

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Chapter 191

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting: Wed. May 21st 2014 @ 7:00

From the President...



The last few weeks have been pretty eventful for me on a personal level and so stamp collecting has taken a back step during this time. However, as your President, I made four visits with people looking to divest a collection and seeking advice. The one person I visited had the collection of his mother. His mother had never been a member of a stamp club and did not seem to have bought stamps from approval books but had amassed binders upon binders of stamps. She had gathered stamps from friends, acquaintances and churches and collecting the ones she didn't already have and then sending the rest to a missionary charity. You might see that in Sheffield's auction some time in the future.

About a month ago, Larry Crane and John Lemon crewed a table at an event about community organizations in the Library, thus putting our name "out there." These two guys needed a newsletter to show to people stopping by. I delivered the newsletter which was dutifully copied, left in the photocopier and someone working in the library found it, and contacted me to look into her mother's collection. Alas, what she thought was the collection was only the remnants that her uncle left behind, basically modern mint Canada and some used stamps. I recommended using it for postage but they thought they would donate it to the club. Elizabeth Schofield had been an avid collector and active in a Toronto area stamp club and had made exhibits etc and her brother was also the same, and so knew what was of value.

A young man also contacted me about a Canada plate block collection his father had started in the early to mid 50's and had continued for just about every stamp until the mid 1980's. I am still looking for a way to help him liquidate the collection. His father had also been a stamp club member and did many exhibits for shows and apparently did an exhibit for the Royal. The topic was about trains and it was based solely on the series that Canada issued in the mid 80's for varieties and phosphor errors.

Finally a young lady contacted me about a collection inherited from her grandmother. She is actually looking into doing stamp collecting and I hope we see her at our upcoming meeting. The last contact was a lady who with her husband had done a collection of world wide stamps from charity sources mounted in three ring binders. This too was donated to the club. I will be bringing these collections to the meeting and look forward to any advice on how they can benefit the club in the best way.

Now it is a time to invite everyone out to our meeting on Wednesday evening, May 21st starting at 7 pm. The meeting is in the usual place, Hillyer Hall at the St. Mary's High School. Due to the things over the past few weeks, I have not been able to get a club to bring their circuit books, so it will be an auction night this month. Do you have any excess philatelic material you wish to go to another home? This is your opportunity to do so, but if this is a new experience, don't expect to earn a princely sum.

See you on the 21st

Phil Visser
President
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Coming Events...

- MAY 24, St. Catharines, ON
Best Western Stamp Show, Niagara Room, Best Western Hotel, QEW at Lake Street. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking, free admission and appraisals. Sponsor/Affiliate: Roy's Stamps. For more information contact Roy Houtby, telephone 905-934-8377.
- MAY 31, Brighton, ON
South - Central / Eastern Ontario Stamp, Postcard & Coin Fair, Brighton Community Centre / Hockey Rink Complex, 75 Elizabeth St. / Hwy 2 East. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free admission and parking. Our 38th year in business, with more than one million worldwide stamps, postcards, covers, coins and currency notes. Related hobby supplies also available, many at discounted prices. For more information email dejackson8138@gmail.com.
- JUNE 7, Toronto, ON
Stamp Show, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsor/Affiliate: North Toronto Stamp Club. For more information, contact Ernie Nyitrai, email enyitr618@rogers.com.

From the Editor...

Thank you very much to **Garfield Portch** from the Vincent Graves Greene Society. Mr. Portch told us about their fantastic new forensic machine that can examine stamps with all kinds of light and at great magnifications. He showed us a number of examples on screen. The Society also has a tremendous philatelic library.

I had my day planned to work on this newsletter and research the ROM stamps but woke up with food poisoning. Not fun!

So this is an extra short newsletter but it should accomplish its main goal - reminding you to come to the meeting.

Marion Ace, Editor OSSC

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The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the cafeteria of St. Mary's High School, 555 15th St. East. Please park behind the school. The business of the evening is typically to trade, buy and sell stamps and philatelic material. An Auction is often held at 8:00 pm. There are presently about 30 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels, from beginner to expert. Guests or new members are always most welcome. Annual membership fees: \$15; Junior- Free

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