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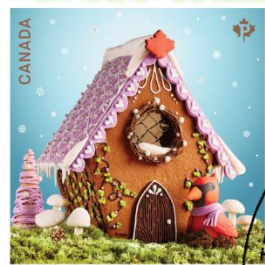
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## *PhilaJournal* Winter 2024 issue notes.

Well, it happened to me and on the last issue. I had most of it done, and the PC crashed, and several finished articles were lost and had to be redone.

George Henderson (SOSSI) and Rob Stickan (Cobourg Stamp Club) were the TWO GOOD READER AWARD winners from the Fall (#89) issue, chosen in a blind draw. Prizes had been delivered. CONGRATULATIONS!

Since this is the last issue, I could not help myself and made the cover, front and back, a "[mourning cover](#)" design, in case you wonder about the black margins. GTAPA leaves a legacy of significant shows, APS trips and various projects. All the *PhilaJournal* issues contain many worthwhile reading articles. I think future readers and philatelic researchers will enjoy it. I will monitor the editor's email address ([philajournal@gmail.com](mailto:philajournal@gmail.com)) and answer any queries. There is no plan to deactivate this address for now, anyway.

Numerous alternative communication channels are available, each offering a unique opportunity for collectors to share their insights and knowledge. These include email distribution lists, individual club websites, the [RPSC](#) website with *Canadian Philatelist*, the *Canadian Stamp News*, [BNAPS](#), and various specialty clubs, societies, and organizations, too many to list all. Each is hungry for collectors' contributions and recognizes the value and impact of your unique perspectives. AND become a member of RPSC and BNAPS!

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The *PhilaJournal* will not just disappear. The [gtapa.org](http://gtapa.org) website will stay live until it is transferred to the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation to be available from their Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library website: <https://www.greenefoundation.ca/library>. Here, you will be able to read all the issues. An Index is also in the works to locate *PhilaJournal* articles by authors, topics or titles.

In my last paragraph, I thank everyone involved in producing the ninety *PhilaJournals*, the previous Editors and Authors for making this an excellent publication and the Advertisers for their financial support. Goodbye.

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## ***Philajournal*: Au revoir/ Goodbye. You will be missed**

By now, most of you are aware that *Philajournal* will also stop producing new issues after the Winter 2024 issue due to GTAPA's closing down.

This decision has been inevitable due to the shortage of resources and volunteers. Still, it saddens many of us who have gotten used to reading the *Philajournal* for many years.

The North York Philatelic Society has supported the *Philajournal* these last two years. You may remember that our Club had been struggling for a few years already, starting around 2015, due to the lack of volunteers and new members. Unfortunately, due to the lack of volunteers, nothing was organized in advance at the Club, and members who were still loyal to the Club never knew what to expect at one of the NYPS meetings, which in some cases ended up even being cancelled due to no attendance. Then COVID came, and the Club was unable to organize virtual meetings. This forced the Club to close down indefinitely.

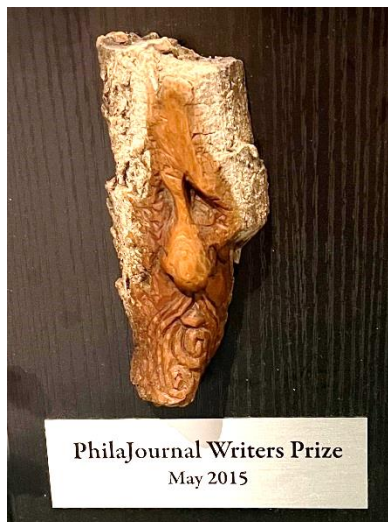
At the end of 2022, only the determination of a few of us to relaunch a stamp club in a vital area of the city allowed us to reopen the Club, which, however, could count only a handful of old members who were still interested in coming back. To succeed in relaunching the Club, we needed to give our members a clear vision of what to expect at each meeting and project an image of innovation and dynamism that the old club lacked.

The first twelve months to relaunch the Club were very successful, with membership ascending from a dozen to over 50 members, but it demanded a lot of hard work and communication. And that is where the *Philajournal* played a crucial role in communicating with the stamp collectors' base all over the region and reached by the *Philajournal*. We dedicated a lot of time to producing articles and ads which, in each issue of the *Philajournal*, would present, step by step, the initiatives that our club had taken for a proper relaunch. It is difficult to tell how many new members were acquired through the *Philajournal*. Still, considering that we now have members from all over the GTA, we can say that several new members were acquired through the *Philajournal* publicity.

Next year, we will be forced to develop innovative strategies to attract new members, which could be costly and challenging to implement.

As you can understand, losing *Philajournal* will not only mean losing a publication that we liked to read, but it will also mean losing a tool that has helped our club thrive and rebirth after a long period of deterioration.

On a more personal note, I will also miss *PhilaJournal* for what it has meant to me as a writer of some of the magazine's articles. I have written around 50 articles for the journal in about ten years. It all started with my desire to share with others some features of my stamp collection and write an odd article about some unusual pieces from my collection.



Suddenly, I got a *PhilaJournal Writers Prize 2014* trophy for the best article of the year, thanks to the generosity of the late Michael Madesker, who donated two of these trophies to the *PhilaJournal*. It was a turning point; I felt I had to return the favour to *PhilaJournal* by committing to an article in most of its issues. So, gradually, my collection of articles grew significantly.

Before the website is dismantled, I hope to copy all the issues in which one of my articles is included and keep them as a memory of my work with the *PhilaJournal* editors over the years.

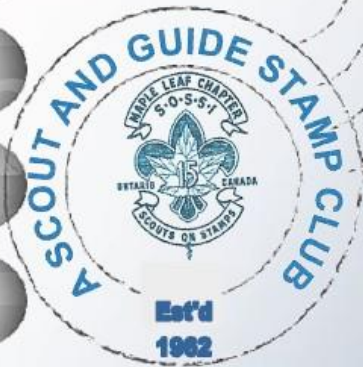
I cannot close the article without thanking Tom Malicki for being the dedicated Editor of the magazine in these last few years. I will not go through *PhilaJournal's* achievements over the years, which included receiving prizes from abroad; Tom, I can only say “thank you” from all of us. We appreciate your volunteering so many hours to deliver an outstanding magazine for a few years. You know that I and many others would like the magazine to continue. Until now, I have been unable to come up with any positive idea to keep the *PhilaJournal* alive, but if I do, you will be the first to know. And if any of my readers have innovative ideas, please call me.

The background story about the late Michael Madesker's sponsored award, the “Wood Spirit” carvings by Winnipeg artist Murray Watson, is in the Fall 2015 *PhilaJournal*, Vol. XIV, No.1, WN53, p. 26. The two winners were:

- Mattia Guida, for his article “Bogus Stamps of Cerigo” from Summer 2014 *PhilaJournal*, Vol. XII, No. 4, WN 48, pp 16-17.
- John Wilson, for his long-running regular feature column, the “Coveting Covers.” To read those, you must check the *PhilaJournal Index* when it gets published in early 2025.

[Ed.: Unfortunately, the award process was not recorded, and it “fell through the cracks,” never to be repeated.]





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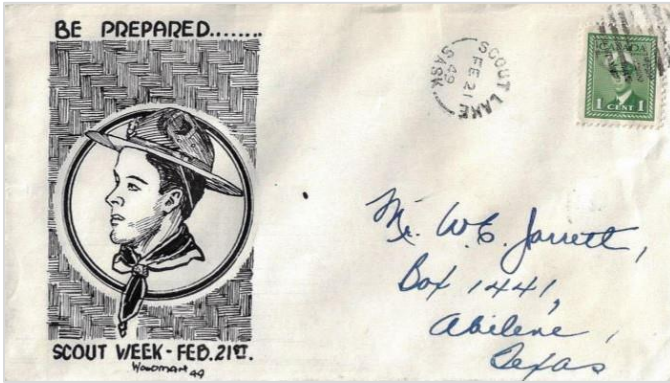
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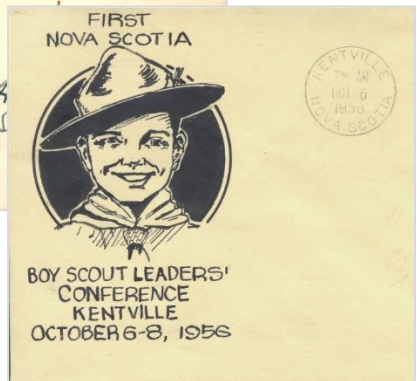
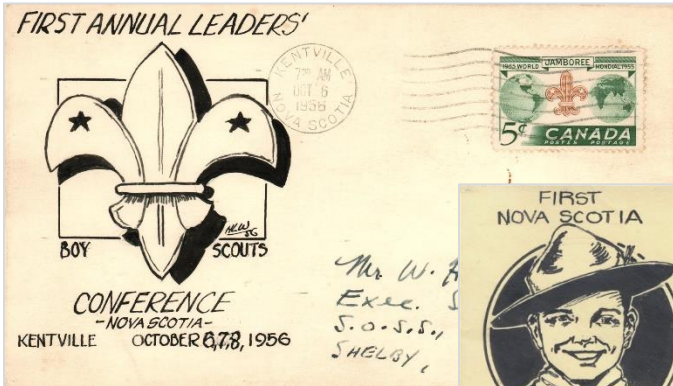
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## H.L. Woodman – Cachet Maker

“Woody” was the founding President of the Valley Stamp Club in Nova Scotia. As an amateur artist, he started drawing cachets for new Canadian stamps. As a scout leader, he wrote the Stamp Corner column for the *Canadian Boy*, a scouting magazine. So, it was only natural that he developed many cachets on the scouting theme and other topics.



This cover was created to recognize Boy Scout Week in February 1949. He often selected a cancel related to the topic. In this case, he sent the cover out from his Kentville, NS, home to Scout Lake, Saskatchewan, for cancellation on February 21, 1949.

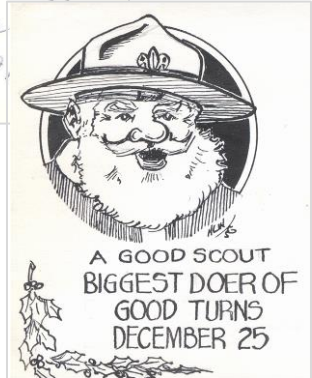


On October 6-8, 1956, the First Nova Scotia Boy Scout Leaders' Conference was held in Kentville, NS. Woody designed two cachets, both cancelled in Kentville on October 6, 1956.

DECEMBER 25TH'S  
BIGGEST GOOD TURN  
DOER,



Harry Thorsen,  
925 Elm  
WINNETKA,  
Illinois



Late in 1956, he designed two covers for Christmas. He not only got them cancelled in Noel, NS, but also on Christmas Day, December 25, 1956. One was addressed to Harry Thorsen, Founder & first President of SOSSI, with the other to Jay Rogers, SOSSI Board member.

1957 was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting, with a Jubilee Jamboree held in England. Woody designed a cover for SOSSI on a yellow envelope.



Mrs. G. H. Reavely,  
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Canada.

It has the three stamps issued for the Jamboree and a special Jamboree First Day cancel from 1 August 1957 from Sutton, Coldfield, WKS, where the Jamboree was held. Along the bottom, it has "H.L. Woodman—Canada—485." This number refers to Woody's SOSSI membership number.



## Congratulations to Rose van Sickle!

GTAPA Director Rose van Sickle has been awarded the “[King Charles III Coronation Medal](#)” for her extensive community volunteer work. This includes support in over 15 Clubs or Charities, including Girl Guides of Canada, local churches, the Historical Society, Harrison Fall Fair and many more. Her philatelic support is impressive – Treasurer & Membership chair of the Maple Leaf Chapter of SOSSI, and Rose is on the Board of Directors for our international society, SOSSI, a GTAPA Director, & an active member of the Saugeen Stamp Club. Earlier this year, she packed up & drove to West Virginia to assist in the SOSSI Stamp Collecting booth at the USA National Jamboree for two weeks. Well deserved, Rose !!!

From the [Facebook page of John Nater, M.P. Perth-Wellington](#)



**John Nater**

October 4 · 🌐

Congratulations to Rose Van Sickle on receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal!

Rose has been associated with the Girl Guides of Canada for the past 63 years. She spent time as a unit leader helping younger generations learn new skills and develop their own confidence to become future leaders themselves. As a steward of the environment, Rose has organized community clean-ups on Earth Day. She is an active member of the Harriston Historical Society and volunteered at the Plowing Match.

She has an interest in coins and stamps and has volunteered her time with various chapters such as the Waterloo Coin Club and the South Wellington Club. She is actively involved with the St. Paul's Anglican Church in Palmerston as the office secretary and helps support 4 others local churches in the community. Rose is dedicated to her community and can be seen helping at many local events and activities.

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## Glossaries of Philatelic Terms

Here, we compare the features of seven glossaries of philatelic terms readily available on free websites, as listed at the end. The glossaries are compared in Table. Counts are given for three representative letters to show each glossary's approximate size and scope. For example, the table shows that the Stamp Smarter glossary has 67 entries under the letter P.

Source	Count of Entries for Three Letters			
	G	P	S	Total
<b>Glossaries with both Text and Illustrations</b>				
Stamp Smarter	23	67	30	120
Wikipedia	3	56	28	87
Adminware	11	30	42	83
<b>Glossaries with only Text Definitions</b>				
AskPhil			850	
Linn's	9	49	37	95
Warwick & Warwick	8	18	13	39
Stanley Gibbons	0	1	7	8

The top group is my favourite since colour illustrations clarify a term's meaning. The top three each have their advantages: Stamp Smarter defines the most terms, Wikipedia gives the most detail in each definition, and the Adminware glossary features Canadian illustrations.

The bottom group contains text-only definitions; the outstanding site is "AskPhil." [Ed.: Warning – the website is non-operational; do not attempt to access "askphil.org" directly. Instead, use the web.archive.org link at the bottom of this article. Their archive snapshots of the contents vary for all the letters.] For the letter S, it has about 850 entries in many languages. Most are things like *Saargebeit* (overprint for Saar), *Saint Christophe* (French for St. Kitts), and *SAR* (Syrian Arab Republic). [Ed.: to search for a word, go to the page of the letter your word starts with, use a keyboard shortcut <Ctrl F>, and type the word in a search box at the upper right of the screen].

The entries for the letter S were examined more closely. Of all six smaller glossaries, 91 different terms are defined under the letter S. The AskPhil glossary has 67, more than Adminware, which came second at 42. At least six glossaries contained entries for *selvedge* (or *selvage*), *se-tenant*, *specimen*, *strip*, and *surcharge*. *Scoreline*, *show cover*, *stamp catalogue*, and *superb* are examples of rare terms with only one definition.

Surprisingly, however, the essential terms *short perf*, *slogan*, *stamp collecting*, *stamp-on-stamp*, and *sweatbox* are each defined in only two of the seven glossaries.

The Warwick & Warwick glossary has a few terms with a distinctly British character. One example is the definition for *Regional issues*: "...issued by Royal Mail for use in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. Separate issues were also made for Guernsey and Jersey to 1969 and until 1973 for the Isle of Man." Another one is *Tongs*: "The American philatelic term for metal tweezers which are used to handle stamps safely and easily."

The links to websites mentioned in this article are:

Stamp Smarter: <https://stampsmarter.org/Learning/GlossaryHome.html>

Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Philatelic\\_terminology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Philatelic_terminology)

Adminware: <https://adminware.ca/esg/esg-glossary.htm>

AskPhil (2024-02-26 capture):

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240226235939/https://www.askphil.org/b25.html>

Linn's: <https://www.linns.com/news/postal-updates-page/glossary-terms-disabled.html>

Warwick & Warwick: <https://www.warwickandwarwick.com/news/guides/philatelic-terms>

Stanley Gibbons: <https://www.stanleygibbons.com/collecting-stamps/dispatches/beginners-guide-to-philatelic-terms>

If you know of another good glossary, please contact the author.

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## Post Stamp Advisory Committee

I have found an excellent presentation on how the Canada Post Stamp Advisory Committee works with the printer and Canada Post through all the stages of selecting and producing a new stamp. The links to the presentation are [www.americantopical.org](http://www.americantopical.org) > Resources Tab > Videos and Presentations > Warmup to topicals 2022. Just select and run "Canadian Medical Groundbreakers with Jean Wang." This January 2022 PowerPoint uses a second title, "Medical Groundbreakers: Concept to Design."

Jean Wang is the only philatelist currently on the Canada Post Stamp Advisory Committee, and this set of five stamps was proposed by Jean Wang and produced by Canada Post. The video shows the many steps in the design process, the role of the chosen printer in all the redesigns, and the interaction between the Canada Post manager for this issue and the Stamp Advisory Committee. You do not need to be a member of the American Topical Association to watch this video. Enjoy.

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## Unusual Stamps, one last time

Between the Spring 2006 and Summer 2021 issues of *PhilaJournal*, I wrote 37 articles on Unusual Stamps. The ideas came from various sources. Some were items I owned, readers of *PhilaJournal* suggested some and the rest were Googled. Although I have not written any article on this topic for over three years, I thought I would take one more stab at it for this final issue.

So, back to Google, I went, and among other things that fit the bill, I found two issues that I will use. Both are items from Austria, which has issued several unusual stamps. These are also proper for the upcoming cold season.

On November 12, 2021, Austria issued a €4.30 (euro) self-adhesive postage stamp shaped like a mitten. Although the stamp's size makes



it too small to wear and warm the fingers, it is made from a cotton and polyester blend. The ink for the design and lettering was applied using heat and pressure. Since the materials used to produce these stamps shrink with heat, the substrate was preheated to 220 degrees(°C) before printing.



Three months later, on February 16, 2022, Austria issued another cold weather-related item in stamp form. The previous item's design was for keeping fingers warm, but this item, a knit hat design, was for stopping body heat from escaping from the top of the head. Again, this was also a self-adhesive item with a face value of €4.30 (euro). It was made using flocked paper showing a knit pattern and was die-cut in the shape of a wool hat with a pom-pom.

**Josh Hodgson**  
**Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society**  
**joshod4@gmail.com**

## It's sad to see it [GTAPA] close down...

Also, it is unfortunate that Insurance & Banking P.S. could not provide more support. Health and falling membership are a problem. I found photos that fit into the final journal.



The members shown in the photo above (from left) are Richard Bruton, Robin Hart, Josh Hodgson, and Joe Janthur.



In this photo, in the rear row (from left) are Richard Bruton, Paul Catling, Will Andersen, Jean-Pierre Gadoury, Ingo Nessel, and John Titterton. Josh Hodgson, Joe Janthur, and a club member are sitting.

Those were good times.

With Best Philatelic Wishes to All,

Josh Hodgson, President Insurance & Banking Phil.Society

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**Stamps:**  
**Government of India**



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(Established 1892)

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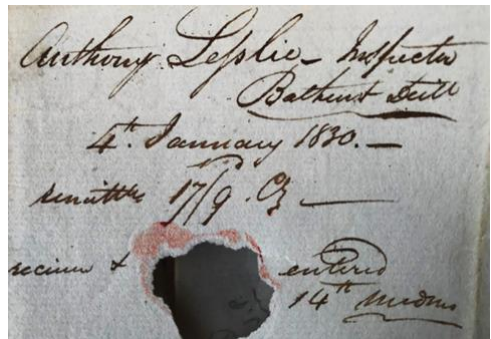
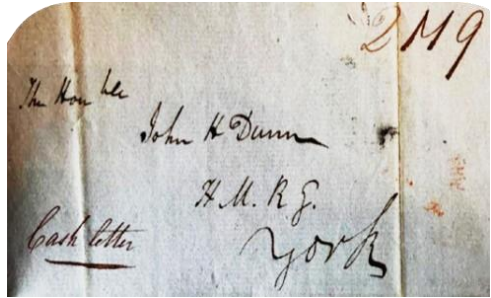
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PRIORITY

## 1830 “Cash Letter” from Perth to Toronto

Here is an outer wrapper (partial scan) for the "Cash Letter" sent by the License Inspector, District of Bathurst, Anthony Leslie, to H.M. Receiver General John H Dunn of Toronto.

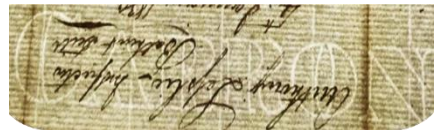
[John Henry Dunn](#) (1792 – April 21, 1854) was a public official and businessman in Upper Canada. Born on Saint Helena to English parents, he came to Upper Canada as a young man to take up the position of Receiver General for Upper Canada, which he held from 1820 to 1841. Upon the creation of the Province of Canada in 1841, he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, representing Toronto from 1841 to 1844. He also served nearly three years as Receiver General of the new province. He resigned as the Receiver General in 1843.

To learn more about this topic, check out the 16-page exhibit "[Canada—1st Period Money Letters](#)," which also covers different postage rates. It is from the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain ([CPS of GB](#)).



The wrapper is tied with a “Perth” black double-split ring postmark. The postal employee inserted a manuscript date of “Jan.7, 1830,” as this was required before the date and time were made part of the postmarks. The postage was “2N9 (2 Shillings 9 Pence)” for Single Sheet Rate 11d cy = 2/9d cy. Straight-line postmarks, prevalent in postal use in Canada between 1824 and 1829, were slowly replaced with these postmarks.

One of my other collecting interests is watermarked paper. This letter has a distinct “CARRON” watermark, attributed to Thomas Burns at the [Carron Grove Paper Mill](#) in Great Britain.



## **Philatelic Priorities... Not So New**

This might come as a shock to some of you. Can you think of something just as important in this hobby, not being a stamp, that could be of more value? Not being too far from the truth, I could assume most of today's collectors are what we could categorize as seasoned philatelists. You've been doing this hobby for some years, accumulated a lot of material, and likely have a favourite stamp or cover. You might also have parted from a fair amount of funds to acquire this item. Maybe you consider yourself a general collector, keeping anything that looks good (and this is great), or you could be a more specialized philatelist, narrowing your interest to one or two countries, a specific stamp issue, or even a topic. I met a collector who only collects "Hard Hats" on stamps. What a challenge!

Over the years, experience has taught us that there is one thing most of us do not have or wish we had, especially in a time of need. The answer is a library of philatelic literature. How often have you wished for access to an up-to-date set of catalogues or reference material to assist you in plating your Penny Blacks? Or trying to determine the registered domestic letter rate from Toronto to Rat Portage in 1880. How do you prioritize what philatelic literature best suits your collecting needs?

During my high school years, I was astonished to see that our school library contained many philatelic books: Boggs, Jarrett, Admiral Specialized and a good selection to satisfy a general worldwide collector. There are fewer public libraries today, and I find shelves nowhere near the material quality one could see in their former years. Fortunately, my local library in the City of Kawartha Lakes maintains three complete sets of Scott Catalogues. Even better, one may sign them out instead of using them internally for reference.

Observing many auction sites over the past year, I have noticed an increasing amount of quality literature up for sale, and the prices realized have been astonishingly high. This shows that there are still many true philatelists out there and that to get the right piece of literature you are searching for, a price is paid for its possession.

I highly recommend to everyone, however vast or minuscule your interest, that if you cannot find the research material you need, please get in touch with the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, located at 10 Summerhill Avenue in Toronto? Call 416-921-2073 or visit [www.greenefoundation.ca](http://www.greenefoundation.ca). You will be amazed at how they can enrich your philatelic experience.

Going beyond your collection, aside from a sound library source, there's one more priceless resource we tend to overlook: other people. Finding a network of individuals who share similar interests to yours is irreplaceable. Canada is very fortunate to have a wide array of knowledgeable, experienced, and approachable collectors who are more than willing to give their time to help others. I'm sure you're probably saying, "Ya, but where do I find them?"

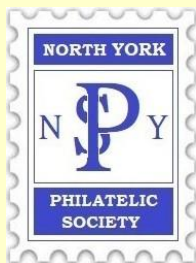


Get out to one of the many local, regional or national stamp shows. Ask around and let it be known you're searching for answers. I did this recently at the [BNAPEX 2024](#) in Kingston, Ontario. It was the British North America Philatelic Society ([BNAPS](#)) convention, exhibition, and bourse held from 23 to 25 August 2024. I was searching for answers to my questions on exhibiting tips and research leads. I wasn't prepared enough for the overwhelming responses I received from numerous individuals. Henceforth, I made many new acquaintances who continue to this day, helping me build on my philatelic ideas and knowledge. Pictures are from BNAPEX in Kingston.



This hobby has a lot more going for it other than that tiny piece of paper we stick in a book. It's about building upon knowledge, creating friendships, and not being afraid to explore new things. This hobby has no end!

We have learned that the GTAPA era is ending as an Alliance of several stamp clubs and its award-winning *PhilaJournal*. To GTAPA and everyone who has ever played a part in its existence, I would like to say "Thank you!" Thank you for the many friendships created, the knowledge learned, and the many individuals who gave their time to make the "Alliance" successful.



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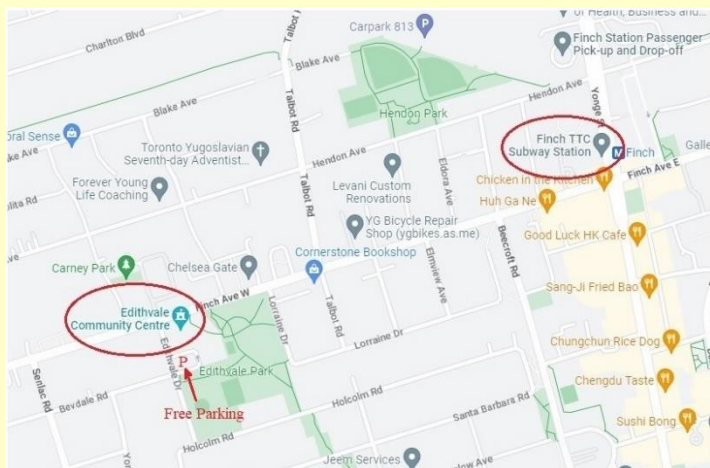
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For any information, please contact Mattia Guida (President):  
647 – 990 – 4073 [stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca](mailto:stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca)

**All visitors are welcome.**



## Continuous improvements in NYPS online auctions

Our monthly online auctions continue to be very successful. New potential buyers are interested, and our sellers offer good, diversified material.

However, this has caused an issue, as the live auctions have become too long and can last two hours or more. We have, therefore, decided to implement a few new changes gradually.

1. Limit our live online auction lots to 250.
2. Introduced a second auction reserved only for Canadian stamps and covers. This auction occurs every three months.
3. Introduced a new section identified as a “silent auction.” After we reach 250 lots for live online Zoom sale, we close that catalogue and open a second catalogue where the sellers load an equivalent number of silent auction lots. These lots are not auctioned, but the buyers send in proxies (via email), which are processed after the end of the Zoom auction. The next day, we send a report to sellers and buyers with all the lots sold in the live and silent auction. This change allows us to manage up to 500 lots per auction, expand our range of sellers, and offer more to better satisfy our members' interests.

If you would like to participate in our online auction as a seller or a buyer, please write to [stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca](mailto:stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca). To sell, a seller must be a member of a participating stamp club. We are running this project at a very low cost. We encourage donations from our sellers to the club to cover basic expenses.

[https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/Cat\\_NorthYork.aspx](https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/Cat_NorthYork.aspx)

Here are a few stamp lots from this auction. You will also find much postal history, covers, souvenir sheets, and collections...





## Let's Talk About Squared Circle Postmarks - Part 4.

(A worldwide review of this type of postmark – a four-part article in *PhilaJournal* #87 to #90)

**San Marino:** Not to confuse with the Italian squared circle postmark of the town of San Marino in the Vicenza province. San Marino has not introduced the squared circle postmarks, but there have been cases where the correspondence has been cancelled in transit or for the first time in Italian towns near the border. In the attached picture, the card has been cancelled in San Marino on the right with a regular circular postmark (not shown), but it was stamped upon arrival in Rimini. The postmark has been placed on top of the Minerva image and to the right side. The following picture shows a stamp that had not been cancelled in San Marino but only in transit with an Italian squared circle postmark.



**Shanghai (China):** This postmark is used only in Shanghai for registered mail. It is rare, and information on it is pretty scarce. →



**Singapore:** I am unaware of any British square circle postmarks used in Singapore. However, as mentioned in the Dutch Indies section, the Dutch post office in Singapore used a squared circle postmark.

Four different ones are on this card.





**Somalia - Italian (Brava, Giuba, Mogadiscio (shown above) plus Benadir and Merca (not shown)):** Used briefly between 1903 and 1906 in the 5 locations listed. They are catalogued in Gaggero as very rare (on letter) with a maximum of 10 points. In addition, there is another postmark (not shown) titled *Direttore dei servizi postali Mogadiscio* in purple, with no date. Rare.



**Spain (Madrid):** Used only in Madrid around 1900, I am only aware of postmarks used between 1892 and 1909. I have also seen a copy of a half postmark (see picture), but until now, I have yet to find out if it is a variant or simply the effect of a malfunction.

**South Africa - Orange Free State:** In Orange Free State, modified squared circle postmarks (octagonal) have been used with the province name shortened to OVS and later to ORC (Orange River Colony). During the Anglo-Boer war, some postmarks were used in locations different from those initially planned. The square circle postmarks were used in Kuruman and Rustenburg. They are extremely rare. There are forgeries of this type of postmark.



**South Africa – Transvaal:** The first one was used at the Johannesburg Stock Exchange in 1892 with the Z.A.R. inscription at the bottom.

They were used in some post offices with different dimensions and designs. In some cases, the Z.A.R. inscription was removed from the foot and continued to be used in the early 1900's.

Here is the list of the known postmarks:

Amsterdam, Boksburg, Elandshoek, Ermelo, Hoenertsburg, Heidelberg, **Johannesburg**, Johannesburg Beurs, Kaapsehoop, Lichtenburg, Lydenburg, Middelburg, M. Wesselstroem, Ottoshoop, Pretoria, Rustenburg, Smitsdorp, Standerton, Utrecht, Carolina, Wolmaranstad



**Sudan:** During the war against the Mahdi forces, the British troops set up camps around Wadi Halfa and the Nile. Of the three known Military Post Offices, only one (office number 11—Suakin) used the squared circle postmark on Indian stamps to stamp the correspondence mailed by the British and Indian troops.



**Suriname:** In this other Dutch colony, they introduced the squared circle postmarks, which were never introduced in Holland. They have been used extensively, but unfortunately, no publication lists the exact locations where these postmarks have been used. The official information at the moment identifies only the offices of Paramaribo (4 types), Sarama, Nickeric (3 types), Coronie (2 types) and Beneden Commewijne. There are undoubtedly other ones, particularly for the smallest locations, which are rare items. I am also adding a picture of a Para postmark (apparently) used on the Para River.

**Swaziland:** Only three offices used these postmarks: Embadaan, Darkton, and Bremersdorp (it was Manzini), identifying the country as Swaziel or Z.A.R. They also exist in blue. →



**Tunisia (Italian Offices, Tunisi, La Goletta and Susa):** Postmark used in Tunis between 1894 and 1895. It was used also in La Goletta in 1893-96 and Susa in 1897. Rare. From 8

points (Tunisi) to 10 points (the other two) on the catalogue "Il Nuovo Gaggero."

**Turkey (Smirne, Italian office):** From 1908 to 1909, the postmark was used only in the Smirne (now Izmir) post office. →



**Zanzibar:** Postmarks were used on Indian stamps (on international correspondence in arrival, forwarded through Aden) around 1890 and on Zanzibar stamps from 1898 to 1930. There is a Zanzibar postmark plus four local postmarks of Chwaka, Mkoan, and Mkokotonie Weti, with the inscriptions of Zanzibar or Pemba at the bottom. The Zanzibar postmark also exists of the Indian kind, while the others are of the British kind.



Local stamps



British India stamp

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## GTAPA CLUBS – WHAT IS NEW – WINTER 2024

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### Bramalea Stamp Club

By Jerry Piotrowski <jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com>

Check Club's new website: <https://bramaleastampclub.org/>

With the summer over, the Bramalea Stamp Club has returned to holding meetings on the first Sunday and the third Tuesday of the month. Not all members are signing up for the 2025 year, but some previous and new members have already signed up. Preparations are underway for our annual Show and Bourse on Saturday, February 1, 2025. We expect to have ten dealers attending. After not being involved in our school program in the 2023/2024 school year, we have heard from teacher Andrew Kinal that he is looking forward to holding a program this school year.

### North York Philatelic Society

Mattia Guida <stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca>

**OCTOBER STAMP SHOW:** The show took place on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The good weather helped make the attendance quite satisfactory. Over 50 visitors browsed the dealers' material and our Club's stamps.

Visitors to the show were welcomed with a small gift (a bag of stamps) at the entrance and had an opportunity to participate for free in the special draw with ten prizes. The first three "stamps and postal history" prizes had a catalogue value of over \$1000, \$500, and \$300, respectively. The consolation prizes included coupons for free items at specific dealers. We thank our donors who helped to expand our prize numbers for this show.

In addition to traditional advertising, we tried attracting new people through local social media, which worked well. We also launched a special incentive with a discounted 2025 membership fee for the show's visitors. The best accomplishment of the day was enlisting eight new members, which will surely boost our club and give us hope for a positive 2025. The excellent results of this show were primarily due to the enthusiastic cooperation of our small but effective volunteer team, which has done a fantastic job.



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### Ajax-Pickering Stamp Club

### RPSC Chapter #163

Meets at Ajax Public Library on 55 Harwood Rd. S. (south of 401). Free parking.  
Don Beaumont 905-426-3612      donaldbeaumont@yahoo.com  
Paul Delongchamp 905-430-2942      paul\_delongchamp@hotmail.com  
Find the schedule here: <https://ajax-stamp-club.webnode.page/>

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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 9 pm (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)      Jerry Piotrowski: [jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com](mailto:jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com)  
Mike Lalonde: [Mike17centCanadastamps@gmail.com](mailto:Mike17centCanadastamps@gmail.com)

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### Cobourg Stamp Club

### RPSC Chapter #106

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (except July and December) from 6 to 8:30 pm in the Salvation Army Citadel, 59 Ballantine Street, Cobourg.  
Rob Stickan (Treasurer), 905-786-2342      chevy4life@hotmail.com

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### Fenelon Stamp Club, The

### RPSC Chapter #176

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 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

### RPSC Chapter #168

Ian McRuer (for both chapters) 705-445-8033 [imcruer@gmail.com](mailto:imcruer@gmail.com)

#### Wasaga Beach Chapter

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Prime-Time Club, 1724 Mosley Street in Wasaga Beach

#### Midland Chapter

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre, 61 Maria St., Penetanguishene ON L9M 2G2.

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### Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society

### RPSC Chapter #82

Meets sporadically at Lionel Collier's residence.  
Show and Tell is usually the focus of our meetings.  
Contact Josh Hodgson at 416.267-6749 for the next meeting date and time.  
Jorge Montalvo 416-222-0408      montalvozj2@gmail.com

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### **Kawartha Stamp Club, The**

### **RPSC Chapter #58**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Westdale United Church; 1509 Sherbrooke St., Peterborough ☐ Daytime: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm; Evening: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.  
Alvin Gally 705-741-1951 alvingally@gmail.com  
Mark Armstrong (President) 705-344-2349 msaphilatelictudio@msn.com  
<http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/kawartha/program.htm>

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### **Markham Stamp Club**

### **RPSC Chapter #252**

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at the Markham Village Community Centre, 6041 Hwy 7 (S-E corner of Hwy 7 and Markham Rd) from 10 am – 12 pm.  
Klaus Hintz (Communications Director) klaushintz7@gmail.com  
Bob Henderson (President) bob.superover@gmail.com  
markhamstampclub@hotmail.com or markham.stamps@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 7:00 pm.  
Les Selby (Membership Chair) ntsc.membership@gmail.com  
Robert Pinet ntsc.programchair@gmail.com  
<https://www.northtorontostampclub.ca/home>

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### **North York Philatelic Society**

### **RPSC Chapter #21**

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (except July & August) at Edithvale Community Center at 131 Finch Avenue West, Toronto  
Mattia Guida (President) 647-990-4073 stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca  
Harvey Shuter (Vice President) 416 222 3408 333philex333@gmail.com

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### **Oshawa & Whitby Stamp Groups**

### **RPSC Chapter #230**

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

**Oshawa:** Fri. 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Legends Comm. Centre 1661 Harmony Rd. N.  
Larry Friend 905-666-7696, lfriend@sympatico.ca | **Whitby:** Mondays 9:00 to 11:30 am. Whitby Seniors Building, 801 Brock St. Clyde Cockburn 905-666-3871, clyshecockburn@hotmail.com

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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  
Tom Malicki 905-281-0000, tom.malicki@gmail.com ☐ Robert Owczarz robertow05@gmail.com ☐ info@troyakclub.com ☐ [www.troyakclub.com](http://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 the main floor at 91 East Park Blvd. (near Markham and Lawrence).  
Doug Cockburn 416-757-4072; Ron Dell'Agnese [rdellagnese@rogers.com](mailto:rdellagnese@rogers.com)

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### Scouts on Stamps Society International

### RPSC Chapter #242

#### SOSSI, Maple Leaf Chapter

Meets via Zoom at 7 pm on the third Sunday of the month.  
GTAPA members are welcome, email Rose van Sickle at [rosevs@wightman.ca](mailto:rosevs@wightman.ca)  
Tony Manson 416-447-4281 [tony.manson@sympatico.ca](mailto: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 [mljig@icloud.com](mailto:mljig@icloud.com)

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### Trenton Stamp Club

### RPSC Chapter #89

Meets on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, monthly, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at  
105 Seniors Centre, 61 Bay St., Trenton.  
Bill Ferguson 613-398-1152 [wilabetgg@gmail.com](mailto:wilabetgg@gmail.com)  
Peter Koenig 905-373-0806 [peter.koenig@sympatico.ca](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 7 to 9 pm (except July and Aug.)  
at UNO Bistro, 145 Evans Avenue, #100, Etobicoke.  
Jerry Kalyn 416-251-6898 [ucst@upns.org](mailto: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> Tuesday of the month.  
**ZOOM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tue. is the Learning Workshop | 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. is the Discussion Group  
**IN-PERSON:** Auction meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from Sept. to June at  
7:00 pm in Fairfield Senior Centre, 60 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke  
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## FREE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

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