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An Invitation to Join...

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

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

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

1. A calendar of events listing all stamp shows and bourses in the Pacific Northwest, updated for 2021
2. A listing of all member stamp clubs in the Pacific Northwest
3. A list of all Northwest Federation awards presented since 1960.

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4 Ring Numeral Cancel
Stanstead, Lower Canada Circa 1890



Editor's Page

The Silver Lining of COVID-19

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

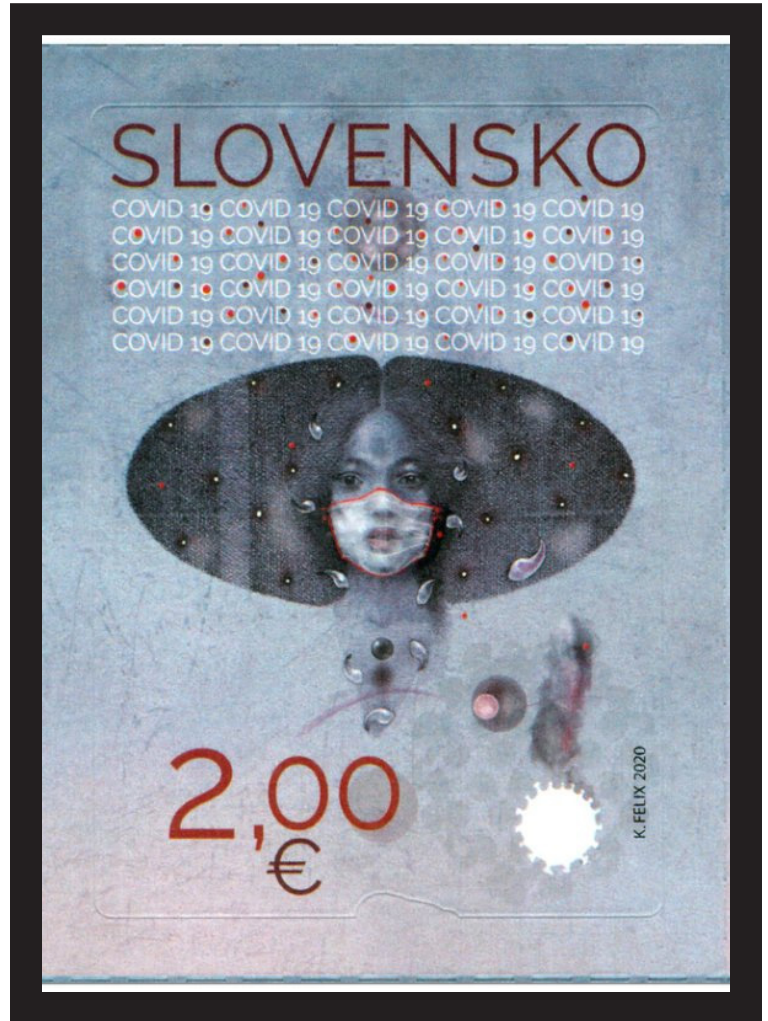
It is well over a year since the pandemic has engulfed the world. Life as we know it will never be the same. A headline in the New York Times from February 19, 2021 titled, “We are going to keep you safe, even if kills your spirit,” certainly hits home as we have essentially been on social lockdown for over a year.

Yet something quite magical has happened. Not too surprisingly, 2020 has been a banner year of sorts for the hobby - auction houses are breaking records, virtual and digital philately has flourished and ZOOM meetings are bringing collectors from all corners of the globe in ways none of us would ever have imagined. This is despite the fact that none of us have attended a single in-person stamp club meeting or show during this period.

I think most of us can say that 2020 was the opportunity for us to spend more time with our collections.. In turn, we realized what was missing in our collections and decided to spend our auction dollars on stamps rather than on typical purchases such as travel, restaurants and gatherings with family and friends.

As a physician, I continue to have first hand experience with COVID-19: screening, treatment and vaccination. In fact most of my clinical work is directly related to the pandemic. In the 30 years I have been a doctor, COVID-19 has affected me in ways no other disease has.

But one thing's for sure, COVID-19 has allowed me to spend more time in the yard and garden, take longer walks with my wife and hunker down in my



Slovakia - Date of Issue August 21, 2020
 “Masked Girl Surrounded by COVID-19 Virus”
 Slovenska Posta

stamp room. I am starting to curate parts of my collection and have even started to show parts of my Canadian Two Cent Small Queens collection to others on ZOOM sessions with other clubs.

But I can't wait until we can reconnect. Once enough of us are protected with vaccine will we be ready to return to the “old” normal. In the meantime, “Happy Stamping!”\$Ed.

Message from the Executive

by Larry Crain

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs is well and active!

David Harris [Medicine Lake, WA] has retired from two positions. I greatly appreciate and respect the many years he has given the Federation. As webmaster, he will be replaced by George Struble [Salem, OR]. David was also the organizer of the John Arn Symposium, which has not been held for two years because of Covid-19. This one day philatelic gathering will resume in spring 2022 with organization from several Northwest philatelists.

Darin Cherniwchan [Chilliwack, BC] has taken over as editor of the Federated Philatelist, starting with this issue. He was one of the three interim editors after Jack Congrove's death.

PIPEX, the Federation-sponsored WSP stamp show, will happen May 7-8-9. It will be a virtual show with online exhibits, presentations and the Federation's Annual General Meeting online May 8 from 11 to 12 and an open Board meeting 12:30 to 1:30 the same day. The show committee is headed by Mark Loomis [Portland, OR], and the group has been planning for months. Show information is at <http://www.pipexstampshow.org>

The Federation has gained another club, the Calgary Philatelic Society. It is one of the largest clubs in the Northwest and has one of the largest National shows (in Canada, of course) shows in the Northwest. Its members have often exhibited at and attended PIPEX. We are pleased to accept their membership.

Board elections will happen during late April. The Board consists of 7 members (3 officers and 2 Canadian and 2 US directors). The terms of three are ending. Ballots will be emailed in April with specific information for their return by email or regular mail. Voting is by organization. At the time of this writing, there are no candidates other than the incumbants. §

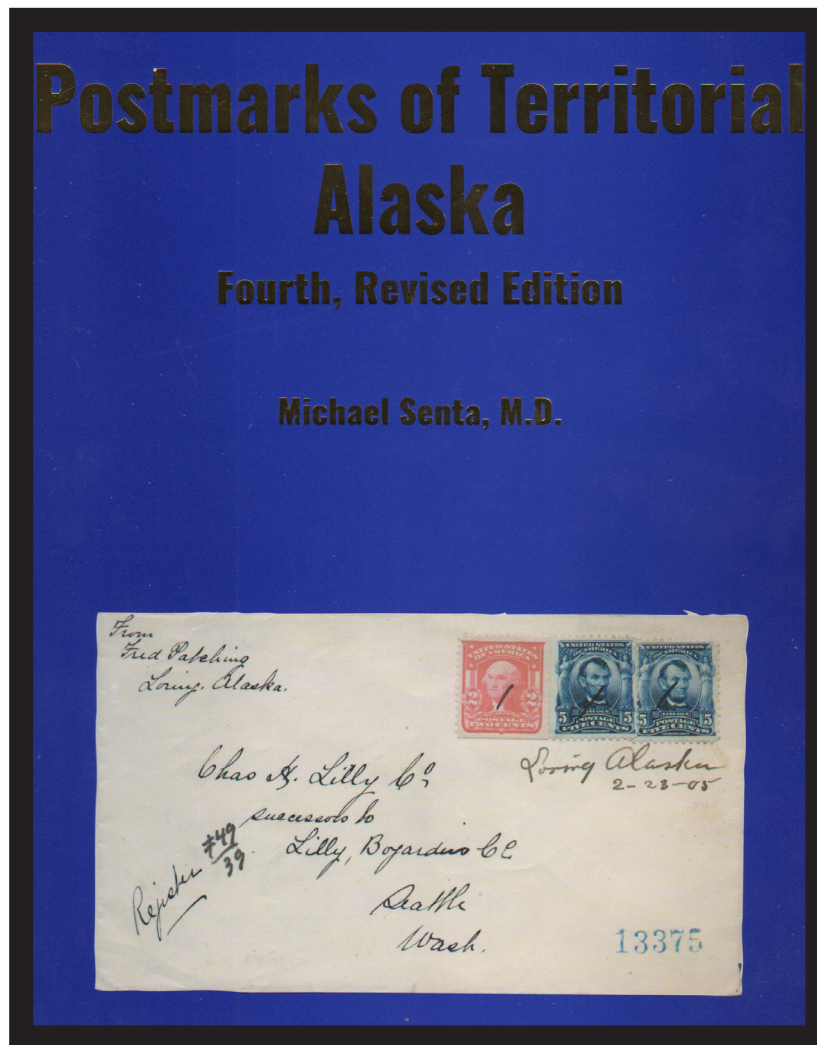
Welcome Calgary Philatelic Society!!



<https://calgaryphilatelicsociety.com/>

Book Reviews

by Larry Crain



Michael Senta's update of Bill Helbock's 34-year old first edition is clearly presented and full of information, 180 pages of it. It goes from Afognak to Yukokakat. It is easy to use, even for one not familiar with Alaska. But for anyone who pays attention to cancels, the illustrations (maybe 4000 of them) superbly amplify the text.

The book has a new numbering system, which was needed to add 364 new town types. The original numbering is also listed. Also listed are dates of use, which include 1659 extensions of the range. A Rarity Factor on the common 1-9 scale is given.

The earliest postmark recorded is one from Sitka Nov. 8, 1867. This is only a few weeks after the official receipt of Alaska from Russia Oct. 18, 1867. Technically, Alaska didn't become a Territory until Aug. 24, 1912; it was administered under other names and placed under other jurisdictions until 1912. Nevertheless, the book's title fits.

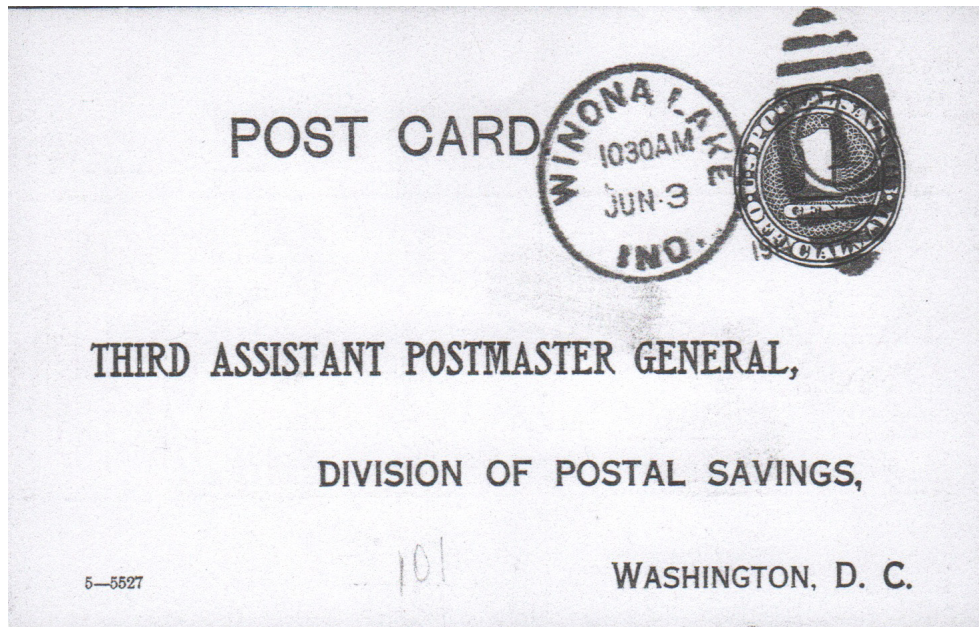
Note: Only postmarks applied to first class mail are shown, including non-standard local use and philatelic cancels, and also improperly used parcel post and receiving cancels.

In addition to the postmarks, several black and white scans are shown. The front and back covers have 9 full-color scans. These add interest to a truly valuable book. §

Copies can be ordered directly from the author at msenta@mtaonline.net

Unique US Postal Savings Post Card

By Bill Pekonen



This is a short story about an obscure Official Mail post card that had a very short life. It appears to be scarce. This card is listed in Scott with a value of US\$500.

The Form PS541 issued in 1913 is described in the 2000 United States Postal Card Catalog.

The purpose for this card was to report deposits and withdrawals in respect to the Postal Savings Account registered at that a particular post office. The Postmaster was required to mail a report each month end to Washington, D.C. Since this card was used only for monthly reports, very few examples have reached private hands. Furthermore, the post cards were used only for 14 months. Several Plate Varieties exist.

The card is addressed to the THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL / DIVISION OF POSTAL SAVINGS / WASHINGTON, D.C. The Post Office Savings Bank was an alternative facility to private banks. This was particularly true in remote areas where private banks did not exist.

This post card is interesting because it was different from the normal “Penalty” envelope used by the US Government. A circular scroll design was created. The outer ring contains the wording US POSTAL SAVINGS around the top one-half. The words OFFICIAL MAIL occupy the bottom half of the circular design. An intermingled small circular pattern fills in the centre to surround the “1 / CENT” denomination.

This postcard was introduced during July 1913. The postcard was replaced by the Act of 23 September, 1914 with the Penalty mail system. An order dated 16 December 1914 required Postmasters to return all unused postcards to Washington. As of 2000, no mint copies of the post card have been reported as being held by collectors, Four versions of the short lived postcards were recorded in the 2000 catalog.

The catalog describes the Plate varieties thusly:

01 – Black on White

01a - a colorless dot between “O” and “S” of “Postal”

01b - Second “A” of ASSISTANT is short, plus a comma at the end of the line

01ba - Second “A” of ASSISTANT is short, plus a period at the end of the line

The cross reference numbers are Scott UZ1 and Krause-Minkus PSC1. Apparently, several other varieties are listed in Postal Stationery. This source has not been investigated.

An O1b example is illustrated with this article. (This is the only example left from a previous collection of Canadian and other Saving Bank covers and postcards which were sold more than 10 years ago.) O1b was used for only a four month period (May to August). The first use was on June 1, 1914 to report the MAY month results.

This post card is postmarked June 3 at Winona Lake, IND. This village was founded during 1912. Winona Lake is located on Highway 30 about one-half way between South Bend and Fort Wayne. The 1920 population was recorded as 300. The population in 1914 was probably less than 300. Today, Winona Lake is a suburb of Warsaw. It is likely that an additional Postal History story can be told about this post office.

The reverse side of the Post Card shows the results. It is interesting to note that information about the number of accounts were recorded from the July 1, 1913 date. As of May 31st, 1914, only 9 saving accounts were still open. Normally, the printing date and quantity is shown in the lower left on the face of the card. Instead, the number 5-5527 is shown. The same number is printed on the reverse side.

The question now arises: Is this a Print quantity or a form number?

Unfortunately, the answer remains a mystery.

The illustration shown in the 2000 Catalog is the same as the example.

Responses are welcome and should be addressed to the TFP Editor (see page 2).§

Form PS 541
 Post Office Winona Lake State Ind.
 Sir: The following is a statistical report of postal savings transactions for May, 1914
 (Month.)

	THIS MONTH.	FROM JULY 1 TO DATE.				
			Balance to credit of depositors previous month			569.00
No. of accounts opened	<u>none</u>	<u>4</u>	Value of certificates issued this month		1.00	
No. of accounts closed	<u>"</u>	<u>4</u>	Value of certificates paid this month		200.00	
No. of deposits	<u>1</u>	<u>2634</u>				199.00
No. of withdrawals	<u>2</u>	<u>191</u>	Increase or decrease in balance			
Total number of accounts remaining open to date		<u>8</u>	Balance to credit of depositors at close of month			370.00

IMPORTANT. This report must be completed and mailed on the last business day of each month. (See section 58, Instructions to Postmasters.)

Respectfully,
John O Motto
 5-5527 Postmaster.

The Power of Networking Within Our Federation

by George Struble

Wonderful things can happen when people work with others within our Federation. Here is a heart-warming example.

The story starts with Bill Stilling, a stamp collector and CPA who moved from Oregon to Anchorage in the 1970s, and died there in 2018. He was unmarried and had no siblings, so left much of his estate to his church, the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (AUUF). The Fellowship had no idea what to do with his stamp collection; it sat in the Fellowship's storage for two years.

Lise Adams-Sherry became minister of the Fellowship and learned of this collection. Lise had an idea. She had been Director of Religious Education in the UU Congregation in Salem, Oregon, and two or three times had invited me, a Congregation member, to talk to the kids about stamp collecting. So she wrote to me, asking what her Fellowship might do with "a bunch of stamps."

I wrote back: was this "bunch of stamps" a shoebox of stamps torn off envelopes? Sheets of commemoratives bought in the 1950s to 1980s? A few hundred stamps of mixed condition in an album from the 1950s? (You have known of many inquiries that turned out to be like those!) Something else? Well, yes, something else indeed! There were ten albums, mostly of U.S. and Scandinavia, and a few boxes. One box was full of purchases from a Portland, OR dealer that Bill hadn't got around to doing anything with. Peggy Robinson, the AUUF treasurer, sent me a few photos showing nice U.S. stamps of the 1850s and 1860s on album pages, and an open box; my eye



was caught by a cover on top of the box franked with \$1.30 and \$2.60 Zeppelin stamps. Oh!

I consulted Bob Reynolds, who is very good at breaking down collections for the Salem Stamp Society's auctions and bid boards. But Bob quickly decided that this trove was too rich for the Salem club, especially when we couldn't evaluate it from a distance.

Well, who could help? I knew three people in Anchorage; one of them was Eric Knapp, board chair of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs (I am a director, and the new webmaster). Would Eric be willing to go have a look? Eric did. Eric did much more than that; he spent many hours organizing the collection into lots that could be auctioned by an auction house. He and Peggy Robinson contacted several auction houses with Eric's inventory. They separated out a few thematic groups for a coming auction within the Fellowship, but sent 90 pounds of the serious stuff to Cherrystone Auctions, which entered the lots into its early February auction. Cherrystone's value estimates were around \$17,000; Eric had estimated \$15,000.

The lots sold for \$24,270. The AUUF is thrilled; the net proceeds of around \$21,000 will help to pay for the renovation the Fellowship is doing.

The success story depended on Rev. Lise Adams-Sherry in Anchorage knowing me in Salem, Oregon, who knew Eric Knapp in Anchorage. Let's hear it for connections made through the Northwest Federation!§



Seattle Philatelic Exhibition

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February 17, 2021

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RE: SEAPEX Exhibits

Dear Eric:

The past year has been a rough one for stamp shows due to the cancelling of all major and most smaller events due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SEAPEX is now planning for the September 10-12, 2021 event. While we are hoping it will be safe to do an in-person show, we are making plans to switch to virtual IF necessary. The health and safety of our dealers, exhibitors, judges and customers are a top priority.

Regardless of how the event will be held, SEAPEX is inviting interested NWFSC club members to submit their entry forms for single-frame and multi-frame exhibits. These exhibits will be judged this year. We are also accepting club showcase exhibits. Free style exhibits are being accepted for the website; they will be allowed on the show floor as frames allow.

The **American Topical Association** and **India Study Circle** are the Convening Societies for SEAPEX 2021. We expect to see some fantastic exhibits and presentations from these two groups! Your members will not want to miss this show.

Attached are the exhibit prospectus and entry form as well as the club showcase and free style forms.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the show!

Sincerely,

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Seattle Philatelic Exhibition

cc: Exhibit Prospectus
Exhibit Entry form
Club Showcase Entry form
Free style exhibit form

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SEAPEX is an APS-accredited World Series of Philately (WSP) Exhibition



SEAPEX 2021 Exhibit Prospectus

Tukwila Community Center
12424 42nd Avenue South
Tukwila, WA 98168

September 10 – 12, 2021

www.seapexshow.org

Facebook @ SEAPEX: Seattle Philatelic Exhibition

SEAPEX@comcast.net

1. Eligibility

- Any exhibitor is eligible to enter up to two competitive multi-frame exhibits of not more than ten 16-page frames each, and two single frame exhibits, for a maximum total of twenty-two frames. Oversized pages may be exhibited, but the maximum space allocation is ten standard frames per exhibit. Exhibitors must enter all exhibits using the official entry form. Each exhibit must be entered on a separate form.
- An exhibit that has won the Champion of Champions event, a Grand Prix National, or a Grand Prix International, or three or more Large Gold Awards in international exhibition, or which has been exhibited in the FIP Championship Class, is ineligible to receive the SEAPEX Grand Award.
- All material shown must be property of exhibitor, or of immediate family members living in same household.
- An exhibit that has been purchased intact may not be exhibited at a nationally accredited exhibition for two years from the date of purchase unless at least 30 percent of the exhibit has been altered with new material.
- Some awards are restricted to those exhibited by members of certain philatelic organizations and/or to exhibits in certain categories.
- Exhibitor's names shall not appear on the faces of pages, although names and addresses are permissible on covers included in the exhibit.
- Reproduction of materials used in the exhibit and all other materials that are not original (including counterfeits and stamp forgeries) must be plainly identified as such, or the exhibit may be disqualified.

2. Exhibits

- **Frames.** Exhibit frames each hold 16 standard size pages, four pages each on four rows. Larger pages may be accepted upon approval by the SEAPEX 2021 Exhibits Chair. Each page must be consecutively numbered on the back and must be protected within a transparent cover.
- **Entry Forms.** Each exhibit, including Court of Honor entries, requires a separate entry form. Completed entry forms, accompanied by a check for the entry fee(s), must be received by the SEAPEX 2021 Exhibits Chair no later than **July 23, 2021**. The parent or guardian of a youth exhibitor must also sign the youth entry form. Entry forms for exhibits by members of **convening societies** must be received by **June 25, 2021**. SEAPEX 2021 reserves the right to refuse any exhibit, and to limit the number of frames, if necessary. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until the maximum capacity of available frames has been reached. Please submit your entries early as frames have filled before the cutoff date in previous shows.
- **Synopsis/Title Pages.** A copy of the complete title page, including images of elements used on the title page must be provided with the completed entry form. Exhibitors also are strongly encouraged to send a synopsis of the exhibit (one page telling the judges about important aspects of the exhibit). **Submission of electronic files via email is preferred (peafowlphilatelics@gmail.com)**. These pages may be preliminary and updated in subsequent correspondence. Mail entry forms with synopsis and title pages to SEAPEX 2021 Exhibits Chair, Carol Edholm, at 4404 - 224th Place SW; Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043-4150.
- **Delivery of Exhibits.** All exhibits (except mail-in exhibits) must be delivered personally, or by an agent to the Exhibits Chair between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 9, 2021, in the exhibition area of the Tukwila Community Center. Exhibits will be mounted by the exhibitor, or an agent. Mail-in exhibits must be received by the SEAPEX 2021 Exhibits Chair no later than **September 3, 2021**.
- **Return of Exhibits.** No exhibit may be removed until after the show closes at 4:00 PM on Sunday, September 12, 2021, and the exhibit area is clear of all visitors. Exhibits will be demounted by the exhibitor, or by an agent. The Exhibit Committee will return mail-in exhibits as soon as possible after the show using the exhibitor-specified shipment method.

SEAPEX 2021
Official Entry Form
Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Avenue South
Tukwila WA 98168 September 10-12, 2021



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Exhibitor Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

APS Member: Yes No APS No: _____ First Time Exhibitor: Yes No

Other Philatelic Memberships: _____

Youth Exhibitor (under 22): Yes No Birthday (if youth) _____

“Nom de plume?” (if anonymity desired): _____

Exhibit Information

Title of Exhibit: _____

Description for Show Program (25 words or less):

SEAPEX will display the exhibit title page on its website unless you opt out by checking *here* ____.

Class (See prospectus): General One-Frame Youth

Non-competitive Court of Honor

Type (See prospectus): Advertising, Patriotic, & Event Covers Aerophilately Astrophilately

Cinderella Display Experimental First Day Covers Maximaphily Picture Postcards

Postal History Postal Stationery Revenue Thematic Topical Traditional

Number of Frames: _____ Number of Pages: _____ Page Size: _____

Willamette Valley Stamp Show - March 2021

While the Salem Stamp Society and Greater Eugene Stamp Society cannot host their usual March shows with dealers this year, the Willamette Valley Stamp Show – the exhibits arm of both shows, is very much alive, but virtual.

You can view all the exhibits at www.salemstampsociety.org/WVExh1.html

As of this writing, there are eleven exhibits:

Competitive Category:

Joe Voice (Pasco, WA)	The US Navy Mass Flight of January 1937
Tim Bergquist (Eugene, OR)	St. Paul Oregon 97137: Its Postal History since 1874
Tim Bergquist (Eugene, OR)	The Constitution of the United States of America: Illustrated
Nancy Swan (Medford, OR)	The Heraldic Lion
Catherine and Ken Gilbert (Columbus, OH)	96 Elephants: The Story of Human-Elephant Interactions
Hobart Pillsbury (Roanoke, VA)	Trans-Atlantic Catapult Mail 1928-1935

Non-Competitive Category:

Eric Knapp (Anchorage, AK)	1978, Captain Cook, and the Anchorage Philatelic Society
George Struble (Salem, OR)	Swiss Airmail to the U.S.: A Rate Study
Mark Loomis (Tigard, OR)	The “Admirals” of Southern Rhodesia
Ralph Nafziger (Albany, OR)	The Albany, OR Post Office, a Century of Service 1850-1950
George Struble (Salem, OR)	1920 Basel-Frankfurt Airmail Service: What a Fiasco

The exhibits will be judged by Larry Crain of Medford, OR and Ralph Nafziger of Albany, OR.

A virtual show is not the same as an in-person show, but it has its advantages:

- You don't have to travel to go see it
- You can study it any time of day or night, not just during the hours the show is open
- You can study the exhibits sitting down in the comfort of your own home
- You are not at risk of catching the Coronavirus while studying it at home
- The show can remain visible for a longer period; this show will remain accessible at least through March.

George Struble initiated the Willamette Valley Show in 2018 as part of the StampFest of the Greater Eugene Stamp Society and the STAMPEX of the Salem Stamp Society, with support of both stamp clubs. In 2018 and 2019, the show shared the floor with those stamp shows – in Eugene on Saturday and set up again in Salem on Sunday. The pandemic prevented any show in 2020, and prevented a physical show in 2021. Therefore the Willamette Valley Show became virtual. The current plan is that in 2022 the Willamette Valley Show will return to being a physical show in conjunction with StampFest and STAMPEX.§

Virtual PIPEX 2021 - May 7, 8 and 9

The First Virtual World Series of Philately Show

Not only will PIPEX 2021 be virtual, it qualifies to be a WSP show under new requirements, so will be the first virtual WSP show! (In case you are not aware what this means: WSP shows – World Series of Philately – shows are national shows approved to send their grand award winners to the annual Champion of Champions competition. In this case, to a Virtual Champion of Champions competition.)

PIPEX is mounting an impressive array of exhibits on its website www.pipexstampshow.org. As this is written in late February, 36 exhibits have been accepted, including exhibits from Norway and Panama, Ireland, Canada, and Mexico! Over thirty of those exhibits are already mounted on the website. The deadline for entering exhibits is March 21, but there is a cap of 50 competitive exhibits, so exhibits may close before then. The cap of 50 was set to ensure that the virtual judging does not become impossibly unwieldy. The exhibits will all be mounted by April 1 to ensure the jury has adequate time to do their judging! Virtual shows have advantages: you don't have to travel to see them, and you can study the exhibits sitting down in the comfort of your own home!

A preliminary listing of Pipex webinar sessions include an APS Town Hall meeting with APS Executive Director Scott English, the annual meeting of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, an AAPE Members' Forum, an Exhibition Judges Feedback Session, and growing number of interesting philatelic seminars. There may be chat sessions to try to enable some of the socializing that can be so important in stamp shows. Please check the show website for webinar session updates.

There will be a dealers' area of the website. Not clear at this writing what will be there.

Registration will open sometime soon, and will be free.

Other events? Check the website for more information.§

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Digital Philately Study Group

Inaugural Meeting - ZOOM - March 27th 12:00 noon PST

The British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) is pleased to announce the creation of the Digital Philately Study Group. Digital philately, especially in the COVID-19 era, is becoming a significant component of the hobby. Computers, smart phones, scanners and innovative software have enhanced the way we study and exhibit stamps. Not everyone can afford machines like the VSC Series used by several North American certifying organizations, but most, if not all of us, have a computer or a smart phone. The Study Group will explore an incredibly wide range of topics that are NOT genre specific. Because of this, BNAPS has invited The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada to be a co-sponsor; the intention of the Group is to bring together all philatelists of all levels together and explore ways each and every one of us can enhance our collecting and exhibiting experiences.

The inaugural ZOOM meeting of the Digital Philately Study Group will be held at 12:00 noon PST on Saturday March 27th. This session is free and OPEN TO EVERYONE.

Please visit the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs website www.nwfedstamps.org for the LINK to this ZOOM meeting.

Look forward to seeing you all!

Best,

Dr. Darin Cherniwchan
Chair, Digital Philately Study Group, BNAPS-RPSC
Editor, TFP
Canadian Director, NWFSC

LINK TO ZOOM Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98683426674?pwd=eEtYN0o5elhzR1lsa0JRQVpVQVNZUT09>