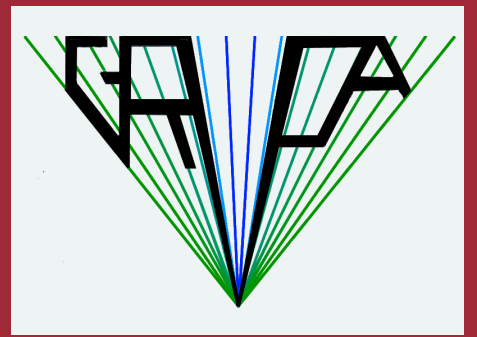


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Cover Story - Tin Can Mail

By Joe Trauzzi

The Kingdom of Tonga is a Polynesian sovereign state comprising of 169 islands, of which 36 are inhabited. The total surface area is about 750 square kilometers scattered over 700,000 square kilometers of the southern Pacific Ocean. The state has a population of 100,651 people, of whom 70% reside on the main island of [Tongatapu](#). One of the inhabited islands, Niuafi'ou, where tin can mail started in 1882. William Travers, a plantation manager working on the is-

land, found himself with out any way to contact the outside world. The island is very steep and has no harbour deep enough for ships. Mr. Travers proposed to the Tongan postal authorities that passing ships could throw a



biscuit tin overboard with mail inside. Swimmers would then make the hours-long, one-mile swim in a strong current to retrieve the tin can. Tin can mail was popularized by an English trader named Charles Ramsey, the first west-

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Introduction to...Mentoring

Courtesy of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Part One: Newcomers

Today's stamp clubs are experiencing an influx of members aged 50 to 65 who are returning to a hobby they enjoyed in their youth, as well as beginner collectors from this age group joining clubs, perhaps as a result of inheriting a collection or because they (finally!) have the leisure time to take up a hobby. There are also new youth members who attend our shows as well as our clubs.

All of these groups can benefit from mentoring. Don't take for granted that the new collectors who visit your club have any idea how to proceed – that assumption could cost the hobby dearly. Stamp clubs tend to view members as experienced and long-term collectors and often are not organized to assist those who come to the hobby as beginners. For the hobby to thrive we, the experienced collectors, have a duty to all new members, regard-

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(by Joe Trauzzi, continued from page 1)

erner to make the treacherous swim, who did so over 112 times - mostly at night! By the 1920s, tin can mail had become so popular that it was a tourist attraction and cruise ships helped deliver the mail while the passengers watched.

In 1928, Ramsey's rival - who worked for a competing trading house - Walter George Quensell saw a great opportunity. He set up a small hut on the beach and started stamping all the mail for the visiting ships. He claims to have stamped over a million and a half covers, making a small fortune.

In 1931, a shark killed a Tongan swimmer and swimming was banned. From then on, mail could only be retrieved by canoe.

The only woman to make the swim was and Australian champion swimmer and sister in law of Walter Quensell, Pauline Hoeft.

In 1946 a volcanic eruption caused the evacuation of the island. It was 12 years before anyone could return, and by then Quensell had died. Still, tin can mail was revived and lasted until 1983 when an airport was built on the island.



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less of skill level and background.

Who should be a mentor: While all members of a club should be prepared to mentor, the more long-term members (life-time members of the club and/or RPSC for example) are the ones who should take the lead, as these are likely the individuals with the most knowledge and experience.

What does a new collector need to learn?

Each of the following areas can be addressed on an as-needed basis or organized as a series of presentations, depending on the needs of the beginner(s). They can be one-on-one or focused on a small group.

Where do I start? This should include a discussion of supplies (tongs, hinges, stock sheets, albums, and books on beginner collecting).

What do I do with the collection I've inherited? Often the new member has a starter collection and needs to get advice about how to proceed.

What do I collect? A discussion of mint versus used, country versus topical, First Day Covers versus event covers and so forth. This could easily involve the whole club in a discussion as every collector does something different and has different interests. Encourage the collector to start with whatever they are comfortable with.



Some other topics for discussion:

- Removing stamps from paper (envelopes) (Or not):
 - How to soak and dry stamps.
 - How to handle coloured paper soaking (everyone can remember that stamp that turned bright red). *(Editor: I've never heard about this – anyone want to share?)*
 - What about self-stick stamps? Some soak just fine in water while others require a glue solvent (Bestine, for example).
- Handling stamps and the use of tongs. What are the precautions that need to be taken, especially with mint and rare (valuable) stamps?
- Identifying the country that issued a stamp. Two sources: stamp identifiers that were issued by stamp companies like 'Harris' and a catalogue.
 - How does one use a catalogue?
- Storage of your collection. (where, why, and how).
 - The advantages of an album versus using your own pages (recommend 28-pound weight or better if one is going to make their own pages).
 - Hinge use: When and how to use hinges. Also, how to safely remove hinges without damaging the stamp (today's hinges are quite aggressive and should be soaked off).
 - Stock pages for mint stamps.
 - Specialized books for covers.
- Buying: Dealers, auctions, on-line, club circuits, bourses, etc.
 - Do I buy bulk or individual items, mint or used, older versus more recent, covers, etc.? Some collectors enjoy the hunt (bulk buyer), some want to fill holes, etc. No strategy is wrong, but finding one's comfort zone may take time.
 - Insurance: At what point does a collector need insurance? *(Continued on next page)*
 - What is the best source?
- Library: Does the club have a library? If not, has the club tried to arrange for the borrowing of books from other members by creating a list of available publications?
 - *The Canadian Philatelist*, *Canada Stamp News*, on-line, and other publications as sources of information. Are there samples available at the club?
- Tagging, paper types, errors, freaks, and other specialized discussions should occur whenever questions about these come up. Tagging and paper types are not areas of

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wide-spread knowledge at the club level, so a mentor is essential; not just for beginners but any collector who has interest in these areas as their collection grows.

Finally (and of importance): Is the club environment one of friendly interaction or one of specialized intents? The atmosphere at the club (and shows) must be one that is open, respectful and focused on working with and encouraging all levels of activity.



Two: Specialization and Exhibiting

Rationale: Knowledge can best be shared in two ways - discussion groups and exhibiting.

Discussions (or presentations): A short 5 to 10-minute talk on what any collector finds intriguing about the hobby can lead to healthy discussions at the club level (and seminars at the regional and national level). How well does your club do encouraging short talks and presentations?

Exhibiting: Many collectors have areas of 'expertise' but rarely share their knowledge.

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Exhibiting, whether as a single page or multiple frames (with 6 or 16 pages per frame), should be encouraged, with the following kept in mind:

1. **Mentor:** an experienced exhibitor or an exhibit judge should work with individuals who want to share their specialization (or just create a story).
2. **Level:** At first, encourage the creation of an exhibit for a local level display. Far too few local shows have exhibits of any type and fun exhibits encourage collecting (e.g. a topical exhibit). Don't forget that this can start as small as a single or double page per person.
3. **Specialized exhibits:** Advanced collectors may want to exhibit at the regional and national level. A local mentor working with the (novice or experienced) exhibitor will better prepare the exhibitor for what the judges expect. Doing well encourages exhibiting, but is dependent entirely upon a good local mentor to ensure the exhibit is well done.

Further reading:

See David Piercey's articles in TCP, or take a look at the judging manual: <https://stamps.org/Portals/0/Judging%20Info/Judging-Manual.pdf>

Out and About

Congratulations to Sam Chiu, who recently won the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitor's Sapphire Award! To date, he is the only Canadian to receive this award, and only the 4th person worldwide since 2012.

The award is given to adult member of the AAPE who has exhibited a multiple frame exhibit at 20 different National level shows in a 10-year period. http://www.aape.org/sapphire_award.asp



The award actually has a (small) sapphire on it.

(Riight) The AAPE president, Mike Ley, pinning on Sam's award at the APS Stampshow in Omaha. (He wasn't trying to choke Sam - honest!)

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TORONTO POSTCARD CLUB
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From the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association:

President's Message:

I received Volume 1 of the e-version of the Grand News. All I can say is "Wow!!" What a terrific journal, and a real asset to the GRVPA. Sure, there was the odd error, but on the whole a wonderful newsletter, and a real feather in the cap of our new editor, Wendi Trauzzi.

With this new newsletter format, there is a real need for articles. We have a wonderful resource in the GRVPA in our knowledgeable membership, so let's all help Wendi by taking the time to assist her by providing material for future issues.

President Joe

From the Editor:

Hi, Everyone!

I would like to thank all of you for your enthusiastic and supportive comments over the last couple of months. I understand that the new format isn't to everyone's liking, but I hope that you will come to find that the advantages outweigh any less positive aspects.

I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to this issue – please keep it up! I'm looking for contributions of articles, and for the following columns:

Cover Story - a half-page to one page featuring a single cover (envelope) with comments on what makes it remarkable;

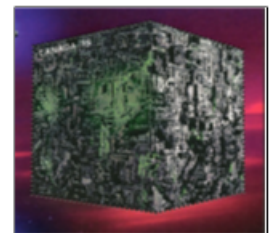
Introduction to... - one to three pages covering the basics of an aspect of stamps and philately.

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link on the page.

If there's anything you'd like to learn about (but were too embarrassed to ask?) let me know what it is, and I'll look for someone to tell us about it. (Hey - I'm probably in the same boat!) Conversely, if you're passionate about something and you'd like to share, send me an email - or corner me at an event - and volunteer!

I'm a bit short on seasonal clipart, at the moment, so if anyone is interested in contributing a drawing, that would be great, too!

The deadline for the February issue is January 15, 2020.

I wish you all peace, health and happiness over the upcoming holiday season and into the new year.

In Service,
Wendi Trauzzi,
Editor, Grand News

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What's Up In...

Reports included from the following clubs:

X	Bramalea Stamp Club	X	Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society
X	Brantford Stamp Club		Oakville Stamp Club
X	Burlington Stamp Club	X	Owen Sound Stamp Club
X	Cambridge Stamp Club	X	Oxford Philatelic Society
X	Guelph Stamp Club	X	St. Catharines Stamp Club
X	Hamilton Stamp Club	X	Saugeen Stamp Club
X	Kincardine Stamp Club	X	Stratford Stamp Club
X	Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Reg. Post Card Club	X	Waterloo Region Stamp Club

Bramalea Stamp Club

Upcoming Meetings & Features:

October 15: Tuesday Evening Theme: Buildings

November 3: Sunday Afternoon: Voice auction, buy/sell/trade

November 19: Tuesday Evening: Animals

December 1: Sunday Afternoon: Voice auction, buy/sell/trade

December 19: Transportation (including Santa's sleigh!)

It is a pleasure to announce that Don Marion has taken over as Bramalea Stamp Club treasurer. Don Garlick did a fine job for many years and has left Brampton for a retirement community. Our heartfelt thanks go to Don Garlick! The treasurer's job is to maintain our bank account, receive membership dues and other income, pay club bills, arrange the annual rental contract and manage our insurance provided by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. These are well-established routines that take only a minimal amount of time commitment but are vital to the smooth operation of the club. Volunteers are the life of our club and we appreciate both Dons' and everyone else's volunteer work. Please consider giving a helping hand to your club.

Ingo Nessel

Brantford Stamp Club

Our fall session has returned and we have had great turnouts to our meetings. Ray and Gayle took our circuit books to Oakville and had a very successful night. We will be finalizing arrangements on Nov. 5th for the GRVPA club circuit event which will be held at 238 Brantwood Park

Drive in Brantford on Nov. 9th. Nov.19th will be a "Buy and Sell" night where members can purchase or sell items to other members. We are expecting a guest speaker to be confirmed for Dec.3rd.

Burlington Stamp Club

Looking forward to a busy November with lots of Club shows going on! During our 2nd meeting for December, our club will be holding its Christmas get – together along with our yearly stamp auction. Members please remember there is a MAX of 5 lots per paid up member. (no exceptions) Hoping that you enjoy the Christmas season & looking forward to the year 2020 Happy collecting!

Norm Macneall, Reporter

Cambridge Stamp Club

A notice to all our members and visitors: Welcome! Should you decide to visit us, our monthly meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month, instead of the third Thursday. This change is already in effect, and was made because it suits some members better.

We will, however, be experimenting with a second monthly meeting at a different location (volunteered by one of our long-standing members)... on the third Thursday, for those eager for a second monthly meeting! The first of these is in October (the 17th). This is something that we intend to carry on with so long as there is interest.

A big thank you goes out to all who supported our September 14 show, the dealers who participated, and all who volunteered in large ways and small. Thanks!

Steve Klages

What's Up In...

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Guelph Stamp Club

As a club we had a great start this fall; good participation and a successful silent auction with the sale of 18 lots. We also welcomed two new members: Brian Stone from Guelph and Greg Foard from Elora. Welcome, gentlemen. So far, we have 25 paid up members of a potential 34 on our list; not bad, but please remember that your club needs your support: Please pay your dues. Having spent time with family for Thanksgiving. I am reflecting that stamp clubs are in many ways like a small family...or should I say, a small tribe? Various members contribute their particular skills for the benefit of all. For example: our new treasurer, Brian Russell, has seamlessly taken over the job from Ben Bergweff. Thanks, Ben, for the many years of caring and the endless bookkeeping! Susan Dobberthein is the "keeper" of our circulation books. Going through and tracking all the little purchases line by line, page by page, is a vital contribution to the financial success of our club, and is much appreciated. Thanks go to our president, Gary Repta, who has the crucial quality of a good sense of humour. Thanks, also, to Reg Kaster who faithfully sells our draw tickets and to John McAndrew who always has philatelic supplies for sale. With just 19 days to our show, a final thanks to Jim Sullivan who makes it his job to lay out the tables for our show and works at keeping our dealers organized and happy.

P.B. Latour

Hamilton Stamp Club

Our Fall Show is On Friday Nov. 1 and Saturday Nov. 2. It will be held at St. Jean de Brebeuf Secondary School, at 200 Acadia Drive. The auctions will be on Friday, and it has been suggested that the number of items entered, per person, should be reduced. The dealers will be there on Saturday. The times are 5.00 pm to 10.00 pm Friday, and from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm on Saturday.

We look forward to seeing you all again. Lunches are available for the Friday evening and at noon on Saturday. Space is available for the junior members.

Clarence R. Maitland

Kincardine Stamp Club

We are carrying on with our local meetings, planning for a Christmas party on our Dec. meeting for all members and significant others. Merry Christmas to all in the Grand news area.

Andrew Lunshof

Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club

About halfway between Toronto and Buffalo, nestled below the Niagara Escarpment and "caressed by the waters of Lake Ontario," lies the village of Winona.

On Wednesday November 13, at the next meeting of the Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club, attendees will be taken on a post card walking tour of that village and the area known as "The Garden of Canada." Carl Schlosser is the host and most scenes, selected from his collection, will focus on the golden age of post cards – the early 20th century. Some consider Winona the jewel of Hamilton Wentworth and you can discover how just right they are. Doors open at 6:30, presentation at 7:30. All welcome, no admission charge. Victoria Park pavilion at 80 Schneider Ave in Kitchener is the spot. Contact rychmills@golden.net, (519) 742-4990 for details.

Gus Knierim

Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society

KW Philatelic has experienced a great start to the fall/winter program. At the October 10th gathering the group was graced with a fascinating exposition of baseball philately. David Schultz regaled everyone with a detailed look into this increasingly popular collector area.

At the November 14th meeting, we will – as we traditionally do - focus on the Remembrance Day theme, with everyone invited to participate in a "clothesline show-and-tell" event. One-page exhibits or single pieces of postal history will be displayed on a clothesline and exhibitors will have a brief opportunity to explain their significance. We will also enjoy the presence of the Guelph Sales Circuit.

December 12th will provide a host of offerings, including the traditional Christmas party and the Stratford Circuit. The evening will feature a

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presentation on Egyptian postal history since Antiquity. We look forward to this fascinating event and its speaker. At this juncture, the association celebrates a stunning new source of internet communication, the KWPS Dispatch. We invite you to take a moment or two to peruse it, and see what is happening within KW Philatelic. Cheers!

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Hello everyone, we at the Owen Sound Stamp Club would like to thank those who attended our Annual Stamp Show on Sept. 28th, 2019. This was the best show we have had for a few years. Despite several emails, Canada Post did not send out any products for us, but the club members came through at the last minute, and donated some items from their collections. Back to business at our next meeting Oct. 16th, as we will be honoured to have Mr. George Pepall to speak to the members.

John C. Lemon

Oxford Philatelic Society

Our fall program has been a big success and now only two meetings remain before the Christmas season. G & B stamps and another round with the circuit books are scheduled for November. Our Christmas Social will be held on December 11th at the Southgate Seniors Centre. We still have many stamps from the collections we acquired. These have created a lot of interest, so will be opening them for "cherry picking" on Wednesday, November 27th. We are always pleased to welcome guests.

Preparations for our Annual Show and Bourse on March 21, 2020 are well under way. Please mark this date on your calendars. We are celebrating the 70th Annual Show, OXPEX in March, as well as our 40th OTEX (Oxford Topical Exhibition) at the Woodstock Christian School. Our show card for 2020 features the Ingersoll Post Office, since it is where the first show took place. We have an international level judge along with two national judges and regional apprentice for this show. The

"Woodstock Show" is considered to be one of the best and it is a wonderful place to get your foot into exhibiting your collection. We look forward to seeing your exhibit! Entry forms and the Rules and Regulations have been updated and are on the website.

As we enter the Christmas season, may you all be blessed with a very joyous and safe Christmas!

Kindly, Henny Uyl, President

Saugeen Stamp Club

The attendance for the Saugeen Stamp Club year-round meetings continues to be exceptional, with a full house each month even during the summer.

During our recent September meeting the format was changed from our usual, with members bringing in some of their philatelic treasures to sell / trade with fellow members. We set our monthly member auction aside and had the sales circuit from Owen Sound at the meeting... Perhaps the evening would have been a better success without the visiting circuit.

We are planning future meeting using the same format – without a circuit. One challenge will be to identify what material members have to sell / trade AND what material other members are looking for to add to their collection.

Our Christmas social is coming up quickly – we look to members to bring in a sample of their favourite treat (preferably homemade) to share with other PLUS search out their treasures to donate items for the President's funny money auction. No money is involved – only the funny money distributed by the President for a member's contribution and participation in the monthly meeting. A fun time for all.

Happy Stamping!!

Walt Berry

St. Catharines Stamp Club

It is fall, and Thanksgiving time again, and elections are coming soon, in the world around us as well as in our own club. I'm sure we are all thankful for those who diligently hold office in our club, that we all may enjoy the benefits of our meetings in a meaningful and helpful way. Speaking of help, our club is still seeking someone ready and willing to take on responsibility for the club circuit, a key component of The St. Catharines Stamp Club, and a much-used service.

What's Up In...

President Dave Hillier indicates that there is an upcoming project for the whole club, and he says it is a project which every member can be involved in. Looking forward to seeing what that project may be. Another beautiful fall day in St. Catharines today, and a club meeting tonight as well. Happy collecting everyone!

David Pitcher

Stratford Stamp Club

Members were welcomed back at our September meeting after the summer months. Two new members joined the club. Chapter liaison, George spoke about various methods to grow membership plus suggested topics / presentations for monthly meetings. Members voted to have our annual Mayday Stamp Show on May 3, 2020 at the same venue as last year, and a room has been booked at the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans Unit 261.

Circuit Books were once again used by members. George P. was to present his power point presentation on USA Second Bureau 1902-1908 on Thursday October 24, 2019

Ron Holm, Reporter

Waterloo Region Stamp Club

Presentations at our November 5th meeting will explore, "Cinderellas from Switzerland" and "Unique Postal Stationery from Bruce and Grey Counties". Visitors are always welcome!

Robert Hadley

Grand Extras By George Peppal

An unusual outlook on introducing kids to stamps...

"I really disapprove of how the modern (U.S.) postal service dumbs down our stamps to appeal to children. When I was a kid, the new stamps all showed grown-up subjects. That's what made them attractive. If adults had reached out to introduce me to stamps, I would have run for the woods. This is a view that none of my philatelic friends shares." (from a very senior collector in the U.S.A.)

Can the same be said of Canada's new issues?

Out and About

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These show windows are in the Kitchener City Hall and are available for use by any non-commercial group and are free of charge! The Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society has placed member material in the window shadow boxes (locked) and current information regarding our next meeting, club location,



website and email address are featured.

There is local history as well as world-wide stamps/covers and postcards, notably:

- The collection contains items from W.H. Schmaltz, the stamp collecting Mayor of the City of Berlin (now Kitchener) in 1912, including his first stamp album (circa 1890), information on him and some covers directed

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him!



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Upcoming Events

2019 HAMILTON FALL SHOW

November 1, 2019 to November 2, 2019

[St. John de Brebeuf Secondary School, 200 Acadia Dr., Hamilton, ON, L8W 1B8](#)

Large silent and voice auctions Friday evening with viewing starting at 5 p.m. Saturday is a 20-dealer bourse with stamps, postcards, covers and supplies, plus youth booth and silent auction from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. GRVPA clubs circuit sales books Friday and Saturday. Light food and refreshments available with ample free parking. Sponsored by the Hamilton Stamp Club. / **Email:** southont@cogeco.ca / **Web:** <http://www.hamiltonstampclub.com>

GRVPA CLUB CIRCUIT EVENT

238 Brantwood Park Drive in Brantford on Nov. 9th.

5th Annual STAMPFUN Show 2019 - WATERLOO REGION STAMP CLUB SHOW

When: Saturday, 23th November 2019 / **Time: 9:30 am to 4 pm**

Where: The Royal Canadian Legion, 316 Marsland Drive, Waterloo ON
Visit us and enjoy 10 dealers, a silent auction, circuit books, and door prizes. Free admission and free parking. We offer free coffee in the morning and lunch can be purchased from the Legion kitchen. Information available from Oscar Cormier, (519) 742-5892 or email: jocstamp@rogers.com / club website: www.waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com

TORONTO POST CARD CLUB

Annual Postcard Sale – February 2020 – see advertisement in this issue.

BRAMALEA STAMP CLUB - ANNUAL SHOW AND BOURSE

Sunday, February 1, Judith Nyman Secondary School Cafeteria, 1305 William's Parkway, Brampton ON. Wheel-chair accessible / free parking / refreshments available / stamp displays.

BURLPEX 2020

Feb 15, 2020 9:30am - 3pm, Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St., Burlington, Ontario, L7R 1J4. (Off QEW, south on Guelph Line, then right on New Street a few blocks.) Our annual Burlington Stamp Show, BURLPEX with 12 stamp dealers, free parking, food vendor, silent auctions, wheelchair accessible and great stamp club circuit books. Phone 1-905-332-8901 Email: tomw1901@gmail.com

WOODSTOCK STAMP SHOW

March 21, 2020

STAMPFEST – April 18, 2020

Trillium Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street, Waterloo ON

<http://www.kwstampclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Map.jpg>

MAYDAY STAMP SHOW

May 3, 2020 at the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans Unit 261, Stratford ON

SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday May 2 2020, Knights of Columbus Hall, 963 Bruce Road 4 – between Hanover & Walkerton

Hours 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Free admission & free parking / Door Prizes / exhibits / Dealers / Circuit Books / lunch counter. Further information contact: President Walt Berry wsberry@sympatico.ca

Who, What & When

A listing of contact information, as well as meeting times and locations, for our member clubs.

Bramalea Stamp Club

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

Information: Bob Thorne 905-792-3526 or Email bobthorne70@gmail.com

Website: bramaleastampclub.org or check our Facebook page under Bramalea Stamp Club.

Brantford Stamp Club

Sept. to Nov. and January to May: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month / June & December - 1st Tuesday only
Branlyn Community Centre (phone (519) 758-1444), 238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford. Access to the facility is via the east (on the left when facing the facility) end around the back. (doors open at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 8:00) Web:

<http://brantfordstampclub.com/> / Contact: Paul James (519-751-3513) pjames@execulink.com

Burlington Stamp Club

September to June: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month (7:00 pm). Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St. (off Teen Tour Way), Burlington ON. Contact: Norm Macneall (905-336-8685) macneall@cogeco.ca

Cambridge Stamp Club

November to June: 1st Thursday of the month, 6:30 to 9:00 / No meetings in July & August

Allan Reuter Centre, 507 King Street East, 2nd Floor., Cambridge ON

Currently experimenting with a second meeting on the 3rd Thursday, at another location.

<https://cambridgestampclub.weebly.com/> / Contact: Steve Klages klagesss@gmail.com

Guelph Stamp Club

September to May: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 / June to August: 3rd Wednesday of the month only

Dublin Street United Church, 68 Suffolk St. W. (at Dublin St.) / Contact: Joe Servos (519-823-2578) jservos@bserv.com / guelphstampclub@gmail.com

Hamilton Stamp Club

September to June: 2nd & 4th Monday (6:30 to about 8:30 pm)

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, 1824 Rymal Road East, Hamilton

<https://hamiltonstampclub.ca/> Contact: Charles Morreale - cmorreale@teksavvy.com - 905-664-2066

Kincardine Stamp Club

Jan. - Dec., 1st Wed. (7:00 pm),

Davidson Center (Billiards room), 601 Durham St., Kincardine

Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club

Victoria Park Pavilion, 80 Schneider Street, Kitchener, ON

See website for meeting info: www.kwcrpcc.com Contact: rychmills@golden.net / 519 742-4990

Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society

The Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society meetings are *usually* the 2nd Thursday of the month in the evening from 7 until 9 p.m. in the Community Room at Albert McCormick Arena in Waterloo. **To make attendance easier in the winter we are experimenting with afternoon meetings.** Therefore, the January meeting is now 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday January 12 and the February meeting is Sunday February 16 also from 2 until 4:00 p.m.. Thanks. <https://www.kwstampclub.org/>

Oakville Stamp Club

September to November: 4th Tuesday of each month / January to May: 4th Tuesday of each month

7:00 pm at St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School, 255 Morden Road, Oakville ON

Owen Sound Stamp Club

September to June: 3rd Wednesday of the month (7:00pm to 9:00 pm). St. Mary's High School, Hillyer hall (student lunchroom), 555 15th Street East, Owen Sound, ON <http://www.owensoundstampclub.org/>

Oxford Philatelic Society

September to May: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. South Gate Centre, 191 Old Wellington Street South, Woodstock ON <http://www.oxfordphilsoc.com/>

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Who, What & When

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Saugeen Stamp Club

January to December: 1st Tuesday of the month (7:30 pm)

St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church, 356 9th Street, Hanover ON. Entrance to the meeting located in the northeast corner of the church complex on 11th Avenue. The club's welcome sign will be at the sidewalk. <http://saugeenstampclub.webplus.net/>

St. Catharines Stamp Club

September to June: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (6:45 pm to 8:45 pm). Grantham Lion's Club, 732 Niagara Street, St. Catharines ON / <http://stcatharinesstampclub.ca/>

Stratford Stamp Club

September to June: 4th Thursday of the month (except December) 7:00 pm. at Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford N5A 6N4

Waterloo Region Stamp Club

September to June: 1st Tuesday of the month (6:30 pm to 8:30 pm) at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth Room (usually – check the TV monitor near the door to be sure), 54 Queen Street North, Kitchener ON <https://waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com/>

Out & About

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- Postal cancel devices, and Canada Postal Guide; Books about Collecting; and Tools of the Trade such as tongs, stamp hinges and perf guide.
- An old French leather album circa 1888 with gold leaf edge pages rounds out the displays.



Getting KWPS public exposure is crucial in attracting new members. These displays are in place for approx. 60days. If members of the Grand are in downtown Kitchener, we would encourage them to drop into city hall to view. Perhaps there are public places in other cit-



ies or towns where other GRVPA member clubs could mount a display and get some advertising exposure?

Leigh Hogg

November

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Hamilton Stamp Club - Fall Show	2 Hamilton Stamp Club - Fall Show
3 Bramalea Stamp Club	4	5 Brantford Stamp Club Guelph Stamp Club Saugeen Stamp Club St. Catharines Stamp Club Waterloo Region Stamp Club	6 Burlington Stamp Club Kincardine Stamp Club	7 Cambridge Stamp Club	8	9 GRVPA Club Circuit Event
10	11 Remembrance Day Hamilton Stamp Club	12	13 Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Post Card Club Oxford Philatelic Society	14 Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society	15	16
17	18	19 Bramalea Stamp Club Brantford Stamp Club Guelph Stamp Club St. Catharines Stamp Club	20 Burlington Stamp Club Owen Sound Stamp Club	21	22	23
24	25 Hamilton Stamp Club	26 Oakville Stamp Club	27 Oxford Philatelic Society	28 Stratford Stamp Club	29	30

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bramalea Stamp Club		Brantford Stamp Club Guelph Stamp Club Saugeen Stamp Club St. Catharines Stamp Club Waterloo Region Stamp Club	Burlington Stamp Club Kincardine Stamp Club	Cambridge Stamp Club		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Hamilton Stamp Club		Oxford Philatelic Society	Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Bramalea Stamp Club Guelph Stamp Club St. Catharines Stamp Club	Burlington Stamp Club Owen Sound Stamp Club			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day		
29	30	31				
		New Year's Eve	New Year's Day			

January

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			New Year's Day	Cambridge Stamp Club		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Bramalea Stamp Club		Brantford Stamp Club Guelph Stamp Club Saugeen Stamp Club St. Catharines Stamp Club Waterloo Region Stamp Club	Oxford Philatelic Society			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society (2:00 to 4:00)	Hamilton Stamp Club		Burlington Stamp Club Owen Sound Stamp Club	Due Date for reports for February issue		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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	Hamilton Stamp Club	Oakville Stamp Club				Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse

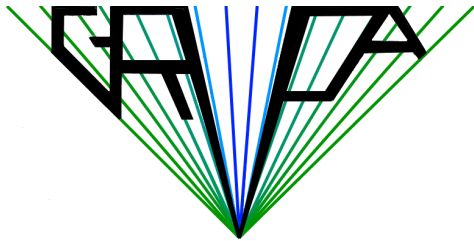
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