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PIPEX 2017



— by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

The Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition (PIPEX) for 2017 was conducted by the Portland Philatelic Exhibitions (PPE) supported by the Oregon Stamp Society (OSS) and sponsored by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs on 12–14 May. The show took place at its usual venue, the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach in Portland.

The Mobile Post Office Society, Scouts on Stamps Society International, and International Machine Cancel Society held their annual conventions at the show. Women Exhibitors held a regional meeting.

The Pacific Northwest Postal History Society and the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs also held meetings. See the report on the Federation meeting on page 14.

Harmer-Schau Auctions held a live auction on Sunday.

The Red Lion Hotel provides a very nice location for this show, the second largest World Series of Philately (WSP) exhibition on the west coast. The show floor is spacious and this year hosted 36 dealers while providing well-lighted space for 240 frames of philatelic exhibits.

The NWFSC, PPE, and OSS have negotiated a contract to continue to hold the show at this location through 2019.

In addition to competitive exhibits, PIPEX encouraged the member organizations of the NWFSC to enter club exhibits that compete for the PIPEX Cup. This year the cup was won by the OSS exhibit. See the story on page 16 for more information about this exhibit and a picture of the Cup.

The jury for the competitive philatelic exhibits included Timothy Bartshe from Colorado (chair), Jeff Shapiro and

Nancy Clark both from Massachusetts, Ed Kroft from British Columbia, and Robert Hohertz from Minnesota.

As a WSP exhibition, the winners of the Grand Awards for both the One Frame and Multi-frame exhibits become eligible to compete for the Champion of Champions award in each of these categories sponsored by the American Philatelic Society (APS). The CoC are the highest national level philatelic exhibition awards presented in the United States each year.

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Although summer is not yet officially here according to the great sidereal movement of the heavens, the rain has ceased, the plants are in leaf, and the weather is warm. So who cares what the astronomers think?

Speaking of astronomy, we are very fortunate to be in an area that this summer will experience one of the rarest of astronomical phenomena—a total solar eclipse. This is an lifetime experience not to be missed. It will occur on Monday, 21 August.

Salem, Oregon, will be in the center of the path of totality where the blocking of the sun by the moon will last the longest. But even the rest of the Pacific Northwest will see a partial eclipse.

This will be a great opportunity to prepare some souvenir cacheted event covers. The USPS has even issued some special eclipse stamps to use.

This edition of the journal contains much information about important recent happenings in the Federation. During the past quarter, we have had three large regional shows and one national show in the Pacific Northwest area of operations.

You will find reports on two of the regional shows (APEX and SOPEX) on pages 10 and 11. See page 1 for a report on PIPEX, one of our World Series of Philately national shows.

In addition to these, the American Philatelic Society held its annual winter show not far away in Reno, Nevada, and you will find a report about that show on page 7.

The other important news of note is the retirement of the Federation Chairman and Acting Executive Secretary, Lawrence Clay. He has served as the Acting Secretary for six years. Larry Crain from the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society has taken over as the new Executive Secretary (see the story on page 15).

Crain will be appointing a new Chairman of the Board of Directors as soon as all the positions are filled. Currently, there are two vacancies for Canadian directors.

Keep the email coming about any activities or happenings involving your clubs or other groups so I can report the news to others.

Newsletter editors, please make sure I am on your distribution for the same reason.

Also, please look at your collection and send me a couple paragraphs describing an item you find interesting. Club officers, send me news about your club's activities and accomplishments. I will publish this information in upcoming editions. **Input for the next edition is due to me not later than 15 August 2017.** Send to: jackcongrove@comcast.net.

— Jack R. Congrove, Editor

Answers to Philatelic Quiz: 1-D, 2-J, 3-A, 4-E, 5-H, 6-G, 7-F, 8-I, 9-C, 10-B

Collectors Club of Seattle

The Collectors Club of Seattle was forced out of their long time meeting location due to a change in management of the facility. As a result, they have found a new location after a delay of a couple months.

They now meet at the Unity Church at 16330 NE 4th Street in Bellevue, Washington.

One result from the loss of their previous location is that they lost the space to store their extensive library and other materials. In the time they were shut out, some of the material, not the library, had gotten damaged due a leaky pipe. The rest was moved to a storage unit temporarily until they decided what to do with all of it.

Because the consensus was that few people were using the library anyway, they decided to dispose of the library items. Therefore, much of the library will be put up for sale at their auctions over the next few months. This could be a good chance for you to expand your philatelic library.

Auctions are held on the first Friday of each month. Doors will probably be open by 6:00 PM, with viewing of the lots from 6:30 to 7:45 and the auction starting at 8:00 PM.

First-time guests may bid on items, but you will be expected to join the club if you are going to be a regular attendee.

Executive Secretary's Notes

The Northwest Federation of Stamps Clubs is a large association and I am honored, awed, and reticent in becoming the Executive Secretary. I am following in large footsteps, most recently the "temporary" six years that Lawrence Clay devoted to the organization. Thank you, Lawrence.



I hope to carry on the leadership that Lawrence provided. I look forward to working with others in the Federation, some of whom I know and some who are friends I have yet to meet. There are challenges ahead, and yet there is a strong basis to work from.

Treasurer Alex Hadden from British Columbia offers many years of knowledge of the Federation as well as a Canadian viewpoint we need to advance the Northwest unity. Portland Philatelic Exhibitions through the leadership of Tony Wawrukiewicz gives us a strong World Series of Philately (WSP) show and national recognition.

The Oregon Stamp Society with Eric Hummel as President offers local support for that show. Jack Congrove gives us a unified voice via this journal, *The Federated Philatelist*.

Ruth and Lyman Caswell, Anne Harris, and others have provided us with a well-run second WSP show. Eric Knapp, Cathie Osborne, and Lisa Foster have worked on local shows that will provide a base of show attendees and exhibitors for the two WSP shows.

These individuals give the Federation a strong foundation. What I hope I can do is to strengthen ties between our two countries and among the nine states and provinces.

I attended this last April an activity that has promoted that unity for many years, the John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium in Moses Lake, organized now by David Harris. I am excited by it and want to encourage more Federation club members to attend. The symposium is a place to showcase our enthusiasm for stamp collecting. It is a time and place to talk stamps, to learn about others and their collections, and to go beyond the rush of stamp shows.

I also hope to encourage bringing back local stamp shows with exhibits. (There are five towns that I can count readily in Oregon that no longer have exhibitions.) We have started to build a base of local judges with the help of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies.

To further this, the general meeting at PIPEX (see the report on this meeting on page 14) authorized a Thunderbird "Ribbon" to be awarded to an exhibit of merit in any judged exhibition within the Federation's nine areas.

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APS Stamp Show

3–6 August 2017

Greater Richmond Convention Center

403 North Third Street

Richmond, Virginia

Thurs-Sat 10:00AM–6:00PM

Sun 10:00AM–4:00PM

Marriott Richmond

500 East Broad Street

Free Admission

Youth & Beginner Activities

100+ stamp dealers

Stamp, postal history, & literature exhibits

Live auctions

100+ meetings & seminars

Free collection evaluations

US Postal Service booth

<http://stamps.org/stampshow-SS>

PIPEX 2017 (from page 1)

The PIPEX Grand Awards were handsome carved wooden bowls made by master craftsman Jerry Johnson who was also an exhibitor at the show.

Louis Pataki received the One Frame Grand Award for his exhibit, "Along the Shantung Railway, China: German Postal Administration 1900-1914." This exhibit also won a Large Gold and the Mobile Post Office Society President's Award.



Grand Award Winners: Louis Pataki & Roger Heath

Robert Forster received the Reserve Grand Award for his multi-frame exhibit, "Nova Scotia Postal History to 1868." His exhibit also won a Large Gold and the Northwest Philatelic Library Tom Current British Exhibit Award.

The multi-frame exhibit Grand Award went to Roger Heath for "Swiss Flexible-head Razor Cancellers." This exhibit also won a Large Gold and the Postal History Society Medal.

Cathie Stumpenhous won the People's Choice Award for her Silver-Bronze multi-frame exhibit, "Lovely as a Tree." She also hauled in the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) Award of Honor for excellence in presentation, the AAPE Novice Award, and the American Topical Association (ATA) 3rd Place Medal.



Cathie Stumpenhous & her haul

PIPEX traditionally hosts a seminar for the Boy Scout stamp collecting merit badge. Unfortunately this year the Boy Scout Council dropped the ball and did not get out the information to all the Scout troops. As a result only two Scouts attended.



Roger Heath & Jerry Johnson at Roger's Grand Award exhibit



WE Dinner: (L to R) Cathie Osborne, Anne Harris, Bea Vogel, Cathie Stumpenhous, Bill Seymour, Sheryll Ruecker, Laurie Anderson, Lisa Foster, Larry Crain

The Women Exhibitors group held a regional meeting at PIPEX and on Friday evening, they had a group dinner at a local restaurant. The Northwest Federation is well represented in the WE leadership. Lisa Foster from the Evergreen Stamp Club is the WE President and Carol Edholm from the Sno-King Stamp Club is the Membership Chair.

There was an incident early on Saturday morning involving the theft of material from both the ATA society table and the Youth Activities table. Both of these tables were located in the hallway outside the show floor. The security personnel were then only monitoring inside the show area.

The stolen material was mostly common stamps and packets. However, one of the bins taken from the Youth area contained a Youth exhibit valued at about \$1,000.

After the security chief was informed of the incident, he immediately began an investigation. Impressively, he was able to identify the suspected thieves using the hotel security tapes and detective work. They were employees at a local fast food restaurant that had just gotten off shift.

Apparently, these folks had been coming to the hotel to catch rides and had been roving the halls over some period of time without the hotel's awareness.

The security team is pursuing the investigation.

Chairman's Farewell

— by Lawrence Clay, Northwest Federation

Way back in February 2011, I had already been the Chairman of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs (NWFSC) for a year or so when Bill Geijsbeek resigned as Executive Secretary of the NWFSC. So I was thrust into the role of Acting Executive Secretary for what I assumed would be a short period of time until a replacement was found.

Well, just over six years later, Larry Crain of the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society accepted the position of Executive Secretary of the NWFSC effective with the end of the NWFSC annual general meeting at PIPEX 2017 on 13 May 2017

I send my sincere appreciation to Larry for assuming this important position. I am confident that, with your help, his tenure will be very successful.

A PIPEX show was not held in 2011, due to the lack of a sponsoring organization or city. An interested group in the Portland area approached me with the idea of holding future PIPEX shows solely in Portland.

Thus, Portland Philatelic Exhibitions (PPE) led by Michael Dixon was founded. After considerable negotiations, PPE was approved as the host for PIPEX shows in Portland starting in 2012. Under their leadership, PIPEX became one of the leading World Series of Philately (WSP) shows in the United States.

Further negotiations with PPE and the Oregon Stamp Society have resulted in PIPEX shows being scheduled through 2019. Under the leadership of Tony Wawrukiewicz, I expect that PIPEX will continue to be successful.

A major goal of the NWFSC is to promote philately in the Pacific Northwest. After a one-year gap following John Arn's death, the Moses Lake Philatelic Day was restarted under the leadership of David and Anne Harris and renamed as the John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium. The NWFSC supported their efforts and now underwrites this outstanding event.

Also, SEAPEX in Seattle needed assistance to continue in their pursuit of attaining WSP status. The NWFSC loaned SEAPEX \$2,000 to help. SEAPEX has gained WSP status and has repaid \$1,500 of the loan.

Finally, the awards sponsored by NWFSC have been continued with several outstanding Distinguished Philatelist awards being presented. The NWFSC member clubs were reminded of the Member Club Service Award and quite a number of deserving local club members were recognized.

I want to thank everyone who helped me in the past six years, particularly the NWFSC Treasurer Alex Hadden and Webmaster David Harris. Also, Jack Congrove has done a

super job of editing *The Federated Philatelist* and received a Vermeil in the 2016 Chicagopex literature competition.

As I said at the beginning of this article, the NWFSC is incapable hands with Larry Crain and will be able to continue its outstanding support of philately in the Pacific Northwest of the United States and Canada.



Secretary's Notes (from page 3)

Help is needed and also information, especially about local shows in the Federation area. Please contact me at larry.crain@gmail.com.

Attend Federation local shows, prepare exhibits and enter them in the local shows in Anchorage, Kent, Sequim, and Medford, and smuggle them across the border [I didn't say that] to the shows in British Columbia and Alberta (and any others I do not know about).

This is our Federation. I am honored to lead our efforts to support, publicize and enjoy organized philately.

— Larry Crain, Executive Secretary

Youth in Philately

— by Ruth Farnsworth, Anchorage Philatelic Society

Since 2007, Anchorage Junior Academy, a private school, has partnered with Anchorage Philatelic Society (APS) to provide Junior Exhibits each year for the annual Alaska Philatelic Exhibition (APEX) in Anchorage, Alaska. Students work under the guidance of APS member, Ruth Farnsworth, a former Anchorage Junior Academy teacher, currently retired.

At the beginning, a few students participated after school hours, but soon classroom teachers began to realize what a wonderful educational opportunity the stamp exhibits provided. So, it was included in the school curriculum for the older students.

The classroom teachers and students wholeheartedly agreed, so for the past two years all students in grades 1–8 participate in APEX. This year for the 65th APEX, held 3–5 March, thirty-six students presented one-page topical exhibits and eleven students presented full-frame, nine-page exhibits. Two students are planning exhibits for the SEAPEX show later this year.

The students are excited to participate and look forward anxiously to Mrs. Farnsworth's appearance each school year to begin work on their topical stamp exhibits. The teachers are very supportive and thrilled to see the students' enthusiasm as they prepare their presentations for APEX.

During the school's end-of-the-year awards program, the students receive their stamp exhibits in a notebook with certificates, ribbons, and other philatelic prizes along with a coupon for an ice cream cone at McDonalds.



Youth Grand Award Exhibit



Judy Ireton explaining exhibit program to students from the Anchorage Junior Academy

Evergreen Stamp Show

15–16 July 2017

Evergreen Stamp Club

Kent Commons

525 4th Avenue North

Kent, Washington

Sat 10:00AM–5:00PM

Sun 10:00AM–4:00PM

Free Admission

Free stamps for kids

Northwest stamp dealers

Stamp exhibits

<http://www.stamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club>

A couple of years ago Ruth read in this column about one page topical exhibits for younger students. Because many members of the APS have generously donated an abundance of stamps and other philatelic materials to the school for use by the students, Ruth suggested the one page topical displays would be suitable for the younger students and first time exhibiting students.

AmeriStamp Expo 2017

— by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

The American Philatelic Society (APS) held its 60th annual winter meeting and stamp show, AmeriStamp Expo (ASE), at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nevada, on 3–5 March 2017. This show was originally planned to be held in Las Vegas. However, the venue that the APS had arranged became unavailable, so they were forced to relocate to Reno.

This change affected the show adversely in some ways. There were only 37 dealers at the show, which usually attracts a much higher quantity. One dealer told me that several dealers decided not to attend because of concerns about the likelihood of bad weather that would prevent many collectors from California from attending.

The APS offered added incentives to attract more dealers, but this appeared to have limited success. The weather concern turned out to be valid as there was obviously low attendance compared to similar shows and some of this could have been attributed to the weather since it did snow on Saturday and some routes were closed because of it.

In any case, the low attendance did not seem to harm the bourse sales. Several dealers I spoke with on Sunday indicated that they had good results. So apparently the collectors who did attend came to spend money and did so.

The APS partnered with the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) to help kick off their 25th annual Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive. To mark this event, the NALC produced a PhotoStamps.com personalized postage souvenir sheet that was dedicated at a ceremony on Saturday.



Personalized souvenir sheet autographed by artist Jeff Keane

Also participating was artist Jeff Keane. Keane's father Bil Keane, created the syndicated comic strip *The Family Circus* that has been part of the fight-hunger campaign from

the beginning. Bil Keane passed away in 2011 at age 89, and Jeff now carries on the legacy in helping create the strip. Keane attended several autograph sessions during the show.

In addition to the ceremony, NALC had a booth at the show where they accepted food and monetary donations. The proceeds for the sale of the souvenir sheets will directly benefit the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

A vintage 1929 Ford mail truck was on display by the NALC booth courtesy of the National Automobile Museum—The Harrah Collection in Reno.



Both the United States Postal Service (USPS) and the Marshall Islands issued new postal items and held first day ceremonies at the show.



Barn Swallowtail First Day Ceremony

The USPS issued a Barn Swallow forever stamped envelope in multiple sizes and configurations at an 11:00 AM ceremony on Friday, 3 March.

The stamped envelopes were produced in three sizes: No. 6³/₄, No. 9, and No. 10. Each size came either with or without an address window. In addition, each came with either a moisture-activated seal or self-adhesive flap. The USPS booth had packets of six for sale containing the self-adhesive versions in each size and window configuration.

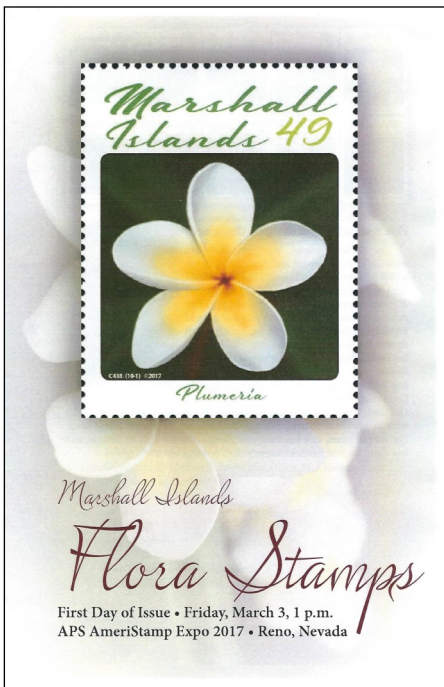
The USPS also conducted a raffle to give away the barn swallow unveiling poster. Yours truly was the lucky winner. Fortunately, Larry Crain from the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, who drove to the show, agreed to transport it home for me since it was much too large to be allowed as a carry-on item. — *continued on page 8*

AmeriStamp Expo *(from page 7)*

An additional first day ceremony took place on Saturday for another biologically themed issue when the Marshall Islands released a miniature sheet of ten 49-cent Flora stamps.

The ASE is the venue for the annual Single Frame Champion of Champions (CoC) philatelic exhibit competition.

This event pits the winners of the Single Frame Grand Award at each of the 30+ World Series of Philately national shows that took place across the country throughout the previous year.



First Day Ceremony Program
Marshall Islands Flora

exhibit “Guatemala: The UPU Resplendent Quetzals 1881-1886.”

The Vernon and Pam Morris Best Youth and Grand Award was awarded to Alex Fillion for her exhibit “Dairy Products of the Cow.”

Several individuals received recognition for 25-year and 50-year membership in the APS

at the annual meeting. One of them was Ralph Nafziger of the Oregon Stamp Society.



Ralph Nafziger receives his 50 Year medal from APS President Mick Zais



AmeriStampExpo Award Banquet

Michael T. Mahler won the championship this year with his revenue exhibit “Big Rug, Small Rug, Baby Rug: U.S. Civil War Era \$200 and \$500 Revenues.” This exhibit was the Grand Award winner at SESCAL 2016.

In addition to the CoC competition, the ASE held its own regular philatelic exhibition that named a Single Frame Grand Award exhibit that will be eligible for the CoC competition next year in Birmingham, Alabama, 23–25 February. The Grand Award winner was Anthony F. Dewey for his exhibit “The War Rate: 1815–1816.”

Michael Bloom of the Oregon Stamp Society received a Large Gold and the AAPE Novice Award for a one-frame



Michael Bloom receives the Novice Award from Show Director Megan Orient

Strait Stamp Show

12 August 2017

Strait Stamp Society

Sequim Masonic Lodge

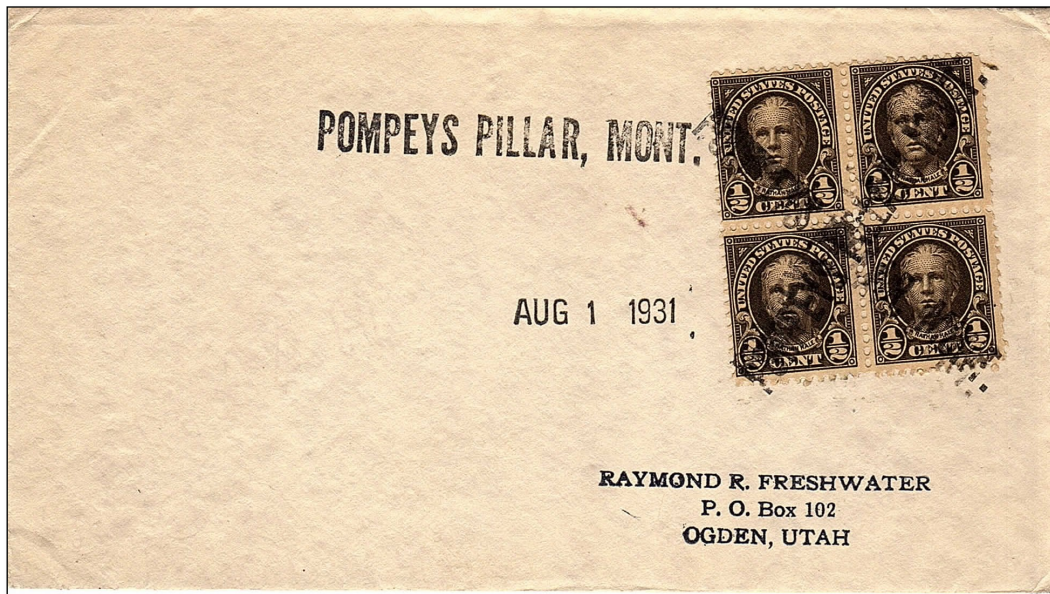
South 5th Avenue & West Pine Street

Sequim, Washington

Sat 9:30AM–5:00PM

<http://www.straitstamp.org>

Pompeys Pillar, Montana



— by Larry Crain, Southern Oregon Philatelic Society

Pompeys Pillar, Montana, is, I understand, an elusive cancel. I happened on it and bought it simply because it was different and certainly had a story connected to it. It was mailed on 1 August 1931, to Ogden, Utah.

And the story? Pompeys Pillar was named by Captain William Clark on his return from Astoria in 1806. On 3 July, he and Meriweather Lewis split up, Clark taking a more southerly route. On 25 July, the Clark group traveled by a prominent rock formation on the south side of the Yellowstone River.

Clark wrote in his journal, “At 4PM [I] arrived at the remarkable rock situated in an extensive bottom. This rock I ascended and from its top had a most extensive view in every direction. This rock which I shall call Pompy’s Tower is 200 feet high and 400 paces in circumference and only accessible on one side which is from the N.E. the other parts of it being a perpendicular clift of lightish coloured gritty rock. The Indians have made 2 piles of stone on the top of this tower. The natives have ingraved on the face of this rock the figures of animals &c.”

In 1814 the name was changed to Pompeys Pillar. And Pompey? He was Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, the son of Sacagawea. The child was born 11 February 1805, at Fort Mandan, North Dakota, and was taken on the expedition along with his mother.

Clark nicknamed the boy “Pomp.” Later Pomp lived in St. Louis with Clark who saw to his education. He spoke French, English, Spanish, German, Shoshone, and other western American Indian languages.

Charbonneau, Oregon is also named for him.



Pompeys Pillar National Monument



Captain William Clark carved his name and date on the side of Pompy’s Tower

APEX 2017

— by Eric R. Knapp, Anchorage Philatelic Society

On a wintery weekend in March, the same weekend the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race began, the Anchorage Philatelic Society hosted its 2017 Alaska Philatelic Exhibition (APEX). The show is now in its 65th year and predates Alaska statehood by seven years.

The show was held at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center. This was our fourth year in the new space and we are getting it figured out.

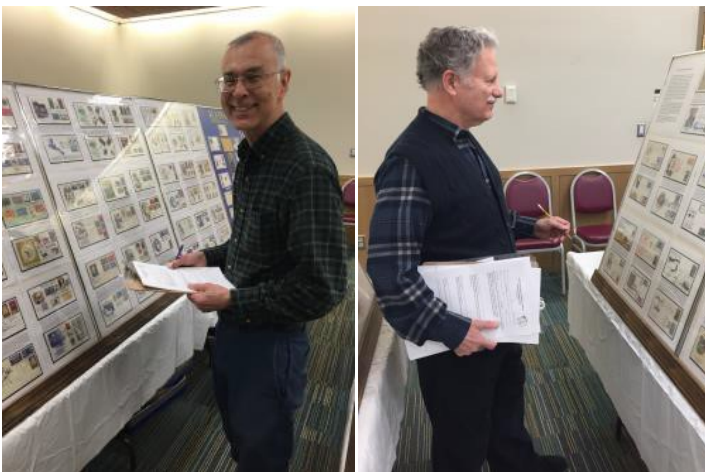
The theme of APEX was “Educating Alaska.” Our cover honored the 100th anniversary of the University of Alaska. The cover featured a painting of the first building on the campus at College, Alaska, just outside of Fairbanks. The painting is by Alaska artist Cindy Pendleton.



APEX Show Cover

Traffic at the show was good for all three days. Even Sunday had a good crowd.

The exhibits were great, but there were not enough of them. We need to work on growing more exhibitors in the club and finding exhibitors from other places who can send us exhibits.



Judges: Ted Ireton and John Roberts

We will work on getting the word out earlier for the next show. We use a nine-page frame, so the show is a good place for what would be a single frame at a bigger show.

Eric Knapp won the Grand Award and the APEX Theme Award for his “Rockets Over Alaska” exhibit. Judy Ireton won the Best Topical Award for “US Wine Stamps: An Introduction.”

Chet Walukiewicz received the Best Alaskan Award for “Alaska Purchase.” Nadia Jensen won the Youth Grand Award for her “Horses” exhibit.

Thanks to all who participated in any way. We look forward to seeing you next year.



Artist Cindy Pendleton



Freebies at the Youth table



Rondy Mascot

L to R: Don Faulkenbury, Judy Ireton, David Schwantes, Ruth Farnsworth, Theresa Hoffmann

SOPEX 2017

— by Nancy Swan , Southern Oregon Philatelic Society

The Southern Oregon Philatelic Society (SOPS) held its annual Southern Oregon Philatelic Exhibition (SOPEX) at the Jackson County Fairgrounds Expo in Central Point, Oregon, on 8–9 April 2017.

The show runs in conjunction with the annual Pear Blossom Festival and has been a festival participant for many years. The show produces a special cachet cover and pictorial cancellation that reflects the festival theme.

Evelyn Bryan (97) has been designing the show cachet for more than 60 years and is the show representative to the Pear Blossom Committee. Darcey Self is the PB liaison.

The show had ten dealers and 15 exhibits. Bradley Fritts won the Grand Award with his exhibit, “Naval Administration of Guam.”

His exhibit also was selected by the Pear Blossom Committee as having the best display for this year’s PB theme “Our Valley—Our Heritage” The committee comes on Sunday afternoon to select their favorite exhibit in our PB section of entries.



Show Chairman John Hart presenting the Most Popular Pear to Anne Harris



The WE Four

L to R: Nancy Swan, Anne Harris, Kristin Patterson, Brad Fritts



Pear Blossom Theme Winner

L to R: Brad Fritts, Evelyn Bryan, Darcey Self

Four of the gold medal winning exhibitors, including the Grand winner are members of Women’s Exhibitors (WE).

Anne Harris, the most distant club member, won the Most Popular Pear for her postcard exhibit, “Horace and Betty Get Married.”

The Expo does not provide security, so two overnight guards, Rich Moyer and Shane Loveland, who has been a club member since he was a teenager, slept over at the venue to provide security.

One club member teaches at St. Mary’s High and always brings several young people for public service to help set up and carry in and out the dealer material. They refuse all tips, but appreciate the donuts each morning and wrap up pizza dinner. Many go for pizza after the show, and this year there were at least 25 who participated.

Super judges Vesma Grinfelds and Nick Follansbee did excellent exhibit critiques and write ups. Each received traditional SOPS. logo mugs at the Awards Banquet held at Elmer’s. Restaurant

The club appreciated Kristin Patterson, Board member of the APS Research Library, who came from San Jose. She brought a display map of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Society (to which SOPS also belongs). It would be a neat idea to have a similar map of all the Northwest Federation member clubs to display at shows.

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What to Do with Those Extra Stamps

Jim VanderPlaat from the Greater Eugene Stamp Society recently provided a document with examples of several ideas for using all those extra stamps that we collectors seem to accumulate. These include donating them to various charities and schools and using them for craft and other projects.

Jim's club prepares boxes of donations to "Stamps for the Wounded," a service activity of Lions Clubs (SFTW, P.O. Box 297, Dunn Loring, VA 22041). They want unsorted on-paper stamps, but will also accept mint stamps, collecting supplies, and cash donations.

These donations help lift spirits and provide therapeutic activities for veterans in hospitals and convalescent sites.

There are other groups that also accept donated extra stamps. Many large stamp shows have a Youth Activities program that can use stamps for their projects. Often these organizations are non-profit and can provide the donor with a receipt for tax deduction purposes.

One interesting project that Jim came up with is to use those extra stamps to make bookmarks. These make nice gifts for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and other occasions. You can pick a theme that fits the occasion or the recipient. You could also use them for prizes at your club, show, or other event.

The initial investment is a laminator and pouches that enable you to laminate whatever you want. Here are the materials needed, all of which you can find at craft stores, or retailers such as Walmart: Laminator (8½×11) (\$19.95), Pouches (50ea 8½×11) (\$22.50). Pouches also come in packages with various other sizes.

You can make 12–14 bookmarks with one 8½×11 sheet depending on the stamp sizes you use. You will also need colored paper, glue or hinges, and a cutter or scissors.



Arrange and attach the selected stamps in rows on both sides of the paper. Place the paper inside the pouch and run it through the laminator. Then cut the laminated paper into strips of the desired size. These bookmarks easily lend themselves to topical designs. The example above shows one using Fruit as its theme.

SOPEX 2017 *(from page 11)*

Kristin also gave the club some good pointers on various things (e.g., advertise the show on Craig's List).

Our Exhibits Chairman (and club Vice President) Larry Crain is currently also President of the Northern California Council, which will meet at WESTPEX. He and Brad Fritts had just returned from the symposium at Moses Lake, Washington (see page 13) where Larry gave a presentation So Larry will have stretched far in both directions in the same month.

Beloved Evelyn Bryan at 97 hung in all day Saturday and came back Sunday afternoon for the PB Committee judging. They love her as do we all.

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27th Moses Lake Symposium

— by David E. Harris, *Inland Empire Philatelic Society*

The John D. Arn Moses Lake Philatelic Symposium was held at the Best Western Lake Front Hotel and Conference Center in Moses Lake, Washington, on 1 April 2017.



Symposium Speakers
Collyer Church, Mike Zak, Larry Crain, Tony Wawrukiewicz



Co-Chair Anne Harris, Inland Empire Philatelic Society, introduces speaker Collyer Church, Puget Sound Collectors Club

It is always exciting to see a project exceed your expectations. So it happened this year at the 27th annual running of the philatelists at the Arn Symposium. We had 41 attendees from four states throughout the Pacific Northwest and without question a good time was had by all.

Four speakers gave entertaining presentations on various aspects of philately. The diversity of their presentations added to our philatelic knowledge. In addition, the event hosted both a silent and a live auction.

Collyer Church from the Puget Sound Collectors Club showed examples of censored mail relating to Czechoslovakia. Larry Crain of the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society presented many examples of covers hiding mysterious information.

Tony Wawrukiewicz of the Oregon Stamp Society showed and explained numerous examples of U.S. postage due usage. Mike Zak of the Garden City Stamp Club described the initial attempts at setting up trans-Pacific air routes.

Throughout the day, attendees had the opportunity to view and bid on several hundred silent auction lots that ranged from individual stamps to boxes full of covers, albums, and other philatelic material.

Howard Ness has retired from auctioneering duties so J.W. Palmer from the Inland Empire Philatelic Society (IEPS) assumed this duty. Between the silent and live auction, we managed to exchange over \$1,400 worth of philatelic material and it was accomplished more efficiently than usual.

Mary Gunasekera, also from IEPS, and I used our laptop computers to track the auction lots and the results were fair. Lawrence Clay kept track of the lots in the old manual format and between the two methods we were able to limit the amount of time processing each sale and purchase. It gave us information we need to speed up next years auction even more.

The attendees enjoyed a no-host dinner on Friday evening. The symposium on Saturday included both a luncheon between presentations and a buffet dinner following the live auction. The lunch was well received, but the dinner not so much so. Anne had a talk with the folks at the hotel and next year's dinner will be something different.

An unusual situation occurred during the afternoon due to the NCAA basketball tournament final four. With half of the participating teams from the northwest, the tournament could have really stymied our symposium.

The Oregon Ducks from Eugene, Oregon and the Gonzaga Bulldogs from Spokane, Washington were playing east coast teams and of course, many of our participants wanted to watch the games. The hotel had no cable outlet in our meeting room, but the hotel operators, at their own expense ran cable around the entire hotel and into our room so we could watch the games during the symposium. Now that's service!

The 2018 symposium is planned for the same venue on Saturday, 7 April. Two speakers are already lined up and you can be sure that Anne will be using her charm to coerce, er, invite two others to join us. Check the Northwest Federation website for announcements.

Northwest Federation Annual Meeting

— by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

As is the custom, the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs (NWFSC) held its annual general meeting in conjunction with the PIPEX 2017 exhibition. The meeting took place starting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, 13 May.



The meeting, which drew more than 25 attendees, was opened by Chairman and Acting Executive Secretary Lawrence Clay. After introductions, Chairman Clay, in accordance with tradition, announced the names of Federation club members who had passed away during the previous year. Following the announcement, the group held a moment of silence in their memory.

“Closed albums” were: Jacqueline Manikian and Byron Birdsail (Anchorage); Frank Stark and Ron Hagadone (Eagle); Henry Stevens (Tri-Cities); Chuck Fisk (IEPS); Lil Geddes, Don Milne, Siegfried Osterwoltd, Raymond Smith, Garry Hamilton, and David McFee (Edmonton); Marcel Loriz, Dick Boyle, and Robert Tompkins (Salem); Louis Parker (USCS); Win Lora (SOPS); Karen McKee (Strait), and George Holland (Eugene).

The meeting minutes from the 2016 meeting were approved. Treasurer Alex Hadden presented his report. The treasury balance as of 31 December 2016, was \$17,076.42 in Canadian dollars.

Chairman Clay reported on the status of PIPEX and commended the Portland Philatelic Exhibitions (PPE) for their operation of the show. The NWFSC, PPE, and Oregon Stamp Society have negotiated a contract to continue the show at the current venue through 2019.

Clay reported that the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (SEAPEX) has repaid \$1,500 of the \$2,000 Federation loan and that they expect to pay the balance following the show this year.

Jack Congrove, editor of *The Federated Philatelist*, announced that the journal had received a Vermeil award at the Chicagopex Literature exhibition. He also encouraged

all members to submit articles for publication. These can include descriptions of a favorite or notable item in their collection, or reports on their club activities, especially those that are upcoming so that we can publicize them in the journal and on the Federation Facebook page.

Clay then gave a report of the status of the Federation. The Federation’s mission is to promote philately in the Pacific Northwest. In that role, it supports three significant philatelic activities: PIPEX, SEAPEX, and the Arn Philatelic Symposium.

Clay announced that the Federation will continue to underwrite the Arn Symposium with a grant of \$700, if needed for expenses.

Two clubs have dropped from Federation membership: North Shore Stamp Club and Bellingham Stamp Club.

The Fraser Valley Stamp Club from Abbotsford, British Columbia, and the Lynden Stamp Club from Lynden, Washington, are the newest Federation members.

Clay next announced the recipients of the Member Club Service Awards. This award is presented to members of a Federation club who have performed outstanding service to their club over a period of time. The awardees for 2017:

David Schwantes (APS). He has been a member of the Anchorage Philatelic Society for many decades. He is the long-time cover committee chair and has been the driving force behind the club’s high quality show and special event covers.

Pat Hoffmann (APS): He has for many years taken on the great challenge of keeping the club straight by serving as its Treasurer. He organized the books and inventory into the best condition they have been for years. He has also taken the lead role in the disposition of collections that were left to the club by several members.

Jerry Rottman (OSS): As Secretary, and most recently Treasurer of OSS, he has been a key member of the management team for more than a decade. He was also a driving force behind the formation of the Oregon Stamp Society Foundation, and its first President.

Leonard Lukens (SOPS): He has served as the club Vice President and Program Director and has been an active supporter of SOPEX. Len is also the only person who has been honored by receiving all three of the Federation’s major awards. He received the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award in 1995, and the Federation Meritorious Achievement Award in 2005.

Northwest Federation Meeting *(from page 14)*

The final portion of the meeting involved a “change in command” of the Federation. The Northwest Federation has an unusual leadership hierarchy. The Chairman of the Board of Directors is actually not the head of the organization. That position is held by the Executive Secretary.

The genesis for this goes back to the time when the PIPEX show moved to different cities in the Federation from year to year. Each year the President was named from the club hosting PIPEX for that year. The First Vice President was the person who had been President the previous year. And the Second Vice President was from the club slated to host PIPEX the following year.

Because these officers did not serve in their position for very long, they often came to rely on the Federation Secretary, who typically held that position for lengthy periods, to provide them with guidance on the way operations had worked in the past and how problems had been resolved.

Eventually, the Federation reorganized and the Executive Secretary position was created to provide continuity in the leadership position.

During the past several years, Lawrence Clay, who had been serving as Chairman, also took over as Acting Executive Secretary when Bill Geijsbeek, the previous Executive Secretary, resigned.

Clay himself had decided to resign following PIPEX this year, which meant that the Federation needed a new Executive Secretary. Larry Crain from the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society was named to take this position.



Clay, in his resignation speech, thanked all members of the Federation for their support during the past six years he has held office. He briefly recapped some of the actions and events during his tenure and asked all to give their support to his successor.

Bill Geijsbeek, the past Executive Secretary, stood to publicly thank Clay for his leadership and to welcome Crain to the new position. The audience gave Clay a standing ovation for his contributions to the Federation and Pacific Northwest philately.

Larry Crain then took the floor to briefly speak about his ideas for the future of the Federation. One area he wants to encourage is exhibiting. He proposed reinstating the Thunderbird Award to be presented at every show in the Federation that features exhibits. This award would be presented to the best exhibit of any type by a member of a Federation organization.

It is interesting to note that Crain is also the current President of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, the Federation equivalent for that area.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.

PIPEX Special Award

At the PIPEX 2017 award dinner on Saturday, 13 May, the show committee made a special presentation. Tony Wawrukiewicz, President of Portland Philatelic Exhibitions (PPE) and Chairman of the PIPEX Organizing Committee announced a special award for Lawrence Clay, the outgoing Chairman of the Northwest Federation.

The Philatelic Ambassador Award was created to honor Clay for his outstanding leadership of the NWFSC during the past six years.

In 2011, at the beginning of this period, the PIPEX show was not held because no club was willing to be the host. The tradition up until that time was that the show moved from city to city within the Federation each year. The previous year the show was held in Spokane, Washington, and hosted by the Inland Empire Philatelic Society.

Clay coordinated with the PPE, which was formed to host the event in Portland, to rejuvenate the show. PIPEX has emerged from this situation to be one of the top World Series of Philately shows in the US.



Tony Wawrukiewicz (left) presenting the Philatelic Ambassador Award to Lawrence Clay

OSS Library Exhibit

— by Sheryll Ruecker , Oregon Stamp Society

The Oregon Stamp Society is having a philatelic display at Shute Park Library in Hillsboro, Oregon, from 18 May until 15 July. They are using their PIPEX club showcase exhibit for one of the three cases. The exhibits for the other two cases were shown at the Multnomah County library last year (see *The Federated Philatelist*, No. 217, December 2016).



PIPEX Cup

The Shute Park Library is at 775 SE 10th Avenue in Hillsboro. It is open 10 AM to 8 PM on weekdays and from 10 AM to 6 PM on Fridays and weekends.



OSS Club Exhibit at PIPEX

The OSS won the PIPEX Cup for the best of the eight club exhibits displayed at PIPEX 2017.

The theme of the library display is “Building a Better World Through Stamp Collecting.” The cases show the varied aspects of the stamp collecting hobby.

- A Stamp Collector’s Tools
 - an opportunity to spend educational quality time with your family
 - a relaxing way to recharge your batteries for the next day
- Stamp Collecting Themes with one-page exhibits
 - stamp collecting can be whatever you choose!
 - here are some ideas to get you started...
- Art Cover Exchange (ACE)
 - The ACE club promotes art, philately, friendship and correspondence among its members.
 - Its special emphasis is on the artistic presentation of postal envelopes for exchange.



Bellingham Stamp Club Disbands

The Bellingham Stamp Club, which has been a member of the Northwest Federation for many years, has disbanded. Its members had been meeting with the Lynden Stamp Club for the past several months.

The Lynden club has requested to be allowed to replace the Bellingham club as a member of the Federation and this request has been approved.

The Lynden club meets in the Lynden City Hall at 6:00 PM on the last Tuesday of each month. The remaining members of the Bellingham club have joined it and currently the club has 14 active members.

The club President is Nick Laninga and the Federation representative is Ron Williams.

Air Mail Northwest

The American Air Mail Society Northwest Chapter is adding an electronic delivery option for their quarterly newsletter, *Air Mail Northwest*. Dues for the printed version is \$8 per year. The electronic option will be \$4 per year.

Dues are now payable.

Len Lukens, the acting President, has been in the hospital during the past two months and is now convalescing at a care facility.

Piercey Receives Pratt Award

— Linn's Stamp News, 27 March 2017

The Collectors Club of Chicago has announced David Piercey of the Edmonton Stamp Club as the 2016 recipient of the Pratt award for the best-judged article or other publication related to the philately of Newfoundland.

Piercey received the award for three articles about Newfoundland's postal history: "Late Letters and the Newfoundland Mails," published in the winter 2015-2016 issue of the *Postal History Society of Canada Journal*; "Early Packet Steamer Services on Placentia Bay: 1888-1900" in the April 2016 issue of *Maple Leaves*; and "The St. John's East Post Office" in the first quarter 2016 issue of *BNA Topics*.

Initiated in 1997, the Pratt award is named for Col. Robert H. Pratt, the preeminent Newfoundland stamp and postal history collector, researcher, and author.

The award consists of a \$1,000 honorarium to be shared by the recipients. The recipients are determined by the Collectors Club of Chicago Pratt award committee.

The club solicits published original research related to Newfoundland philately for consideration of the annual Pratt award. Submissions to be considered should be sent to George P. Fabian, CCC Pratt Awards Chairman, the Cabeen House, Collectors Club of Chicago, 1029 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60610-2803.

Evergreen Club Call for Exhibits

The Evergreen Stamp Club in Kent, Washington is seeking exhibits for the 15–16 July 2017 Summer Exhibition. It is a juried regional exhibition open to all and has no entry fee. Ribbons and society awards (APS, ATA, AAPE, EFOCC, USSS, WE, etc.) will be presented.

If you have never exhibited before, or have a new exhibit, this is a great opportunity to receive feedback before entering in a national-level exhibition.

Do you want to exhibit, but do not want to follow the "rules?" This is the show for you. If you have a collection you would like to share with the community, we accept up to 64 album pages (four frames). Your participation helps promote philately and sustain the hobby.

Youth and Novice exhibitors will be eligible for special awards.

Prospectus and entry form are available at the club website <http://www.stamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club>. For information please contact Lisa Foster at fosteld@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SHOWS

National Topical Stamp Show 2017

June 23-25

Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, Milwaukee, WI

Evergreen Summer Show

July 15–16

Kent Commons, Kent, WA

Strait Stamp Show

August 12

Masonic Lodge, Sequim, WA

BNAPEX-CALTAPEX

September 1–3

Hyatt Hotel, Calgary, AB

SEAPEX

September 8–10

Community Center, Tukwila, WA

Tri-Cities Stamp Show

September 30–October 1

M Hotel, Richland, WA

Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Awards

— by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs presented its highest award to three recipients at the PIPEX 2017 award dinner on Saturday, 13 May at the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach.

The Distinguished Philatelist Award may be given to a philatelist from the Pacific Northwest who has distinguished himself/herself as an exhibitor, judge, leader, or researcher both locally and nationally in philatelic circles, philatelic publications, and organizations. The person receiving the award does not have to be a member of a Federation stamp club.

Outgoing Federation Chairman, Lawrence Clay made the presentations as his final official act.

Michael Jaffe of Vancouver, Washington has been a stamp collector for over 50 years starting in elementary school in 1966. He started his own business in 1975. When hunters brought old duck stamps into his father's sporting goods store, he became interested in duck stamps. He has become a leading expert on migratory waterfowl hunting stamps issued by the US government, states, and even Indian reservations.

He has been exhibiting for a number of years and has won numerous awards including a Gold award at the 2016 APS World Series of Philately show for his exhibit, "A Philatelic Survey of U.S. Waterfowl Hunting Jurisdictions."

Michael is the owner of Brookman Stamp Company and Michael Jaffe Stamps in Vancouver, Washington. He is a long-time member of the American Stamp Dealers Association and has been President of the Northwest Chapter of ASDA for a number of years.



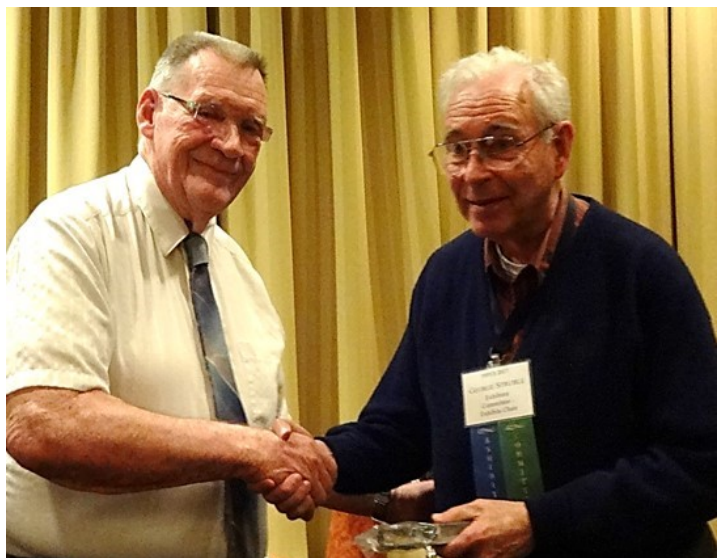
Michael Jaffe (right) receiving NDP award from Lawrence Clay

George Struble has received Gold and Grand awards at World Series of Philately shows in the United States for his exhibit, "Development of Swiss Airmail up to 1939," plus Gold awards at international level for this exhibit. He also received Gold awards for his exhibit "SCADTA Mail from and to Switzerland."

He is a philatelic author whose article, "The Swiss *Flugspende* of 1913" was the lead in the April 2014 issue of *The American Philatelist*. He has been the editor of *Tell, the Journal of the American Helvetia Philatelic Society* for many years.

George has been PIPEX Exhibits Chair since 2014, and is webmaster for Salem Stamp Society's website.

He also holds work shops on the local level for those interested in exhibiting and shares his knowledge with anyone interested.



George Struble (right) receiving NDP award from Lawrence Clay

Larry Crain is a member of American Philatelic Society, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, American Topical Association, Copaphil, and Southern Oregon Philatelic Society. He is the President of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies and incoming Executive Secretary of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.

He is past President of SOPS and former editor of *Codex Filatelica*, of the now-defunct Meso-American Study Unit.

He collects archeology, astronomy, geysers, stamp shapes, and numbers and exhibits in local and national shows. He also is a judge at local and regional level shows. Larry does presentations in numerous areas mostly having to do with "fun collecting." (no photo available)

Philatelic Outreach

The American Philatelic Society held a Summit on the Future of Philately at its headquarters in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on 28 October 2016. Fifty-six leaders within the industry participated in person, or by phone.

One result of this summit was the formation of a council to pursue ideas and policies to grow the philatelic hobby and increase the quantity of stamp collectors. The summit participants and the council members agreed that one key area to promote is Topical Collecting.

A suggestion that many supported was to focus on related special interest groups by submitting articles with topical hooks to non-philatelic publications that deal with related topics. For example, a story about Cats on Stamps in *Catster* (formerly *Cat Fancier*) magazine.

Cathie Osborne from the Strait Stamp Society has just accomplished this scheme with an article in *The Bell Tower: Official Publication of The American Bell Association International, Inc.*

In her four-page article, she discusses how she got started in stamp collecting and how her interest in collecting small bells led to collecting stamps showing this subject.

She illustrates her articles with many images of various types of bells on stamps and describes other types of related philatelic material.

Articles such as this can inspire others to branch out to stamp collecting. Topical stamps are almost always less expensive than the actual items they depict. You could have a collection that shows many varieties of church bells whereas an actual church bell would take up a lot of room on your bookshelf.

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(See pages 13-19 for more information on this beautiful bell.)

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Bells on Stamps

by Cathy Osborne

I was nine when my uncle gave me my first stamp album, and probably ten when my grandmother gave me my first bell—a brass bobby hat from England.

The stamps were put on hold when I got my first teenage job. And the job gave me money that I occasionally used for a new bell from the dime store (Josef Originals).

Fast forward past marriage and work to the first baby. We lived out in the country, and I was a housewife. The baby took REALLY long naps so I had time on my hands. Out came the old stamp collection and I was hooked. The only problem was a low budget, and to fill the album with the older stamps took more money than I had.

About that time, I found out there was more to stamp collecting than I had realized: weekly newspapers, a national organization!¹—and another national group for people who wanted to collect stamps by their topic.² Collecting by topic sounded like a way to put a financial limit on my collection, but still have fun.

But what topic to collect? You've guessed it: the bells!

I knew about the United States Liberty Bell stamp, and thought that there CANT be that many bell stamps. I also thought, since bells typically cost more, unit to unit than stamps that the hobby would be manageable.

There was the period of searching the *Scott Postage Stamp catalog*,³ page by page, for pictures of bell stamps. And then I found out that the topical group had a checklist of bell stamps. The maker of the list was my mentor for years. That was all 45 years ago, and the variety of philatelic material with bells has kept me happy and out of mischief since then. (And my "real bell collection"—is kept healthy by friends and family who always know what to get me at a gift time.)

My first collection was of Liberty Bell stamps of the world. My second was of Christmas stamps. Train bells are on some of the earliest U.S. stamps. A Japanese issue shows the eki rei postal bell in its corners. Towers—church and municipal—are a topic by them-

1. Liberty Bells



2. Liberty Bells of the World



The Bell Tower—March-April 2017

Club Activities



The **Alaska Collectors' Club** is one of our newer members. They publish a quarterly journal, *The Alaskan Philatelist*. They are working on a project to revise the *Postmarks of Territorial Alaska* catalog. Annual dues are \$15 for US and \$20 elsewhere. Contact eknapp@gci.net. See website www.alaskaphilatelic.org.



The **American Air Mail Society—Northwest Chapter** publishes a quarterly newsletter *Air Mail Northwest*. The chapter has no website. Dues are \$8 per year for print and \$4 for electronic.



The **Anchorage Philatelic Society** publishes *The Anchorage Philatelist* newsletter. The club held its annual Alaska Philatelic Exhibition (APEX) on 3–5 March 2017 (see page 10), and their annual banquet and club auction on 23 April. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesday at the Turnagain UMC. Dues are \$10 per year, \$15 for families, and \$2 for youth. See their website www.anchoragephilatelic.org.



The **British Columbia Philatelic Society** has not published a recent edition of their newsletter. Meeting information is distributed via their website. Meetings are each Wednesday at 7:30 PM at the church hall north of the West Burnaby United Church. The third Wednesday is usually their monthly auction. Dues are \$20 per year for individuals, \$30 for families, and \$7.50 for students younger than 18. Website: www.bcphilatelic.org.



The **British North America Philatelic Society** (Pacific Northwest Regional Group) publishes the *West Coast Express*. In our area are the Calgary, Edmonton, and Pacific Northwest chapters. The PNW Chapter publishes the *British Columbia Postal History Newsletter*. Dues are \$10 per year for all. See their website: <http://bnaps.org/regional.php>.

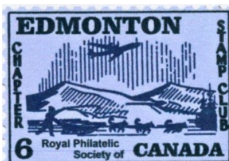
The **Central Oregon Postal Collective** is one of our newer members. They do not publish a newsletter. They meet on the first Saturday at 10:00 AM at the Redmond Karate Studio. They accept donations in lieu of dues. Contact stbucknum@msn.com.



The **Collectors Club of Seattle** does not publish a newsletter. They hold an auction on the first Friday each month. The club has moved to a new meeting location at the Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Belle-

vue, Washington. The club is selling its extensive library at their monthly auctions. Dues are \$20.

The **Eagle Stamp and Postcard Club** does not publish a newsletter. They hold auctions about four times per year. They meet on the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Eagle Methodist Church. No dues listed. Website: <http://www.eaglestampandpostcardclub.com/>.



The **Edmonton Stamp Club** publishes a monthly newsletter, *Bulletin*. Each edition is full of interesting news and articles. They held their successful National Spring Show on 25–26 March. Club elections are in June. They meet on second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph High School. Dues are \$30 per year for individuals, \$40 for families. There is a one-time \$5 fee for a name tag. See www.edmontonstampclub.com.



The **Evergreen Stamp Club** is planning its summer exhibition for 15–16 July and are seeking exhibits. They recently became Chapter #130 of the American Topical Association. They meet on the third Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM at Kent Commons. Dues are \$20 per year. See <http://stamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club>.

The **Fraser Valley Stamp Club** is one of the Federation's newest members. They do not publish a newsletter. They meet on the first or second Tuesday each month (except July and August) at 6:00 PM at the W.J. Mouat School in Abbotsford. Annual dues are \$5. See their website at <http://stampclub.ca/fraservalley/>.

The **Garden City Stamp Club** does not publish a newsletter. They held a joint meeting with the Inland Empire Philatelic Society in Wallace, Idaho on 6 May. They meet on the first Wednesday and third Monday each month at 7:00 PM at the Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula. Annual dues are \$10. See their website at <http://gardencitystampclub.com/>.

The **Gastineau Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the third Thursday each month at 6:00 PM at the Mendenhall Public Library.



The **Greater Eastside Stamp Society** publishes the *GESS Newsletter* via e-mail only. They offer show and tell presentations at each meeting. They meet on the first and third Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at Unity Church of Bellevue.

Club Activities (from page 20)



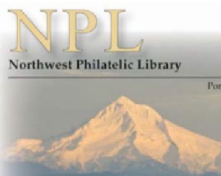
The **Greater Eugene Stamp Society** publishes the *Echoes* bimonthly newsletter. It is continuing a series of articles on South African se-tenant stamps. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM at Saint Jude's Catholic Church. Dues are \$15 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. See: <http://greater Eugenestampclub.weebly.com/>.



The **Inland Empire Philatelic Society** publishes *The Lilac Hinge*. They held their successful Apple Blossom bourse on 25–26 March. They also held a joint meeting with the Garden City Stamp Club in Wallace, Idaho on 6 May. They meet on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Eagles Hall. Dues are \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for families, and \$5 for youth under 18. See their website: www.ieps-stamps.com.

The **Linn County Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the second Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at The Villas. Their website is out of service.

The **Lynden Stamp Club** is the newest member of the Federation. They do not publish a newsletter. They meet at 6:00 PM on the last Tuesday of each month at the Lynden City Hall. Dues are \$10 per year.



The **Northwest Philatelic Library** is behind on their quarterly newsletter, *Book Reports*. You do not need to be a member of the NPL or OSS to use the library. They have surplus books for sale. Dues are \$12 for those 18 and older, \$3 for under 18. See their website: <http://www.nwpl.org/>.

The **Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association** publishes the *OMPA News*. They meet five times a year in January, March, May, September, and November. They held a meeting with the Penticton Stamp Club on 27 May. Dues are \$10 per year, \$14 for Family, and \$2 for Junior (under 16). See: <http://www.okanaganstampclubs.ca/>.

The **Olympia Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter. They held their Roundup Stamp Show in March. They meet at 7:30 PM on the second and fourth Monday each month at the Olympics West Retirement Inn. Dues are \$10 per year. Their website is somewhat out of date: <http://olympiaphilatelicssociety.org/>.

The **Olympic Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter, nor have a website. Their contact information at the Federation website needs updating. They meet at 7:00 PM on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Silverdale Community Center.



The **Oregon Stamp Society** publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Album Page*. Each edition has an article on the featured cover of the month. They have a display at the Shute Park Library (see page 16). Their annual election was 27 May. Meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at their clubhouse. Dues are \$24 per year for regular members, \$16 for associate members who reside outside the area. See website: www.oregonstampsociety.org.

The **Pacific Northwest Postal History Society** publishes a quarterly journal, *The Oregon Country*. Each issue has articles with nice illustrations of NW postal history material. They recently published an edition devoted to the post offices of Stevens County, Washington, and are working on editions for each of the counties in Washington and Oregon. Dues are \$20 per year. See their website at: <http://www.pacificnorthwestpostalhistorysociety.org/>.

The **Peace Arch Stamp Club** does not publish a newsletter. They meet at 5:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month (except July and August) at the Surrey Come Share Society Centre. Dues are \$10 per year. See their website: www.peacearchstampclub.com/.

The **Portland Philatelic Exhibitions** group is one of our newest members. They organize and conduct the PIPEX exhibition on behalf of the NWFSC. They just completed a highly successful show on 12–14 May 2017. Membership is voluntary. Website: www.pipexstampshow.org.



The **Salem Stamp Society** publishes a monthly newsletter, *Willamette Stamp & Tongs*. They are preparing to have a booth at the World Beat festival 24–25 June. They meet on the second

Wednesday each month at 6:00 PM at Fire Station District #1. Dues are \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for couples, and \$5 for youth. Website: www.salemstampsociety.org.



The **Sno-King Stamp Club** publishes a monthly newsletter, *Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News*. They held a dealer night with an area dealer on 10 May. The club meets in Everett on the second Wednesday and in Edmonds on the third Friday each month. Dues are \$10 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. <http://sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com>.



The **Southern Oregon Philatelic Society** publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Philatelic Reminder* though none have been received since December. They meet on the

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Club Activities *(from page 21)*

first Thursday at 7:00 PM at a new location at the First Methodist Church in Medford. Dues are \$15 per year.



The **Strait Stamp Society** publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *Strait Stamp Talk*. They meet on the first Thursday each month at 6:00 PM at the Sequim Library. They are planning for their annual stamp show to be held on 12 August. The club has no dues, but accepts donations. Website: www.straitstamp.org.

The **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Triangle*. Randy Vessey was just elected as the new club President. They meet on the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Activities room the Royal Colombian Retirement Inn in Kennewick. Dues are \$10 per year for adults, \$1 for students. Contact billailles3@charter.net.



USS Puget Sound Chapter 74 of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society does not have a chapter newsletter, but the Society publishes the monthly *USCS Log*. Annual dues are \$24 for US, \$45 international, and \$16 electronic delivery. See

their society website at: www.uscs.org.



The **Vancouver Island Philatelic Society** publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Guideline*. They have a philatelic library for members. Meetings include a small auction. The club meets at 7:30 PM on the fourth Thursday each month at St. Aidan's Church. Dues are \$20 per year. Website: 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 Seattle.



The **Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs** held its annual meeting at the PIPEX 2017 show in Portland, Oregon on 13 May 2017 (see page 14). They installed a new Executive

Secretary with the retirement of the Acting Secretary, Lawrence Clay.

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

SEAPEX 2017

— by Jack R. Congrove, SEAPEX

The Seattle Philatelic Exhibition will present its annual World Series of Philately show on 8–10 September at the Tukwila Community Center located just north of the SeaTac Airport at 12424 42nd Avenue South, Tukwila, Washington.

This year SEAPEX is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of Camp Lewis. This camp was constructed in a period of only two months to support training of US soldiers to fight in World War I. The show will offer special pictorial postmarks and envelope cachets to commemorate this installation and the military units assigned there.

The hours are Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM; Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM; and Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. **Parking and admission are free.**

The show will feature 180 frames of competitive exhibits and 30 stamp dealers. The Grand Award winner is eligible to compete at the American Philatelic Society's Champion of Champions competition against winners from other national WSP shows.

The **China Stamp Society**, **Society for Hungarian Philately**, and **Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania** will hold conventions at the show.

The show will also host free activities for youth and educators throughout the weekend. Starting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, the show will hold a Boy Scout stamp collecting merit badge seminar.

Visit the website (<http://seapexshow.org>) for exhibit prospectus and application, event schedule, and other details. Also on Facebook: *Seapex: Seattle Philatelic Exhibition*.

National Topical Stamp Show

23–25 June 2017

American Topical Association

Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel

6401 South 13th Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fri 10:00AM–5:00PM

Sat 10:00AM–6:00PM

Sun 10:00AM–3:00PM

Free Parking

Wide range of philatelic dealers

Cachet makers

Youth activities

Stamp exhibits

<http://americantopicalassn.org/ntss/ntss2017.shtml>

Philatelic Quiz

For our Canadian members, 1 July marks the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation. While for our US members, 4 July is the 241st Independence Day. Here is a quiz to test your independence knowledge.

- ___ 1. This US President was born on the 4th of July
 - ___ 2. This US President died on the 4th of July
 - ___ 3. This country gained independence on 4 July 1946
 - ___ 4. This country celebrates Liberation Day on 4 July
 - ___ 5. He composed *The Star Spangled Banner*
 - ___ 6. He composed *Stars & Stripes Forever*
 - ___ 7. This is the only official bilingual province
 - ___ 8. 1st reigning monarch to visit after Confederation
 - ___ 9. This monarch visited Canada more than 20 times
 - ___ 10. Not one of the four Confederation provinces
- (Answers on page 2.)



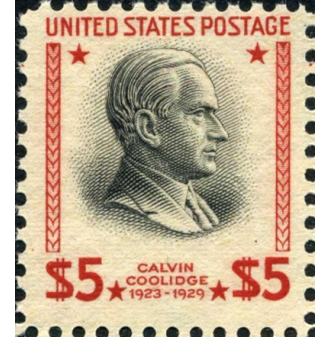
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UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES

SHOW DATES			Major events in bold / PNW events in italic	Revised: 23/5/2017	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
9-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun	NAPEX National Philatelic Exhibitions (WSP)	McLean, VA	Show
		11-Jun	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
16-Jun	17-Jun		OKPEX (Oklahoma City Stamp Club) (WSP)	Midwest City, OK	Show
23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	NTSS (American Topical Association) (WSP)	Milwaukee, WI	Show
	26-29 Jun		Post Mark Collectors Club Convention	Reno, NV	Show
	15-Jul	16-Jul	<i>Summer Show (Evergreen Stamp Club)</i>	Kent, WA	Show
4-Aug	5-Aug	6-Aug	APS StampShow (begins 3-Aug) (WSP)	Richmond, VA	Show
	12-Aug		<i>Strait Stamp Show (Strait Stamp Society)</i>	Sequim, WA	Show
		13-Aug	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	BNAPEX-CALTAPEX (BNA Philatelic Society)	Calgary, AB	Show
8-Sep	9-Sep	10-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
	9-Sep	10-Sep	<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
15-Sep	16-Sep	17-Sep	Greater Houston Stamp Show	Humble, TX	Show
		17-Sep	<i>Salem Stamp Society Fall STAMPEX</i>	Salem, OR	Bourse
	30-Sep	1-Oct	<i>TriCities Stamp Show</i>	Richland, WA	Bourse
6-Oct	7-Oct		Utah Fall Show (Utah Philatelic Society)	Salt Lake City, UT	Bourse
6-Oct	7-Oct	8-Oct	WINEPEX (Redwood Empire Collectors Club)	San Rafael, CA	Show
		8-Oct	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
13-Oct	14-Oct	15-Oct	SESCAL (Fed. Phil. Clubs of S. California) (WSP)	Ontario, CA	Show
	21-Oct		<i>Umqua Valley Stampfest & Coin Show</i>	Roseburg, OR	Bourse
27-Oct	28-Oct		United Nations Expo 17 (UNPI) (WSP)	Bellefonte, PA	Show
	11-Nov	12-Nov	Filatelic Fiesta (San Jose Stamp Club) (WSP)	San Jose, CA	Show
17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov	CHICAGOPEX (Chicago Philatelic Society) (WSP)	Itasca, IL	Show
	25-Nov		<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	2-Dec	3-Dec	PENPEX (Sequoia Stamp Club)	Redwood City, CA	Show
		10-Dec	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
2018:					
16-Feb	17-Feb	18-Feb	ARIPEX (Arizona Fed. of Stamp Clubs) (WSP)	Mesa, AZ	Show
23-Feb	24-Feb	25-Feb	APS AmeriStamp Expo (WSP)	Birmingham, AL	Show
	24-Mar	25-Mar	Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show (WSP)	Edmonton, AB	Show
	14-20 Apr		ISRAEL 2018 International Show	Tel Aviv, Israel	Show
27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame, CA	Show
11-May	12-May	13-May	PIPEX Pacific Intl. Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Portland, OR	Show
10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	APS StampShow (begins 9-Aug) (WSP)	Columbus, OH	Show
14-Sep	15-Sep	16-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