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— by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

Connecticut Convention Center

The American Philatelic Society (APS), American Topical Association (ATA), and the American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS) will hold a joint philatelic exhibition on 20–23 August 2020, at the **Connecticut Convention Center** in Hartford, Connecticut, in what is being called “The Great American Stamp Show.” It will be by far the largest national stamp and postal history show in the United States this year. More than 75 dealers are expected.

Each of the three sponsoring organizations has traditionally produced its own national level World Series of Philately (WSP) show. These three events will continue in the combined show, but with some modifications. Each will be a subsection of the overall exhibition.

Thematic, topical, and display type exhibits will be entered in the ATA’s National Topical Stamp Show. The AFDCS Americover section will host the first day cover exhibits, and the APS portion will feature traditional exhibits.

As each organization’s exhibition is a WSP event, each will present its own set of major awards (grand, reserve grand, single frame grand, and most popular). Special awards such as the WE Sterling Achievement Medal will be spread across all three groups. The organizers are expecting more than 800 frames of exhibits. Several rare postal items will be on display including the famous “Inverted Jenny” air mail error stamp.

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From the Editor's Desk



Since we are coming out of the season that contains very few stamp shows, there is not much news about such events in this issue. There could have been more, but one of the winter shows usually held here in The Great Northwest had to be canceled at the last minute. See the "Cautionary Tale" on page 7.

We should hearten up because by my count there are four shows and two bourses planned in our region in the month of March alone. There are three more in April and then we reach May when

PIPEX, the largest show in our area, will be held in Portland. Do not forget that PIPEX will take place in a **new venue** this year.

Our intrepid Executive Secretary has been gallivanting around South America, and it was touch and go whether he would be able to submit his column in time for publication. But, it seems he has succeeded and it appears on the next page.

I had to do a little scrambling to get articles for this edition, but I expect there will be lots of news from the shows this spring in the next one. Nonetheless, I am looking for **more articles** about items from your collection, stories about your collecting adventures, tales of your philatelic travels, descriptions of postal history (especially from here in the Pacific Northwest), and any other accounts of philatelic activities in your area.

For example, on page 16 is a short story derived from a curious little cover I found from a place named Herm Island. It is a tiny place, but turns out to have some interesting postal history. I am sure each of you have more than one item in your collection that is similar to this one and has a story to tell. Write something about it and send the information to me. I will help prepare your story for publication, so do not worry about format or style, just tell your story. Many others will be interested in it I assure you.

Remember that the Federation will hold its **annual general meeting** at PIPEX. Three board members are up for re-election. More importantly, the Federation will be voting on the revised By-Laws that were published in the last edition of the journal. Member clubs should send their delegate to the meeting prepared to discuss and vote on this measure.

I hope to see many of you at the shows this spring. Please stop me if you see me and let me know any feedback about the journal and any suggestions you have for improving it.

Newsletter editors, please make sure I am on your distribution list so I can report your news to others in the Federation.

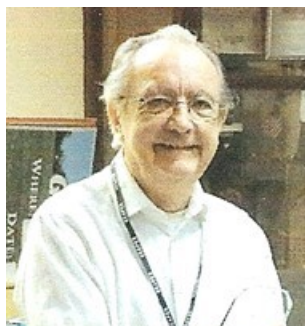
Club officers, send me news about your club's activities and accomplishments, especially if you present an exhibition. I will publish this information in upcoming editions. **Input for the next edition is due to me not later than 15 May 2020.** Send to: jackcongrove@comcast.net.

— Jack R. Congrove, Editor

Answers to Quiz:

est at 92.8 days.)
orbit, winter only lasts 88.9 days. Summer lasts 93.6 days. Spring is second long-
(Dandelion), 10-C (Cherry Blossom). Bonus (Winter: Due to Earth's elliptical
Franklin), 5-I (Easter), 6-D (Mexico), 7-E (Lent), 8-J (Cinco de Mayo), 9-H
1-F (Alfred Tennyson), 2-B (Charles Dickens), 3-G (Ecuador), 4-A (Benjamin

Executive Secretary's Notes



Recently I have had friends comment about the variety of things a collector of stamps can do. They hadn't realized how many ways there are to collect stamps—not only stamps—and how different collections can be, and I'm not sure how well I explained that to them.

If there is a stereotype about stamp collectors, it is a person sitting at a desk, album open and half-filled. In one hand the person holds tongs that hold a perforated stamp. The other hand holds a magnifying glass. The person leans forward to examine the stamp through the magnifier. Does this remind you of President Roosevelt and stamps honoring him?

What's missing?

A bookshelf of reference materials. Covers and their cancels. An active bourse. Exhibit frames. Group meetings and PowerPoint presentations. Other collector friends. Also on the desk for many may be a computer or watermark detecting items. Exhibit pages. Correspondence with other collectors.

What's indistinctly represented?

Topics and subjects. The stamp in the tongs may relate to the person's profession, special passion, or physical activity. It may reflect the collector's nationality, ethnicity, religion, or dreams. It may show sports, nature, geography, academic pursuits, or history and culture. Some of us study design, printing, and rates or routes of the stamps or envelopes we hold.

We collectively collect all these things. I wish when a friend identifies us as stamp collectors that we were asked what we collect instead of how many stamps we have. I don't know because I collect different cancels on the stamp. Instead of what's the most expensive stamp I have. Gee, do I answer with catalogue value or retail? Do I know? Do I care?

I want to do a better job presenting the hobby when asked. I want to answer the questions politely but also break away from the stereotype the questions represent. Stamp collecting is not accumulation or value held. It is an extension of each individual's interests and pursuit of knowledge. I will say this next time.

Annual Club Reports Due

According to Article II, Section 2, of the Federation By-Laws, the annual report to the Federation for each member organization is due to the Federation treasurer no later than 1 April each year. There is a form for this report that the treasurer sent to each member club. If you as one of the club officers has not received this form, check with your other members and contact the Federation treasurer.

The annual report from the member organization includes contact information for the organization's president, treasurer, newsletter editor, and Federation representative.

According to Article II, Section 3, member organizations delinquent with their dues or annual report shall not be entitled to vote at the Federation meetings.

Our treasurer, Alex Hadden reports, "We have received reports and dues from 15 clubs to date. Thank you to the North Shore club, which used a Russian Scouting label on their envelope and to the OSS who used two OSS perfin stamps. Updates are on the Federation website."

Oddball Stamps

— by Jack R. Congrove, Tacoma Stamp Club

I have been working on an exhibit that shows an example representing each of the different combinations of identification letters used by the *Scott Catalogues* to designate various types of philatelic items. Most of us recognize the familiar identifications such as the letter "C" to specify air post stamps and the letter "J" to distinguish postage due stamps, but there are more than 200 other classifications noted by the catalogues.

While researching and gathering this material, I have encountered some weird and oddball examples. Here is one candidate for the most unusual.

Air Post Semi-Postal Official (CBO)

These are air post semi-postal stamps issued for service in four Italian colonies (Cyrenaica, Eritrea, Somalia, and Tripolitania) and overprinted in 1934 for official government use.

Only one issue with this prefix was printed for each colony. Only 750 copies of each stamp were produced of which 100 were used on flight covers and 100 were overprinted "SAGGIO" (proof).

What is your candidate?



Tripolitania, 1934, CBO1
perf 14, wmk
CB10 ovpt "SERVIZIO DI STATO"
w/ Crown



ATA membership meeting at the joint APS-ATA show in 2019

The total quantity of competitive exhibits among all three organizations is limited to 120 with 30 being the single frame limit. Single frame entries in particular will probably be closed before the **15 April entry deadline** and others will go on a waiting list, so it is important for exhibitors to get their applications in as soon as possible.

In addition to the three (count 'em, three) WSP national shows with their major awards, the GASS will host the 2020 WSP multi-frame Champion of Champions and the Most Popular Champion of Champions competitions as well as a philatelic literature exhibition.

As is usual at this annual event, there will be a multi-session public auction. The U.S. Postal Service is a co-sponsor and they will have a large retail booth at the show. It is likely that there will be a first day of issue ceremony for a new U.S. stamp, but the USPS has not released its plans for such an event yet.

ATA events include its annual general meeting on Friday, 1:00–2:30 PM; President's Reception, Friday evening; Hobby Honors Banquet, Saturday evening; informal nights out; and a full-day tour on Monday.

Admission to the show is **free** and everyone is invited to the family-friendly event. In conjunction with the bourse and exhibition, there will be youth activities and the show will host dozens of seminars and meetings of several societies. Currently there are 14 societies who will be hosting a booth at the show. More will certainly sign up.

Both the ATA and several of its study units will hold their annual general meetings at the show. The meeting schedule is still in the planning stage. Check the APS website (www.stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show) for the latest details.

A cachet makers bourse is planned on Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The APS is also planning to host some On the Road Courses in conjunction with the show. Check their website for more information.

The APS, as the largest of the three sponsors, is taking the lead in organizing the event. They are seeking volunteers to help with a variety of activities on two-hour shifts during the show. Family, friends, and non-collectors are welcome—stamp knowledge is not required. If you are able to provide eight hours or more of your time, you will be eligible to receive a free ticket to the celebration banquet on Saturday evening.

The two host hotels are the Marriott Hartford Downtown and the Hilton Hartford. The hotels are offering special room rates for show attendees. It is likely that these hotels will fill their room blocks well before the show, so get your reservations in now.



A familiar Pacific Northwest dealer at the joint APS-ATA show last year

Brexit Stamp

[Ed. note: This article is extracted from a Linn's Stamp News posting on 11 February 2020. I find it amusing that Austria appears to be trolling Great Britain with this stamp.]

— by Denise McCarty, Linn's Stamp News

Just as Brexit (the British exit from the European Union) was delayed, so was Austria Post's postage stamp commemorating the event.

Austria Post had printed a stamp with the original Brexit date of March 29, 2019, inscribed as "29.3.219" in the upper left below the €1.80 denomination and the word "Brexit." But Brexit was postponed, and the stamp was not issued.

However, the stamp wasn't destroyed. Instead, Austria Post overprinted the stamp with the actual Brexit date "31.1.2020," crossed out the old date and placed it on sale January 31. According to Austria Post, 140,000 stamps were overprinted.

This overprinted Brexit stamp received a lot of media attention, and it sold briskly. Austria Post's online shop soon appeared to be sold out, and examples on eBay were selling for \$10 each and more.

The stamp may not be sold out completely, though. In response to a question from *Linn's* about the availability of the Brexit stamp, a spokesman for Austria Post's philatelic service, Sammler-Service, said: "Due to high global demand, this stamp is for the most part out of stock."

"However, orders can be directed [by email] to sammler-service@post.at, the request can still be taken into account when stocks become free."

Anita Kern designed this Brexit stamp. In addition to the aforementioned dates, the design includes a map that shows EU countries in dark blue, countries that don't belong to the EU in white, and the United Kingdom in light blue.

In the press release announcing the overprinted Brexit stamp, Austria Post said "to emphasize the special position visually, the area of the United Kingdom was provided with a light blue transparent varnish."

According to the same press release, the dark blue was printed using the normal offset process.



Arn Symposium at Moses Lake

The 30th annual John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium will be held on Saturday, 4 April 2020, at the **Best Western Conference Center** in Moses Lake, Washington. The event is named after, and dedicated to, its founder, John D. Arn from Spokane, Washington.

This event is sponsored in part by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs and is one of the benefits that the Federation provides for the philatelic community.

The symposium will feature four excellent speakers on a variety of topics, both a live and a silent auction, and lots of good fellowship with Pacific Northwest stamp collectors. The complete program includes a luncheon and dinner. Everyone is welcome. Spouses and other guests are invited and encouraged to attend.

The featured speakers are **James Hirstein** from the Garden City Stamp Club speaking on U.S. coils, **Lawrence Crain** from the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society talking about Colombian philately, **Kenneth Owens** from the Inland Empire Philatelic Society who will talk about German revenues, and **Stan Wills** from the Spokane Flag Museum speaking on the history of the American flag..

This is one of only three known meetings of this type in the United States. The activities will kick off on Friday evening with a hospitality gathering at the hotel with free refreshments followed by an informal no-host dinner at a local restaurant. The hotel offers a special rate of \$109.99 for attendees applicable until 20 March 2020.

The silent auction offers hundreds of lots of almost every variety of philatelic material. The live auction includes many desirable items. Last year more than \$1,400.00 worth of material changed hands in the combined auctions.

See the NWFSC website (www.nwfedstamps.org) for the program schedule, registration forms, and more details as they become available.

Edmonton Spring Show

28–29 March 2020

Edmonton Stamp Club

Central Lion's Recreational Centre

113 Street & 111 Avenue

Edmonton, Alberta

Sat 10:00AM–5:00PM

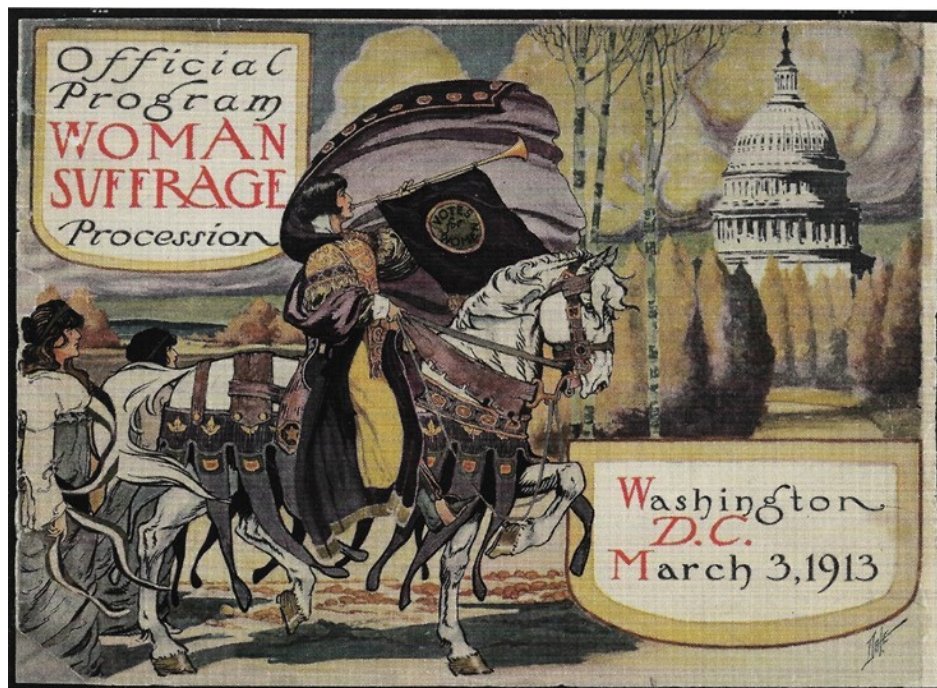
Sun 10:00AM–4:00PM

Free stamp evaluations

Free Admission

www.edmontonstampclub.com

Women's Suffrage Southeastern Stamp Expo Theme



— by Dawn R. Hamman, ATA President

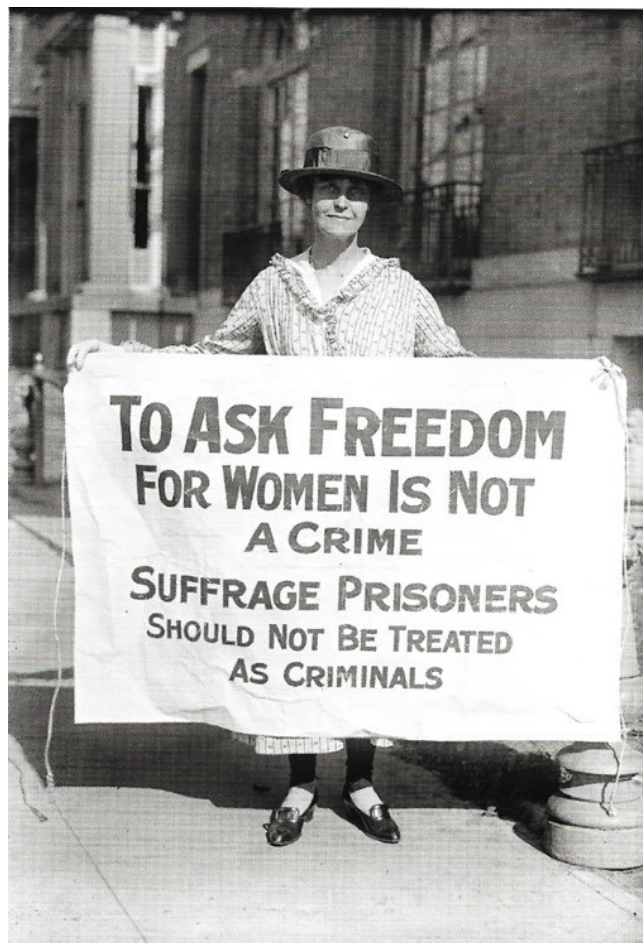
This year's Southeastern Stamp Exposition (SESE) held 31 January through 2 February in Atlanta, Georgia, featured speakers on women's suffrage, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Speakers included Kris McIntosh of Arizona, speaking on events leading up to the vote. Warachal Faison, M.D., president of the Ebony Society for Philatelic Events and Reflections (ESPER) gave a moving talk on the Black Americans involved in the movement, including Frederick Douglass. She read a speech Douglass gave, relating the struggles of Black Americans and suffragettes.

On Saturday afternoon, there was a reception for women leaders in philately, with decorations on the suffrage theme. Those honored included: Warachal Faison, president of ESPER; Dawn Hamman, ATA president; Jennifer Miller, ATA executive director; Nancy Clark, a founder of SESE; Kathy Johnson, exhibitor and chief judge; and Elizabeth Hisey, chair of the Committee on Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges (CANEJ).

The ATA booth was a busy place throughout the show. A commemorative packet with a women's suffrage stamp and a reproduction postcard were given to visitors at the booth. A total of 17 new members were recruited.

The women's suffrage theme will continue this summer, as the ATA has decided to make it the focus of their booth and promotional efforts at the Great American Stamp Show in Hartford, Connecticut, on 20–23 August.



Suffrage postcards

FOUR!

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From now until March 14th, 2020, all visitors to our store will be given a raffle ticket. The more store visits, the more chances to win!

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Cautionary Tale

GESSPEX 2020, the annual show hosted by the Greater Eastside Stamp Society in Redmond, Washington, had to be canceled the day before it was scheduled to take place.

The show was planned for the weekend of 25–26 January at the Redmond VFW Hall. This is the same venue that the show has used for at least two decades. Dealers had made plans to participate in the bourse and many collectors were looking forward to the event because it had been some months since the last big show in the Seattle area.

On Friday, the show chairman received a call from the person at the VFW in charge of renting the hall. They had received one of the advertising postcards sent by the club that was returned to the VFW, and this alerted them to the fact that the club was expecting to use the venue.

It seems that the person in charge of renting the VFW hall did not record GESSPEX on their schedule, apparently due to a lack of follow-up by the club, and proceeded to rent it to another group. They did not realize the conflict until the postcard arrived.

There is a lesson here for us all. One of the “laws of life” is: “If something can go wrong, it will go wrong, and it will go wrong at the earliest opportunity.”

Both the club and the venue made mistakes. If you are planning an event, it is essential to verify your plans and to not assume that everyone is on the same wavelength.

Seattle Philatelic Exhibition SEAPEX 2020

an APS-accredited
NATIONAL Stamp Exhibition

- FREE PARKING
- FREE ADMISSION
- 30 Stamp Dealers
- 200 Frames of Exhibits
- USPS Sales Booth
- UNPA Postal Booth
- Scout Merit Badge Workshop
- Show Cachet and Cancellation
- What's in Your Attic Evaluations
- Free Stamps for Youth/Educators

75th Anniversary



End of World War II

September 11–13, 2020

Fri. 10AM–6PM

Sat. 10AM–5PM

Sun. 10AM–4PM

Tukwila Community Center

12424 42nd Avenue South

Tukwila, Washington

<http://www.seapexshow.org>

Facebook: Seapex: Seattle Philatelic Exhibition

Out of this World – Kent, Washington



Lunar Rover STEM Festival, Kent, Washington, 14 November 2019

— by Lisa D. Foster, *Evergreen Stamp Club*

The Lunar Rover Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Festival was held in Kent, Washington, on 14 November 2019. The festival celebrated the region's legacy of aerospace innovation by memorializing its role in the development of the Apollo Lunar Roving Vehicles.

The three operational lunar rovers used in NASA's historic Apollo Missions 15, 16, and 17 between 1971 and 1972, were designed, built, and tested by Boeing at its Kent Space Center. A fourth operational rover was built, but it was used for spare parts when Apollo 18 was canceled. Boeing also built several test versions. One of these is on display at the Museum of Flight in Seattle.



Interactive Moon Buggy replica to be installed at the Kent park

The lunar rover, commonly referred to as a “Moon Buggy,” was the first crewed surface transportation system designed to operate on the Moon. The vehicle enabled astronauts to roam far from their landing site and explore more of the Moon than possible on foot. All three of the operational Lunar Roving Vehicles are still on the moon today.

The lunar rovers on the Moon were designated as historical landmarks by the King County Landmarks Commission in the summer of 2019. One hope is that these designations will help protect the rovers from future desecration and souvenir hunting. Only three states, Washington, New Mexico, and California have lunar objects in their state historic registers.

An interactive Lunar Rover replica built mostly of metal was unveiled ceremoniously. The replica will be installed in Kent's downtown Kherson Park by 2022, the 50th anniversary of Apollo 17's last moon buggy ride. A 1,500-pound, life-size astronaut figure, used to raise funds for the park will also be installed at the park. The figure is made of fiber reinforced concrete. The space-themed park will celebrate Kent's role in aerospace innovation while inspiring youth to pursue out-of-this-world opportunities.



Out of this World *(from page 8)*



A well-traveled postcard

At the Lunar Festival, Blue Origin, in alignment with their mission, “to build a road to space with reusable launch vehicles, so our children can build the future,” had a booth where they sent postcards into space. Attendees were instructed to draw or write their vision of millions of people living and working in space on a postcard.

The postcards were then flown into space aboard Blue Origin’s suborbital New Shepard rocket, and returned to the attendees by mail. On 6 January 2020, Blue Origin opened their new headquarters and research and development buildings in Kent, Washington.



UPCOMING SHOWS

VICTOPICAL 2020

March 14–15

Comfort Inn, Victoria, BC

Willamette Valley Stamp Exhibition

March 21

St. Jude’s Catholic Church, Eugene, OR

March 22

Scottish Rite Center, Salem, OR

Edmonton Spring Show

March 28–29

Central Lion’s Rec Centre, Edmonton, AB

WESTPEX 2020

April 24–26

Airport Marriott Waterfront, San Francisco, CA

PIPEX 2020

May 8–10

Holiday Inn Portland Airport, Portland, OR

Royal 2020 Royale

June 19–21

Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, NB

Holiday Stamps: The Philatelic Black Hole



Christmas Seals 1976 published by the American Lung Association

— by Richard Horner, *Evergreen Stamp Club*

Collecting holiday stamps is like falling into a black hole. Astrophysicists claim that a black hole is the remains of a star that experienced a “super nova.” Anything that enters its event horizon will never come out.

With me, it started about 65 years ago. My grandfather gave me some United States plate blocks and an album, which introduced me to stamp collecting.



In 1962, the U.S. began to issue Christmas stamps starting with the national Christmas tree and White House (Sc#1240). Since then, the U.S. Postal Service has issued more than 400 different holiday stamps.

At a stamp show, I bought some Christmas stamps issued by other countries and I expanded my Christmas stamp collection to include worldwide issues.

As I fell deeper into this black hole, I added Christmas first day covers, Christmas related postmarks and cancels, cachets, and worldwide covers.



Eventually Easter stamps began to invade the Christmas collection.

In 1970, Christmas seals began to appear in my collection. I currently have complete examples of issues from 1901 to 1917. To these I have added seals from Wheat Ridge, Boys Town, and Easter Seals.

I combined the Christmas and Easter material to make an exhibit for a local stamp show titled, “Jesus Christ, This is Your Life.”



As you can see I keep falling deeper and deeper into the black hole. Good luck to the next victim.

If you would like to get involved or learn more about this area of collecting, visit the Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society website (www.seal-society.org).

Closed Album: Donald Shorting

Dr. Donald Michael Leslie Shorting, elected to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in the Northwest Federation in 1990, passed away on 20 January 2020, in Victoria, British Columbia.



He was a long-time member of the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society and served as chairman of their Exhibition Committee, organizing shows and bourses in Victoria for many decades. He was one of the main organizers of PIPEX 1986 held in Victoria. His death has occasioned several changes in the upcoming Victopical stamp show that he headed.

He was involved with the establishment and operation of the Gerald Wellburn Philatelic Foundation.

He was also a former member of the Northwest Federation Advisory Committee. For at least ten years, he ran stamp clubs in the local elementary schools in Victoria.

Dr. Shorting was an accredited regional philatelic judge registered with both the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and the American Philatelic Society.

He exhibited German inflation covers, Canadian Law stamps, Victoria postcards, and Karl Lewis illustrated covers, among several other topics.

He played hockey as his other hobby, and organized tournaments in Victoria with Japanese hockey teams for many years.

Dr. Shorting was a general practitioner in Victoria for 33 years. He is survived by his five children and eight grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2:00 PM on 2 May 2020, at the McCall Gardens Sequoia Centre in Victoria.

AMPEX 2020

26 April 2020

Fraser Valley Philatelic Club

W.J. Mouat Secondary School

32355 Mouat Drive

Abbotsford, British Columbia

Sun 10:00AM–3:30PM

Exhibits

Free Admission

Free Parking

www.stampclub.ca/ampex

ESC Show is ATA “Hot Spot”

The Evergreen Stamp Club will host their annual spring bourse on 18–19 April 2020, at the Kent Commons Recreation Center located at 525 4th Avenue North, in Kent, Washington. This year, the show will be designated as an American Topical Association (ATA) “Hot Spot.”

Stop by the ATA booth for some promotional goodies.

Club Promotion

As mentioned in the last edition of this journal, the Federation wants to help all of its member clubs promote their activities and assist with recruiting new club members.

In this regard, we are requesting that each club prepare and update a brochure, or other type of information sheet and provide copies to the Federation for distribution at PIPEX and SEAPEX.

To date, the editor has yet to receive any input from our member clubs. PIPEX will be here before the next edition of the journal is published. This show attracts attendees from throughout the Federation region. It could be a good opportunity for your club to promote itself.

I often hear complaints from collectors that the hobby is declining and that their club is having trouble attracting new members. **Well, here is your chance to do something about it!** There are folks out there who do not belong to a club and who do not know where to find one.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY SHOWS

Stampfest

21 March 2020

Greater Eugene Stamp Society

St. Jude's Catholic Church

4330 Willamette Street

Eugene, Oregon

Sat 10:00AM–5:00PM

STAMPEX

22 March 2020

Salem Stamp Society

Scottish Rite Center

4090 Commercial Street SE

Salem, Oregon

Sun 10:00AM–4:00PM

Exhibits

Free Admission

Free Parking

Small Canadian Islandirate Over Mail Censorship



Campobello Island sits in the Bay of Fundy off the coast of the province of New Brunswick, but the only way to easily access the island outside of summer months is via the U.S. state of Maine. (iStock)

— by Benson Cook, Fox News

[Ed. note: This article was published by Fox News on 14 November 2019. Of course, this island is on the other side of the country from us. But it reminds me of the geographic exclave situation at Port Roberts, Washington.]

The population of a tiny Canadian island off the coast of Maine is demanding their government start a year-round ferry service or build a new bridge to the mainland to keep American customs officials from opening what they say is nearly every piece of mail they've been getting for over a year.

Campobello Island sits in the Bay of Fundy off the coast of the province of New Brunswick, but the only way to easily access the island outside of summer months is via Maine. This means mail headed to the island residents from other parts of Canada must leave the country and drive for nearly an hour—in a sealed truck—through the state before it returns to its final destination back in Canada.

This was rarely too much of an issue for the island's nearly 800 residents—many of them cross the border each and every day to go to work in mainland New Brunswick, or even in Maine itself. Former U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt even used to vacation on the island.

Everything changed, though, once Canada's government legalized recreational cannabis just over a year ago.

Since then, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers have stopped nearly every truck carrying mail bound for Campobello Island as it crosses the border into Maine, and opened most packages and many letters headed for the island's residents.

The officers are searching for marijuana ordered from the province's government-run online store, since the product is illegal in Maine.

CBP defended the practice when reached for comment by Fox News, saying they're only protecting U.S. laws on U.S. soil.

"CBP Officers possess broad search authority to ensure the safety and admissibility of all goods entering the United States. This includes the ability to inspect and search all persons, baggage and merchandise arriving in—or transiting through—the United States," said spokesperson Michael McCarthy.

But so many packages containing cannabis products have been seized at the border since legalization that Cannabis NB—the only authorized seller of marijuana in the province—has stopped shipping to the island entirely and a number of other online retailers have followed suit. But that hasn't stopped CBP officials from continuing to inspect Campobello's mail.

"Expectations of privacy that the rest of Canada has just don't exist on Campobello," local engineer Justin Tinker told *The Globe & Mail* last month.

Residents of the island complained of what they called an invasive and unnecessary practice that they were never before subject to—certainly not on this scale—and say that the increased mail inspections are just the latest salvo in a growing feeling of isolation from the rest of the country.

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Canadian Island *(from page 12)*



Canada Post trucks that deliver parcels and mail to local residents. (iStock)

“If I want to buy real food, I have to drive all the way to the superstore in Canada—and that means I have to drive through the States to get there,” Victoria Matthews told the *Financial Post* newspaper earlier this year.

Campobello Island residents say that it’s time for their government to step in on their community’s behalf. They’re demanding a continuous ferry service that would eliminate the need for Canada Post trucks to drive through the U.S. on their route to Campobello.

Such a project will be expensive—estimates have put it in the millions of dollars annually—and likely won’t get off the ground before the ice in the Bay of Fundy freezes over for the winter ahead. But people living on Campobello Island say that the cost would be a small price tag for their privacy.

Island resident Dale Calder told CBC Radio, “It’s a feeling of violation, I guess.... I’d like to suggest that [residents of other cities in New Brunswick] think about the packages that they get in the mail today, and if it’s been opened by another country’s customs agency to determine whether they’re entitled to receive that package.”

Both the recently re-elected Liberal federal government and New Brunswick’s Progressive Conservative provincial government have signaled a willingness to consider a year-round ferry, but neither has committed to funding it.

Canada’s mail service, Canada Post, did not respond to Fox News’s request for comment for this story, nor did Cannabis NB.

Closed Album: Kenneth Burden

Kenneth H. Burden, M.D., of Chehalis, Washington, passed away on 19 December 2019, while enjoying a birthday cruise from Rome to Dubai.. While sightseeing in Dubai, he fell, broke his hip, and sustained a head injury. While awaiting surgery, he fell into a coma and died of a brain hemorrhage.



Dr. Burden was a life member of the Olympia Philatelic Society and a member of the Pacific Northwest Postal History Society. He had a world-class Washington and California postal history collection.

He was born on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, on 20 November 1926. When he was 12 years old, his family moved to Colorado. He received a bachelor’s degree from Union College, Nebraska, in 1948, and graduated from Loma Linda University Medical School in California in 1952. He married Clarita F. Kaufman in 1950, and they had four children together.

He began his medical practice working for the U.S. Public Health Service at the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in Oregon. He spent 12 years working as a medical missionary in Puerto Rico. In 1973, he joined the Streck Memorial Clinic in Chehalis, Washington, where he served as a family practice physician.

In addition to his philatelic hobby, he enjoyed travel and was an avid member of the Audubon Society. He also continued to perform mission work.

Dr. Burden was preceded in death by his wife and is survived by his four children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Women in Philately

— by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

“Stamp collecting” involves the acquisition and storing of postage stamps, whereas “philately” pertains to the study of stamps and related material.

From its beginning, the stamp collecting hobby has been dominated by men. One of the initiatives that was recently announced by Robert Zeigler, president of the American Philatelic Society (APS), is to find ways to increase the involvement of women in stamp collecting in general and in philatelic organizations in particular.

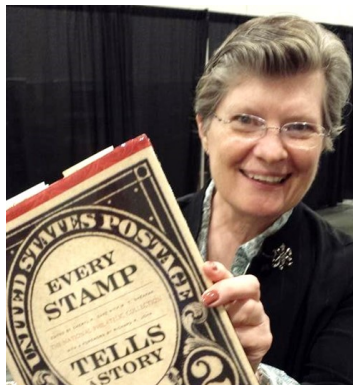
“Given the considerable appeal, it is very hard to understand why women are so underrepresented in our hobby.”

—Robert Zeigler, APS President

Two of the current APS vice presidents are women: Cheryl Ganz and Patricia (Trish) Kaufmann. Both are experts in particular philatelic areas. Of the dedicated staff members at the APS headquarters, 71 percent are women.

The Chairperson of the Committee on Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges that approves all national level shows in the U.S. and certifies all national level philatelic judges is Elizabeth Hisey. Clearly many top leaders in the hobby are women.

It occurs to me that the American Topical Association also has a good start on this effort to increase women’s participation. Although women only make up about 20 percent of the present ATA membership, the current ATA president, executive direc-



Cheryl R. Ganz
APS Board of Vice Presidents



Elizabeth Hisey
CANEJ Chair

tor, secretary, and one-third of its officers and board are women. In addition, the leaders of six ATA study units, including the presidents of the Biology Unit and the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections are women.

ATA member Jean Wang from Toronto, Ontario, was recently appointed to Canada Post’s 12-member Stamp Advisory Committee that chooses subjects for new Canadian issues. Dr. Wang is a grand award winning thematic exhibitor.

The highest recognition given by the ATA is the Distinguished Topical Philatelist award. Of the 122 recipients of this award during its 70-year history, 35 (29 percent) have been women. Women may be fewer, but they are involved at the top level in topical collecting.

Of course, the involvement of women is not nearly as high as it ought to be. There are some groups that are trying to correct this. One of them is Women Exhibitors (WE) (www.aape.org/weweb.asp). It currently has more than 100 members (some of them are men) who are organized to promote and encourage the participation of women in the area of philatelic exhibiting.

WE has a strong presence here in the Pacific Northwest. The founder and a current director of the organization is Ruth Caswell of the Puget Sound Collectors’ Club. The WE president is Lisa Foster from the Evergreen Stamp Club where she also serves as president. Both women are recipients of the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award. Carol Edholm from the Sno-King Stamp Club is



Dawn R. Hamman
ATA President



Dr. Jean Wang
Canadian SAC



Ruth M. Caswell
WE founder



WE meeting at SEAPEX 2019

the WE membership chair. Some other women recipients of the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award are Anne Harris and Ingeburg Fisher from the Inland Empire Philatelic Society, and Cathleen Osborne from the Strait Stamp Society.

The March 2020 edition of *The American Philatelist*, the journal of the APS, is devoted to commemorating Women's History Month and highlighting the persons and activities of women involved in philately. Lisa Foster serves as the guest editor and the issue contains articles by her, Cheryl Ganz, Marjory Sente, Stacy Adam, Patricia Kaufmann, and Susan B. Jones.



Lisa D. Foster
WE President

I recommend that you read Stacy Adam's article, titled "The Hobby of Kings...and Queens." Adam is a young woman who began collecting in 2017. She is a graphic designer and is currently working on a Master of Fine Arts degree. Her thesis deals with stamp collecting and she presents some interesting results from a survey she conducted to learn why female membership numbers in philatelic organizations are so low.

The survey showed that both men and women involved with stamps share interests in various aspects of the hobby at similar rates, but that 87 percent of the men considered themselves as a "philatelist." Whereas only 58 percent of women considered themselves thusly.

The common reasons that women provided for not belonging to a stamp club or organization provide very useful information to help our clubs with developing ways to recruit more women as members. Adam also solicits your ideas and experiences (mediateam@stamps.org).

This year WE is holding their seventh WE Festival at ChicagoPEX 2020 on Wednesday and Thursday 18–19 November at the Westin Chicago Northwest Hotel in Itasca, Illinois. This is two days before the show opens. Everyone, women and men, is welcome to attend. The event will include several hours of seminars for beginning, advanced, and future exhibitors, as well as many social activities.

I am a proud member of WE (the dues are only \$5 per year), though I occasionally get strange looks when I wear my WE membership button, and I attended the previous WE Fest held two years ago at WESTPEX. This event is a great way to learn more about philately, specifically exhibiting. It also provides an opportunity to meet and get to know others in the hobby. This is one way to entice women to join organized philately as Stacy Adam points out in her article.

If you are, or know of, a woman who wishes to get more involved in the hobby, find a mentor, or meet others with a shared interest, I strongly encourage you to consider this event. Find out more at www.aape.org/weweb.asp.

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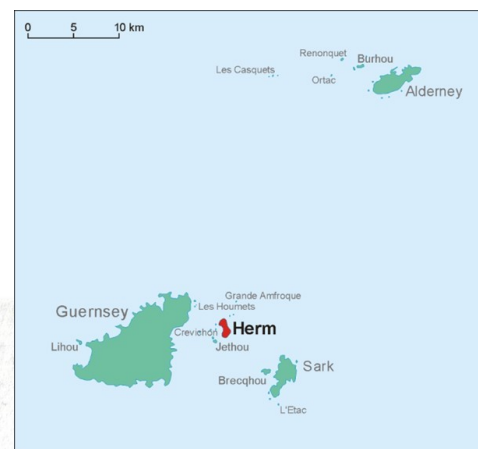
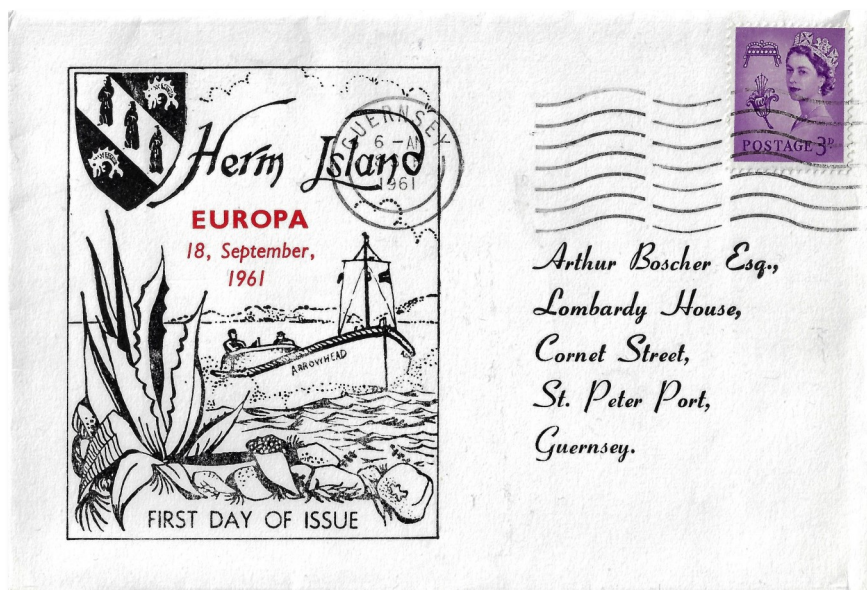
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Herm Island Local Post



Herm Island
(Aotearoa – commons.wikimedia.org)

First day cover for Herm Island local post Europa set of six front (above) & back (right)



— by Jack R. Congrove, Puget Sound Stamp Club

Herm Island is located in the English Channel between Guernsey and Sark. It occupies an area of only two square kilometers. You could walk around the island in about two hours. It has only a small number of residents. Cars and bicycles are banned from the island. Access to the island is by ferry.

Nonetheless, tourism is its main industry and as many as 100,000 tourists may visit the island each year. One of its other sources of income was the sale of stamps.

Postal service is provided by Guernsey. Herm Island “stamps” are considered to be publicity labels.

Between 1925 and 1938, the British Post Office operated a sub-office on the island that was only open for less than an hour each day. It closed for economic reasons.

Herm Island was occupied by the Germans during WWII. In 1949, the Tenant of Herm established a local post service to exploit the island’s tourism. The first stamps were issued on 26 May 1949, though letters also required Brit-

ish postage. These stamps were produced until 1 October 1969, when Guernsey assumed control of its own postal service. Subsequently, the Tenant was no longer permitted to issue stamps or allow them on postal items.

Approximately 116 different Herm Island stamps were issued during the 20 years they were permitted. Several of them show a variety of topics such as flora, fauna, maps, and watercraft. Many issues are overprinted to commemorate special events.

One of the first issues was a Pigeon Post stamp used on emergency mail to Guernsey because there was no telephone connection outside the island until October 1949.

Six Map and Boat definitives were issued on 1 June 1959. They were designed by Rigby Graham and typographed by Harrison & Sons. The three lower values show a distorted map view of Herm from the south. The three higher values show the M.V. *Arrowhead*, which was the boat that brought visitors to the island at that time.

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Herm Island *(from page 16)*

Affixed to the back of our cover is a set of the six Map and Boat stamps that were overprinted "Europa / 18.9.61" on the lower denomination stamps and "Europa / 18 Sept. 1961" on the three higher denomination stamps.

These were issued in conjunction with the Conference of European Postal and Telecommunications Administrations concept of having all member states issue a set of stamps in a related design each year.

Even though Herm Island was not an official CEPT member, being as it were a small territory of Great Britain, it decided to take advantage of the opportunity to peddle some more of its labels.

The front of the cover has a neat cachet that depicts the M.V. *Arrowhead* with some native vegetation and the Herm Island coat of arms. Per the postal regulations, it is franked with a 3p Guernsey stamp (Sc#2) featuring a portrait of Queen Elizabeth with a Guernsey lily and crown of William the Conqueror.

Special "pigeongrams" were issued to record the address and message. These were then rolled up and placed in a red Bakelite tube that was attached to the pigeon's leg.



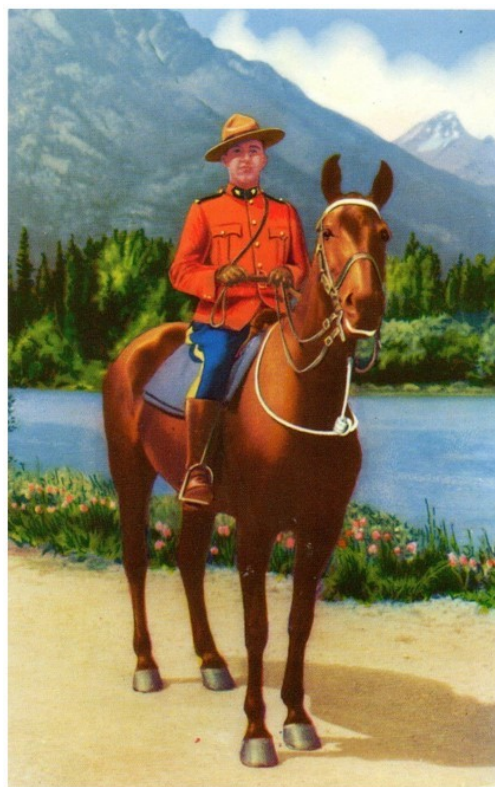
Herm Island Pigeon Post stamp
26 May 1949 (B&F-5)
designed by Captain W.E. Birch
printed by Waterlow & Sons

Edmonton National Show

The Edmonton Stamp Club will hold their annual Spring National Stamp Show on Saturday and Sunday, 28–29 March 2020, at the Central Lion's Recreational Centre in Edmonton. The center is located at 113 Street and 111 Avenue.

Show hours are 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday.

The theme of the show this year celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



RCMP officer
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www.stamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club

The bourse will have dealers from across western Canada. Additionally, there will be stamp circuit books and a junior stamp table. Free stamp evaluations will be available.

As a World Series of Philately philatelic exhibition, the winners of the multi-frame and single frame grand awards will be eligible to compete for the American Philatelic Society Champion of Champions prizes. The multi-frame C-o-C competition will be held at the Great American Stamp Show in Hartford, Connecticut, 20–23 August 2020. The single frame C-o-C will be at Chicagopex on 20–22 November 2020.

Admission is free. For further information, visit the club website (www.edmontonstampclub.com).

\$5.00 Prexie “Solo” Piece



[Ed. note: This article is from the Autumn 2019 edition of *The Prexie Era*, the publication of the U.S. Stamp Society Presidential Era Committee, edited by Louis Fiset from the Puget Sound Collectors' Club and is reprinted by permission.]

— by Daniel S. Pagter

This wonderful \$5.00 Prexie single franking (solo) is a problematic item. There is no correct exact \$5.00 rate with what is shown, as I explain below. I welcome someone offering an exact rating based upon what is shown on the piece.

This does not display the correct markings to be Air Parcel Post (APP) as suggested in the Daniel Kelleher 3–5 December 2019 Auction, Sale 731, lot 751 description.

Now if I overlook the deficient marking regarding APP service, there is another brick-wall roadblock. From 15 March 1952 until 30 June 1958, the maximum APP weight was two pounds.

Thus, a zone 8 APP item was limited to a postage charge of \$1.60 (80 cents per pound or fraction). Japan (APO location) to the U.S. mainland is more than 1,800 miles, which is the minimum distance for zone 8. The exception was Official Mail but even with that at 80 cents per pound you hit \$4.80 for six pounds or \$5.60 for seven pounds, not that this piece displays any reason to consider it as qualifying as Official Mail or APP.

With the “AIRMAIL” marking, this was airmail at the then “airmail letter rate” of six cents per ounce, valid 1 January 1949 to 31 July 1958, which produces \$4.98 for 83 ounces (5 lbs 3 oz) or \$5.04 for 84 ounces (5 lbs 4 oz).

The regulations for APP stated if postage was paid at by least half, send it postage due without delay. If Airmail paid at 6 cents or over, send it postage due without delay.

Given the current information as shown on this piece, it appears to have a convenience over-payment of two cents or more, or be underpaid (postage due) by at least four cents.

Now I must ask, how is this different from and better than the single \$5.00, 834, used with a single meter tape, a combination that does exactly equal a properly paid rate?

Beecher and Wawrukiewicz, *U.S. Domestic Postal Rates, 1872–2011* (Third Edition). Table 8-1, footnote a.18, page 87; Table 10, footnote c–p. 2, page 100.

PIPEX 2020 Plans

— by Lucien Klein, Portland Philatelic Exhibitions

The Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition (PIPEX) 2020, a World Series of Philately stamp show in the Pacific Northwest, is presented by Portland Philatelic Exhibitions on behalf of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs and the Oregon Stamp Society. Uptown Stamp Show is the corporate sponsor.

PIPEX 2020 has moved to a **new location**. The show will take place on 8–10 May at the **Holiday Inn Portland Airport**, located at 8439 NE Columbia Boulevard, in Portland, Oregon. The hotel offers \$114 per night room rates to show attendees, a **free airport shuttle** and **free parking** for those who drive to the show. **Admission is free**.

Show hours are 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday. The show features a 40-booth dealer bourse, 3,800 pages of exhibits, a Welcome Pavilion, Stamp Buddy for beginning or returning adult stamp collectors, Grandma's Attic for evaluation of stamp collections, a silent auction, specialist society meetings, and many seminars and programs.

The theme of the show is the **Centenary of Women's Suffrage** and recognizing women's rights advocate and writer, **Abigail Scott Duniway**, of Oregon.

For youth visitors, **free stamps** by the bucket and other activities will be offered each day. A Boy Scouts stamp collecting merit badge workshop will be held.

The Germany Philatelic Society of the USA, International Society of Guatemala Collectors, and Mexico Elmhurst Philatelic Society International will hold their annual convention meetings and present programs at the show.

The Pacific Northwest Postal History Society will meet and present a program. Other societies expected to be represented at the show include the American Philatelic Society, American Topical Association, Northwest Philatelic Library, and the Northwest Chapter of the American Airmail Society.

PIPEX is the annual exhibition of the **Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs**, which will hold its **annual general meeting** at the show. One of the important items on the agenda is ratification of the revised Federation By-Laws that were published in the previous edition of this journal. Federation club delegates should come prepared to discuss and vote on this issue. Annual Federation awards will also be presented at this meeting.

The awards banquet will take place on Saturday evening in the show hotel. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Steve Brandt (zbear@att.net). Early reservations are encouraged because this popular event may sell out before the show opens.

As a World Series of Philately exhibition, the multi-frame grand award winner's exhibit is expected to compete in the Champion-of-Champions competition at the Great American Stamp Show 2020 in Hartford, Connecticut, on 20–23 August 2020.

The single frame grand award winner's exhibit is expected to compete in the single-frame Champion-of-Champions competition at Chicagopex 2020 on 20–22 November 2020.

For more details, including a schedule of events, visit the show website (www.pipexstampshow.org).



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Club Activities



The **Alaska Collectors' Club** has been a Federation member since 2016. They publish a quarterly journal, *The Alaskan Philatelist*. They continue to work on a project to revise the *Postmarks of Territorial Alaska* catalog. They conducted a 100-lot mail auction in January. Annual dues are \$15 for US members and \$20 for members from elsewhere. Contact Eric Knapp: eknapp@gci.net. See their website www.alaskaphilatelic.org.



The **American Air Mail Society—Northwest Chapter** has been a Federation member since 1983. They publish a quarterly newsletter *Air Mail Northwest*. The chapter has no website. Dues are \$8 per year for print and \$4 for electronic distribution.



The **Anchorage Philatelic Society** has been a Federation Member since 1963. They publish a quarterly newsletter, *The Anchorage Philatelist*. They held their annual APEX show at the end of February. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesday at the Turnagain United Methodist Church. Dues are \$10 per year, \$15 for families, and \$2 for youth. See their website www.anchoragephilatelic.org.



The **British Columbia Philatelic Society** is a Charter member of the Federation that joined in 1936. Their annual general meeting is scheduled for 11 March. Meetings are each Wednesday at 7:30 PM at the church hall at the South Burnaby United Church in Burnaby. The third Wednesday is usually their monthly auction. Dues are \$20 per year for individuals, \$30 for families, and \$7.50 for students younger than 18. Website: www.bcphilatelic.org.



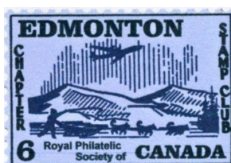
The **British North America Philatelic Society** (Pacific Northwest Regional Group) joined the Federation in 1998. They publish the *West Coast Express*. In our area are the Calgary, Edmonton, and Pacific Northwest chapters. The PNW Chapter publishes the *British Columbia Postal History Newsletter*. The December edition has a mystery postage due cover article. Dues are \$15 per year for all. See their website: <http://www.bnaps.org/regional/pnwr/RG-pnwr.php>.

The **Central Oregon Postal Collective** has been a Federation member since 2016. They meet on the first Saturday at 10:00 AM at the Redmond Karate Studio in Redmond, Oregon. They accept donations in lieu of dues. Contact stbucknum@msn.com.



The **Collectors Club of Seattle** has been a Federation member since 1954. They publish a quarterly newsletter. They do not have a website. They meet on the first Friday each month at 8:00 PM at the Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue, Washington. They conduct a well-organized auction open to everyone at each meeting. Dues \$20. Contact: hstamps1@frontier.com.

The **Eagle Stamp and Postcard Club** has been a Federation member since 2015. They do not publish a newsletter. They hold auctions about four times per year. They meet on the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Eagle Methodist Church. No dues listed. See their website: <http://www.eaglestampandpostcardclub.com/>.



The **Edmonton Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2009. They publish a monthly newsletter, *Bulletin*. Each edition is full of interesting news and articles. They are planning their spring national show 28–29 March. They meet on second and fourth Mondays at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph High School. Dues are \$30 per year for individuals, \$40 for families. There is a one-time \$5 fee for a name tag. See www.edmontonstampclub.com.



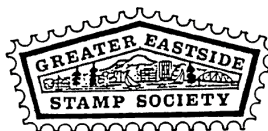
The **Evergreen Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1976. They publish a monthly newsletter. They have elected new officers. They are planning their spring bourse on 18–19 April. They meet on the third Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM at Kent Commons Rec Center. Dues are \$20 per year. See <http://stamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club>.

The **Fraser Valley Philatelic Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. They do not publish a newsletter. They are planning a show for 26 April. Subject to school availability, they meet on the third Tuesday of September and on the second Tuesday each other month (except July and August) at 6:00 PM at the W.J. Mouat School in Abbotsford. Annual dues are \$5. See their website at <http://stampclub.ca/fraservalley/>.

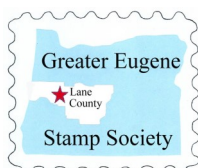
The **Garden City Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1999. They do not publish a newsletter. They are planning a joint meeting with the Inland Empire club in Wallace, Idaho, on 2 May. They meet on the first Wednesday and third Monday each month at 7:00 PM at the Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula. Annual dues are \$10. See their website at <http://gardencitystampclub.com/>.

The **Gastineau Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1974. They do not publish a newsletter. They meet on the third Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at 360 Egan Drive, Juneau.

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The **Greater Eastside Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 2013. They publish the *GESS Newsletter* via e-mail only. They do not have a website. Their January show was cancelled (page 7). They meet on the first and third Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at the Redmond Panera Bread café in the Bear Creek Shopping Center. Contact: dananielsen@comcast.net.



The **Greater Eugene Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 2003. It has been a year since they published their *Echoes* bimonthly newsletter. They are planning for their spring Stampfest on 21 March. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Open Bible Fellowship Church. Dues are \$15 and \$5 for youth. See: <http://greatereugenestampclub.weebly.com/>.



The **Inland Empire Philatelic Society** is a Founding member of the Federation that joined in 1935. They publish a monthly newsletter, *The Lilac Hinge*. They are planning a joint meeting with the Garden City club in Wallace, Idaho, on 2 May. They meet on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Spokane Valley Eagles Hall. Dues are \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for families, and \$5 for youth under 18. See their website: www.ieps-stamps.com.

The **Linn County Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 2012. They do not publish a newsletter, nor have a website. They meet on the second Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at The Villas. Contact George Larson: larsonglf@mindspring.com. They are **in danger of being dropped from membership** because of non-payment of dues for the past two years.

The **Lynden Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. They do not publish a newsletter, nor have a website. They meet at 6:00 PM on the last Tuesday of each month at the Lynden City Hall. Dues are \$10 per year. Contact Dave Burger: dave@thegreenbarn.com.

The **Lynn Valley Stamp Club** joined the Federation in 2018. They do not publish a newsletter, nor have a website. They meet from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Molly Nye House in North Vancouver, BC. Dues are \$20 per year. Contact Neil Worley: sandnworley@shaw.ca.

The **Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association** has been a Federation member since 1996. They publish the *OMPA News*. They meet five times a year in January, March, May, September, and November. There are member clubs in Kelowna, Penticton, and Vernon. Dues are \$10 per

year, \$14 for Family, and \$2 for Juniors (under 16). See their website: <http://www.okanaganstampclubs.ca/>.

The **Olympia Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 2012. They publish an electronic newsletter. They are planning their spring Roundup Stamp Show on 28 March in Chehalis. They meet at 7:30 PM on the second and fourth Monday each month at the Olympics West Retirement Inn. Dues are \$10 per year. See website at: <http://olympiaphilatelicsociety.org/>.

The **Olympic Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1953. They do not publish a newsletter, nor have a website. They meet at 6:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday each month at the DK Enterprises store, 10 NE Silver Pine Drive, Bremerton. Contact: stamps@dickeiser.com.



The **Oregon Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1937. They publish a monthly newsletter, *The Album Page*. Meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at their clubhouse. Dues are \$24 per year for regular members, \$16 for associate members who reside outside the area. Website: www.oregonstampsociety.org.

The **Pacific Northwest Postal History Society** has been a Federation member since 2001. They publish a quarterly journal, *The Oregon Country*. Each issue has articles with historical images and nice illustrations of NW postal history material. Dues are \$20 per year. See their website: <http://pacificnorthwestpostalhistorysociety.org/wordpress/>



The **Peace Arch Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2014. They do not publish a newsletter. They meet at 5:00 PM on the first Wednesday of the month (except July and August) at the Surrey Come Share Seniors Centre. Dues are \$20 per year. See their website: www.peacearchstampclub.com/.

The **Puget Sound Collectors' Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. They do not publish a newsletter, nor have a website. Membership is by invitation. Members bring interesting philatelic items to discuss or resolve a mystery. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the secretary, Thomas Matthiesen, via email at: mecanopst@earthlink.net.

The **Regina Philatelic Club** is the newest Federation club member. They publish a quarterly newsletter, *Regina Philatelic Quarterly*. They held their annual show and sale on 15–16 February. They meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from September to May at 7:30 PM in the staff room at the Campus Regina Public School. Dues are \$10 per year. <https://reginastampclub.ca/>.

Club Activities (from page 21)



The **Salem Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1948. They publish a monthly newsletter, *Willamette Stamp & Tongs*. They are planning to hold their spring STAMPEX show on 22 March. They meet on the second Wednesday each month at 6:00 PM at Fire Station District #1. Dues are \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for couples, and \$5 for youth. Website: www.salemstampsociety.org.



**SNO-KING
STAMP
CLUB**

The **Sno-King Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1963. They publish a monthly newsletter, *Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News*. They held their annual show on 22 February at a new venue in Kenmore. The club meets in Everett at the Snohomish County PUD on the second Wednesday each month. Meetings in Edmonds are on hold until further notice. Dues are \$10 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. <http://sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com>.



The **Southern Oregon Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1955. They publish a monthly newsletter, *The Philatelic Reminder*. They are deciding whether or not to retain their club library. They are planning for their annual SOPEX show on 12–13

June. They meet on the first Thursday at 7:00 PM at the First Methodist Church in Medford. Dues are \$15 per year. Website: <https://classic.stamps.org/SOPS>.



The **Strait Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1977. They publish a bi-monthly newsletter, *Strait Stamp Talk*. They meet on the first Thursday each month at 6:00 PM at the Sequim Library. They also hold an informal mid-month morning meeting at the local

Burger King. The club has no dues, but accepts donations. Website: www.straitstamp.org.

The **Tacoma Stamp Club** is a founding member of the Federation and is the newest reinstated club. They publish a monthly newsletter, *The Tacoma Philatelist*. They meet on the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Bay Terrace Community Center in Tacoma. Dues are \$15 per year. Contact: sharwilkey@gmail.com.

The **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1966. They publish a monthly newsletter, *The Triangle*. They meet on the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Activities room at the Royal Colombian Retirement Inn in Kennewick. Dues are \$10 per year for adults, \$1 for students. Website: www.tri-citiesstampclub.org.

The **Umpqua Valley Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2018. They publish a monthly newsletter, *Umpqua Valley Stamper*. They do not have a website. They elected new officers in January. They meet on the third Monday each month, except June and December, at 7:15 PM in the St. George Episcopal Parish Hall in Roseburg. Dues are \$10 per year. Contact: adams@mcsi.net.



USS Puget Sound Chapter 74 of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society has been a Federation member since 1978. They do not have a chapter newsletter, but the Society publishes the monthly *USCS Log*. Annual dues are \$24 for US, \$45

international, and \$16 electronic delivery. See their society website at: www.uscs.org.



The **Vancouver Island Philatelic Society** is a Charter member of the Federation that joined in 1936, and has been a continuous member since then. They publish a monthly newsletter, *The Guideline*. They have a philatelic library for members. Meetings include a small auction. They are planning the annual VIC-

TOPICAL stamp and postcard show for 14–15 March. The club meets at 7:30 PM on the fourth Thursday each month at St. Aidan's Church. Dues are \$15. Website: www.vicstamps.com/vips.htm.



The **Washington State Philatelic Society** is a Founding member of the Federation that joined in 1935. They do not publish a newsletter, nor have a website. They meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle.



The **Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs** publishes this quarterly journal. The Federation will hold its annual general meeting at PIPEX most likely on Saturday, 9 May.

[Ed. note: If you would like to have news about your club activities and upcoming plans published in future columns, please email details to me (jackcongrove@comcast.net).]

Spring Quiz

Ah, Spring! when “a young man’s fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.” We are about to enter that season here in the northern hemisphere, so here is a quiz to test your knowledge about Spring and things related to it. Good luck!

- ___ 1. This author coined the phrase quoted above.
- ___ 2. This author wrote “Spring is...when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade.”
- ___ 3. On the first day of Spring, the Sun appears directly overhead in this country.
- ___ 4. He was the first to propose daylight savings time.
- ___ 5. This important religious feast falls at the beginning of Spring.

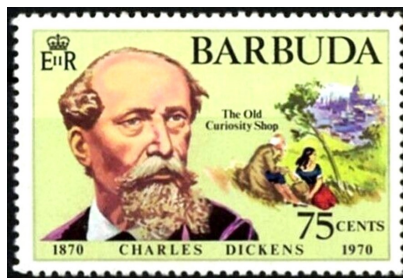
- ___ 6. A popular country where students celebrate “Spring Break.”
- ___ 7. Before spring was called “Spring,” it was called this.
- ___ 8. This spring holiday is celebrated more popularly in the U.S. than in its native country.
- ___ 9. These blooms are an indicator that spring has arrived in North America.
- ___ 10. These spring blossoms symbolize clouds.

(Bonus) Which is the shortest season in the northern hemisphere.

(Answers on page 2.)



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UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES

SHOW DATES			Major events in bold / PNW events in italic	Revised: 14 February 2020	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
	14-Mar	15-Mar	<i>VICTOPICAL (Vancouver Is. & Greater Victoria PS)</i>	Victoria, BC	Show
	21-Mar		<i>Willamette Valley Stamp Exhibition Stampfest</i>	Eugene, OR	Show
		22-Mar	<i>Willamette Valley Stamp Exhibition STAMPEX</i>	Salem, OR	Show
	28-Mar		<i>Roundup Stamp & Coin show (Olympia Philatelic Soc)</i>	Chehalis, WA	Bourse
	28-Mar		<i>Coin & Stamp Show (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	28-Mar	29-Mar	Edmonton Spring Show (Edmonton SC) (WSP)	Edmonton, AB	Show
	28-Mar	29-Mar	<i>Apple Blossom (Inland Empire Philatelic Society)</i>	Spokane, WA	Bourse
	4-Apr		<i>John D. Arn Stamp Symposium (NWFSC)</i>	Moses Lake, WA	Education
	18-Apr	19-Apr	<i>Spring Bourse (Evergreen Stamp Club)</i>	Kent, WA	Bourse
24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame, CA	Show
		26-Apr	<i>AMPEX 2020 (Fraser Valley Philatelic Club)</i>	Abbotsford, BC	Show
2-May thru 9-May			London 2020 FIP Specialized World Stamp Exhibition	London, UK	Intl Show
8-May	9-May	10-May	PIPEX (Northwest Federation) (WSP) (new venue)	Portland, OR	Show
22-May	23-May	24-May	Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (WSP)	Aurora, CO	Show
	30-May		<i>Coin & Stamp Show (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	6-Jun	7-Jun	<i>Greater Seattle Postcard & Paper Show</i>	Kent, WA	Bourse
		7-Jun	<i>Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
12-Jun	13-Jun		<i>SOPEX (Southern Oregon Philatelic Society)</i>	Central Point, OR	Show
		14-Jun	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun	Royal 2020 Royale	Fredericton, NB	Show
	18-Jul	19-Jul	<i>Summer Show (Evergreen Stamp Club)</i>	Kent, WA	Show
	25-Jul	26-Jul	<i>Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show</i>	Reno, NV	Show
		9-Aug	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
		16-Aug	<i>Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug	Great American Stamp Show (begins 20-Aug) (WSP)	Hartford, CT	Show
11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
	12-Sep		<i>Coin & Stamp Show (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	19-Sep		<i>Greater Eugene Stamp Society Show</i>	Eugene, OR	Bourse
		20-Sep	<i>Salem Stamp Society Show</i>	Salem, OR	Bourse
	26-Sep	27-Sep	<i>Apple Harvest (Inland Empire Philatelic Society)</i>	Spokane, WA	Bourse
	3-Oct	4-Oct	<i>VICPEX (Vancouver Is. & Greater Victoria Phil. Soc.)</i>	Victoria, BC	Show
9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	SESCAL (Fed. Philatelic Clubs So. Calif.) WSP	Los Angeles, CA	Show
		11-Oct	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
	7-Nov	8-Nov	<i>SACAPEX (Sacramento Philatelic Society)</i>	Sacramento, CA	Show
	14-Nov	15-Nov	Filatelic Fiesta (San Jose Stamp Club) (WSP)	San Jose, CA	Show
20-Nov	21-Nov	22-Nov	Chicagopex (WSP) (WE Fest VII)	Itasca, IL	Show
	28-Nov		<i>Coin & Stamp Show (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
		29-Nov	<i>Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	5-Dec	6-Dec	<i>PENPEX (Sequoia Stamp Club)</i>	Redwood City, CA	Show
		13-Dec	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
2021:					
7-May	8-May	9-May	PIPEX (Northwest Federation) (WSP)	Portland, OR	Show
10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
Repetitive Events			<i>Rose City Stamp Fair (2nd Saturday OSS clubhouse)</i>	Portland, OR	Bourse
			<i>Collector's Corner (4th Saturday OSS clubhouse)</i>	Portland, OR	Bourse