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June Meeting.

Although our June meeting was slightly less well attended than usual there was lively bidding on many of the auction lots. Nearly \$1400 was raised as 42 out of 74 available lots were sold to bidders in the room and the 5 members that attended on Zoom. Most of the previous problems with Zoom were resolved and members could fully participate in the meeting including the auction.

Rodney Stent presented a short but interesting "Show & Tell" item entitled "The Picture Ex-



tends Beyond the Stamp." He

showed a cover with the 1995 32c Florida Panther stamp neatly cancelled and complete with the selvedge where the image

of the panther continued. Since this can only occur with stamps from the bottom row of the sheet, he wondered if this cover was particularly rare or valuable. He has since found 4 or 5 other examples where the design extends beyond the stamp.

Mike Braet is always looking for contributions by members who are willing to talk about interesting or unusual items from their collections. Please contact him if you would like to do this.

Lisa Janz announced that she has acquired two new works for the Club Library. The latest "Brookman Stamp Price Guide" and the "Unitrade Catalogue of Canadian Stamps" are now available for members' use. If you have any suggestions for other additions to the library please let her know.

July Meeting and Auction.

Rodney Stent will present a "Frame of the Month" on "Aerogram Stationery." The Members' Auction has been assembled by Bob Reynolds, a list of the 66 lots and images of selected items are included in this Newsletter and on our website. If you cannot attend in person or on Zoom you can still place bids by calling Bob (503 580-6574) or sending him an email to: renroost@aol.com

August Meeting.

George Stellingwerf will present a program on "Modern Counter-

feits" and asks members to bring along any suspicious items to the meeting. George has also begun to bring stamps to sell at our meetings including selections of counterfeits, precancels and perfins.

George Struble will present a "Frame of the Month" on three early Swiss Air Mail covers and their journeys to Hawaii—and their intriguing routes back to Switzerland by different routes.

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Club News & Future Programs.

July 20th: Frame of the Month—Rodney Stent on “Aerogram Stationery.” Members Auction

August 17th: Presentation on “Modern Counterfeits” by George Stellingwerf, Frame of the Month by George Struble and Bid Board .

September 21st: Presentation by Larry Crain on “Mystery History”, Bid Board.

October 19th: Presentation by George Struble on Creating Exhibits & Exhibiting. Bid Board.

November 16th: Club Auction.

December : Christmas Dinner & Party, date and venue TBD.

January 2023: Members’ Swap Meeting & Bid Board.

February 2023: Members’ Auction.

We are also looking into the possibility of presentations by Zoom from notable speakers from other parts of the country.

John Esbenshade.

We regret to report the sad news of the recent passing of John Esbenshade, a long time member of our Society.

PIPEX Service Awards & Exhibit Winners

In the June edition of American Philatelist there is a very nice article on PIPEX in the “Philatelic Happenings” column by Ken Martin. He writes about the four PIPEX Service Awards announced at the show banquet. George Struble was the recipient of one of these awards for his work as PIPEX exhibits chair for many years. Michael Dixon, the late Larry Spray and Tony Wawrukiewicz were the other Service Award winners.

The article also lists the winner of the multi-frame grand prize as Roger Brody for his exhibit “Jamestown 1907”. Ralph Nafziger won the multi-frame reserve grand for “The 1936 3c Oregon Territory Issue”. Robert Rufe won the single frame grand for “US Special Booklet Paper Printings of 1928”. The PIPEX People’s Choice award was won by Niko Courtelis for his exhibit “The Ubiquitous Paper Stamp Perforation Gauge”.

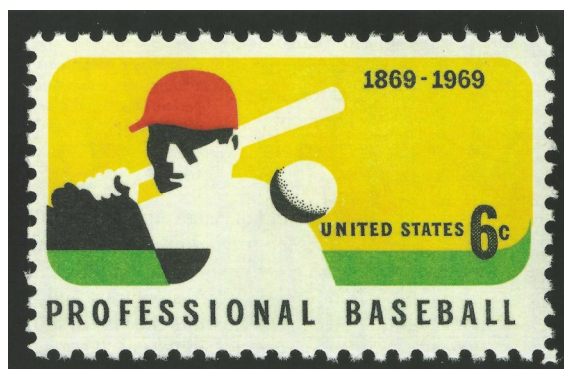
Increase in Postal Rates.

From July 10th 2022 the cost of First Class Mail increases to 60c (with the cost of an additional ounce going up to 24c). Any members who receive this Newsletter by mail and would like to change

to delivery by email (faster, less expensive and in colour!) just let me know.

Exhibition of Baseball Stamps at the National Postal Museum.

In a recent edition of Smithsonian News it was announced that a new exhibition entitled “Baseball: America’s Home Run” is running at the National Postal Museum in Washington, DC. It celebrates the recent 150th anniversary of professional baseball and will be on show until 5th January 2025.



The exhibition features 100’s of US & international stamps featuring all aspects of the game including great players, historic fields and notable events. The curators have also assembled a huge collection of baseball related objects from other Smithsonian museums, the Baseball Hall of Fame and many private collectors.

The exhibition comprises four sections:

- “Creating Baseball” concentrating on early stamps relating to the myths about the game’s origins.
- “We All Play Ball” looking at the spread of the game around the world
- “The Negro Leagues” examining the experience of African Americans playing baseball before 1947.
- “Legendary Playing Fields” exploring the sense of community created by baseball parks



More details at [https://postalmuseum.si.edu/exhibition/baseball-America’s-home-run](https://postalmuseum.si.edu/exhibition/baseball-America's-home-run)

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JULY MEMBERS AUCTION

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LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	Bhutan	1960's-70's mostly mint Collection, some MNH		\$ 60.00	\$ 8.00	
2	Columbia	1940's-60's about 250 mainly used, duplication			\$ 4.00	
3	Ecuador	1940's-60's about 150 mainly used, duplication			\$ 5.00	
4	Greece	1000+ stamps mint & used pre 1975			\$ 35.00	
5	Liberia	500+ Stamps to 1975 mint, a few MNH			\$ 12.00	
6	Nevis	1980's MNH Assortment		\$ 110.00	\$ 20.00	
7	New Zealand	1990's most MNH, blocks of 4 S/S's		\$ 450.00	\$ 60.00	
8	Poland	1940's-60's Sev hundred, mint, used, CTO			\$ 5.00	
9	United Nations	1999 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year sets			\$ 30.00	
10	United Nations	2001 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year sets			\$ 30.00	
11	Scott Mounts	5 sealed packs of Scott Mounts 140x90			\$ 10.00	
12	Scott Mounts	6 opened packages of SheetSize Mounts sizes 175-200			\$ 10.00	
13	Scott Mounts	6 opened packs of precut small sheet size mounts			\$ 10.00	
14	Supplies	2 unopened packages of Scott mint sheet pages			\$ 10.00	
15	Supplies	35 Blank Scott National Pages			\$ 5.00	
16	Supplies	Scott padded Gray three ring binder - Like New			\$ 3.00	
17	Supplies	Scott padded Blue three ring binder - Like New			\$ 3.00	
18	Supplies	Scott 3" Specialty Binder - Good Condition			\$ 7.00	
19	United States	Box Lot - Everything and anything!			\$ 10.00	
20	Worldwide	Box Lot - Everything and anything!			\$ 10.00	
21	United States	1868 1 cent Washington F Grill, Used	92	\$450.00	\$ 60.00	
22	United States	1868 15 cent Lincoln, F Grill, Used	98	\$ 275.00	\$ 50.00	
23	United States	1869 2 cent Pictoral, unused no gum	113	\$ 190.00	\$ 40.00	
24	United States	1893 15 cent Columbian, Mint HR	238	\$ 200.00	\$ 35.00	
25	United States	2000 33 cent Stars and Stripes Sheet, MNH	3403	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.50	
26	United States	2004 American Indian Art Sheet MNH	3873	\$ 25.00	\$ 13.00	
27	Great Britain	1884 6p Used, (VF)	104	\$ 210.00	\$ 20.00	
28	Great Britain	1900 1sh, Used (VF)	126	\$ 145.00	\$ 25.00	
29	Canada	1925 50 cent George V, Mint LH, (VF/XF)	120	\$ 70.00	\$ 25.00	
30	Canada	1929 50 cent Blue Nose Schooner, Mint LH (VF)	158	\$ 225.00	\$ 75.00	
31	Germany	100's of new and old stamps arranged in several albums			\$ 50.00	
32	Worldwide	55 colorful New Zealand Covers, Australia and WW covers			\$ 30.00	
33	Canada-Great Britain	Couple 100 FDC's and modern GB covers			\$ 30.00	
34	Islands	British and WW Scottish, Channel and Commonwealth			\$ 20.00	
35	United Nations	2 boxes of Mint Sheets/PB's, stationary, Flag FDC's etc			\$ 20.00	
36	United Nations	Geneva FDC's and Post Cards 1960-80 (some Vienna)			\$ 10.00	
37	United Nations	Airmail including new & used FDC's, Aerograms, and Postcards			\$ 10.00	
38	United Nations	1500 addressed & unaddressed FDC's (2 shoe boxes)			\$ 15.00	
39	United States	1861 90 cent Washington, Used	72	\$ 600.00	\$ 125.00	
40	United States	1898 15 cent Webster, Unused Regum, Cert	284	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00	
41	Cayman Islands	About 150 mint blocks, singles and used on Scott Pages			\$ 40.00	
42	Trees	About two frames of haphazard exhibit material - trees			\$ 40.00	
43	San Marino	Key items in a specialty Album, Strong early and Back of book			\$ 200.00	
44	Straits Settlements	Approximately 300 stamps about \$1000 CV			\$ 100.00	
45	Mongolia	Over 3000 stamps, few early but lots of complete sets			\$ 50.00	
46	Burma	50 early stamps, better sets			\$ 25.00	
47	Columbia	25 stamps/revenues interesting lot			\$ 7.00	
48	Canal Zone	remnant collection that includes covers, back of book, etc			\$ 45.00	
49	Ceylon	Early collection on packed album pages, nice early sets			\$ 40.00	
50	United States	Collection from Barack Obama's private high school teacher			\$ 300.00	Have a Look!
51	San Marino	Collection of Mint Hinged Commems, Airs and Spec Del		\$1,087.00	\$ 100.00	Nice Collection!
52	Australian Ant Terr	Mini Mint Collection of 25 stamps and 1 S/S		\$32.23	\$ 8.00	
53	Falkland Islands	10 Falkland Is Stamps, 84-90 + 86a, 89a mint		\$ 32.20	\$ 8.00	
54	Israel	Modern Tab Collection almost all MNH, 117 Stamps + S/S's		\$ 49.33	\$ 15.00	
55	First Day Covers	1940 Famous Americans and 1945 Roosevelt Complete!		\$ 175.00	\$ 20.00	
56	United States	1898 5 cent Grant, MNH	281	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	
57	United States	1902 10 cent Webster, MNH	307	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00	
58	Germany - Berlin	1951-2 Freedom Bell, Semi-Postal Set, MNH	9N75-9	\$110.00	\$ 35.00	
59	Germany - Berlin	1952-3 Portraits, Semi-Postal Set, MNH	9N84-93	\$ 97.50	\$ 30.00	
60	Germany - Berlin	1953 Freedom Bell, Semi-Postal Set, MNH	9N94-8	\$ 77.50	\$ 20.00	
61	Gibraltar	2014-18 MNH Collection 8 S/S's & 10 sets		\$ 296.00	\$ 50.00	
62	Greece	Red Dealer Box w/100's light duplication, mint & used		\$ 550.00+	\$ 70.00	
63	Luxembourg	1934 John the Blind Semi-Postal Set, MNH	B60-5	\$ 125.00	\$ 40.00	
64	Covers/Postcards	About 100 19th cent to early 20th Cent in nice cover album			\$ 10.00	
65	First Day Covers	1960-2010 Shoe box full of FDC's			\$ 5.00	
66	Mint Sheet Album	Hard Cover Album to hold those mint sheets			\$ 5.00	Nice Album

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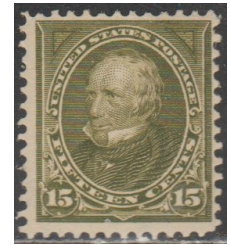
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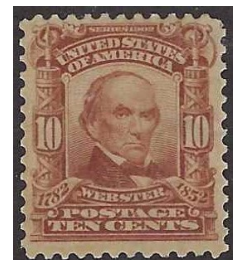
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A Most Unusual Post Office “At the Far Side of the World”

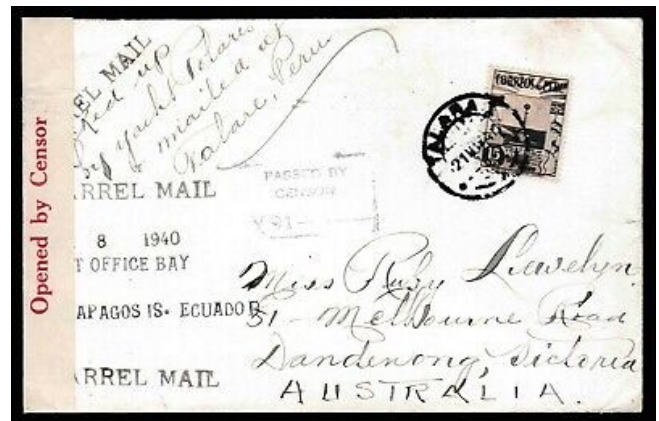
In the late 18th Century many whaling ships would call in at Floreana Island in the Galapagos to pick up supplies on their long voyages. The islands were largely uninhabited at this time and Floreana was chosen because it had a good supply of fresh water and giant tortoises. These animals could live for a year without food and water and so provided a welcome source of fresh meat on a long sea voyage. So many were taken that the Floreana tortoise became extinct.

In 1793 British seamen set up a whiskey barrel in Post Office Bay on Floreana where sailors on outward journey would leave mail in the hope that someone on a homeward voyage would deliver them. The practice of looking through the mail left in the barrel to find letters suitable for delivery at home was established and seemed to work well enough although the service must have been unpredictable!

This informal post office was put to a somewhat unethical use by Captain Porter of the US Navy during the war with the British in 1813. He was sent to the Galapagos with orders to destroy the

British whaling fleet. He read the mail left in the barrel to get information on the British fleet and where it was going. This was a successful tactic and the British ships were found and sunk.

This tradition continues to the present day and tourists are encouraged to leave mail in a new and improved barrel and find others addressed to places where they can be delivered at the end of their vacations. People are encouraged to carry on the original practice of delivering the mail by hand rather than simply applying a stamp and using modern mail services. There are many examples of where this has been done although covers with stamps can be found on eBay.



We have just returned from a vacation to the Galapagos Islands where I hoped to visit Floreana and make use of the barrel mail post office. Unfortunately our itinerary did not include a visit to this island. It was still a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime holiday. The islands and the wildlife on them are unique and we did see many other species of giant tortoise that had survived hungry British sailors.



The Barrel Post Office on Floreana.



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Events

July 2022 Meeting

**In-Person & Zoom Meeting
Wednesday 20th July at 7pm (doors
open at 6pm) in the Scottish Rite Cen-
ter, Commercial St., South Salem.**

Program: Members' Auction

August 2022 Meeting

**In-Person & Zoom Meeting
Wednesday 17th August at 7pm (doors
open at 6pm) in the Scottish Rite Cen-
ter, Commercial St., South Salem.**

Program: Members' Auction

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2022

Local Events

SEAPEX , Tukwila Community Center, WA Sept. 9—11th 2022

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 - 4th Saturday of the month at
OSS clubhouse 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

2022 Major Shows:

Great America Stamp Show, Sacramento, CA Aug 25-28th 2022

Autumn STAMPEX International, London. UK Sept.28—Oct.1st

CHICAGOPEX, Westin Chicago NW, Nov. 18—20th.

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