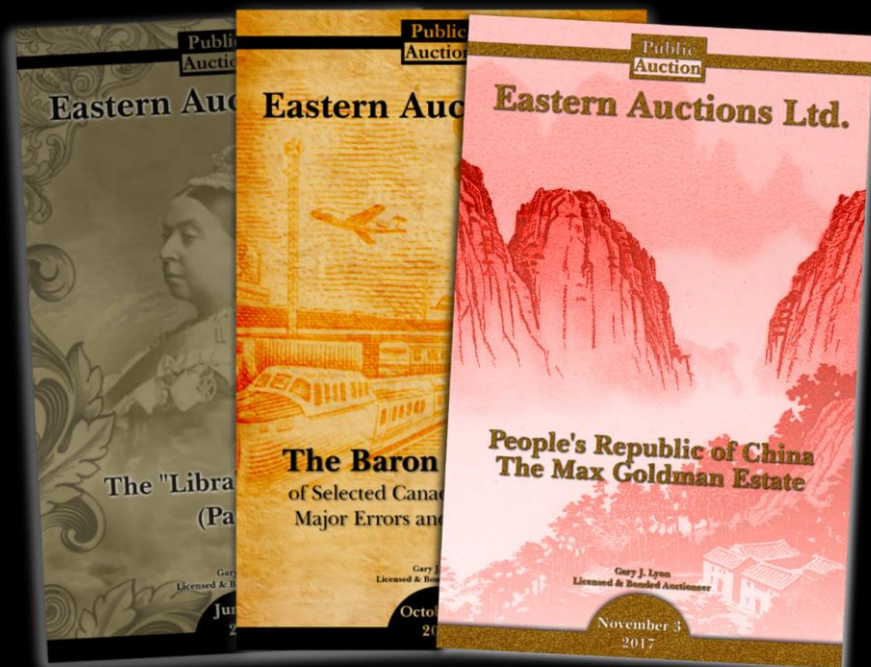
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