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## From the President's Desk

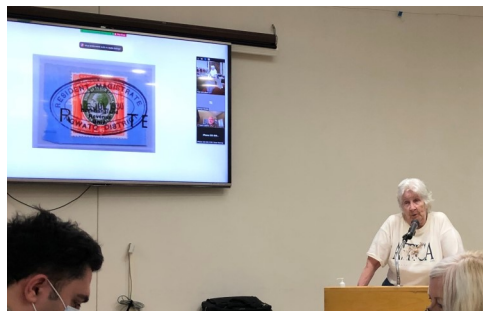
Those who were in attendance, both in person or on Zoom, were treated to a special presentation by Sheila Case. She had given a presentation before the pandemic and I thought she would have nothing new to tell us, but she not only told us more about Botswana, but left us wanting to hear more. We are so fortunate to have such a resource in the Salem area. We owe a special thank you to George Stellingwerf who worked with Sheila to put together a great Powerpoint display. It also helped our learning curve as we learned to show the Powerpoint on the room screen as well as share it with the people on Zoom. Everyone on Zoom is now able to enter the meeting without waiting to be admitted. This will eliminate the problem we had at the last meeting. The venue is perfect and the Scottish Rite Center has all the equipment necessary for a top quality meeting. David Fuller at the SRC is a great host and is most accommodating and helpful.

Our next meeting is Saturday, **February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**; doors open at 9:00am.

*David Morelli*

## January 2022 Meeting.

Following on from David's comments, Sheila Case's excellent presentation included some very rare examples of Bechuanaland revenue stamps. Many of these on documents were obtained in a somewhat mysterious way from a local worker. They included some spectacular and jaw-dropping examples of Revenues (see below). Sheila worked with David Wesley on an award winning exhibit on these stamps. She made a significant contribution to our knowledge in this area—some of which was included in Barefoot's catalogue of Revenue Stamps.



**Bid—Board.** Bob Reynolds reports that 43/52 lots were sold for a total of \$846 at the January meeting with most of these coming from the CA collection acquired last year.

## February Meeting.

The main event of this meeting will be our Members' Auction. There are 61 Lots on offer from many different areas of interests. If you cannot attend in person please join the meeting on Zoom to bid on items or send bids to Bob Reynolds in advance. We are improving our capabilities for joint Zoom and in-person meetings and making it easier to join in so why not give it a try?

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## Future Meetings and Shows.

### The Vice-Presidents Corner.

We learn something new with each Zoom meeting. Now in person AND Zoom combined adds a whole new challenge. A big Thank You to Dave at Scottish Rite for his technical assistance. We are working on a smoother flowing agenda to provide a better experience for all. Any constructive criticism is always appreciated.

The club is planning to purchase a laptop computer to: facilitate Zoom, assist Power Point presenters, and keep club accounts on Excel. Anyone like to donate a used PC laptop, or know of a spectacular deal on a new one at local retailer???

With your support, “**Frame of the Month**” and “**Show and Tell**” are back! A short 10-15 minute presentation about your favorite philatelic interest will be fun. Call me to get on the calendar.

The February program will include :

Program - “Members Auction”

“Frame of the Month” by - Your name here .....

“Show and Tell” by - Your name here .....

We need frames from our members for STAMPEX.

*Mike Braet*

### Willamette Valley Stamp Show in March

The Willamette Valley Stamp Show will present exhibits at our STAMPEX show on March 20. The exhibits will be

- Joe Voice, “The Varney Airgram: An Introduction”
- Tim Bergquist, “Lighthouses of America: Beacons on U.S. Stamps”
- Norma Nielsen, “A Study of the U.N. Chagall Window Issue”
- Albert Dewey, “First Overprints of Ireland”
- Eric Knapp, “Alaska’s Gold Rush Forts 1897-1925”
- George Struble, “The 1920 Frankfurt-Basel Air-mail Service” (non-competitive)

The exhibits will be mounted in the foyer of the Scottish Rite Center.

Until February 17, there is still time to enter an exhibit.

*George Struble*

## PIPEX April 29 – May 1

PIPEX is back live this year! After cancellation in 2022 and a virtual show in 2021, we will have a live show April 29 to May 1. Because of a serious structural problem at the Holiday Inn, PIPEX this year is at the Embassy Suites Portland Airport, 7900 NE 82nd, at the corner of 82nd and Airport Way. This is a very nice hotel, with good spaces for all the normal show functions. **DAYTIME PARKING IS FREE!**

The website with lots of information about the show: **[www.pipexstampshow.org](http://www.pipexstampshow.org)**

PIPEX will host the usual components of a successful stamp show:

There will be 190 frames of exhibits, which can contribute to your enjoyment and education. In addition, some of the exhibits will be – and a few already are! – posted on the website so you can study them sitting down in the comfort of your home!

Societies having meetings at this PIPEX include the United States Stamp Society and the Germany Philatelic Society.

- There will be at least 22 stamp dealers, with a wide variety of tempting stuff for sale, including supplies.
- There will be meetings and seminars; see the website for more information about the schedule.
- Several other organizations will have information tables at PIPEX; they include the Salem Stamp Society, which can be a gathering place for SSS members.
- There will be an auction of about 150 lots, organized by – who else would be better?! – Bob Reynolds.
- Salem Stamp Society members are heavily involved in the PIPEX preparations; in addition to Bob Reynolds (who is also treasurer), Alan Maul (dealers), Lisa Janz (registration), Phil Kumler (youth), Steve Brandt (logistics), Lucien Klein (publicity) and George Struble (exhibits) play key roles.
- Plan to come and enjoy the show!

*George Struble*

**2022 DUES ARE NOW DUE!!**

**A polite reminder from our Treasurer Alan Maul that Membership Dues are Overdue!**

# SALEM STAMP SOCIETY.

## February 2022 Members Auction

1	Stamp Mounts	Small Box with a 10+ packs of pre-cut mounts			\$ 7.00	
2	Stamp Mounts	6 packs of 165x94 Scott Mounts Black Background			\$ 12.00	
3	Stamp Mounts	6 packs of 105x265 Scott Mounts Black Background			\$ 12.00	
4	Stamp Mounts	3 packs of 107x265 Scott Mounts Black Background			\$ 6.00	
5	Stamp Mounts	6 packs of 175x265 Scott Mounts Black Background			\$ 10.00	
6	Supplies	1 pack of Scott Mint Sheet pages- Vario Type			\$ 2.00	
7	Supplies	Scott 3" two post Binder Like New			\$ 5.00	
8	Supplies	Scott 3" two post Binder Like New			\$ 5.00	
9	Supplies	1 pack of Scott National Blank pages			\$ 2.00	
10	Supplies	12 assorted Scott National Supplements			\$ 3.00	Most Sealed
11	United States	1996 Classic Movie Monsters Pane of 20, MNH	3172a	\$ 15.00	\$ 6.00	Face \$6.40
12	United States	1998 American Art Pane of 20, MNH	3236	\$ 18.00	\$ 6.00	Face \$6.40
13	United States	1990's Misc Disney Stamped Postal Cards		\$ 33.00	\$ 10.00	
14	United States	1990's 65 Cartoon stamped Postcards		\$ 81.25	\$ 25.00	
15	United States	2 sealed packs of Stamped Superhero Postcards	477a, UX52	\$ 56.00	\$ 20.00	Retail New \$23
16	Postcards	200+ Vintage Postcards, cities, XMAS etc			\$ 20.00	Nice Lot!
17	Canada	Binder of Canada covers, FDC's, Oregon Trail			\$ 25.00	
18	Baseball	Misc MNH Issues & Baseball Stadium FDC's			\$ 20.00	
19	Baseball	Misc MNH Issues & Legends FDC's - Babe Ruth			\$ 20.00	
20	Baseball	Misc MNH Issues & Legends FDC's - Roberto Clemente			\$ 20.00	
21	Baseball	MNH Issues & Ephemera - Brooklyn Dodgers Ticket			\$ 20.00	
22	St Pierre & Miq.	Small lot + covers, Possible Scott #109A		\$ 92.00	\$ 20.00	
23	United States	1926-31 Rotary Press Sets, Mint LH	692-701	\$ 165.00	\$ 40.00	632-42
24	Switzerland	Specialized Back of book collection Army Stamps		\$ 160.00	\$ 30.00	
25	Highway PO Mail	12 covers and APS articles			\$ 50.00	
26	United States	Grouping of US Precancels - MNH			\$ 20.00	
27	North Korea	Collection on Album Pages		\$ 414.00	\$ 40.00	
28	Samoa	Collection on Scott In't Pages + covers		\$73.00+	\$ 30.00	
29	United States	Misc US Postal Stationary			\$ 30.00	
30	Birds	stamps and misc covers -exhibit synopsis			\$ 30.00	
31	Africa	27 Sets, S/S's, Part Sets, MNH & Mint LH		\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	
32	K.U.T	1960's-70's 3 sets + 3 Part Sets - MNH/Mint LH		\$ 10.00	\$ 3.00	
33	St Vincent	1980's (5) MNH Sets		\$ 28.00	\$ 5.00	
34	Sierra Leone	1960's part Set & Full Set, MNH 242-7, C8-12		\$ 8.60	\$ 3.00	
35	Brit Comm.	11 MLH & MNH Sets - Africa		\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00	Couple Used
36	United Nations	1950's-70's Collection, Covers, Postage, Sheets etc			\$ 50.00	
37	United States	1888 30 cent Hamilton, Used	217	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	
38	United States	1893 3 cent Columbian, Fine, MNH	232	\$ 95.00	\$ 20.00	
39	United States	1894 2 cent Washington, Inscription Single, MNH	250	\$ 65.00	\$ 15.00	
40	United States	1901 4 cent Pan Am Expo, Mint LH, F-VF	296	\$ 70.00	\$ 15.00	
41	United States	1901 8 cent Pan Am Expo, Mint LH, VF straightedge	298	\$ 90.00	\$ 20.00	
42	United States	1894 10 cent Special Delivery, Used	E4	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	
43	Australia	1913 2 1/2p Kangaroo, Mint	4	\$ 70.00	\$ 15.00	
44	Canada	1893 10 cent issue, Used, XF, light cancel	46	\$ 125.00	\$ 35.00	
45	Great Britain	1880 2p, used, Circular date cancel	81	\$ 100.00	\$ 22.00	
46	New Zealand	1936-42 Set, Mint LH	203-16	\$ 71.00	\$ 18.00	
47	PR China	1956 China Post Set S15 used	290-294	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00	
48	PR China	1974 China Post Set T.5.	1199-1203	\$ 29.50	\$ 7.00	
49	Swaziland	1956 QEII 2sh6p and 10sh values, used	63,65	\$ 31.25	\$ 8.00	
50	Syria	1958 Airmail Issues of U.A.R. MNH & used	C14-19	\$ 2.85	\$ 1.00	
51	Vatican	1969-92, 14 stamps, MNH		\$ 10.25	\$ 3.00	
52	United States	2 lb bag of US stamps on paper			\$ 3.00	
53	Greece	Accumulation of older issues mint & used			\$ 13.00	Some duplication
54	Germany	Binder w/accumuation of Germany mint & used			\$ 10.00	
55	Canada	Binder/Album w/accumuation of Canada mint & used			\$ 15.00	
56	San Marino	Accum of mint hinged commems, air, and Spec Del		\$ 1,087.00	\$ 100.00	
57	Vatican	1960's-70's 42 Different Most MNH, C16 used!		\$ 23.15	\$ 7.00	
58	Covers	2 full shoeboxes of 1940's covers, blocks ,PC's			\$ 20.00	Interesting Lot!
59	Arabian Peninsula	400+ stamps with some duplication			\$ 10.00	
60	United Nations	1956-76, 600 plus stamps, some duplication			\$ 20.00	
61	SE Asia	1990's assorted Malaysia, Macau, Hong Kong MNH		\$ 335.70	\$ 60.00	



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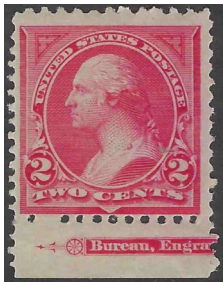
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## Crimean War Cover—a Tale of Two Russells.

For some time I have been looking for an interesting cover to illustrate the setting up of the British Army Post Office in Constantinople to handle mails during the Crimean War (1853-56). This was the forerunner of the British Post Offices in the Levant that were established for commercial mails in the region.

Although the Army PO in Constantinople was handling large volumes of mail for the allied forces it is quite difficult to find good covers from this period.

Last year a cover was offered by Samwells (Postal History Specialists from Bath in England) that was described as being a letter written by the famous London Times Journalist William Howard Russell to his wife (Lady Russell) at Swallowfield near Reading in England. It had been sent via the British Army PO on December 13th 1854 arriving in Reading on the 29th. (see below).



The cover seemed to be exactly what I was looking for and so I purchased it—perhaps too quickly. WH Russell was certainly well known as the Times' Correspondent at the Crimean War but a

quick search showed that he was not knighted until much later (1880's) so his wife at the time of writing could not be "Lady Russell". Further research also revealed that Swallowfield was the home of another famous but different Russell family. So, was the cover a fake or could there be another explanation?

Fortunately, Swallowfield is an historic English stately home and estate and the Russell's were a notable family. Both the house and the family are well documented. In 1852 Sir Charles Russell became the 3rd Baronet and owner of Swallowfield. His mother (Lady Russell) continued to live at the family home while Charles joined the Grenadier Guards. He accompanied his regiment to the Crimea where he served with great distinction.

On November 5th 1854 at the Battle of Inkerman he led a small group to retake the Sandbag battery from Russian troops showing outstanding bravery and leadership. When the Victoria Cross was introduced in 1856 to honour acts of valour during the Crimean War Sir Charles Russell was awarded this medal. He was presented with the VC by Queen Victoria at the first award ceremony in Hyde Park, London in 1857.

It is tempting to think that the letter sent to Lady Russell just a few weeks after the Battle of Inkerman was from her son Charles (3d was the correct rate for soldier's mail to UK via Marseilles). Sadly this could not be proven by enquiry at the Bodleian Library in Oxford where the Russell family archives are kept. This has certainly proved to be an "interesting" cover even if its authenticity and provenance have yet to be resolved.

## **PIPEX 2022**

**April 29, 30, May 1, 2022**

Embassy Suites, Portland Airport  
7900 NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Portland OR 97220

**Free Admission Special Show Room Rate**

Guest Societies:

Germany Philatelic Society of the USA  
Pacific Northwest Postal History Society  
United States Stamp Society

28 Dealer Booths 190 Frames of Exhibits StampBuddy  
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## **Events**

### **February 2022 Meeting**

**In-Person & Zoom Meeting Saturday  
15<sup>th</sup> January at 10am (doors open 9am)  
in the Scottish Rite Center, Commer-  
cial St., South Salem**

**Program: Members' Auction**

### **Future Programs:**

**In-Person & Zoom Meeting Wednes-  
day 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm (doors open at  
6pm) in the Scottish Rite Center,  
Commercial St., South Salem.**

**Program: TBD**

## **Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2021**

### **Local Events**

Willamette Valley Stamp Show, Eugene 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022 &  
Salem STAMPEX 20<sup>th</sup> March

### **Repetitive Events:**

Oregon Stamp Society: Rose City Stamp Fair - 2nd  
Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse  
4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Collectors Corner - 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at  
OSS clubhouse 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### **2021 Major Shows:**

LONDON 2022 February 19<sup>th</sup>-26th 2022.

PIPEX at PDX Holiday Inn April 29-May1<sup>st</sup>

WESTPEX, SFO April 22-24<sup>th</sup> 2022

Great America Stamp Show, Sacramento, CA Aug 25-28<sup>th</sup> 2022