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The VP's Corner

As most of you know, I was elected to be your club president starting in January. First of all, THANK YOU for honoring me with your trust. I'm looking forward to an exciting, fun year of presentations, auctions, sales, frames, shows, and just sharing all YOUR varied interesting aspects of philately. We have a terrific Board of Directors, and Officers. Please don't hesitate to speak with any of us if you have any concerns, comments, suggestions, etc.. It's your club...be involved. Be sure to mark your calendar: **December 7th** Christmas Dinner/Party 6:00pm at the Scottish Rite Center.

No Members meeting, and no Board meeting this month.

January 21st and **February 18th** Members meetings are on Saturday mornings at 10:00am, doors open at 9am.

Wishing you and yours a Wonderful Holiday Season!!!

Mike Braet.

November Meeting.

As Mike mentions above, members at our AGM elected the following for office in 2023:

President: Mike Braet
Vice President: Lisa Janz
Treasurer: Alan Maul
Secretary: Steve Dulaney
Auction Director: Bob Reynolds
Show Director: Gary Tiffin
At-Large Directors: Pete McCallum, Marc Dochez, Don Dean, Danny Bisgaard.

The meeting was well attended in person and on Zoom and the Club Auction was a great success. 48 of the 75 lots sold for a total of over \$2000.

We were very pleased to welcome Stephen Inklebarger and Classic Asia Pacific Stamps from Chehalis, WA to the meeting. He brought a very nice selection of items for sale and will return in 2023.

New Members.

We welcome 3 new members to the Society: **Alice Griffin** from Albany whose collecting interests include USA, trains & GB; **Trevor Washington** from Salem who collects Hawaii and Japan; **Stephen Inklebarger** from Curtis, WA.

Dues will be Due Soon!

We are accepting dues for 2023

and still taking dues for 2022 for those who are a bit behind. Dues are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family. We accept cash or check. If paying by check make it out to Salem Stamp Society. You may pay at the club meeting or mail it to:

Salem Stamp Society, P.O. Box 202, Salem, OR 97308

Alan Maul, Treasurer

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CLUB NEWS.

Our Treasurer Alan Maul reported at the last meeting that we will end the year in very good financial health. There are sufficient funds for the Society to purchase good material for auctions in the coming year. Bob Reynolds has already started assembling Bid Boards for meetings through May. Membership of the society has increased during the year and we will likely start 2023 with just over 80 members. The success of Zoom allows more members to participate remotely.

Our first meeting in the 2023 will be a Members' Buy, Trade and Sell event on January 21st. This is a great opportunity to become a dealer for the Saturday morning to trade or sell surplus items from your collections—or to add to your own collections. It also allows us to show other members what we collect.

Sheila Case makes a welcome return to our February 18th meeting to give a program. I do not yet have a title for her presentation but we look forward to hearing more of her interesting philatelic experiences in Africa.

Finally, don't forget to go to the Coin & Stamp Show on 3rd & 4th December (see right).

EDITOR'S NOTE.

We are always looking for articles from members. If you have recently acquired an item with an unusual or interesting story please share it with others via this Newsletter. Do you have knowledge of a particular area of collecting that would be interesting and useful to other members? Please consider writing it up in any format and sending to me at anthonyport105@gmail.com or talk to me at a club meeting. Articles on US philately, postal history or local area subjects would be especially welcome.

Postal Rates. It seems very likely that the cost of posting will be increased again on January 22nd 2023. It will then cost 63c to mail this Newsletter so if there are members that normally receive this by USPS that would like to switch to delivery by email please let me know and send me your email address (see above).

Email offers the advantages of speedier access to the Newsletter and also to see color images of auction lots and articles. Your own email address will be kept confidential and will not be visible to other members on the mailing list.

SALEM COIN & STAMP SHOW

DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH 2022

**OREGON STATE FAIRGROUNDS –
COLUMBIA HALL, 2330 17TH ST NE,
SALEM, OR . Tel 503 947 3247**

(Directions: Market St Exit at I-5 M.P. 256. Go west and turn right onto 17th. Fairgrounds on right after about 1 mile—watch for signs.)

**\$3 ADMISSION, (UNDER 18 FREE) &
FREE PARKING**

HOURS: On 12/3—10am to 4.30pm; On 12/4—
10am to 3.30pm. Early Bird entry on both days
@ 9am for \$25

**Over 80 Tables—Coin & Stamp dealers from
around the U.S.**

**A.N.A. & P.N.N.A. Information / Type and
Proof Coins / Gold & Silver / Mint and Proof
Sets / Tokens / Currency / Stamps / Ancient
Books**

Exhibits Hourly and End of Show Raffles

Young Collectors Free Grab Bag

Squisher Penny Machine Demonstration

Appraisals Done on Sunday 12/4 at 1pm

Sponsored by Salem Numismatic Society

For Information Call Danny Bisgaard @ 503 501
6931 or email at SDBISGAARD@gmail.com

Postal Security Concerns.

Linn's Stamp News recently published details from a Postal Inspection Service report on a significant increase in the number of robberies from mail carriers. In particular the theft of arrow keys from carriers was of concern and has led to illegal opening of mail collection boxes and theft of mail. The Postal Service has advised the public in some areas not to post their mail in these boxes after the last collection time. Where possible it would be better to take mail to a post office or use the collection box before the last pick up.

Do any of our members know if this has been a problem in our own areas?

For Royal Mail Use Only:

Ref No -

Stamp Swap Out Form



Non-barcoded stamps can be used until 31 January 2023. We encourage you to use up your stamps, if possible, before then. Please use this form to swap your unused stamps for new barcoded stamps to the equivalent value.

See royalmail.com/barcodedstamps for examples of accepted stamps.

Note: This form should not be used if you are a Retailer who sells stamps to the general public. If you are a Retailer please visit www.royalmail.com/stamp-retailer-exchange

Please read before Completing Sections 1 and 2

- We will swap eligible non-barcoded stamps to the value of today's tariff and not for a cash equivalent.
- Eligible stamps are the regular 1st and 2nd Class 'everyday' stamps featuring the profile of HM The Queen and those that show any other value.
- Non-barcoded Christmas themed stamps continue to be valid for postage and don't need to be sent for swap out.
- We are **not** barcoding Special Stamps i.e. pictorial stamps issued to commemorate anniversaries and events. These remain valid for postage and do not need to be sent in for swap out.
- We will not accept stamps that have already been used for postage.
- Self-adhesive stamps must be attached to their original backing paper or book.
- Individual stamps that are not self-adhesive must be stuck to this form within the box overleaf.
- We will accept the value of up to £200 on this form. If you need to send stamps to a value of more than £200 you will need to complete a Swap Out form for over £200 which can be found at royalmail.com/barcodedstamps
- We will use your personal data to process your Swap Out only. Your details will not be used for marketing purposes.
- We aim to process your application within 7 working days but this cannot be guaranteed.

Examples of stamps you can Swap Out



Examples of stamps you don't need to Swap Out



1. Personal Details

Please use CAPITALS and a blue or black pen for all your answers

Name:

Company Name: (if applicable)

Address:

..... Postcode:

2. Stamps to be Swapped

(if this section is not completed, this may delay your application)

Number of stamps enclosed:

(non-self-adhesive stamps to be stuck to reverse of this form)

Value of stamps enclosed:

1st Class = 95p / 2nd Class = 68p
(from 4th April 2022)

Checklist

- Your personal details section 1 completed
- Stamps to be swapped section 2 completed
- Your stamps enclosed within this form

By sending us this form you are agreeing to the Swap Out Terms & Conditions at royalmail.com/barcodedstamps



Please return this form using our freepost service addressed to: Freepost SWAP OUT

Use the box below to stick any stamps that are **not** self-adhesive

If you suspect fraudulent stamps please report these to royalmail.com/report-stamp-fraud

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Collectors of GB Machins.

Great Britain's Royal Mail announced the introduction of barcoded definitives some time ago. (See the March/April 2022 edition of Willamette Stamp & Tongs.) In the original statement the familiar Machin stamps without a barcode would become invalid for postage after January 31st 2023. It has been recently reported in the British press and in Linn's that the Royal Mail has extended its deadline by 6 months to July 31st 2023.

It is not clear how this change to barcoded stamps will affect collectors of GB definitives in the US but by August 2023 mint examples of these stamps will have no "face value". It is possible that the value of some of the more common or recently issued Machins may fall and possibly to below their nominal face value. Since collectors in the US have no opportunity of using surplus stamps from their collections for postage they might want to take advantage of Royal Mail's "Swap Out" scheme. Mint definitives can be sent back to them and exchanged for an equivalent worth of barcoded stamps.

The extension of the deadline and the Swap Out scheme (which at the moment is an open-ended commitment by Royal Mail) means that there is no great urgency to decide what to do with your mint surplus Machin stamps. It will become much clearer later next year on movements in the value of the non-barcoded stamps.



More details of the Swap Out scheme can be found at royalmail.com/barcoded stamps. A form for exchanging stamps with a value up to £200 can be downloaded from this site and a copy is also included in this Newsletter. Self adhesive stamps need to be returned on their backing whilst conventional adhesives need to be stuck to the second page of the form. For accumulations with a face value of over £200 a different form from the same

site is needed. The nominal value of 1st and 2nd class postage stamps sent for exchange will be their current rates (95p & 68p resp.) no matter when they were purchased.

The Swap Out form and stamps can be mailed free of charge in the UK using the simple address of "Freepost, SWAP OUT" but I am not sure how this will work with the USPS here. The full address is as follows: Royal Mail, Swap Out, Talents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB, Scotland, UK.

These changes do not apply to Special Stamps i.e. pictorial commemoratives or Christmas stamps which will be valid for use beyond the July 2023 deadline.

From the Archives

I am grateful to George Struble who came across this press cutting whilst clearing out cupboards. It seems that an occasional unfortunate positioning of a slogan postmark against the Queen's portrait caused a minor upset in some quarters in 1959. Such different times! But for 3d (just over 1penny in today's money) you could have a letter delivered anywhere in the UK by the next day.



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Events

December 2022 Meeting

**Christmas Party, Wednesday 7th
December at 6pm in the Scottish
Rite Center, Commercial St., S. Salem.**

January 2023 Meeting

**In-Person & Zoom Meeting
Saturday January 21st at 10am,
(doors open at 9am) in the Scottish
Rite Center, Commercial St., S. Salem.
**Program: Members' Buy, Sell & Trade
Meeting****

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2022

Local Events

**Salem Coin & Stamp Show, December 3rd & 4th,
Oregon State Fairgrounds, Columbia Hall**

Repetitive Events:

**Oregon Stamp Society: Rose City Stamp Fair -
2nd Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse
4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland 9:00am-3:00 pm
Collectors Corner - 4th Saturday of the month
at OSS clubhouse 9:00 am.- 3:00 pm**

2022 Major Shows:

FLOREX. Kissimmee, FL. Dec. 2—3rd 2022

2023 Major Shows:

**PIPEX 2023, May 5-7 at the Monarch Hotel & Conference Center,
Clackamas, OR**