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An Invitation to Join...

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs has some 35 member clubs and philatelic organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington as well as British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada, and its territories. With the exception of a short period of inactivity during WW II, the organization has served as a common cause meeting ground for organized philatelic interests within these states and provinces. The federation hosts PIPEX (Pacific International Philatelic Exposition), an annual APS World Series of Philately (WSP) show.

The Federation is the only organization of its type with cross border membership and WSP exhibition sponsorship. It continues its member organization communications with THE FEDERATED PHILATELIST newsletter. The annual Federation meeting takes place at the club hosted site of the annual PIPEX show.

Please visit the NWFSC's website. On this site we have listed information of interest to collectors in the Pacific Northwest. On this page and the ones that follow, you will find links to a wide variety of information, including:

1. A calendar of events listing all stamp shows and bourses in the Pacific Northwest, updated for 2021
2. A listing of all member stamp clubs in the Pacific Northwest
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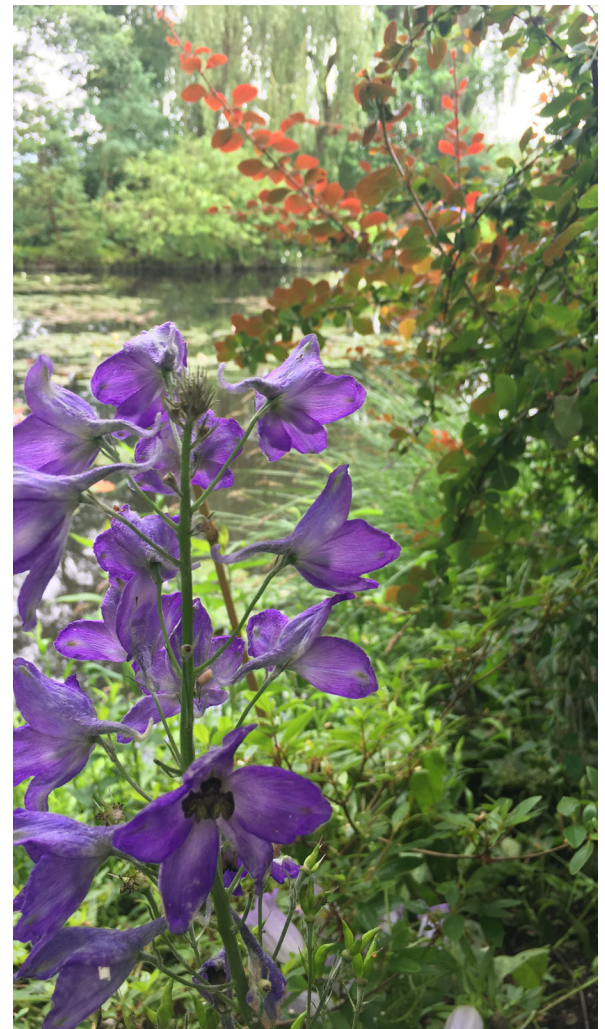
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Giverny, France

Darin Cherniwchan 2018



Editor's Page

PIPEX 2021 - A Resounding Success!

by Dr. Darin P. Cherniwchan, FVPC, BCPS, BNAPS, RPSC

Philately has changed. During these past 18 months, society has faced many challenges. In the stamp world, digital philately has opened the window to advances in collaboration and exhibiting to new heights. Bricks and mortar stamp club meetings, real frame exhibits and in-person presentations will always remain the gold standard. But as our populations on both sides of the border plan for a post-pandemic restart, stamp clubs across the Federation have an opportunity to engage in ways we never would have thought possible before.

For example, I have been a regular attendee of the West Toronto Stamp Club over the past several months. This form of virtual fellowship, all while in the comfort of my home in Chilliwack, BC., is quite a treat. Many of you can relate. Most readers, by now, have had the opportunity to attend meetings and presentations over "ZOOM" sessions. Just be mindful of "ZOOM-fatigue" - we may have to become selective with the plethora of options available.

A major advance in the philatelic world is the advent of the digital exhibition. The recent success of PIPEX 2021 attests to this (George Struble's report). Now we have SEAPEX in 3 months. An update is provided for you all to read.

The Federation has lost a good friend - David Harris we will miss you (see "in Memoriam...")

Gray Scrimgeour's book review on Peter B. Smith's Discovery Islands Mail will pique your curiosity about the fascinating part of our local postal history.

And, that's just a taste of what's in this edition of the Journal. I hope you'll enjoy this edition as much as I did putting it together!

Best,

Darin
Editor, TFP

PS Hopefully I can doff the mask sometime soon!



Letters to the Editor

I recently saw an article from the March issue of the Federated Philatelist entitled 'Unique US Postal Savings Post Card'. The article solicited responses and indicated that they should be sent to you.

I am a member of the United Postal Stationery Society (UPSS); and we published the document referenced by Bill, the United States Postal Card Catalog (PCC). Much of what is in Bill's article is correct and of interest. Only a few details need clarification.

1. While the 2000 catalog was a good catalog, the Society publishes that catalog every five years, the latest is the 2020 edition of the catalog

2. Bill asked about the number 5-5527 and whether it is a quantity or a form number. The form number, as quoted by Bill in the beginning, is PS541. The quantity issued was less than 50000, many of which were returned to headquarters unused. The card was produced by GPO and the 5-5527 was a GPO Accession number so that the GPO could keep track of what items were being printed. Many official cards from various agencies have similar numbers. The same number also appears on a similar post card which required a 1 cent 'official' adhesive stamp to be added.

3. The ERP of O1b was October 1, 1913 as indicated in the 2020 edition of the PCC. While the card was issued in July, 1913, the ERP for O1 is September 30, 1913.

4. The difference between O1 and O1b is, as Bill indicates, in the second 'A' of assistant, but the card shown in Bill's article is an O1, not an O1b. I have include in this email scanned copies of the word 'ASSISTANT' on both cards. The top of the second 'A' in O1b is below the line of the top of the T and A.

The comments in this email are mine and do not necessarily represent those of the Society.

Dr. Cary Finder
Member, United Postal Stationery Society

Author's Reponse:

Thank you for forwarding Cary's correction about the O1 postcard.

The card was purchased in the USA almost 20 years ago and came with the information from the 2000 Postal Stationery Catalog. The written description for both O1b and Obia implies that the O1 card has no punctuation after the word "Savings". The written description also states (plate variety) in brackets. That was interpreted then to describe the item as O1b. In retrospect, it would have been less confusing if the catalog writers had chosen the word "with" instead of the word "plus". According to Cary my conclusion is incorrect, and I stand corrected.

The value estimate in the 2000 catalog indicates only a \$25 difference between O1 and O1b and O1ba., so that the value difference may be insignificant.

The still unanswered question is about the possible Rarity Factor for the Winona Lake cancel.. The US Census report for the Winona Lake population during 1910 was not available since the town was founded in 1912. The 1910 population in Warsaw (close by) was 4,430. The 1920 population in Winona Lake was 300 and only 5,475 in Warsaw. The total population within Indiana was (1910) 2,930,390 and (1920) 3,238,508. It is possible that a premium increcrease will apply to the card. Hopefully, some other reader may have the answer.to the possible rarity factor. But the overriding interest in the card may be to those who collect Indiana town items.

Bill Pekonen

Note: There may be more to this dialogue in an upcoming issue. Ed.

Message from the Executive

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, by Zoom, at PIPEX Saturday, May 8, 2021

The Annual General Meeting of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs was called to order on Zoom by Chair of the Board Eric Knapp at 1:30. 24 were present (club affiliation not noted): Bill Ailes, Michael Bloom, Steve Brandt, Darin Cherniwchan, Larry Crain, John R. Crosier, Lefty Dundee, Carol Edholm, Keith Edholm, David Epps, Lisa Foster, Alex Hadden, Jim Herstein, Michael Jaffe, Lisa Janz, Lucien Klein, Eric Knapp, Pete McCallum, Ralph Nafzinger, Dickson Preston, Greg Redner, Mark Shirey, George Struble and Joe Voice.

Minutes of the 2020 Annual meeting, which was conducted by email, have been published in the Federated Philatelist. Minutes of a virtual meeting at SEPEX 2020 were posted in the chat section of Zoom.

The state of the Federation was reported by Chair Eric Knapp. He stated that the Federation is remarkably stable considering the past 15 months. Clubs have found interesting ways to hold meetings and events. He gave particular kudos to PIPEX and SEAPEX for their virtual shows.

A list of closed albums was read. Those included were Jack -- (Victoria) Rick Allen (Southern Oregon), Dr. Kenneth Burden (Olympic, NW Postal History), Jack Congrove (Evergreen, Tacoma), Nelson Gnirke (Anchorage), Peter Higlet (BC), Dennis Matheny (Southern Oregon), Dick O'Dell (Evergreen), Ben Robar (Anchorage), Don Shorting (Vancouver Island) and William Kirk (Anchorage). A moment of silence was held.

The annual report of the Federation was given by Executive Secretary Larry Crain. He noted that the Federation was alive and functioning but at a reduced level. Currently 23 clubs (of 35+) have paid dues -- about equal at this time to previous years. He should have, but didn't until the Board meeting which followed,

welcome the Calgary Philatelic Society as a new (re-joined) society.

Two Thunderbird ribbons were awarded in the past year: one to Jared Gazin, 15, by OSS for "Exploring French Architecture through Stamps" and one to Tim Bergquist at the virtual Willamette Valley Show for "St. Paul, Oregon 97137: Its Postal History since 1874."

A Club Service Member certificate was given to Margaret Dunn (nominated by Tri-Cities).

Treasurer Alex Hadden presented a report. For the year 2020, income (in Canadian dollars) was \$667.72 and expenses \$393.80. As of Dec 31, 2020 various account balances totaled \$20,426.46. Crain-Struble moved to accept the report. Carried.

Crain-Struble/Hadden/Herstein moved that because of the disruption during the Covid-19 pandemic that clubs that pay their 2021 dues will have them extended through 2022. However, the Federation will accept, as donation, money from clubs which want to pay anyway. After brief discussion in favor, the motion carried.

Historian Bill Ailes reported he has purchased shelving [authorized by email by the Board] for housing boxes and files he has obtained. He reminded all that materials to save about the Federation, PIPEX and/or member clubs can be sent to him. Lisa Foster said she still had boxes of materials from Jack Congrove and Larry Crain had a folder from Lawrence Clay. Federated Philatelist editor Darin Cherniwchan asked that materials be looked at with the idea that they could be included in newsletter articles. He said copies could be sent to him and he would compile them. Ailes also reported that a Facebook page is up and functioning. One inappropriate post was removed. He encouraged its use.

Webmaster George Struble is settling into the position but he reminded all that he will be able to fill the po-

sition for a short term only. A new webmaster will be needed.

Elections: A called for nomination had been made earlier in the year but only those received were for currently serving members: Eric Knapp (Chair of the Board), Darin Cherniwchan (Canadian Director) and Jim Herstein (US director). There were no nominations from the floor. Hadden-Brandt moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for the three. Carried.

In the informal discussion under other business Michael Bloom offered to be liaison with the American Philatelic Society, Eric Knapp with American Topical Association and Darin Cherniwchan with the Royal Philatelic Society. Keith Edholm suggested that our member organizations, though an article in the Northwest Philatelist, be told the advantages of club membership in these national organizations.

Edholm also informed the group that SEAPEX (September 10-12) will be both an on-site and virtual show. Only the on-site exhibits will be eligible for the APS Champion of Champions. The India Study Circle for Philately is a participating group, but members and exhibits from India probably will not be able to travel to Seattle.

Without further business, the meeting was adjourned about 2:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Crain, acting as recording secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, by Zoom, at PIPEX Sat., May 8, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs meeting on Zoom was called to order by Chair of the Board Eric Knapp about 2:40. Present were Board members Darin Chernwchan, Larry Crain, Alex Hadden, Jim Herstein, Eric Knapp and George Struble and visitors Bill Ailes (Spokane), Michael Bloom (Oregon Stamp Society), Steve Brandt (Oregon Stamp Society) and Joe Voice (Tri-Cities).

There is a one-page and a two-page member organi-

zation annual report form. After looking at them for information and need, the one-page form was decided to be used. Executive Secretary Larry Crain will send out the form.

It was agreed to add the PIPEX dealers to the current mailing list for the Northwest Philatelist. Some are already on it. There are about a thousand sent out by email. The list has been shared with SEAPEX and is separate from the list of Federation organization personnel listed on the annual report. Once the Excel file is updated, it will be sent to Alex and Eric.

Executive Secretary Larry Crain asked for electronic copies of the by-laws. The one he has saved has awkward formatting. Several will send their copies.

Canadian Director Darin Cherniwchan started a discussion about having ex-officio members on the Board. There was a discussion but no action was taken. He also asked about paid advertising in the newsletter. The idea was agreed to but no specifics were adopted.

A longer discussion was held about the future of philately, in particular meetings and shows. The consensus was that the pandemic has changed the way we operate, and virtual or hybrid shows are here to stay. Necessity to do thing differently has created new opportunities. Rather than lament the disruption, we should embrace the computer possibilities which are now available. For example, Zoom meetings allow for attendance and thus membership beyond the local area and this gives a wider exchange of experience and knowledge. It was suggested having some Board meetings on Zoom with member club's meetings.

The meeting was adjourned about 3:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Crain, acting as recording secretary

In Memory of David Harris

by Carol j. Edholm, Larry Crain, Bill Seymour, Jim Hirstein, J W Palmer

David Harris passed away at home with his family on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, after a long period of poor health. He left an indelible mark on the Pacific Northwest philatelic community.

David was the founding Webmaster for the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs website in February 2004 and maintained the site until just before his death. He was awarded the Federation's Meritorious Achievement Award in 2013 for many activities that continued through 2020.

David was heavily involved in the John Arn Symposium at Moses Lake, Washington, for many years. His duties over the years included scheduling speakers, registration, auctions, and acting as the Chair the past few years. After John Arn passed away, he was the first to step up and do the work to continue it. The one-day symposium was always well attended by Northwest philatelists. During the course of any given year, it was not uncommon for David to approach people at stamp shows, say "Hi" (and their name), and proceed with a conversation. (The person may or may not know who David was even though his name sounded very familiar.) After the conversation, he would take his leave and head off to talk to someone else. That first person he just conferred with would then head to the dealer they were walking to when David intercepted them. After two steps...Wait! Did he just talk me into doing a presentation at Moses Lake? How the heck did that happen!? The magic of David Harris in lining up speakers for each Symposium!

Each year, when the Inland Empire Philatelic Society (IEPS) and the Missoula Stamp Club met in Wallace, Idaho, David was always there to help keep track of the auction proceedings. He did the same when IEPS and the Tri-Cities Stamp Club met in Ritzville annually.

When SEAPEX was in its infancy, David started their website in July 2012 and maintained it until mid-July 2020. He was awarded the SEAPEX Distinguished Service Award in 2020.

David was a long-time member of IEPS in Spokane, Washington. President J Palmer knew David for over 25 years. He worked with David over the years on the Spokane stamp show committee. David was always the one who did the work-up for their show mailings. He was a person who could be depended on to do certain things and get them done right. The last couple of years, as David noticed his COPD getting worse, he divested himself of responsibilities. David was a collector of Germany and the DDR.

Thank you, David, for your long service to philately in the Pacific Northwest.



David lived in beautiful Medical Lake just west of Spokane, WA

Book Review

Discovery Islands Mail - A Trilogy by Peter B. Smith

A Review by Gray Scrimgeour



Discovery Islands Mail. Getting the Mail through-by Steamship, Air and Ferry, Book 1, Quadra Island's Eight Post Offices (113 pages); Book 2 Cortes Island's Seven Post Offices (105 pages).; Book 3, Discovery Islands' 14 Smaller Post Offices (143 pages) Peter B. Smith, published by Amanda and Peter B. Smith, Heriot Bay BC (2021). Coil bound, 21 cm x 27.5cm. Book price: \$15 per volume; \$40 for all three volumes (plus postage). Order from Peter B. Smith: e-mail: pandas@gicable.com ; phone: 250-285-3612. Box 485, Heriot Bay BC V0P 1H0. Cheques payable to Peter Smith; e-transfer or PayPal to Peter Smith at pandas@gicable.com . Postage in Canada is \$15 for all three books; \$5 for a single book. USA postage varies with ZIP code but it similar to Canadian postage.

Peter and Amanda Smith retired from Calgary to Heriot Bay BC (on Quadra Island) 18 years ago. Peter was a journalist, and he has used his journalistic interviewing skills to gather information on the history of the 28 post offices and their postmasters of a dozen

of the Discovery Islands (so called because they are in Discovery Passage, between central Vancouver Island and the Mainland). This island community developed during the 20th century thanks to farming, logging, fishing and mining. Being distant from the cities of Victoria and Vancouver, the area has to be quite self-sufficient. For many years, their only access was by ship (primarily the Union Steamship Co.). When I lived in Vancouver, I remember seeing the Union ships—like the Chelohsin and the Catala,—that made the voyages to these small communities. They seemed more businesslike and exotic than those Union vessels we took to Bowen Island or Selma Park.

Book One describes the seven post offices of Quadra Island—now the entrance to the Discovery Islands from Vancouver Island (by ferry from Campbell River). The earliest post office, called “Valdez Island” (the name of Quadra Island until 1903), opened July 1, 1893 at Quathiaski Cove. However, delivery of mail to that office was difficult and sporadic. Therefore, the

Valdez Island office closed and the Heriot Bay office, six miles away on the east side of the island, opened on June 1, 1896. The Union Steamship's S.S. Comox regularly called at Heriot Bay on her run from Vancouver to Port Neville on the Mainland side of Johnstone Strait. Quathiaski Cove regained a post office in 1899; the Canadian Pacific Navigation steamer on the Naas Harbour-Vancouver run brought the mail. These two offices on Quadra Island are still open; five others have come and gone.

Book Two tells the stories of the seven offices on Cortes (Cortez) Island. April 1, 1893 brought a post office named 'Cortez Island' to Manson's Landing, near the south end of the island. Business slacked off, and this office closed in 1898; business picked up and it reopened in 1904. Its name—Cortez Island—attracted mail meant for other island offices so its name eventually was changed to Manson's Landing. The second office opened on the island was Whaletown (in 1894) to serve the local farmers and loggers. Its original broken-circle datestamp was used for over a century. Peter tells interesting stories about each of the other four post offices on the island.

Book Three describes the other post offices of the Discovery Islands in three sections: Central Islands, Northern Islands and Southern Islands. The book starts with a page devoted to the ships of the Columbia Coast Mission and their role in delivering mail to logging camps. Both Thurlow in the north and Savary Island in the south have fascinating histories. I recall visiting Savary Island and its white sandy beach in the mid 1940s on a Union Steamship one-day excursion. Little did I know that there had been a double murder there solved by a postmaster.

This group of three books is a necessity for all collectors of BC postal history, and also for anyone interested in the development of this compact and unique area of the province. The communities of the Discovery Islands faced a major mail-delivery problem, solved primarily by visits of ships of the Union Steamship Co. and later of float planes. The unusual tasks faced by individual postmasters and their solutions of these challenges are the centre of this trilogy.

Each book has two indices: an index of names and an index of ships. The colourful book covers that show unloading of the mails are based on Peter's own paintings.

Thank you for your hard and productive work, Pete!
(kgs)

Add to Your Philatelic Reference Library

The Southern Oregon Philatelic Society is disbanding its library. There are about 500 books unclaimed. A list can be obtained from Larry Crain at larrycrain@gmail.com

People are asked to pay postage (about \$15 for several books if USPS priority mail to the US is used). A donation to the clubs would be appreciated. Also books could be set aside and brought to SEAPEX September 10-12.



Federation News

Salem Stamp Society

The Salem Stamp Society resumed its second-Wednesday monthly meetings several months ago – by Zoom of course. Three of its programs were held jointly with the Sacramento Stamp Club; Salem member Bob Reynolds has remained in contact with Sacramento stamp collecting friends. But the Zoom club meetings have also drawn attendance from Washington, Arizona, and sometimes from Scott English in Pennsylvania. Zoom meetings will continue through the summer. If anyone else would like to join, email Bob Reynolds: renroost@aol.com.

The Salem Stamp Society has been having an online auction almost every month. And to help feed those auctions, the club recently bought a large collection.

The Club is planning to resume its semi-annual stamp show on September 19, as usual in conjunction with a similar show September 18 in Eugene.

The Club is looking forward to resuming in-person meetings, probably in September. It is unclear now what Covid restrictions may be in place then. Those meetings will be at the Scottish Rite Center on South Commercial Street since the Cordon Road fire station will no longer host rental meetings. The meetings will move to the Third Wednesday of the month.

For up-to-date information about meetings or show, check the Society's website <http://www.salemstampso-ciety.org/>.

- Courtesy of George Struble

Attention Stamp Clubs of the NWFSC

This section of the Journal is dedicated to your local Club.

Please send all your Club news including shows, meetings and exhibitions to the Editor for publication.

For publication deadlines and contact information, please refer to Page 2 of this Journal.

Thanks, Ed.

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Virtual PIPEX 2021 - A Great Success!

by George Struble, Exhibits, PIPEX 2021 Committee

PIPEX was the first stamp show given WSP – World Series of Philately – status. This meant that the PIPEX multi-frame grand award winner is eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions competition to be held in Chicago at the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) in August. PIPEX fulfilled its responsibilities very well; aspects of the show besides exhibits also were carried out with outstanding success.

The Exhibits

In consultation with the jury, PIPEX capped the number of competitive exhibits at 50, which kept the challenges of virtual judging at a manageable level. Liz Hisey, the chief judge, asked that all exhibits be mounted by April 1. That stressed some exhibitors who had a month less to finish their exhibits than they thought they would have. In fact, all exhibits were mounted on March 29! The jury were given two weeks to study the exhibits; then in a series of three two-hour jury meetings by Zoom, the jury discussed the exhibits and assigned the awards.

The virtual format made it very easy for foreign exhibitors to send their exhibits. PIPEX had 12 foreign exhibits, from Canada, Mexico, Panama, France, Ireland, Norway, Singapore, and Bangladesh! Both the multi-frame and the single-frame grand awards were won by foreign exhibits. The multi-frame Grand award was won by Dr. Sam Chiu of Canada for “Hankow, China, 1891-1919.” The Reserve Grand award was won by Louis Fiset of Seattle, for “French Interzone and Free Zone Mail during the German Occupation (1940-1943).” The single-frame Grand award went to Jaime Benavides of Mexico for “Jesuit Mail at the Time of the Correo Mayor of New Spain.”

Other exhibits from our Pacific Northwest region

included:

- “The US Navy Mass Flight of January 1937” by Joe Voice, of Pasco, WA, which earned a Vermeil medal and the AAPE Novice Awards
- “Swiss Flexible-Head Razor Cancelers” by Roger Heath of Port Townsend, WA, which earned a Large Gold and the American Helvetia Philatelic Society award
- “Reflecting the Rise of Tourism during La Belle Epoque – Hotel Schweizerhof, Luzern: 1871-1914,” also by Roger Heath, which earned a Large Vermeil
- “Cold War Radar Stations in the North” by Eric Knapp of Anchorage, AK, Silver
- “Alaska's Gold Rush Forts: 1897 - 1925,” also by Eric Knapp, Vermeil
- “U.S. Circular Mail: 1845-1863” by Jerry Johnson of Kennewick, WA, Gold
- “St. Paul Oregon 97137: Its Postal History since 1874” by Tim Bergquist of Eugene, OR, Silver-Bronze and the Thunderbird award from the Northwest Federation
- “The Constitution of the U.S.A.: Illustrated,” also by Tim Bergquist, Bronze and the Upper Bon-goland award
- “Greenland Postal History 1938-1985,” by Dickson Preston of Seattle, WA, Gold medal
- “US Army Post Offices in Greenland 1941-1945,” also by Dickson Preston, Large Vermeil
- “1920 Basel-Frankfurt Airmail Service: What a Fiasco!” by George Struble, Salem, OR, Gold
- “A Soldier's Diary -- The World War I North Russia Expedition,” by Ralph Nafziger of Albany, OR, Large Vermeil and the AAPE Creativity Award
- “The Essays and Proofs of Guatemala” by Michael Bloom of Portland, OR, Gold
- “The Ways U.S. Postage Due Stamps Were Used, 1879 - 1986” by Tony Wawrukiewicz of Portland, OR, Large Gold and the APS Research Award
- “Operation and Innovation in the Dead Letter Office from 1860 to 1985,” also by Tony Waw-

rukiewicz, Gold and the Postal History Society medal

- “The Ill-fated 1935 Tasman Jubilee Flight” by Neil Donen of Victoria, BC, Gold and the APS Award of Excellence - 1900-1940

There were also non-competitive exhibits by Mark Loomis and George Struble.

All the exhibits will still be accessible on the PIPEX website, www.PIPExstampshow.org, for several more months. All of us can learn so much about philately and history, as well as seeing good examples of exhibiting techniques to use in our own exhibits!

Mounting the exhibits was a challenge, especially when we were expecting over forty. Bill Seymour, the PIPEX webmaster, had mounted the exhibits for the virtual SEAPEX last September, but that was a much smaller show. Bill composed a script that constructed the frame views and page views from the files containing the pages. At first, any pages larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches needed manual intervention; later versions of the script made pages of any width routine. But two exhibits had “quad” pages, 17 x 22”; those still needed manual intervention. Mounting exhibits became routine for me too; by the time I received the last exhibit, the whole process from receipt of the pages to linking the exhibit into the exhibit list could take as little as 13 minutes!

Meetings and Presentations

PIPEX had a full schedule of meetings and presentations. An APS Town Hall was hosted by Scott English, the APS Executive Director. An American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Members’ Forum was hosted by Mike Ley and Mark Schwartz. The American Topical Association held a Roundtable. The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs held its annual meeting and a board meeting. Nine exhibitors gave presentations relating to their exhibits. Larry Crain talked on “Making Your Collection Fun”, and Bill Seymour and I gave a presentation “Behind the Scenes: Mounting Virtual PIPEX Exhibits”. The presentations, but not the meetings, were recorded and are available for viewing at the

PIPEX website PIPEX 2021 Schedule (pipexstampshow.org). Attendance varied from 59 for the APS Town Hall down to less than 10 for a few of the presentations.

One reason people go to stamp shows is to socialize with their collector friends and make new friends. PIPEX scheduled several chat sessions to try to enable such socializing. Attendance was small, but that made conversations possible.

Attendees at any of the meetings or presentations had to register first. The registration was quick and straightforward. Each session was facilitated by a host, who did any Zoom work necessary, and a moderator, who managed the flow of the session. Michael Bloom did a masterful job of training all the hosts and moderators, so all sessions went smoothly. David Epps recruited speakers and set the schedule. It was all very well done.

Dealers

Many attendees come to a stamp show to visit dealers. Virtual shows cannot replicate that experience. PIPEX did provide on its website a list of dealers. PIPEX and everybody else look forward to 2022 when we can actually visit dealers at the show!

Youth program

PIPEX partners with First Stamps and its dynamo leader Phil Kumler for its youth activities. PIPEX youth activities included an in person day Thursday at Uptown Stamp show, an in person day for youth at Brookman Stamp on Friday, and a First Stamps staff member was present at Oregon Stamp Society at their event during PIPEX 2021. This allowed adults to make “in kind” donations and learn about current youth activities during PIPEX 2021. Uptown, a perennial PIPEX sponsor, offered youth 100 free U-picks and Micheal Jaffe set aside free donations and topical packets that First Stamps staff collected during PIPEX 2021.

Covid made it difficult to work with youth in developing exhibits. In 2021 First Stamps offered the

first ever Zoom BSA stamp collecting merit badge courses, and Phil Kumler worked with a Hillsboro, OR fourth grade class. These did produce some youth stamp exhibits, but they are scheduled to be shown in NAPEX and WESTPEX, not PIPEX.

Virtual Shows

Overall, the PIPEX Committee rose to the occasion and met the challenges with excellent quality. Everyone looks forward to an in-person PIPEX 2022. We will probably see no more purely virtual shows after the Covid restrictions ease. But there are advantages to the virtual format, so I expect some shows to take place in a hybrid format. PIPEX among them.

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Grants Pass, Oregon

SEAPEX 2021 to Honor Late SEAPEX President Jack Congrove

by Carol J. Edholm

The Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (SEAPEX), an American Philatelic Society (APS) national-level stamp exhibition, will take place on 10 – 12 September 2021, at the Tukwila Community Center located just north of the SeaTac Airport at 12424 - 42nd Avenue South, Tukwila, Washington.

This year, SEAPEX is honoring Jack Congrove, who in his term as SEAPEX President, helped build the show to what it is today. He passed away from cancer early last year. An obituary can be seen on our website at <http://seapexshow.org/SEAPEX2020/JackCongrove/jack.html>

The show hours are 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday, and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sunday. Parking and admission are free.

The show will feature 25 stamp dealers and more than 3,200 pages of exhibits. As a World Series of Philately (WSP) show, the Grand Award winners for the single-frame and multi-frame exhibits will be eligible to compete at the 2022 Great American Stamp Show

Champion of Champions competitions against winners from other national WSP shows. (If the live SEAPEX event has to switch to virtual, CANEJ has published guidelines so the Grand Award winners would still be eligible for the Champion of Champions competition.) We plan to include some virtual components in the show, with the use of Zoom to allow participation in some meetings and presentations by people who are unable to attend in person.

Convening societies are American Topical Association (ATA) and India Study Circle (ISC) with a full slate of presentations throughout the weekend. The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs will hold a town hall meeting and Women Exhibitors is expected to host a forum. There will be outstanding show covers available that honor ATA and ISC. The main theme is Butterflies, a topic that was close to Jack's heart. He was preparing a Butterfly exhibit when he passed away.

The event will also present free activities for youth and educators throughout the weekend. Starting Saturday morning, the show will hold a full-day Scout stamp collecting merit badge workshop.

Experts will be available to provide free stamp evalua-

tions, or what to do with that old stamp collection. The United States Postal Service and United Nations Postal Administration will be on hand to sell current postal items. (The actual presence of the UNPA depends on the US-Canadian border opening up for their representative to travel.)

The show hotel is the Residence Inn South Seattle/Tukwila at 16201 West Valley Highway, Seattle. The SEAPEX rate for a studio suite is \$119. Contact the hotel at (425) 226-5500.

Visit the website (<http://seapexshow.org>) for exhibit prospectus and application, event schedule, exhibit listing, links to the hotel, and other details. Also visit us on Facebook: Seapex: Seattle Philatelic Exhibition. In Regards to COVID-19: In light of the current challenges with COVID-19, SEAPEX is monitoring developments through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Coronavirus Response. We expect and hope that the pandemic will be under control by September and that we can run an in-person show, with precautions as seems prudent. - CjE

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SEAPEX Virtual Show!

by Carol j Edholm

SEAPEX is working on an additional component to their live show this year – a Virtual Exhibition to be held on September 24 – 26, 2021.

The purpose of this virtual component of SEAPEX is to accommodate India Study Circle members who live in India, Canada and the UK, and in all likelihood would be unable to travel to the US for a live show. Two SEAPEX judges live in Canada, and the border may not be open for them to travel to the show. Thus, all exhibits will be virtual, and different exhibits than what the live show will have. Judging will be done vir-

tually as well with its own WSP quality jury and a separate judges feedback forum from the live show. Since the live show is a WSP show, this virtual show will not be WSP – unless the live show has to change to virtual.

Details for this separate component of SEAPEX are still being worked out, and virtual prospectus and entry forms will be up on the website soon. Stay tuned for details. - CjE





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