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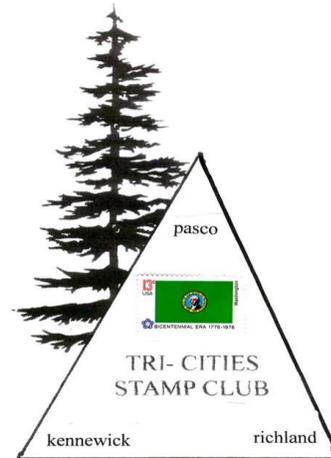
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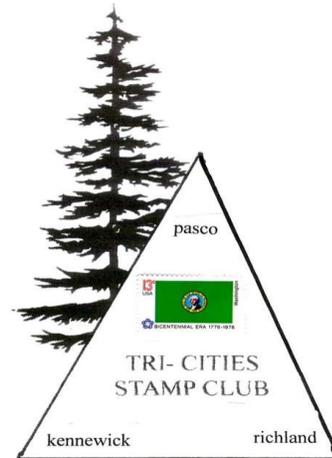
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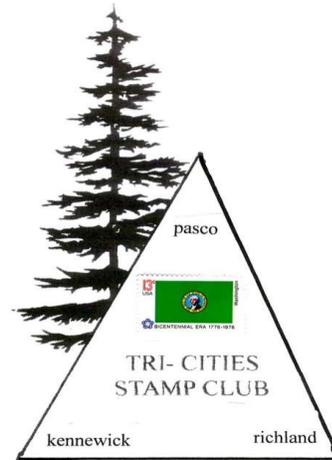
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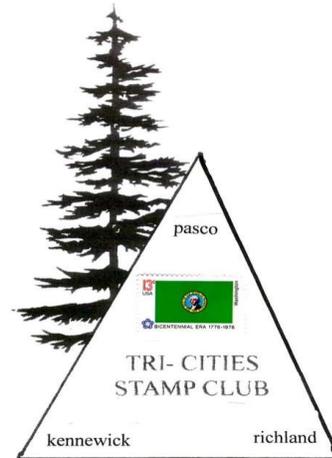
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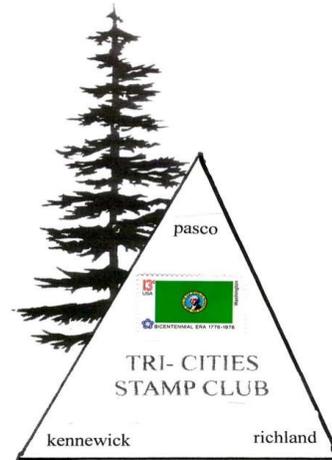
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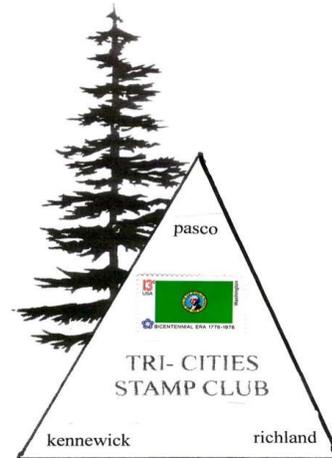
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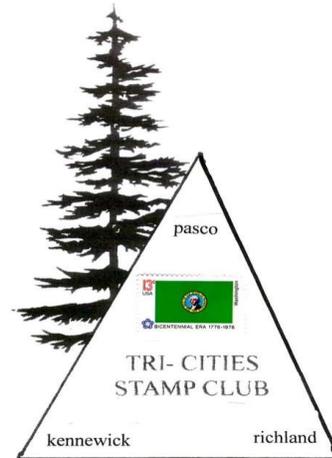
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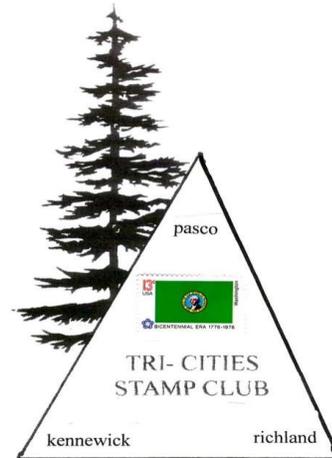
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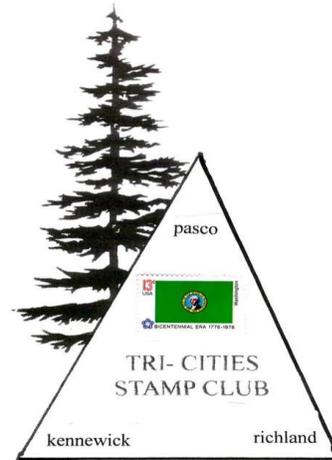
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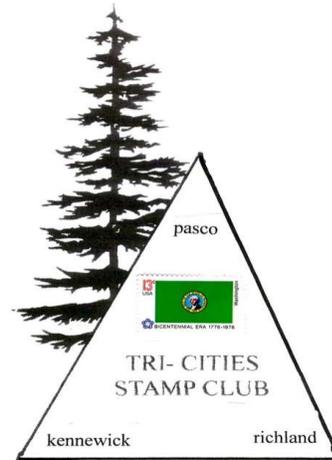
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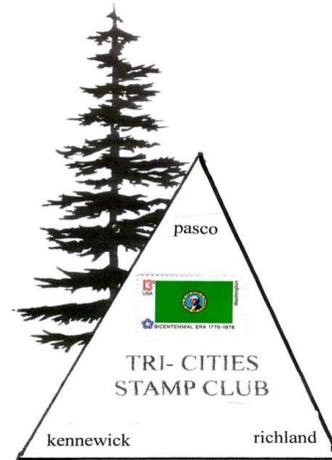
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The Post Mark Collectors Club (PMCC) is a group of collectors who are interested in that story. Members have a wide range of interests; we are interested in postmarks, cancels, covers, postal history and many aspects of post office history.

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## **What Do We Collect**

What club members collect can be seen at the club website [www.tri-citiesstampclub.org](http://www.tri-citiesstampclub.org) or email us at [tricitystampclub@gmail.com](mailto:tricitystampclub@gmail.com) and we will put you in touch with a member that collects similar stamps.

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