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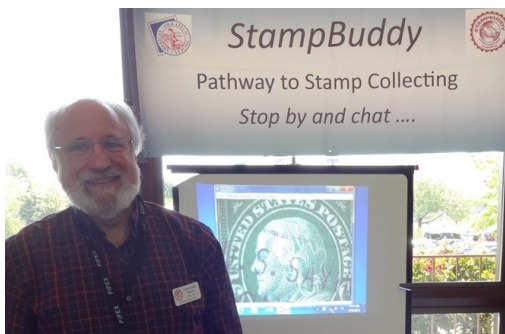
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PIPEX 2015

— by *Lucien Klein*

The sun was shining and the mood of people at the show was also sunny as they visited the dealers, viewed auction lots, looked at the exhibit frames, and attended meetings and programs at the 2015 Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition (PIPEX).

The show was held May 8–10 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach.



Michael Bloom APS StampBuddy Booth

New adult collectors or adult collectors returning to the hobby had the opportunity to visit the Stamp Buddy booth for help getting started in this great hobby.

This year, more than 700 people attended the show. They came from all over the United States and Canada. At least one collector came from England.

The American Society of Polar Philatelists, Military Postal History Society, Universal Ship Cancellation Society, and Civil Censorship Study Group held their annual meetings at the show.

The dealers were busy all three days helping collectors find what they were looking for and also find new collecting interests. People who had not attended the show before were impressed by all that PIPEX had to offer.

The show was described as being up there with some major World Series of Philately (WSP) shows that were named, but will remain unnamed here.

One person from the east coast was impressed that there was a Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs that could work together. He noted that such cooperation would not be possible among clubs from New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, and anywhere in New Jersey.

The Grandma’s Attic booth stayed busy helping people to learn about what was in their collection. The youth area was active, working with the more than eighty-five young people who were there picking their bucket of stamps and learning about the stamps they chose, and taking part in other activities.



Some of the Scouts and Leaders at the Merit Badge Seminar

Thirty Boy Scouts attended the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge seminar plus one girl who was there for part of the session. Twenty-seven completed the badge requirements.

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I am pleased to announce the appointment of an Associate Editor for *The Federated Philatelist*. Lisa D. Foster has been a regular contributor since I took on the editor's job and she has helped greatly by scouting for news and writing articles for the newsletter. See her continuing column on "Youth in Philately" on page 6.

She is a member of the Evergreen Stamp Club where she is the Exhibits Chair. She also serves as Secretary for the Board of the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition and is active in promoting youth stamp collecting.

This quarter has been a busy one in terms of philatelic news. You may note the increased number of pages made necessary by all of the events and activities. There are no fewer than five philatelic exhibitions that have taken place in the Northwest Federation since the last newsletter and also a major philatelic symposium to report on.

Based on the attendance and success of these events, it is apparent to me that philately is thriving here in The Great Northwest. We have the newest World Series of Philately national show in Seattle. The National Topical Stamp Show is coming to the Portland area at the end of July. The APS StampShow, the largest national stamp exhibition in the U.S., will be coming also to Portland in August next year.

For our readers who have not attended, or rarely attended, a stamp show, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to go see these events. Not only are there many dealers concentrated in one place to enable you to shop for the items you want, but these events also host so many other activities, that one person cannot participate in all of them.

You will have a chance to meet and make friends with others who share your collecting interests and enjoy presentations on subjects by experts in their fields. There are opportunities to socialize at informal hospitality rooms and formal dinners.

These shows have philatelic and literature exhibits that range from novice level to world-class. Some exhibits have awesome material that makes one wonder how it was ever acquired. Others have humorous themes that can make you laugh out loud. Maybe the displays will encourage you to start an exhibit of your own.

To recap my comments in the last editorial, when an article refers to an event as a "show," that means it includes exhibits in addition to dealers and other activities. Otherwise, it will be called a "bourse."

I am continually looking for news and articles to publish. Please look at your collection and send me a couple paragraphs describing an item you find interesting. I will publish it in upcoming editions. **Input for the next edition is due to me not later than 15 August 2015.**

— Jack R. Congrove, Editor

In the youth area, a twelve year old Boy Scout said that he thinks older people need to collect stamps to keep their minds active. He also stated that because of coming to PIPEX, he thinks that he is going to be a stamp collector, saying that he wants to tell his grandchildren about going to PIPEX.

Fraser Thompson's exhibit, "British Columbia and Vancouver Island Postal History," received the Grand Award and the Postal History Society Medal. The Grand Award winner is expected to compete in the Champion of Champions competition at the APS StampShow 2015 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 20-23, 2015.



The Reserve Grand Award went to Lester Lamphear III for his exhibit, "U.S. Departmentals, 1873 to 1884."



Matthew Kewriga received the One Frame Grand Award and the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Medal for his exhibit, "United States 1870-73 2 cents Jackson Bank Note: From Model to Complete Die."

The PIPEX 2015 Best Club Exhibit Award went to the Pacific Northwest Postal History Society. [Ed. note: See page 18 for more about the club exhibit trophy.]

Because APS StampShow 2016 will be in Portland, Oregon in August 2016, there will be no PIPEX 2016. The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held at the APS StampShow 2016.

The next PIPEX show will be PIPEX 2017 on Mother's Day weekend, May 12-14, 2017, at the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon.

PIPEX 2015 is over and what a great show it was! On behalf of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs (NWFSC), I wish to pass along the warmest congratulation to Tony Wawriekiewicz and the Portland Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc. (PPE) crew for the great job they did.

The attendance was very good and the exhibits were superb. My daughter attended the banquet with my wife and me and she commented that this was the best food of any of the three banquets that she has attended.

It will be a great pleasure for the NWFSC to continue working with PPE during the PIPEX shows from 2017 to 2019. Please remember that PIPEX has a bye for 2016 as the New York International Exhibition is at the end of May 2016 and the APS summer show will be in Portland in August 2016.

There were a number of youth activities at PIPEX 2015, but I want to especially point out that 30 Boy Scouts attended a Stamp Collecting Merit Badge seminar on May 9 with 27 of the boys completing the merit badge. Alex Hadden, the NWFSC treasurer, and I were two of the four counselors that worked with the Scouts. Many Scouts favorably impressed dealers and collectors as they went through the bourse area in uniform.

Finally, it was a pleasure to present Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Awards to Michael Dixon, Keith Spencer, and Louis Fiset. They represent the best that Northwest philatelists have to offer.

Best wishes to everyone in your future collecting interests as we enter the summer season.

— Lawrence Clay, Chairman

Evergreen Stamp Club
Summer Show
July 18-19, 2015
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Kent Commons
525 4th Ave N, Kent, Washington

Arn Philatelic Symposium Report

— by Jack R. Congrove

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs and the Inland Empire Philatelic Society sponsored the 25th Annual John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium held at the Best Western Hotel in Moses Lake, Washington on Saturday, April 11. There were 43 registered attendees.

The symposium featured four guest speakers and six “clothesline” presentations as well as an active auction and a silent auction of lots provided by the attendees.

Bill Dwyer, from Washougal, Washington, and a Director on the WESTPEX organizing committee, gave a presentation on, “The Philately of Air Pioneers in France.” His dry humor produced many chuckles. As France was the center of early aviation, many of the postcard and cover examples he showed were impressive.

Henry Sweets from Hannibal, Missouri, presented a topic relating to his work as Executive Director of the Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum, “Mark Twain First Day—Changing With the Times.” He described the effort and process of putting on first day of issue events for stamps relating to Twain and his literary creations. Many of the examples in his collection are unique.

Carol Edholm from Mountlake Terrace, Washington, and 2010 recipient of the Northwest Federation Meritorious Achievement Award, gave a presentation on, “Experimental Cancellations of India...An Introduction,” that included examples from her collection.

Howard Ness from Spokane, Washington, and 2006 Northwest Federation Distinguished Philatelist, presented “A Primer on Hawaiian Philately.” Howard claims to be a student who is continually learning and not an expert in anything. Those who know him, know better.

About 300 of the 370 live and silent auction lots sold to the bidders present, generating sales of about \$2,400.

The live auction was run by Howard Ness from the Inland Empire Philatelic Society in Spokane, Washington. Both auctions were audited by a team of high-level mathematicians led by Steve Recher from the Tri-Cities Stamp Club in Kennewick, Washington.

The symposium also offered plenty good food over the course of the day and chances to renew friendships and make some new friends. Other attendees told me they found it to be a relaxing, enjoyable, and educational event.

If you wish to attend next year’s Symposium and are not on their mailing list, feel free to contact David Harris (sqpiano@gmail.com) for next year’s information

UPCOMING SHOWS

Evergreen Stamp Club Summer Show
July 18-19
Kent Commons, Kent, WA

ATA National Topical Stamp Show
July 31-August 2
Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, OR

Strait Stamp Show
August 8
Sequim Masonic Lodge, Sequim, WA

APS StampShow
August 20-23
DeVos Convention Center, Grand Rapids, MI

SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition
September 11-13
Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila, WA

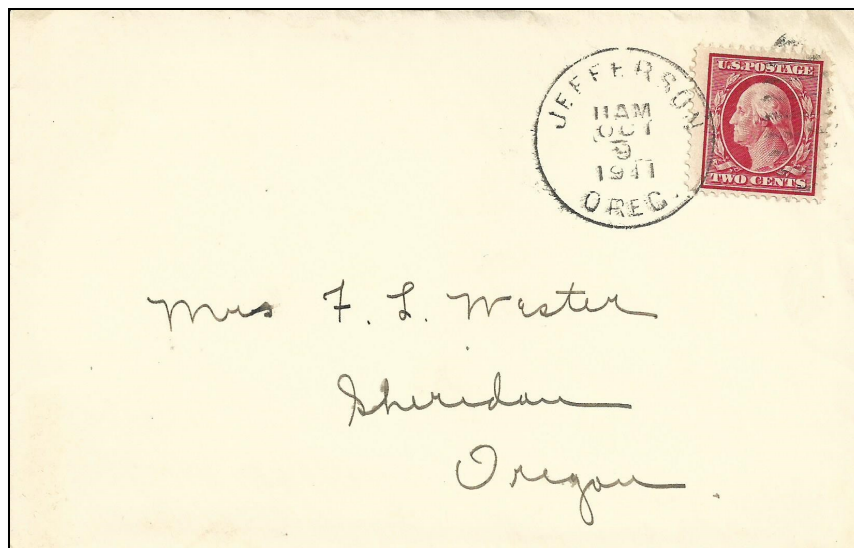
VICPEX Stamp & Postcard Show
October 3-4
Comfort Inn, Victoria, BC

CALTAPEX
October 16-18
Kerby Centre, Calgary, AB



Arn Symposium Speakers
L to R: Henry Sweets, Carol Edholm, Bill Dwyer, Howard Ness

Jefferson, Oregon



— by Jack R. Congrove

The Fall 2014 edition of *The Oregon Country*, the quarterly journal of the Pacific Northwest Postal History Society, contained a nine question quiz on the counties located in the state of Oregon. Question 8 stated: *There are two current Oregon post offices that share their name with a county, but are not in that county. Name them.*

The answer to one of those names is the subject of this column.

Jefferson is a city in Marion County, Oregon, located east of Interstate 5 on the east bank of the Santiam River about eighteen miles south of Salem, which is both the county seat and the state capital. The population of Jefferson was 3,098 at the 2010 census.

The community was first settled in the early 1850s and initially was named Conser's Ferry after Jacob S. Conser who ran a ferry across the Santiam River at the site.

Jefferson Institute

In 1857, local families established the Jefferson Institute (after President Thomas Jefferson), a private school that offered primary, secondary, and preparatory education, on land donated by Conser. Eventually, the town adopted its current name from association with the school.

The Jefferson Institute closed in 1899, when a district public school was established and the school grounds were deeded to the district.

The Jefferson post office was established in 1861. For several years following the school closure, the post office operated in part of the original Jefferson Institute building. A rural free delivery route was established in April 1901.



Jefferson Institute 1899
(photo Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce)

Letter to Sheridan

Our subject cover is a letter sent from Jefferson to Sheridan, Oregon in 1911. It is franked with a two cent Washington stamp (Sc#332/375) that paid the one ounce letter rate to all parts of the United States. The road distance from Jefferson to Sheridan is about 43 miles.

The stamp is tied by a clean strike of a Jefferson, Oregon circular date stamp dated 11 AM, October 9, 1911. On the reverse is a receiving stamp from the Sheridan, Oregon post office dated on the same day.



It is difficult to see in the illustration, but the middle numeral one in the year stamp on the receiving mark was apparently made by removing the left part of the numeral zero on a 1901 date slug leaving a slightly curved figure.

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Youth in Philately

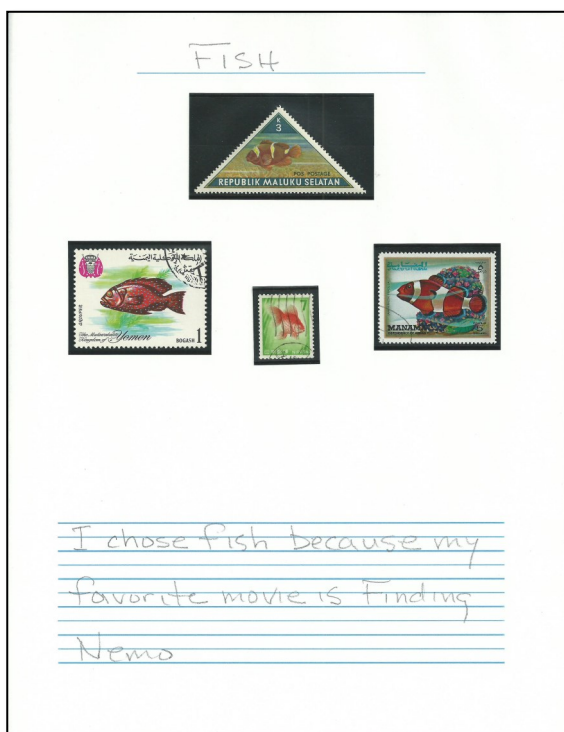
— by Lisa D. Foster

I attended AmeriStamp Expo in Riverside, California in February 2015, where the American Philatelic Society had a very large youth program. One of the ideas I plan to try is the “Where’s the Stamp? Challenge.”

A variety of stamps were placed together on a large sheet of white thick paper and then laminated. An accompanying list instructed participants to, “Find the items below in the stamp illustrations on the Where’s the Stamp? Challenge board. Write the value and country of origin for each stamp found next the item in the list. Happy Hunting!”

The clues included items youth could find such as “a snowman,” “Peter Pan,” “Pinocchio,” and “Superman” to name a few. A similar sheet was made for “I Spy A Stamp—Countries.” The handout included ten countries with the country of origin (Eire) and the country name in English (Ireland), and the participant was instructed to list the stamp value.

I also attended VicTopical in Victoria, British Columbia in March 2015, where there were many youth exhibitors. One idea I obtained from the show, which I am going to try, is to have youth who attend my club’s bourse/show create one page exhibits that will be combined to make a One Frame Exhibit (OFE).



Youth One-page Exhibit

I will provide a template and instructions to pick out a few stamps (with a theme each person chooses) and mount the stamps on the top of the page. I will then instruct the youth to write a sentence or short paragraph on the bottom of the page explaining why they chose the stamps they did.

I plan to enter the resulting OFE at SEAPEX 2015. If your club would like to try the idea, make your own OFE, or add to the one I will be entering, I would be happy to send the template and instructions (fosteld@gmail.com).

Club Showcase

— by Lisa D. Foster, SEAPEX Exhibit Chair

Please consider entering a one-frame Club Showcase exhibit created by your club or society members at SEAPEX 2015. The exhibit should contain sixteen 8½×11 inch size pages. The first page introduces the club: its name, history, meeting place, time, etc. The remaining 15 pages are one page exhibits created by the club’s members. The theme chosen, if any, is up to the participating club.

It is a good source of advertising, and introduces attendees of the exhibition to the club and its members’ interests. Participation also promotes exhibiting and teambuilding within the club itself. Each entry will receive a club showcase award ribbon. The Club Showcase entry form is available at <http://seapexshow.org>.

Jefferson, Oregon (from page 5)

Even though the letter was mailed in the morning and at the time the US Post Office was using motor vehicles (including motorcycles and trucks) for mail delivery, it is still interesting that it made it to its destination on the same day given the unimproved state of the roads.

Addressee

The cover is addressed to Mrs. F. L. Wester and has no return address. The 1910 census reveals that Francis Leander Wester, age 20, was residing in Jefferson with his parents Charles W. and Florence Dodson Wester in 1910.

Francis married Letha May Miller, daughter of Archer C. Miller and Leona Hale Miller, also from Jefferson, and they had one daughter born in 1911. Francis passed away in Salem, Oregon in 1964. Letha passed away in 1980 in Linn, Oregon. Perhaps this letter was from her parents.

The answer to the other Oregon post office is Wasco.

Douglas, J.S., “Jefferson Institute, 1857–99,” *Oregon Historical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 33, No. 1 (March 1932), pp. 60–69.

SEAPEX 2015

— by Jack R. Congrove, SEAPEX President

The Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (SEAPEX) will take place on 11–13 September at the Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Avenue South, Tukwila, Washington.

This will be our first year as a World Series of Philately (WSP) exhibition—the first new WSP show in 15 years.



The theme of the show this year celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Tacoma Narrows bridge. It was the third longest suspension bridge in the world when it opened in July 1940.

Its designers unfortunately opted for elegant appearance instead of sound engineering and it famously collapsed in a mild wind-storm four months later.

The show will have a special display of Galloping Gertie memorabilia and other bridge-themed elements. We will also offer special cachets and pictorial cancellations for sale with the Tacoma Narrows Bridge theme.

Already, we have more dealers committed for the bourse than in previous years with several coming from beyond the Pacific Northwest.

As a WSP exhibition, the winner of the Grand Award for the multi-frame philatelic exhibits will have the opportunity to compete with the Grand Award winners of the other WSP national-level shows for the Champion of Champions Award at the American Philatelic Society annual APS StampShow to be held next year in Portland, Oregon.

The One Frame Grand Award winner will be able to compete with other WSP One Frame Grand winners at the APS AmeriStamp Expo to be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Exhibit frames are filling quickly. The cutoff for entries in 17 July 2015. For exhibiting prospectus and entry forms, see the SEAPEX website (<http://www.seapexshow.org>).

The show hotel is the Residence Inn Seattle South/Tukwila, 16201 West Valley Highway, Tukwila. The hotel is close to SeaTac International Airport and offers free shuttle service to and from the airport. The special room rate for the show is \$109 for a studio suite with queen bed, sofa sleeper, and kitchenette. The cutoff for room reservations at the show rate is 19 August. The hotel also offers free shuttle service to and from the show venue.

This year we have the APS StampBuddy booth to help new and returning adult collectors. We also have our regular “What’s in Your Attic?” free stamp evaluation service, as well as a Youth Activities booth and Boy Scout stamp collecting merit badge seminar.

Both the US Postal Service and the UN Postal Administration will have sales booths at the show.

On Thursday 10 September, before the show, we are offering an afternoon tour of the Boeing Museum of Flight where among the world-class aviation displays, we will get a look at Bill Boeing’s collection of covers.

See the SEAPEX website for registration forms to sign up for the tour and other events.

We cordially invite you to visit and enjoy our new WSP show. Parking and admission are free.

Philatelic Forensics

— by Steve LaVergne

[Ed. note: This article originally appeared in the April 2015 edition of the Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News and is reprinted with permission.]

My wife is a fervent follower of “Forensic Files,” a true-crime whodunit that airs on HLN. One episode featured a twist of interest to stamp collectors.

The episode featured a school teacher who complained to police about threatening and abusive messages she was receiving by mail and by Internet. After an investigation, police determined that this teacher, perhaps in a warped desire for attention, was sending these messages to herself.

At trial, she sought to explain how her DNA wound up on the back of stamps used to mail a threatening letter to her. She testified that while being interrogated, she was shown the envelope. When the interrogator left the room, the envelope fell to the floor and the stamps came loose. Attempting to reattach the stamps, she licked them. When that failed, she glued the stamps to the envelope.

This testimony was rebutted by that of the document examiner who testified as an expert witness. The document examiner told the court that as a stamp collector, she pays close attention to what is on the back of stamps. She testified there was no evidence of glue.

The trial, actually a civil suit filed by the teacher against a colleague, ended up with a defeat for the teacher

Edmonton National Show

— by Ed Dykstra & Jack R Congrove

The Edmonton Stamp Club held their annual national stamp show at the Lions Recreational Centre in Edmonton, Alberta on Saturday and Sunday 28–29 March 2015. Thanks to all who volunteered to help with the operation of the show either directly or behind the scenes to make the show a success.



Edmonton 2015 Dealers and Customers

The Lions Centre provided a nice venue and they were happy to have the show there. The dealers also indicated they were pleased with the well attended show. We hope that the show will help us gain new members for our club.

Congratulations to our organizers Kelly Luisz-Moser and David Piercy for the success on the exhibits. We are a National level show thanks to the good number of quality exhibits we got this year: 116 frames.

The exhibit jury included judges from the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada: Jim Taylor (Chief), Rob McGuinness, Arlene Sullivan, and Steven Friedenthal (apprentice).

Congratulations to all who won an award. David Piercy received the Grand Award for his exhibit titled: *Moving the Mails: Postal Routes During the Early Decimal Period in Newfoundland 1865–1910*. Norma Neilson won the Reserve Grand Award for her exhibit titled: *The Story of Lloyd's: From Coffee to Commerce*.

We also thank and appreciate the participation and attendance of our friends to the south, the members of the Calgary Club.

If you missed your chance to get any of the Show Covers, past or present you can still buy them from Ken Kluchky, who as you may know by now, is the winner of this year's ESC Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations Ken, this was a well-deserved award.



Ken Kluchky ESC Distinguished Service Award Winner

We celebrated 100 years of the 49th Royal Edmonton Regiment including displays from the regimental museum.



Museum Representatives 49th Royal Edmonton Regt

The Edmonton Spring Show next year is April 2–3, 2016 (Same days, same place).

SOPEX 2015

— by Larry Crain & Jack R. Congrove

The Southern Oregon Philatelic Society held their 53rd annual Southern Oregon Philatelic Exhibition (SOPEX) at the Padgham Pavilion on the Jackson County Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, April 11–12, 2015.

The show offered a bourse with twelve dealers and 52 frames of competitive philatelic exhibits. The exhibit jury members were: Bob Grosch from the Redding Stamp Club, Lisa Foster (apprentice) from Evergreen Stamp Club, and Nick Follansbee (chief) from Southern Oregon Philatelic Society.



SOPEX runs in conjunction with the local Pear Blossom Festival. The exhibits included 22 pages focusing on the festival theme, “Roots in the Rogue Valley.”

The show was well attended with many people drawn to the exhibits.

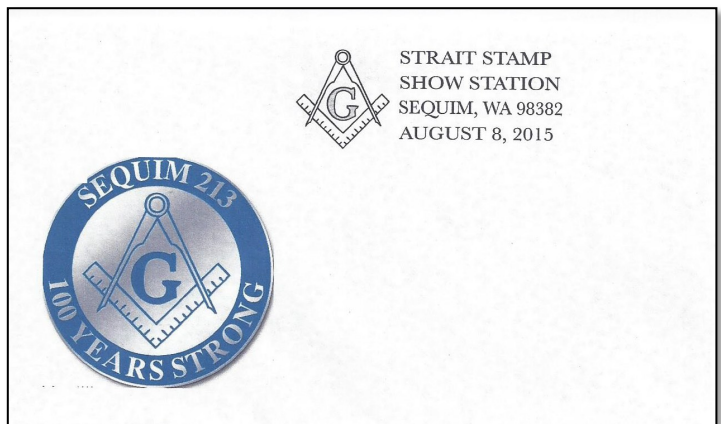


SOPEX is the longest running uninterrupted local show with exhibits in the Northwest Federation.

Next year’s show will be held in the same venue on April 9–10, 2016. For information, contact Larry Crain: larry.crain@gmail.com.

Strait Stamp Show Cover

— by Cathie Osborne



The Strait Stamp Society will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Sequim’s Masonic Lodge at the Strait Stamp Show on August 8. The pictured cover will be available at the show for \$2.00 and from the Sequim postmaster (98382) for 30 days thereafter.

The Strait Stamp Show will be held at 700 S. 5th Avenue, Sequim. The show hours are from 9:30 AM–5:00 PM.

The show will include seven dealers, free stamps for kids, and a penny table for kids of all ages. There will be door prizes available all day long. The show will also include exhibits to vote on (most educational, most unusual, most attractive), a snack bar, a USPS table, and free publications as long as they last. And there is no entrance fee.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the best show on the Olympic Peninsula!

Miscellaneous

Eric Knapp from the Anchorage Philatelic Society reported that when a local post office was being renovated, three covers dated March 27, 1964 were found behind a wall. Apparently, during the 1964 earthquake they were flung back there and there they remained until the building was renovated.

The US Postal Service has announced that certain postal rates will increase effective on 31 May 2015. The rate for a first-class one-ounce letter will remain at 49 cents. The cost for each additional ounce will rise one cent to 22c. The postcard rate will also increase by a penny to 35c. Non-machinable stamped letters will now cost 71 cents.

APEX 2015

— by *Eric Knapp & Jack R. Congrove*

The 63rd Alaska Philatelic Exhibition (APEX) is now history. The show was held in the Anchorage Senior Activity Center on 6–8 March 2015.

This was our second year in the new space and we are getting it figured out. We had several difficulties and challenges, but despite it all, the show went very well.

The theme of the show this year was, “Anchorage Celebrates 100 Years.” The club offered special cacheted covers and a pictorial cancellation for sale.



APEX 2015 Show Organizers
L to R: Judith Ireton, Eric Knapp, Don Faulkenburry

Visitor traffic was great on Friday, slower on Saturday, and slower still on Sunday. This has been the norm for the last few years.



Some of the APEX competitive exhibits

The exhibits were great, but we wish there had been more. There were eight adult exhibitors and 17 junior exhibitors. The quantity of youth exhibitors ranging in age from 7 to 16, is encouraging. We are working on growing more exhibitors in the club and inviting exhibitors from other places who can send us exhibits.

In the adult exhibition, David Schwantes won a Gold medal and the Grand Award for his exhibit titled, “Alaska’s

Constitution 50th Anniversary.” He also won a Bronze medal and the Best Postal History and Best Alaskan Awards for “Alaska’s Silver Anniversary Stamp.”

Ruth Farnsworth received a Silver medal and the Best Topical Award for, “Gold Rush Nome Centennial.”

Eric Knapp received a Silver medal and the APEX Theme Award for, “Anchorage: The First 50 Years.”

The First Time Exhibitor Award was won by Ronda Orr who received a Bronze medal for, “Cinderellas.”

Among the junior exhibits, Joshua Felarca won the Best in Show and the Gladys Spaugy Awards for his Gold medal exhibit, “Postmarks all over Alaska.”

Also winning Gold medals in the junior exhibition were, Haley Jordan, Sumin Lee, Ivan Jensen, Mariah Kiljoha, and Kengku Ly.

Silver medals went to, Mona Fanene, Alex Jensen, Senxu Ly, Raylin Maga, Marcus Weatherman, Jeremiah Williams, Alishvana Fanene, Nadia Jensen, Sangmin Lee, Kashia Ly, and Ralphil Maga.

The bourse was good. The show had one professional dealer and sales space for members to sell items together. Thanks to everyone who put material in to sell and everyone who worked behind the tables.



Philatelic items for sale

This year’s exhibition was dedicated to the memory of Robert Warren. He was a longtime club member and exhibitor who was slated to serve as the chief judge for the show, but passed away some weeks before the event.

The exhibition will take place next year at the same location on 4–6 March 2016.

Northwest Federation Awards 2015



Dr. Michael Dixon (presented by Lawrence Clay)
2015 Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award



Dr. Louis Fiset (presented by Lawrence Clay)
2015 Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award

— by Lawrence Clay & Jack R. Congrove

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs held their annual award ceremony at the PIPEX 2015 Palmares Banquet on Saturday, 9 May 2014, at the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach.

The Northwest Federation gives out three types of awards: The Member Club Service Award, the Federation Meritorious Achievement Award, and the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award.

The *Member Club Service Award* is intended to recognize members of the various Federation organizations for their significant contributions to their local clubs. This year the awards went to the following persons:

- Wes Falor** – Strait Stamp Society
- Bob Reynolds** – Salem Stamp Society
- Lucien Klein** – Salem Stamp Society
- Phil Bronner** – Greater Eugene Stamp Society
- Larry Spray** – Oregon Stamp Society
- Bill Seymour** – Oregon Stamp Society
- Nancy Swan** – Southern Oregon Philatelic Society
- Steve Recher** – Tri-Cities Stamp Club
- Ken Gregory** – Collector's Club of Seattle
- Eric Baker** – Greater Eastside Stamp Society
- Eric Ranger** – British Columbia Philatelic Society
- Eric Knapp** – Anchorage Philatelic Society

There were no presentations of the *Federation Meritorious Achievement Award* this year. This award is intended to recognize any member who performed exceptional service to the Federation itself.

The Federation's highest honor is the *Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award*. This award recognizes individuals who have made distinguished contributions to the hobby of philately in any of a number of different ways including as research, exhibiting, judging, or leadership.

This year, the Federation recognized three people with the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award.

Dr. Michael D. Dixon of Portland, Oregon, began his career in philately in England where he became nationally known. His service there included serving on the Council of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

After he moved to the United States, Michael became a nationally accredited judge and chief judge for philatelic and literature exhibits and an International Federation of Philately (FIP) judge. One major contribution to philately was his service as president and board chairman of the Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition.

After moving to Portland, Oregon in 2008, he organized the Portland Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc. (PPE) working with the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs to develop the PIPEX World Series of Philately (WSP) show into one of the leading philatelic exhibitions in the United States.

He also serves as second vice president of the American Philatelic Congress. His contributions to philatelic literature involve the stamps of Peru. He has exhibited widely, including exhibits of *British Forces Air Mail Letter Cards and Air Letters Used in World War II*, but is known for his entertaining exhibits of Upper and Lower Bongoland.

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PIPEX 1949



— by Jack R. Congrove

The image of the cover pictured above was sent to me by our chairman Lawrence Clay. It is a 5c air post stamped envelope of 1947 (Sc#UC17) franked with an additional 1c Army stamp of 1936 (Sc#785) to pay the 6c one-ounce air mail rate that had taken effect on 1 January 1949.

The cover was postmarked in Salem, Oregon, on 10 May 1949, at 11:30 AM (note the cliché for the time was inserted upside down).

At the upper left-hand side is a label promoting the “Ninth Annual Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition and Congress” (PIPEX). The first PIPEX was in 1936, but it was not held during the war years.

Below is an image of a label from the fifth PIPEX held in Vancouver, British Columbia 30 May–2 June 1940. It shows the Lion’s Gate Bridge.



PIPEX 1949 Label
Bellingham, Washington May 28, 29, 30, 1949

The label on the cover shows an image of Mount Baker and promotes the exhibition held in Bellingham, Washington during the period 28–30 May 1949.

Edwin R. Payne, the sender, was a longtime member of the Salem Stamp Club. The U.S. Post Office Department had a rule against cancelling non-postage labels and was very careful in enforcing this. Mr. Payne cleverly used his return address rubber stamp to tie the label to the cover.

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Northwest Federation Awards 2015 *(from page 11)*

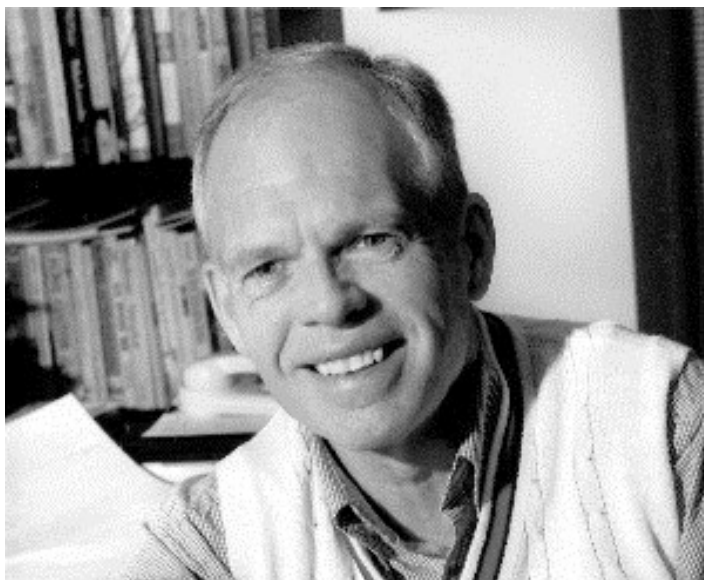
He is the 2012 recipient of the American Philatelic Society Luff Award for Exceptional Contributions to Philately.

Dr. Louis Fiset of Seattle, Washington, is a faculty member of the University of Washington school of dentistry and specializes in dentistry training for Inuit in Alaska. He had previously served on faculty as a research dentist.

For over 25 years Louis, has been the leading researcher on the internment and relocation of Japanese-Americans from the U.S. West Coast in World War II with particular emphasis on those in Washington State. He has written books including, *Camp Harmony: Seattle's Japanese Americans and the Puyallup Assembly Center* and *The Assembly Centers: An Introduction*, plus numerous other articles.

In conjunction with his research, Louis obtained and developed a tremendous amount of philatelic reference material that he has turned into several gold medal level exhibits including *Japanese Americans and World War II* and *Censored, Rerouted, Suspended, Resumed US International Mail in World War II*.

Louis served as exhibit chair for the 2008 PIPEX show in Seattle and is active in local stamp clubs. He also is secretary of the Military Postal History Society.



Dr. Keith R. Spencer

2015 Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award

Dr. Keith R. Spencer of Edmonton, Alberta, has been a member of the Edmonton Stamp Club for more than 50 years. He has served the club as an officer including that of president several times, chaired the local stamp show committee on numerous occasions, and edited the club bulletin for many years. He currently is a club director.

He has served the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) as convention coordinator, as a director, and as president and has been voted a Fellow of the RPSC.

Keith exhibits at the local show and has exhibited nationally. His interests are in the development of mail service in the West and in Cinderellas.

He has written two books and many articles about Edmonton and Alberta: *Fond Memories* pictures the postcard history of Edmonton and *Territorial Alberta* deals with the development of postal service in pre-1905 Alberta.

He is the Edmonton Stamp Club delegate to Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs and is one of their directors. He has been a member of the American Philatelic Society since 1969.

Closed Album: Hugh W. Johnston

Dr. Hugh William Johnston, a 1994 recipient of the Northwest Federation's Distinguished Philatelist award, passed away in March. He was 95. Dr. Johnston was born on 24 February 1920, to Hugh and Bertha Johnston in Butte, Montana. He did odd jobs and laid rail for the Great Northern Railroad in order to pay for his education.

He began his college schooling at the Montana School of Mines then moved to Montana State College for his B.S. From there, he attended the University of Illinois receiving his Master of Science degree in 1944. After working in research, he continued study at the University of Indiana completing his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1948.

Hugh worked for the Bakelite Company and then became Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Rutgers College in 1953. After four years, he moved Whitworth University where he taught Chemistry for eighteen years. He served as Director of Development Services from 1975–85, after which he retired.

In 1969, he married Mary Ruth Boppell, who preceded him in death in 2007. Hugh had many interests. He enjoyed archeology, and became an Egyptologist as well as an avid philatelist. His award-winning, international stamp collection was extensive. He served as a philatelic judge.

He had a love of railroads and built a fine model railroad display. With retirement he volunteered to expertly work in the archive departments of both the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture and Whitworth University.

Hugh is survived by one niece, three nephews, their extended families, and world-wide friends.

VicTopical 2015

— by Jack R. Congrove

The Vancouver Island and Greater Victoria Philatelic Societies held their topical exhibition at the Comfort Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia on 14–15 March 2015.

The show had nine dealers and three dozen frames of exhibits. Notably there were five youth exhibitors and one novice adult exhibitor, which indicates a growing exhibition community.



Being a topical collector, I was eager to visit the show and I enjoyed the youth exhibits. I spent much of the day looking through many boxes of covers and found some nice keepers for my collection.

The folks from the sponsor clubs were eager and friendly. Robin Clarke was especially helpful providing rides from the venue back to our hotel and to the ferry on the last day.



Samantha P. with her Most Popular Award

Rick Fleet won the Charles Arnold Grand Award with his exhibit, “BC Law Centennial Issue.” Daniel von Kanel won the Novice Award for, “The Scouting Stamps of Lichtenstein.”

Navinder Hundal (age 13) won the Junior Award with, “Flowers.” The Victoria clubs work with school groups to promote stamp collecting. The show had exhibits by members of two different elementary schools MacAulay Elementary and Sir James Douglas Elementary.

Samantha P. (age 10) from MacAulay won the Most Popular Award for her exhibit that combined animals and cartoons.

In addition to the individual exhibitors, there were one-frame club exhibits presented by the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society, Monterey Stamp Club, Sidney Stamp Club, and Vancouver Island Philatelic Society.

Their next show is VICPEX scheduled for 3–4 October.

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Club Activities

The *Air Mail Northwest* newsletter of the **American Air Mail Society—Northwest Chapter** has not been received. The chapter has no website. Dues are \$8 per year.

The Anchorage Philatelist published by the **Anchorage Philatelic Society** reports on their annual show (APEX) 6–8 March 2015 (see page 10). The club produced a one-frame exhibit shown at PIPEX club exhibit competition. They held their annual club banquet on 17 May. Dues are \$10 per year, \$15 for families, and \$2 for youth. See their website at www.anchoragephilatelic.org.

The **Bellingham Stamp Club** has not produced a recent newsletter. They have joined with another club in Lynden and are meeting with them for an interim period.

The *BC Philatelic Newsletter* published by the **British Columbia Philatelic Society** has not been received recently. Meetings are each Wednesday at 7:30 PM at West Burnaby United Church. The third Wednesday is auction night. Dues are \$20 per year for individuals, \$30 for families, and \$7.50 for students younger than 18. See their website: www.bcphilatelic.org.

The **British North America Philatelic Society** (Pacific Northwest Regional Group) publishes the *West Coast Express*. In our area are the Calgary, Edmonton, and Pacific Northwest chapters. They held their annual meeting in Vernon 24–26 April 2015. Dues are \$10 per year for all. See their website: <http://bnaps.org/regional.php>.

The **Edmonton Stamp Club Bulletin** for April reports on their annual show (see page 8). Each monthly edition is full of interesting news and articles. Club elections will be held on 8 June. They plan a large club auction on 27 July. Dues are \$25 per year for individuals, \$35 for families. See www.edmontonstampclub.com.

The **Gastineau Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the third Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM at various locations.

The **Evergreen Stamp Club** conducted their club spring bourse on 18–19 April. They are preparing for their summer stamp exhibition scheduled for 18–19 July at Kent Commons. They meet on the third Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM at Kent Commons. Dues are \$20 per year. See their website at www.evergreenstampclub.org.

The **Greater Eastside Stamp Society** publishes the *GESS Newsletter*. They meet on the first and third Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at Unity Church of Bellevue. See more at <http://home.comcast.net/~g-e-s-s/>.

The **Greater Eugene Stamp Society** publishes *Echoes* bi-monthly newsletter. They held their stamp show on 21

March at their regular meeting location. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM at Saint Jude's Catholic Church. Dues are \$15 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. See their website at www.greatereugenestampclub.org.

The **Inland Empire Philatelic Society** publishes *The Lilac Hinge*. They held their annual Apple Blossom bourse on 28–29 March. They also provided support for the Arn Philatelic Symposium at Moses Lake. On 2 May, they held a joint meeting with the Garden City Stamp Club from Missoula. Their club picnic is planned for 28 July. Dues are \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for families, and \$5 for youth under 18. See their website at www.ieps-stamps.com.

The **Northwest Philatelic Library** has not published a recent edition of their newsletter, *Book Reports*. The library offered excess copies from their holdings for sale at PIPEX. Dues are \$12 for those 18 and older, \$3 for under 18. See their website: <http://www.nwpl.org/>.

The **Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association** does not publish a newsletter. They held a bourse on 28 March.

The **Oregon Stamp Society** publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Album Page*. Each edition has an article on the featured cover of the month. Their annual fund raising auction was on 21 March and officer election on 26 May. Meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at their club house. 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** publishes a quarterly journal titled *The Oregon Country* that covers the entire spectrum of Northwest postal history and includes special research projects. Dues are \$20 per year. See www.pacificnorthwestpostalhistorysociety.org.

The **Peace Arch Stamp Club** does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the first Wednesday of the month (except July and August). Dues are \$10 per year. See <http://stampclub.ca/peacearch>.

The **Salem Stamp Society** publishes a monthly newsletter, *Willamette Stamp & Tongs*. In the May edition Gary Tiffin writes on how to attend a major stamp show. The club held their Spring STAMPEX on March 22. 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 \$20 for families. See their website at www.salemstampsociety.org.

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NWFSC Annual Meeting

[Ed. Note: The following article is a transcript of the draft minutes of the annual meeting of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs held on 9 May 2015, during PIPEX 2015 at the Red Lion on the River Hotel in Portland, Oregon. These minutes are subject to revision.]

The meeting was called to order by Lawrence Clay at 9:00 AM, and members were welcomed.

Representatives signed in, and then a list of our deceased members was read and honored.

Minutes of the 2014 meeting were presented and approved, as was the current treasurer's report [with amendment to include the partial repayment of the loan to SEAPEX]. Club dues and status was part of the report.

SEAPEX was congratulated for its approval as a World Series of Philately show, and a report stated that they are on schedule for their loan repayment to the Federation. The Federation congratulated Jack Congrove and his team for their great work on getting the show to this point.

Jack Congrove, Federation editor, reported on the health of *The Federated Philatelist*, now all digital, encouraging representatives to make sure our club members know how to find it, and perhaps print copies if necessary. This has been a big help in the Federation budget. Club news and articles are always welcome! And the June issue should be even larger than the last issue.

Information for the FP needs to be sent by the 15th of the month preceding publication: [February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15]. JPEG format is preferable, but Jack can make PDF work, too. Dave Harris has reported that archives of *The Federated Philatelist* back to 2012 are available on the website.

Future PIPEX show report included the information that the next General Meeting of the Federation will be held at the APS show August 4–7, 2016. PIPEX 2017–19 shows are set for the Red Lion at Jantzen Beach again. Tony Wawrukiewicz is now the President of the Portland Philatelic Exhibitions, who have run the most recent PIPEX shows.

Bill Ailes reported on accessing the Federation Facebook page, and encouraged local clubs to publicize their shows using the page. Thanks were expressed for Bill's work.

A brief discussion of the Canadian-US border problem was held, but after some research, there is still no solution to dealer crossings.

Lawrence Clay discussed the current awards available, and encouraged member clubs to nominate members they

Club Activities (from page 15)

The **Sno-King Stamp Club** publishes a monthly newsletter, *Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News*. They held a club auction on 8 April. The club meets in Everett on the second Wednesday and in Edmonds on the third Friday each month. Dues are \$8 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. See their website <http://sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com>.

The **Southern Oregon Philatelic Society** publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Philatelic Reminder*. See page 9 for an article about their show (SOPEX) held 11–12 April. They meet the first Thursday at the St Mary's Library in Medford. Their annual picnic is set for 2 July.

The **Strait Stamp Society** publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *Strait Stamp Talk*. On 5 March, James Kloetzel, former Scott Catalogue editor, gave a well attended talk on the "History of the Scott Catalogue." Their annual stamp show will be on 8 August. They meet the first Thursday each month at 6:00 PM at the Sequim Library. The club has no dues, but accepts donations. See their website at www.straitstamp.org.

The **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** newsletter, *The Triangle*, reports on their auction held in March. Their club show is planned for 3–4 October. Contact the club at P.O. Box 6228, Kennewick, WA 99336.

The **Vancouver Island Philatelic Society** publishes its newsletter, *The Guideline*, ten times per year. They held an auction on 28 May. They plan a topical night at their July meeting. Dues are \$20 per year. See information at <http://www.vicstamps.com/vips.htm>.

The **Washington State Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in downtown Seattle.

[Ed. note: If you would like to have news about your club activities and upcoming plans published in future columns, please email either me (jackcongrove@comcast.net) or Lisa Foster (fosteld@gmail.com) with the details.]

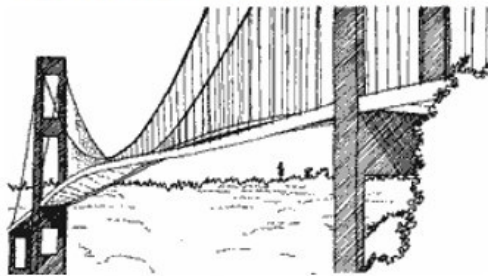
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NWFSC Annual Meeting (from page 16)



NWFSC 2015 Annual Meeting chaired by Lawrence Clay

know for the honors. There was a question of a Thunderbird Award from former years, and discussion of the donated silver cup award for club exhibit frames.

Director Eric ranger announced that he will be stepping down as director soon, and Director Clay reminded the representatives that an Executive Director is needed ur-

gently, as he is also stepping down. And when the new Executive arrives, the by-laws need to be updated to reflect the changes made to structure in the Federation. After a short consideration of the possibility of a CD library being set up for the Federation, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.

An Award Cup Returned to Life

— by George Struble

In 1952, the Washington State Philatelic Society first awarded a handsome silver cup—apparently the technical term for this type is “loving cup”—to the best US exhibit at the Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition (PIPEX).

The cup rotated to new awardees until it was awarded to Horace R. Robinson in 1976. The names of the recipients from 1952 to 1976 are engraved on the cup.

Horace Robinson was in ill health, and though he fretted about where and how to return the cup, he was told that since this was the third time he had won the award, “just keep it.”

Mr. Robinson died not long after that, and his daughter, Kathy Jaeger, kept it as a prized honor. Over the years, the balance between honor and clutter tilted more toward clutter. Kathy’s children expressed no further interest in it. So, at PIPEX in 2013 Kathy brought the cup and returned it.



The photo shows Kathy presenting the cup to Lawrence Clay, president of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Thirty-seven years without polish left the cup almost black with tarnish.

No one had a clear idea what to do with it, but it was recognized as a historic artifact and stored in a cabinet in the clubhouse of the Oregon Stamp Society in Portland.

Later that year, George Struble became Awards Chair of PIPEX. He introduced the idea of club exhibits: a single frame of 16 pages including a one-page introduction to the

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PIPEX 1949 (from page 12)

Steve Melanson from the Peach Arch Stamp Club sent me an image of a label in his collection that promotes the Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition held in New Westminster, British Columbia 28–30 May 1948. This label indicates that the “Seventh” exhibition.



PIPEX 1948 Label
New Westminster, BC May 28, 29, 30, 1948

Obviously, there is a disconnect between the count of the annual shows and the year dates. Perhaps our readers can provide information about the early history of the PIPEX shows. Please send it to me at the address on page 2.

SEAPEX 2015
September 11–13, 2015

Tukwila Community Center
12424 42nd Avenue South
Friday: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<http://www.seapexshow.org>

25+ dealers, 160 frames of exhibits, cachetmakers bourse, free stamp evaluations, youth activities, Boy Scout merit badge, society chapter meetings, presentations. APS Stamp Buddy. USPS & UNPA booths. Free admission and free parking.

Award Cup Returned *(from page 18)*

club and 15 pages supplied by individual club members—an idea he had seen previously at SEAPEX in Seattle.

Club exhibits were initiated in PIPEX 2014, but without any competitive element. There was a desire to recognize a winner among the club exhibits, so there was competition at PIPEX 2015. What to use as an award?

You guessed it. The derelict, tarnished cup last awarded in 1976! Struble spent several hours polishing the cup, which became stunningly bright silver once more. The second photo shows the cup in its current state.

The Pacific Northwest Postal History Society club exhibit was judged the best of the ten club exhibits entered at PIPEX 2015. The cup was awarded at the PIPEX Awards Dinner on May 9.

The Pacific Northwest Postal History Society will hold the cup until the next PIPEX, which will be in May 2017.

New life for a historic artifact!



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You know the drill. Find the hidden words in the letter matrix at left. Each word may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal in either direction. And the letters may run forward or reverse.

I am not going to give you the answers. Good luck!

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UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES

SHOW DATES			Major shows in bold / PNW shows in italic	Revised: 5/2/2015	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
		7-Jun	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
		7-Jun	<i>Victoria Stamp and Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	13-Jun	14-Jun	COALPEX (Fremont Samp Club)	Walnut Creek, CA	Show
	21–26 June		APS Summer Seminar 2015	Bellefonte, PA	Education
	27-Jun	28-Jun	<i>Greater Seattle Postcard & Paper Show</i>	Kent, WA	Bourse
10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	ASDA Northern California Postage Stamp Show	Millbrae, CA	Bourse
	18-Jul	19-Jul	<i>Evergreen Stamp Club Summer Exhibition</i>	Kent WA	Show
	25-Jul	26-Jul	Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show	Reno, NV	Show
31-Jul	1-Aug	2-Aug	ATA National Topical Stamp Show (WSP)	Clackamas, OR	Show
	8-Aug		<i>Strait Stamp Show</i>	Sequim, WA	Show
		9-Aug	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
	14–19 August		SINGAPORE 2015	Singapore	Intl Show
		16-Aug	<i>Victoria Stamp and Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug	APS StampShow (begins 20-Aug) (WSP)	Grand Rapids, MI	Show
11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	BNAPEX (BNAPS)	Niagara Falls, ON	Show
	26-Sep	27-Sep	<i>Inland Empire Philatelic Society Apple Harvest</i>	Spokane, WA	Bourse
2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct	SESCAL (Fed. Phil. Clubs of S. California) (WSP)	Los Angeles, CA	Show
	3-Oct	4-Oct	<i>Tri-Cities Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Richland, WA	Bourse
	3-Oct	4-Oct	<i>VICPEX (Vancouver Is. & Greater Victoria Phil. Soc.)</i>	Victoria, BC	Show
16-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct	<i>CALTAPEX (Calgary Philatelic Society)</i>	Calgary, AB	Show
		13-Dec	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
	18–28 October		APS StampCruise (Panama Canal & W. Caribbean)	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Cruise
	24-Oct	25-Oct	East Bay Collectors Club 70th Annual Show	Walnut Creek, CA	Show
13-Nov	14-Nov	15-Nov	Filatelic Fiesta 2015 (WSP)	San Jose, CA	Show
		22-Nov	<i>Victoria Stamp and Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	5-Dec	6-Dec	<i>Salem Coin, Stamp, & Postcard Show</i>	Salem, OR	Bourse
		13-Dec	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
2016:					
			There is no PIPEX or NTSS scheduled for 2016		
22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	SANDICAL (WSP)	San Diego, CA	Show
29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	APS AmeriStamp Expo (WSP)	Atlanta, GA	Show
29-Apr	30-Apr	1-May	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame, CA	Show
	28 May–4 June		World Stamp Show NY 2016	New York, NY	Intl Show
5-Aug	6-Aug	7-Aug	APS StampShow (begins 4-Aug) (WSP)	Portland, OR	Show
9-Sep	10-Sep	11-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