



# DISPATCH



**KWPS NEWSLETTER**

The dictionary definition of **DISPATCH** is  
"to send something promptly and efficiently."  
The **KWPS Dispatch** mandate is to do just that.

- \* To be emailed the *first Tuesday of each month*.
- \* Contents will include notification of meetings; events taking place at each meeting, as well as
- \* Upcoming events at our Club–KWPS–of interest to members, and events which will be occurring in our geographic area.
- \* Items and articles about stamp collecting as a hobby; as well as items of a philatelic nature.

**Table auction procedures have changed–see pg. 3–Auction sheet attached**

**K-W Philatelic Club meeting dates and information**

**MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE \$15.00**

September 12th Meeting 7:00 pm

October 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting 7:00 pm

Membership renewals [Craig]  
 Buy Draw Tickets [Carol]  
 Check out Table Auction [Joe]  
 Stratford Sales Circuit [Craig]  
 Royal Philatelic Society Sales Circuit [Craig]  
 Feedback for THE POSTMARK and DISPATCH  
 Check out Handouts Table

Buy Draw Tickets [Carol]  
 Check out Table Auction [Joe]  
 Sales Circuit [Craig]  
 Royal Philatelic Sales Circuit [Craig]  
 Speaker: David Schulz  
                     Baseball on Stamps  
 Show and Tell  
 Check out Handouts Table

September 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting  
 Recruitment Theme [Lloyd]

## TOOLS OF THE HOBBY -- Tongs

by Jim Oliver

Past President K-W Philatelic Society



Tongs are not to be confused with tweezers in your medical cabinet, which are too sharp. Also, they do not have an end pad to deal with stamps.

Are they short or long?

Are they pointed or blunt?

*Be careful using pointed tongs because you can quickly poke a hole through a stamp.*

Are they metal or plastic?

Another question: **why use tongs at all?** They keep dirt and skin oil off the philatelic paper. For a child to learn the use of tongs, we suggest using some non-valuable stamps, or cut some stamp size paper pieces for practice.



Use tongs to move stamps



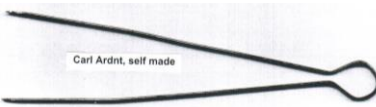
Blunt-end tongs



Pointed tongs

Tongs cost anywhere from a couple of dollars, upward for high-quality tongs. Historically it was suggested, as a special gift for a philatelist, you could obtain gold plated tongs. (I have never seen these)

A good general-purpose style is the rounded spatula-type. You can also choose a squared-off version. It is best to experiment to obtain tongs that suit the individual. (see examples) One of our previous members, Carl Ardent made his own. He worked in a factory with a metal shop, and so he made his own, long and metal.



Handmade by Carl Ardent



## Meet Joe Servos, KWPS Auctioneer

Joe Servos has taken on the job of handling the auctions (both silent and called), at the Kitchener Waterloo Stamp Club for the 2018-19 meetings. As he lives in the Guelph area, Leigh Hogg has agreed to assist with some very important logistical help.

You will find attached to this issue of *Dispatch*, an auction slip. Please securely attach a slip to each of your lots, filling in your name, a brief description of the item you are selling, and your reserve bid, if any.

Please photocopy the attachment if you require additional slips. As well, Joe will bring a supply of slips to each meeting.

Here is how he has worked things out:

1. Lots for each month must be delivered to Leigh's Office no later than the first day of the month before our meeting.  
Please note *for September*; delivered lots will need to be at Leigh's Belmont Village Financial Group  
729 Belmont Ave W. Kitchener  
between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.  
***NO LATER THAN September 1 or the first day of the month.***
2. Please place small lots, with an attached label, in a larger envelope.
3. Payment for lots sold will be made no later than the meeting held in the month following the auction.
4. Sellers should NOT damage lots by taping sales slips directly to the item; i.e., put covers in plastic envelopes, stamps on 102 cards, etc.
5. Unsold lots must be taken away after the meeting at which they did not sell. If you want to resubmit them for a later sale, go to item 1 above and start the process again with a fresh sales slip. Please do not pick up the unsold item until I have announced that it is appropriate to do so.

Please note that any lot received by Leigh after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month will be auctioned at the meeting the month after it was received.

Have a great Philatelic year  
Joe Servos

***SEE AUCTION SLIP ATTACHED!***



### **Iceland: don't miss this announcement!**

After 90 years in operation, Iceland Post, Stamp and Philatelic Department (Postphil) will close at the end of 2019.

New CEO, Birgir Jonsson, is cutting down or cutting out, everything that is not profitable, including Postphil, The number of philatelic customers have constantly been decreasing year after year, which has led to a deficit. As of August 20, 2019, 50 employees throughout the company have been laid off.

There are still two stamp issues left for this year--on September 12th and October 31st. After these issues are distributed, the department will be closed down; sales to stamp collectors, domestic and foreign will close.

The current management of Iceland Post Ltd. would prefer to stop issuing new stamps now. However, based on current law, Iceland Post cannot unilaterally decide to do so. There is some uncertainty as to how these matters will be handled in the future, and the company is waiting for answers from its owner, the Icelandic State. If the decision is to keep issuing new stamps in 2020 and onward, the number of new stamps will be greatly reduced and there will be no service for stamp collectors.

Vilhjalmur Sigurdsson, Head of Philately will leave Iceland Post Ltd. in September 2019, after 20 years in charge of Postphil. From October to December there will only be three [3] people working at Postphil so operations will be minimal.

If you require further information, contact  
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**PLEASE NOTE**

### Up-Coming Shows (and events)

Sept 7-8 Mississauga—Hilton Mississauga-- 6750 Mississauga Rd  
 Sept 14 Cambridge—Armenian Centre-- 35 International Village Dr.  
 Sept 21 St. Catherines--Best Western Hotel-- 2 North Service Rd.  
 Sept 28 Owen Sound--St. Mary's High School--1555 15<sup>th</sup> St. E.  
 Oct. 26 Guelphpex--Dublin St United Church --corner Dublin St/Suffolk St.  
 Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamilton  
 Nov. 9 Grand Club Fair in Brantford  
 Nov. 23 --Waterloo Region --Marsland Drive, Waterloo