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## PhilaJournal Fall 2019 issue notes...

Much thanks to all the contributors. From my observation the fall issue is the hardest to get material submitted for. It is also heavy on advertising since the philatelic "dealing and wheeling" starts again in September with many shows planned. Again, a big Thank you!

Short reminder about the type of articles we would like to get: anything philatelic with a story to it (see page 21), your own stamp related experiences, anecdotes and "you won't believe it is true" stories, your own research and original findings, etc.... BUT, PLEASE do check the sources, don't rely on one article or a hearsay. We don't ask you for or publish article sources, PhilaJournal is not a research publication, but I do "Google" the topics and test links and unfortunately occasionally find (and correct) misinformation.

One more reminder, easiest to work with are articles written in text (email), word or pdf. Illustrations of philatelic materials are best as jpg's at 200 to 300 dpi and scanned. Camera or Smartphone pictures of stamps do not look in print. Search the internet for scans of stamps you would like to see in print, save and submit. OMG, there are "billions" of scans of stamp on the Internet.

Check out the table praising **OUR ADVERTISERS** and their **ADs**, without whom we would not be able to produce PhilaJournal magazine. Table is sorted in an alphabetical order with page numbers pointing to the ad's location. Please support them!!!



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In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Royal Philatelic Society London, its Canadian Branch is hosting a get together on Saturday October 12th beginning at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. An update on the RPSL and its new premises, a show-and-tell hour, and a main philatelic presentation by Iva Mouritsen will take place. There is no fee but tickets for the event and an RSVP for the Dutch treat dinner to follow at Browne's Bistro are required. Contact info@greenefoundation.ca or 416 921-2073 for tickets.

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## It's that time of year again ...

Summer is over and the stamp shows and auctions resume.

With Fenelon show that kicked off the Summer and Fall shows and with Cobourg and Trenton to look forward to, along with Oshawa/Brooklin auctions upcoming – shall we all shout hurray our philatelic fix is about to be enhanced.

I trust you get out to the upcoming events? By attending shows and stamp functions offered by the GTAPA clubs – not only do you help revive or keep up your stamp interests – but reward the clubs and their members for all the fine work they do to put on these events for our enjoyment.

As you know it all events and clubs – most of the work is done by few. As a club member please offer your help – it will be well appreciated. Help could be as simple as putting up tables and chairs, selling raffle tickets, phoning members about upcoming events or writing articles for the PhilaJournal.

On a sad note – we lost a Great man and an avid stamp collector in Brian Mackenzie early this year. Brian was a member of several clubs in the eastern Ontario region. I first met him 40 some years ago when he was a member of the Scarborough Stamp Club. A good friend of the hobby and mine.

By the way should I be concerned – does she know something I don't know? My 5 year old granddaughter mentioned to her mom and dad – when Poppa dies (meaning me) we get the Condo, Trailer, Boat, Cars and THE STAMP COLLECTION . . .

## THE SUTHERLAND LECTURE



Prof. Henrik Mouritsen, from Oldenburg, Germany on **Three Views of Danish Philately, 1875-1907**.

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used on mail). At other times small souvenir sheets or blocks known as "Newprints" (nowodruki) are similarly issued to publicize philatelic events. Again, these items have the denomination crossed out and have no postal validity.

Lately Polish Post has also begun to issue special souvenir blocks as matched numbered sets, however these items are not offered to the general public but rather are distributed to members of the Polish Philatelic Union. These souvenir blocks bear the following wording, "Made using the original production plates" and "For members of the Polish Philatelic Union for the promotion of collecting postage stamps issued by the Polish Post". These items also have no postal validity.

(Ed.: These are issued in limited quantities, are very sought after and usually realise higher prices)



Special souvenir sheet for Polish Philatelic Union members.

## Running a [Stamp] Show



So, you are thinking about running an event? Want to know what's involved, how much work it is, and if you can handle it? You can do it!

I know, because I just helped organize **Royal 2019 Royale** in Mississauga and if I can do it, you can do it.

Why bother? It's a lot of work and no pay. Everyone has their own motives, but I chose to step up for two main reasons. As Sam Chiu put it, I wanted to "give back to the hobby". Sam was

talking about judging, but it applies to running a show as well.

I love stamp collecting, I like exhibiting, I like learning new stuff, I love history and I want the hobby to flourish and grow. So, I too want to "give back to the hobby". I did that by helping to run a **major** show. The second reason is you can shape the show and have more of the things you think people will like. What do you need to think about before starting? Every list will be slightly different, but my list was:

- 1) What type of show? Large national event, regional, or local show. Will you have exhibits, a bourse and/or seminar? How many days? What size event in both dealers and attendees? (All of this was pretty much decided for the Royal.)
- 2) Site. Where and when will you hold it? Is it available?
- 3) Committee. You can't do it alone. You will need experienced people to help. I had a bourse manager that has run shows and dealt with dealers for major shows in the past, an exhibit chair who had organized exhibits and seminars for major shows before. I had a floor manager who had set up all kinds and sizes of shows. I had a show program designer who had not only made a show program before, but even chaired a committee that ran a Royal. I also have a wonderful, understanding spouse who was not

only OK! with me dedicating all that time to the show, but who stepped up and organized the dinner, breakfast and many other things. She was more of a co-chairman than a helper. Good people with lots of experience - boy did it make my job easier!

4) Budget. You have an idea on what you want to do, where you want to do it and who is going to help. Now, you need to know if you can afford it; most clubs can't afford to lose a small fortune hosting a show. The numbers will be scary for a Royal, but rest assured that they are fully manageable.

Have a meeting and make a list of what needs to be done. Listen to the experienced helpers, and help mentor the inexperienced people. Constantly watch spending and update the budget. Don't forget the small stuff. If you miss them, not a big deal, but the more you remember, the smoother the show will run, and that will be noticed.

When the show arrives, make sure you have lots of helpers. People to sit at the front entrance and, direct people, to help lug stuff around, to run "to and fro" and to do undemanding little jobs, like holding the ribbons while someone tapes them to the frames. You need those people. And don't be afraid to ask them to do something.

It will be exhausting and there will be many little issues to decide on. My only advice here is: Don't override a committee member that has decided on a course of action without talking to them first. Even then, unless it is crucial, don't do it. Lastly, be organized. One of the things I would change is email control. I would read all my emails, answer some immediately and set aside some to look at after I found the answer. I lost track of some and didn't answer those people at all; that was rude, and I apologise to anyone that I did that to. So, yeah, organize your correspondence.

Would I do it again? YES. In fact, I have started talking about running a regional show in Ontario, possibly co-sponsored by the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association and the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance. I followed the four steps from above to get started. I know what type of show, the size, what I want to do. I have not formed a committee yet but know who I will ask for each job. I am just waiting on the OK! from the GVRPA and GTAPA, and seeing what dates are available at the chosen site. Stay tuned for further information!

So, all I can say is – go ahead and do it. It will be worth it.



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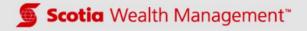
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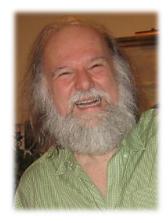
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## NEWS from the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club by Kathy Hartley



As the readers of PhilaJournal may know, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada has undertaken a new volunteer recognition program. Quoting their President Ed Kroft, "It is intended to recognize those individuals who have made a significant contribution to philately as a member of the RPSC or a member of an RPSC chapter or affiliate."

## The Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club nominated member John Wilson.

His name was put forward for a number of reasons: John represents a segment of our hobby that is balancing a full time job, with a

passion for his hobby – and has done so for years. While in his stamp life John has been a member of the TSCC for only a few years, as President John's contribution to the monthly meetings is invaluable and runs the meetings smoothly and with good humour.

He has encouraged the club's participation in the GTAPA Challenge.

John has written for PhilaJournal. He is a judge in local competitions. He has organized and invited stamp club members interested in exhibiting to his home for crash courses. And because he's so affable and so not boastful, there is likely so much more that he has done for our philatelic community these many years that we don't know about.

While John's heart belongs to his 'home club' of North Toronto, the TSCC club - the second oldest philatelic club in Canada – can happily and proudly boast of the work our John has done for NTSC, because our members, many of whom are also members of this neighbouring club, enjoy the benefit of John's work there. John is happy to answer questions and share what he knows especially in his area of expertise, Hong Kong. He is a member of the Hong Kong Study Group, and the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada. John is an avid user of the HSPL. He uses the material in his own work as a

John is an avid user of the HSPL. He uses the material in his own work as a writer, and exhibitor but also as he increases his own knowledge base in his work as a judge.

Toronto, indeed Canada's philatelic community is lucky to have had John's input, advice and talent and perhaps this has helped to hold him back a bit on the international front. If it weren't for his dedication and commitments locally, John would likely pursue his judging, his writing, his exhibiting on a bigger stage. And by doing so, John would continue to showcase Canadian philatelic talent.

The TSCC is pleased to note that John was recognized by the RPSC for his contribution to our hobby at the Royal held in Mississauga in June 2019.



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### Scott #1123 VAR-1125 VAR

Scott #1454i VAR

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 Unitrade 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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## Montecassino Abbey Stamps



Montecassino is a rocky hill about 81 miles south east of Rome and is adjacent to the town of Cassino. It is best known for its Abbey, the first house of the Benedictine Order of St. Benedict. History for Montecassino dates back to around 570. In the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries, Pope Victor II recognized Montecassino Abbey and encouraged fine art and craftsmanship, and during this period 3 Popes were drawn from the Abbey.







In 1929, Italy issued a set of 7 stamps for the founding of the Abbey of Montecassino by St. Benedict in 529. The stamps picture the rebuilding of the Abbey, the death of St. Benedict, and the Abbey. The set is reasonably priced mint, but catalogued at over \$600USD used.

During the Italian Campaign of World War II, the Abbey was heavily damaged and rebuilt after the war which is depicted on the two stamps issued in 1951. The denominations are 20 and 55 lire. The higher denomination

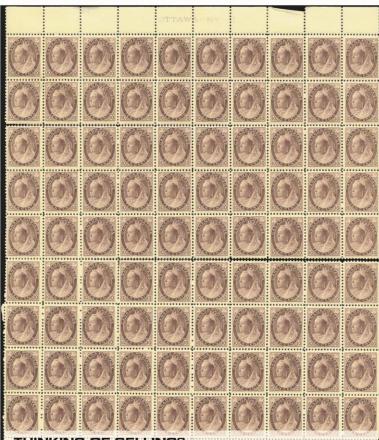




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see:

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or:

http://www.gtapa.org/ - Calendar of events for more info

## Forgeries of Sicily and Roman States.

On June 27th, 2019 I gave a presentation at the North Toronto Stamp Club about Italian forgeries, with a particular focus on the stamps of the Roman States and Sicily. The purpose of the presentation was to show to my fellow collectors what tools are available on the internet that will allow them to identify many forgeries on their own.

After talking to many collectors (and dealers) about stamps of the Italian States, I have realized that many of them do not have a good knowledge of the stamps of the Italian States, so they are prone to making mistakes; so it is important that collectors (and dealers) learn how to examine them on their own before making a costly purchase.

Through my internet searches, I discovered that there are a few tools available online to help gain a good knowledge of Italian stamps, and make a fairly good assessment on their own.

The best tool I found is a website called: http://forgeriesofitalianstates.com,



it is a fantastic site, which allows you to compare pictures of genuine stamps with images of the most well-known forgeries. At the bottom of each picture appears a list of all the key differences between the specific

forgery and the genuine stamp. By simply following the instructions on the website, you will be able to tell not only if your stamp is a forgery, but also who the forger that made it was.



Until I discovered this website, I used to create my own support pages, detailing all the differences between each genuine Italian stamp and their forgeries, but now I no longer need to do so, as all the necessary information is available on the aforementioned website.

Another website that I recommend using is: http://stampforgeries.com.



This website simply shows pictures of genuine stamps alongside those of the most common forgeries. In the case of those forgeries that can be easily recognized through a simple comparison with a genuine stamp, this website will suffice. The beauty of this website is that it does not only show forgeries of stamps of the Italian States; it is also possible to find information on forgeries of stamps from several other countries as well.

It is always important to remember that the starting point in identifying any forgery is firstly to compare it with a good picture of a genuine stamp; a simple comparison will help you to identify some of the most common forgeries present on the market.

This is particularly true for the stamps of Sicily, of which you do not need to be an expert in order to identify some of the most common forgeries.

I also recommend visiting another website: www.italianstates.com. It is available both in English and Italian, and contains high quality images of all the genuine stamps of the Italian states.

There is also another very good website: www.ibolli.it, but unfortunately this one is only available in Italian.

I hope that with this information you will feel more confident in examining the stamps of the Italian States present in your collection, or those which are offered to you. In any case, if you still have any doubts, you can always contact me at **stampsofitaly@yahoo.ca** and send me a good quality picture of the stamp you wish me to examine.

## SPARKS



#30c Thick Carton Paper Realized \$5,750



#39 First Ottawa printing (one dot state) Realized \$2,875



#53 Mint O.G. NH CV \$2,500 Realized \$6.670



#24a Thin Paper Mint O.G. NH CV \$1,200 Realized \$4,140

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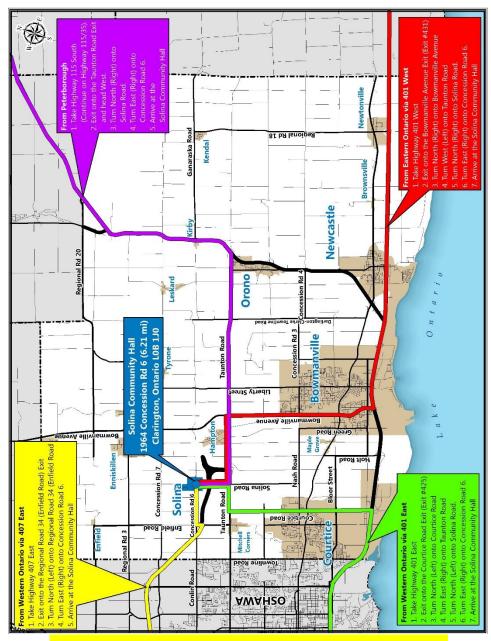
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## You Never Know What you find....

(Originally published in Markham Stamp Club's newsletter in January 2019)



You never know what you can find at the Markham Stamp Club meetings. At one of their November meetings I picked up the cover you see displayed here. It was in one of the big boxes with hundreds covers. What is remarkable about

this cover, is that it shows postage of two different postal authorities. The result of a historical event of the 20th century: Reunification of Germany. Three stamps are from East Germany (Scott # 2850-52), two from West Germany (Scott # 1614, 1615). For a short time some stamps from either Germany were valid in the other.

East Germany (official name "Deutsche Demokratische Republik", or short "DDR") used on their stamps no longer their acronym DDR, but showed "Deutsche Post" as of July 2, 1990. These and stamps issued until East Germany ceased to exist on October 3, 1990, were valid in the entirety of Germany until the end of 1991. West-Germany (in German: "Bundesrepublik Deutschland" or 'BRD") changed their name on stamps from "Bundespost" to "Deutschland" on May 5, 1995 with Scott # 1894.

The other interesting aspect about this cover is that the sender was a philatelist. A handwritten request on it shows the concern of the sender: "Bitte philat. stempeln! Danke" (Please, cancel philatelic! Thank you). It was no accident that stamps from two postal authorities were chosen for this mailing.

Unfortunately the postmark's date is not legible. I can only make out that it originated in Eisleben, the birthplace of Luther and the site of his death. Besides the town the postmark has a slogan that reads "Schweissautomaten" (in English: welding robots). I am not sure what the purpose of this slogan is; just a mystery that does not need to be solved.

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## Canada Picture Post Stamps - Scouting and Guiding.



The Maple Leaf Chapter of SOSSI staffed a booth at the Royal 2019 show in Mississauga in June. We produced a cover and a Picture Post celebrating both the Royal show and the World Scout Jamboree held in West Virginia, U.S.A. from July 22 to August 2 this year.

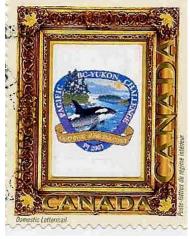
The stamp shows the Canadian contingent badge, which also has a small copy of the World Jamboree badge in its design.



Early Picture Posts provided a frame into which you could paste some image.



The first one has a photo of the 2nd Halifax Troop at CJ'01 (Canadian Jamboree 2001) in Cabot Park, PEI, while



the second one inserts the Jamboree logo for the Pacific (BC/Yukon) Jamboree at Roberts Creek, BC in 2003.

There are now 55 known Canadian scouting / guiding Picture Post stamps. As more and more are created, it provides an interesting philatelic sub-topic to focus on.

Canada Post Picture Postage site: <a href="http://www.picturepostage.ca">http://www.picturepostage.ca</a>

## Canadian Boy Scout & Girl Guide Philatelic Catalog. Version 3

Other than a few lists of cancellations, there has not been any other attempt at publishing a comprehensive catalog of Canadian Scouting/Guiding philatelic material.

This Catalog is a chronologically arranged, illustrated catalog of Canadian Boy Scout and Girl Guide stamps, cancellations and covers from the early years through to the end of 2018. It includes over 50 Picture Post issues, 150 cancellations and 2000 images of philatelic covers. There are many helpful appendices, including an extensive and detailed Index.

More than a mere philatelic catalog, this document is a valuable resource in describing and understanding the history of scouting and guiding in Canada. It records major events such as World Jamborees, Canadian and Provincial Jamborees, Girl Guide Camps and special anniversaries of a wide range of local and national organizations. The use of side-bars throughout the Catalog adds historical comments to the illustrations, making it interesting reading for any Scouting or Guiding enthusiast.

First (printed only) version had 242 pages and was published by "The Scouts On Stamps Society International" (SOSSI), in May, 2008. The pdf version has been on the SOSSI website for members only, since 2008.

I have finally convinced SOSSI to make the latest version open and freely accessible to the world. This Version 3 is now 447 pages, in full color, updated through 2018. It is now freely accessible on the SOSSI website at <a href="https://www.sossi.org/catalog/Manson/v3.pdf">https://www.sossi.org/catalog/Manson/v3.pdf</a>

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## Covered bridges



Romantic and colourful covered wooden bridges are slowly disappearing from the Canadian countryside. At the end of the 19th Century there were 1,400. Now only about 140 remain, and those are giving way to more modern structures.

In June Canada Post

issued bright new stamps paying tribute to five of the most outstanding bridges. Located in picturesque parts of the country, the striking bridges are tourist attractions. Two bridges are located in Quebec, and one each in New Brunswick, Ontario, and British Colombia. All five are considered engineering marvels.

More than a century ago – in the era of the horse and wagon – two were known as "kissing bridges." One was New Brunswick's Hartland Bridge and the other Ontario's West Montrose covered bridge. Young men "trained" their horses to stop about half way across the bridge, wait while the couple shared a couple of kisses, and then continue to the other side of the bridge. The longest covered bridge of its kind in the world – at 391 metres – the goings-on at the Hartland Bridge led to considerable opposition and concern when it was to be covered in the 1920s. At the West Montrose bridge, located in the Waterloo region, having to pay a toll didn't deter the young men. As the story goes, local girls learned to be wary when their escort's horse stopped inside the bridge without any command from the driver.

The West Montrose is Ontario's last historic covered bridge. It was constructed on the Grand River in 1881.

Powerscourt Covered Bridge, located in Elgin Township, built in 1861, it still stands on its stone foundation on the Châteauguay River. Félix-Gabriel-Marchand Bridge, known as Marchand Bridge or the Red Bridge, is a covered bridge in the Township of Mansfield-et-Pontefract, Quebec.

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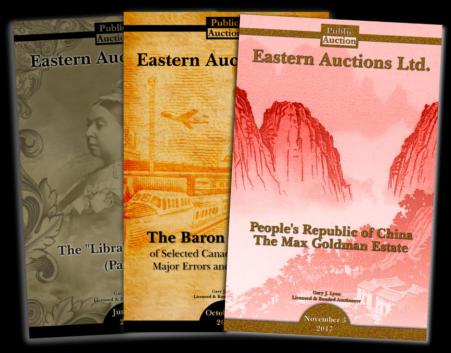
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