



Poway Stamp Club Newsletter

San Diego County's Best Stamp Collecting Club

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Poway Stamp Club

The Club goals are "to promote a closer social relationship among stamp collectors of Poway, San Diego and vicinity, and to assist in spreading the knowledge of stamps and the pleasures derived from stamp collecting to those interested in philately."

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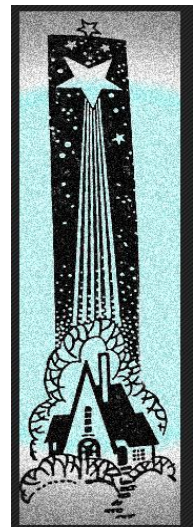
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Club Happenings:

Club meetings - **All future club meetings are postponed**, again, our next Poway Stamp Club meeting will be scheduled when our Club President and/or Board have reason to believe that the current uncertain times have passed in regards to the Covid-19 Pandemic. As a club we are hoping that in the spring of 2021 we will be able to meet as a group again (everyone keep your fingers crossed).

The PSC Newsletter - is still being produced and sent electronically to our club members. We will continue to utilize this Newsletter and emails to communicate with our membership the status of our clubs activity. Please contact the club Secretary at PSCPhilately@gmail.com with any information that you would like to have disseminated to the entire club during these uncertain times.

Membership health and Wellbeing - Thankfully, our current Club membership still does not have any "confirmed" cases of Covid-19.(knock on wood) Everyone please stay safe....



Closed Album

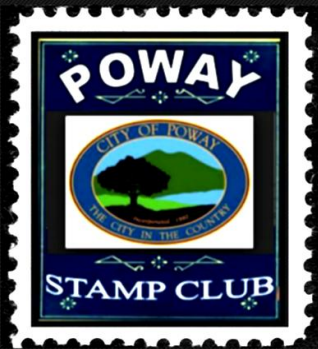


Michael Nagaran

It is with deep regret and sadness that we have learned and announce that one of our members, Michael Nagaran (member #429) has passed away.

Mike was active in stamp collecting for some time and remained a very-bright member of the Poway Stamp Club touching our lives and making many long-time friends. Like a true stoic, he did not talk much about himself, but he always gave that knowing smile, raised eyebrow or grin letting you know he was truly in on the joke. Michael will be remembered as a good friend and member of the Poway Stamp Club. In the past several months, even with his serious health issues, Mike remained an active Club member. Michael was a collector of Philippines as well as chess related philatelic items. He will be missed by all those who knew him.

May Michael Rest In Peace.



2020 PSC Club Officers:

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Stamp on Page 1

The image on page one is the 1995, Ellen Clapsaddle, "Midnight Angel" stamp which was taken from a 1910 greeting card. In spite of its beauty, the stamp became controversial. For 25 years, both a religious Christmas and a holiday stamp were produced. All but 3 religious stamps were either a Madonna & Child or nativity scene. The new design was added to limit repetitiveness. The opposition claimed the P.O. had removed "Christ" from Christmas.



**POWAY STAMP CLUB
APS #1137-112097**

Club meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday of each month except November & December at:

Philatelic Library
12675 Danielson Ct #413,
Poway, CA 92064

More info at:
www.powaystampclub.com

Participation

All Stamp Club members are strongly encouraged to provide input for the bi-monthly Club newsletter. Your knowledge and expertise should really be shared. Please submit items to the Club Secretary at:

PSCphilately@gmail.com

Club Website

Try our new website at:

PowayStampClub.com

You will find our activities and affiliations, interesting links, contact information including the current and previous versions of this Newsletter! Give it a try! You can use the Web Presence to introduce others to our Club.

**PSC
HOLIDAY GIFT**

Dear PSC members,

This past year has been to say the least, very interesting. In spite of the obstacles presented by COVID-19 the PSC members have been active with the Bid Board, volunteering to catalog a large consignment, recruiting new members, volunteering at the Library and keeping tabs on the health and welfare of our members.

To all of you Well Done. – Art Berg

NOTICE --- CLUB MEMBERS --- NOTICE

For those who have already paid dues in year 2020, The PSC board has decided to waive your upcoming membership dues for 2021.

We will not be having our annual Holiday dinner but hopefully this little holiday gesture will bring you a little joy and we hope that we will be able to see each in the coming year.

Club Meeting Presentations

The following is this year’s proposed meeting schedule; all events are proposed and subject to change as necessary to accommodate other events such as Auctions etc.

2020 (Proposed) PSC Meeting Schedule

----- All future Meetings are Postponed for Now -----

November Nov 11, 2020 Postponed/Cancelled

Club Notes:

1. **Philatelic Library Open** - We have been notified that the San Diego Philatelic Library is open but will **require an appointment** if you need to come to the library. Because of social distancing no more than eight people at a time are allowed in the library. Face covering is required and a questionnaire regarding your health will also have to be answered before entry. **Contact the Library for details.**
2. **SWAPEX – SWAPEX is cancelled until further notice.**
3. **SANDIPEX 2020 – All future shows are still on hold.**

Email: cbcstamp@aol.com &
Sandipex.stampexpo@gmail.com

4. **Support Our Stamp Club** – With **66 members**, the Poway Club is San Diego County's most active Stamp Club. Feel free to forward this Newsletter to anyone you think may find it interesting. You may also support the club by joining the APS. The club will receive a finder's fee for each member who joins the society. Let the stamp community know that we are an alive, vibrant and thriving club!
5. **Bid Board** – Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs) :
 - You must be a paid member of PSC to buy or sell
 - You may join the PSC, contact PSCPhilately@gmail.com
 - 10% of the sale price will go to support our club
 - Sellers may list 5-10 items each session
 - All unsold lots will automatically be relisted next session
 - Sellers must notify us to remove or change a listing price
 - Minimum prices of items must contain the cost to ship the item listed locally (i.e. San Diego County)
 - Buyers outside of SD County will be responsible for additional shipping charges
 - A list of the current bids will be posted “**periodically**” and at the end of each session, Buyer-Sellers will be contacted and introduced via E-mail to allow the coordination of the payment and shipping.



Member Spotlight!

By: Jon Schrag



The Poway Stamp Club Newsletter highlights one of its members each issue. Today's spotlight is on

**1 New Member
Daniel Edwards.**

We have one new member since our last newsletter. During Covid-19, our President Art Berg has set aside the need to be formally voted in. Request for membership has been granted to the following:

#496 Daniel Edwards of El Centro requested membership to the Club and was presented for membership by Art berg. He collects U.S. and Genera, Australia So America, Mexico, Rocks, Tropical, Minerals, fossils, geology, history, Bi-color and Sailing Ships.

This brings our paid membership to 66 members and we look forward to getting together at PSC meetings with our new members after the Covid pandemic is over.



Holiday Postal Stories

By D. Klauber

Two Holiday Miracles



The true miracle of Angel Station¹

When Angelica, New York's post office was threatened with closure in the 1980s, resident Pat Kaake came up with a plan to save it. Angelica already had lost its neighborhood school in favor of a modern building a few miles outside of town, and the nearest hospitals were 15 miles away in either direction. In Pat's mind, it was paramount to keep a functioning post office. So she turned to the angels for help.

"At Christmas time I would hear on the news about towns named Snow or Bethlehem having celebrations," says Pat, who had moved to the tiny village from the big city. "I thought it was a wonderful idea, so I said, 'Why couldn't we do the same thing with Angelica?'"

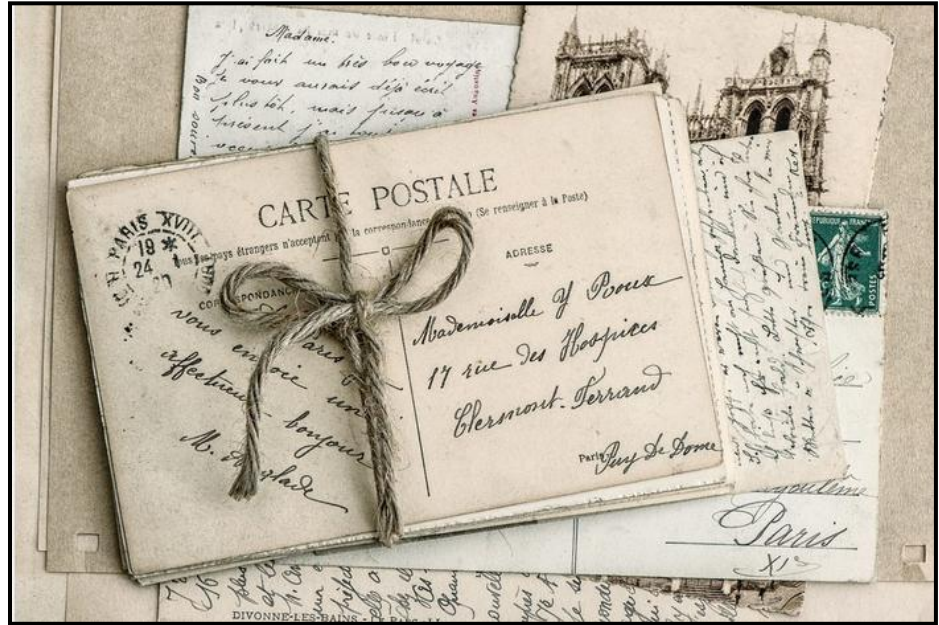
Pat, who is an artist, created a postal cancellation design featuring an Angelica angel. Staying true to the nature of her adopted home, she drew her angels in a folksy fashion and submitted her proposal to the U.S. Postal Service. Once approved, the drawing was carved into a postmark cancellation stamp that could be used for one day only.

The postmistress had another idea to make the day even more special—calling the post office Angel Station.

The massive uptick in mail volume saved Angelica's post office from closure and keeps the doors open today. Now it's tradition that on the first Friday in December, folks come to Angelica to mail their Christmas cards. A carved wooden angel flies near the ceiling. In the corner, a Christmas tree twinkles. Village supporters sit at tables that are topped with bowls of punch and platters of decorated cookies, offering hot chocolate or coffee to those who are mailing cards.

Post offices may close in other parts of the country, but this tiny one endures, thanks to Pat and the miracle of Angel Station.

—A.J. Sors, *Wellsville, New York, from Country*. Experience some Christmas miracles like Angel Station's at [these small American towns filled with Christmas spirit](#).



The mail train's gift: a life-changing Christmas miracle message

My mother told me this true Christmas story from World War I many years ago. Christmas 1917 was coming, but because her brother Archie Clikeman was missing in action and presumed dead, the family was not going to celebrate.

The townspeople of Parker, South Dakota, always joked that the small-town postmaster read all the postcards whenever the mail train came into town. On that Christmas Eve, he lived up to his reputation.

The family was always grateful that the postmaster, instead of waiting for the rural mail to go out the day after Christmas, called my grandmother and told her that Archie was being held as a prisoner of war. Archie even wrote on the postcard that he was well.

Of course, my mother said, that turned out to be the best Christmas ever. Archie came home after the war and lived to a ripe old age. —*Kay Johnson, Parker, South Dakota.*

1. Readers Digest, *18 True Christmas Miracles That Will Restore Your Hope for the Holidays*; <https://www.rd.com/list/christmas-miracles/> Brandon Specktor, Updated: Dec. 20, 2019

San Diego Philatelic Library

For Now
Access

by

Appointment Only

The San Diego County Philatelic Library is a not-for-profit philatelic library in Poway, San Diego County, California. Operated by friendly volunteers. Your stamp library consists of approximately 16,000 volumes of books, monographs, catalogs, and periodicals.

Library Hours:

The Library hours vary based upon who can take a shift, hours by appointment only.

Member Article

By Trice Klauber

Then it hit me OMG... I am a stamp collector!



For several years you have all known me as the “Chinese Stamp Collector” amongst the members of the club. Me, not so sure. I had originally joined the Poway Stamp Club to encourage and participate with my husband and his hobby and decided that I would start working on the Chinese stamps I had acquired in the late 70’s and early 80’s. I had acquired these stamps while hanging around with David on his stamp trips to Henry’s Stamp Store located at that time in Mission Valley. At the Club, many of the members were welcoming and helpful in getting me started by offering catalogs (Bob E), reading material (Library), auction catalogs (Jon S) and the like. One member advised that I should join another organization, the China Stamp Society (CSS), noting that they had access to a wealth of information and collecting opportunities that I could add to my list of resources. Soon I did join, still not sure where I was going with all this. I began making purchases and organizing acquisitions. Many purchases were made early on without the foggiest idea of what I purchased. I just thought they looked different or curious. I am very curious.

After several years and volunteering as club Secretary and making a host of new friends along the way. I was still not sure how I felt about the “stamps”. I had spent many years collecting everything from Baseball cards and marbles as a child to Tea cups, cut crystal, and art works as an adult. But the stamps?

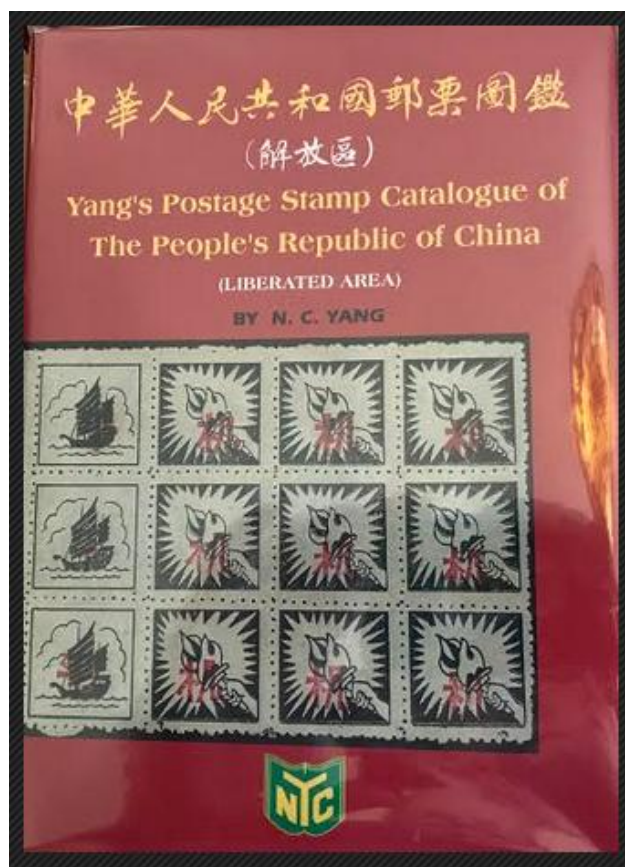
How did I really feel about them? I was truly “trying” to love Philately.

Then, as time passed, the pieces started to fall into place. First, let it be said that I am a puzzle girl (crosswords etc.). I love them, and these Chinese Stamps with characters illegible to me at first, became fascinating, from a puzzle perspective.



I soon learned about the stamps of the Chinese Provinces and how they were formed, the Japanese Occupation era as well as the near daily struggle of the Chinese to keep abreast of an ever-changing government. I then learned about the liberated areas of the post war era, as well as the creation of Taiwan and the Peoples Republic of China. I also learned about the Opium Wars and the Treaty Ports of early China postal history as well as the Manchurian Local Overprints (MLO's), a puzzle I am still working to resolve. And much, much more.

Nearly a year ago, I made a purchase online of some curious stamps with very unusual overprints. Unfortunately, I could not locate the overprints in any of the resources that I had on hand. I contacted Hugh Lawrence at the China Stamp Society who was able to identify the stamps and recommended that I check out "Yang's Postage Stamp Catalogue of The People's Republic of China (Liberated Areas)" from the CSS library. I soon did as he recommended, checked it out then decided that I needed this book. A must have item. I searched but was not able find the book anywhere. I checked the Library, eBay, other auction sites and online book sellers of odds and ends but to no avail.....



Yang's Catalog (a must have)

Then David found it! Amazing, but then again, I should not be surprised. There was one copy available from Max & Stern in Australia. I bought it and paid \$20.00 for overseas shipping. I know, that seems crazy, but I needed this book. Remember, it's a must have.



Package from Melbourne Australia

Shipping was a bit slow, but come on; it was coming from Australia and was in the middle of COVID. It finally arrived; I was so excited. And then the most amazing thing. I noticed that the postage on the package was well, for lack of a better term, “packaged”.



Australian Souvenir Sheets (protected)

It had been paid for in Souvenir sheets and each hand canceled, then neatly packaged and attached with a see through cover to the back of the package containing the book.



Australian Souvenir Sheets

I remember that I looked at the package and then at David and said “Oh my goodness, I am a collector, these are amazing”. I hadn’t been this thrilled since Covid-19 hit. I was truly happy.

For my happiness, I have to thank my husband, who without any hesitation has bankrolled my coming of age in the Philatelic world. I also thank all of you who have been so supportive and encouraging. I truthfully appreciate your outpouring of friendship, support and knowledge. You have been successful.

I am now a real collector, I love Philately.

Soapbox

By Art Berg

Attractive Stamps or the “Stamp of Approval”



This stamp featuring Albert I wearing a trench helmet is Belgium #125 and was issued in 1919. It has a catalog value of 25 cents. The cancellation is very interesting and states: Diplomatic Conference in French and German and is dated July 11, 1920. Spa is located in eastern Belgium, close to the German border. The Spa Conference (July 5-16, 1920) was attended by the Supreme War Council and the government of the Weimar Republic. The main discussion topics included coal shipments to the Allies, German disarmament and war reparations. The results of this conference created a number of problems that negatively impacted Germany and a number of other countries in Europe. For more information, search for the conference on line. Stamp collecting is Fun.

Art

The Year in Review

By **D. Klauber**

The PSC Year in Review – 2020

As I am writing this, it is hard to believe that we are looking back at another **year at the Poway Stamp Club**. In a year where all of our Bingo Cards have been blacked out it's hard to believe that we have increased our membership to approximately **66 paid members**, again making us the largest stamp club in San Diego County. The club has participated in several new things as well as a continuation of some philatelic events.

This year our Bi-weekly meetings were canceled due to the Covid-19 virus. Our membership certainly has missed our regular **Wednesday meetings**. We hope that this upcoming year that our membership will again enjoy quality presentations including voice sales, show & tell sessions, slideshows and APS movies.

This year we improved our **Web Presence** www.powaystampclub.com. The site provided our Club members & the world with the Clubs information, events, activities, children's section, auction forms, newsletters and philatelic links etc. We also added a Bid Board section and held 9 very successful sessions providing needed income to our club. Based on the user response, the Bid Boards introduction was an unmitigated success.

In our second year our website received a top 2% rating for non-commercial sites. We made contact with a multitude of individuals wishing to know more about their collections, new members joined, consignments liquidated and donations were accepted as a result of our WEB interface.

Our Board of Directors met virtually and effectively and handled the issues brought before it. Our **Club President Art Berg** has again proven his capabilities in his role as President and we very much thank him for all of his hard work.

Unfortunately our annual **Holiday/Christmas Party** has been cancelled in December. We look forward to seeing all of our members sometime in the spring, we hope all will be able to attend and participate in some kind of a welcome back event/festivity.

Now we look forward to the next year and that we will all make it an even better one. I hope that everyone makes his or her best effort to make sure it happens. In closing, Trice and I will be here for the holidays and we wish you all the seasons' joy and the best for the coming New Year.



Member Classifieds

If you would like to have a **Free** advertisement in the PSC Newsletter, please email: PSCphilately@gmail.com

For Sale: I have an extensive collection of US mint plate blocks, sheets, panes, etc. The years range primarily from 1940-2002. If you are looking for specific blocks, I may be able to help. Please send an email, waoconnor@aol.com, or call/leave a message, 760-723-7372. Want lists can also be sent to Bill O'Connor, 3803 Foxglove Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028-8764

For Sale: Want lists serviced for stamps of Puerto Rico. Fill holes in your collection with mostly lower catalog value stamps. See Bob at a PSC meeting or call 858-278-7873

Bob Schappelle

For Sale: Worldwide sets, Singles and Souvenir sheets. 60% off Catalog to all Club Members. Offer valid anywhere you see me. Phone: 714-476-3698 Email: CBCSTAMP@AOL.com.

Chuck Bigler.

For Sale: \$525. Cat of worldwide souvenir sheets, some high Cat machins. \$100. Call **Duane** at 858-735-3800

Duane Pryhoda

For Sale: Stamps at Bargain Prices, Come and see my Stock. By appointment so please call to set up a time. Home Phone: 858-271-0262 Mobile Phone: 858-449-3047 **Al Kish**

Wanted: Topicals on the following subjects: spiders, trilobites, Shih Tzu dogs, lunar new year [year of, etc.], paintings by Manet, Delacroix, Gericault, David, Brueghel. U.S. 1893 Columbian issue errors, freaks and oddities. Top dollar paid for Columbian plate varieties especially double transfers. **For Sale:** large selection of used and mint Australia, Great Britain, and Japan including single stamps and souvenir sheets at a fraction of catalog value. Email your want list to Bob McArthur (rmcarthur@cox.net) or bring to a PSC meeting." **Bob McArthur**

Wanted: Puerto Rico Town cancels. Bring to meeting. Will trade or buy. See member **M. Marti** PSC # 410.

Wanted: Imperial China, PRC, Manchukuo, Mongolia, U.S. Double Transfers/Re-entries, U.S. 19th Century Proofs and Essays. U.S. 19th Century. See D & T Klauber or contact us at Indysmama@gmail.com.



Stamp News:



New Stamps 2020 United States Postal Service Stamps

The following Issue dates, stamp subjects and formats are tentative and subject to change. They are based on Linn's listing of projected 2020 releases.



Hanukkah | Forever Stamp 55c: Issue date 10/6/2020

The stamp art's Colorful digital illustration shows the light of the Hanukiah on the last evening of Hanukkah

Families come together each year to celebrate Hanukkah, the joyous Jewish holiday also called the Festival of Lights.

The story of Hanukkah – “dedication” in Hebrew, tells of reclaiming the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been desecrated by a conquering army. Worshippers prepared to rededicate the holy space but discovered that only one small jar of consecrated oil remained, enough to last only one day. Rather than wait for more oil to arrive, they lit the Temple menorah, which burned for eight days. This miracle of the oil is celebrated during Hanukkah with the ceremonial lighting of the hanukiah, the nine-branched menorah used during the holiday.

The stamp art’s colorful digital illustration shows the lighting of the hanukiah on the last evening of Hanukkah. Artist Jing Jing Tsong chose her colors intentionally to evoke Hanukkah traditions as seen through the eyes of children. The darker blue colors in the background symbolize winter, while the brightly colored flaming candles reflect the spirit and warmth of sharing the holiday traditions.

Hanukkah is a family-centered celebration particularly the lighting of the hanukiah. The family gathers to recite blessings each night, one before the lighting and one as the candles are lit; a third blessing, known as the Shehecheyanu, is recited or sung only on the first night of the festival just as it is on other special family occasions. The candle for the first night is put on the far right side of the hanukiah. On each subsequent night, an additional candle is placed to the immediate left of the previous night’s candle – right to left, the direction in which Hebrew is read. The candles are then lit from left to right, so that the lighting begins with the newest candle. Some families take this opportunity to explain more about their heritage and the symbolism behind the ritual.

After the lighting of the candles, families might play games, host a sing-along of favorite Hanukkah tunes, or prepare and eat fried foods traditionally consumed during the holiday.

In 2020, Hanukkah begins on the evening of December 10.



Holiday Delights Forever Stamp

September 24 | Frankenmuth, MI | PSA booklet of 20

Inspired by folk art but with a modern graphic vibe, these stamps are intended to add a touch of whimsy to your holiday mailings. With a traditional palette of red, green and white, illustrator Kirsten Ulve channeled her love of Christmas, vintage ornaments and Scandinavian folk art to create unique digital illustrations of four holiday icons: a prancing reindeer with antlers; an ornament tied with a bow and ready to hang; a tree topped with a star; and a stocking holding a teddy bear and a sprig of holly. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamps.

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