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December Meeting.

Our annual Christmas party was another successful evening for the club. Over 40 people attended and greatly enjoyed the dinner provided by the Scottish Rite Center. Bob Reynolds organized a great range of door prizes and there were 2 informal members' Christmas exhibits on view. Mike Braet has provided photographs of the evenings entertainment and a selection of these are included in this Newsletter.

January 2023 Meeting.

We start the New Year with a Members' "Buy, Trade & Sell" meeting on Saturday 21st January at 10am. This is a great opportunity for members to become stamp dealers for a day. Bring along your surplus items from your collections to sell or trade with your fellow members. It is also a good way to share information on what you collect and learn about your friends interests.

Bob Reynolds has assembled a small but interesting Bid Board for the meeting. A list of the lots on offer is included below in this Newsletter.

Salem Coin & Stamp Show

Members who attended the annual show at the State Fairgrounds would have witnessed the final appearance of Gary Tiffin as a Stamp Dealer. Pictured below are 3 generations of Tiffins at their booth. Gary's son and grandson have inherited his interest and enthusiasm for stamp collecting. As he has mentioned previously at our meetings he has decided to retire. He will still be able to help members with their collections, please let him know if you have any special requests.



Dues are Due Now!

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:

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Club News.

Pete McCallum has issued a new supplement for the Members' Directory, copies will be sent out to members via email or by post with the Newsletter. It includes details of a new member—**Michael Bloom** from Portland. We welcome him back to the club, he active with PIPEX and judging of exhibits. His collecting interests include Guatemala and Latvia.

First Stamps Organization.

One of our members, Phil Kumler, is the Executive Director of First Stamps Inc.. This non-profit organization, now in its 17th year, is dedicated to philately and how to create new stamp collectors. It accepts donations of philatelic material of all types to distribute to schools, youth stamp clubs and orphanages in the US and many other parts of the world. First Stamps teaches courses in stamp collecting at local schools and has delivered 2000 lbs of stamps to over 150 public schools districts across the US. Phil is pictured below at his booth at the recent Salem Coin and Stamp Show.



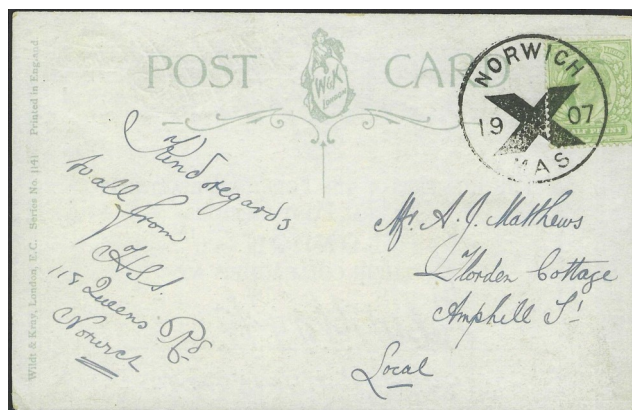
First Stamps can assist in the sale of stamp collections to benefit specific charities (at no cost) and is registered as an ASDA non-profit dealer. It will also provide appraisals of collections.

Please contact Phil at one of our meetings or via www.firststamps.org if you need more information or donate philatelic material to this important effort to create a new generation of young stamp collectors.

The Mail at Christmas.

In the December 2020 edition of this Newsletter I compared the delivery of Christmas mail in Victorian and Edwardian Britain with the current service. It was customary back then to expect Christmas cards and other seasonal mails to arrive on the morning of December 25th. The familiar appeal from the Post Office to “Post Early for Christmas” in the late 19th Century was to encourage people to put letters in the mail by December 24th to help provide next day delivery.

To reduce the Christmas rush the Post Office offered a scheme where letters could be posted during the week before Christmas and held at the local Post Office for delivery on Christmas Day. The letters had a special cancellation and separated from other mail and marked “Posted in advance for delivery on Xmas Day”. The scheme was tried out in a number of towns but was not very popular with the public. An postcard from 1907 was recently offered by Stanley Gibbons (see below) showing the special cancellation on an Edward VII 1/2d green stamp.



Gibbons stated that this was the first year that this scheme operated in Norwich and that only 6650 items were sent in this way. Few of these survived making this card somewhat rare and so the asking price is £550. It is worth keeping an eye open for postcards or letters with this type of cancellation.

We have just returned from trip to the UK and the delivery of Christmas mail there this year is even more difficult to predict than normal. A series of strikes by Royal Mail workers has disrupted the service. There was much talk about some of the Christmas mail not being delivered until the New Year.

This uncertainty and the increasing costs of postage has meant that many people have stopped sending Christmas cards this year and resorted to emails. Not very good news for stamp collectors!

Salem Stamp Society
January 2023 Bid Board

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LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	United States	1893 30 cent Columbian, Used, Rounded UR corner	239	\$90.00	\$15.00	
2	United States	1997 Humphrey Bogart sheet of 20, MNH	3152	\$17.50	\$6.00	
3	United States	1994 Civil War Sheet of 20, MNH	2975	\$32.50	\$8.00	
4	United States	1996 Classic Movie Monsters Shee tof 20, MNH	3172	\$15.00	\$6.00	
5	United States	1965-71 Commems, MNH - Face \$9.00			\$9.00	
6	United States	1976 State Flags, Singles, MNH		\$17.50	\$6.50	
7	United Nations	2007 NY, Geneva, Vienna, End Species Collections			\$40.00	
8	Abu Dhabi	1970 Sheik and Stallion partial set, Mint LH		\$27.75	\$6.00	
9	Cyrenica	1930's partial sets, Mint HR		\$28.50	\$6.00	
10	Zaire	1978 25th Anniversary of QEII Coronation, MNH		\$12.00	\$3.00	
11	Germany GDR	500-600 mostly CTO, all pre 1975			\$10.00	
12	Great Britain	Sev 100 used, a few nice 19th century			\$30.00	
13	Grenada	About 150+ stamps, a few S/S, Most MNH			\$15.00	
14	Haiti	About 250 mostly used, all pre 1975, a few MNH			\$10.00	
15	Hong Kong	About 80 stamps w/ 151-3 MNH		\$175.00	\$25.00	
16	Hungary	500-600 Mint & Used, a few S/S all pre 1975			\$15.00	
17	Ifni	45 Mint & Used		\$18.00	\$3.00	
18	Z countries	Misc Countries Mint & Used		\$25.80	\$4.00	
19	Anti Malaria	Mostly MNH set, missing Madagascar, Congo-Mint LH		\$23.00	\$5.00	
20	1960 Olympics	2 covers from Czech Republic			\$2.00	

Salem Stamp Society Christmas Party December 7th 2022

Photographs Courtesy of Mike Braet



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Events

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' Swap and Trade;
Bid Board.**

February 2023 Meeting

In-Person & Zoom Meeting

Saturday February 18th at 10am,

**(doors open at 9am) in the Scottish
Rite Center, Commercial St., S. Salem.
Program: Sheila Case: Bid Board**

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2022

Local Events

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**

2023 Major Shows:

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

GASS, August 10-13, Huntington Conv. Center, Cleveland, OH