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September Meeting.

The main event for our meeting on Wednesday 20th September was a Members' Swap Night. There were about 30 members present in the room and on Zoom. Bob Reynolds used this chance to sell a lot of the remaining items from the collection we acquired in California and raised over \$500 for the club.

George Struble gave an entertaining talk on "Making Mailing Fun". He sends out newsletters for other organizations and recently received a large donation of miscellaneous stamps. He showed examples of the use of ingenious combinations of pre-cancelled stamps with odd fractional values that must have tested the maths skills of USPS sorters! All letters made it through without problems.

October Meeting.

We are looking forward to Worth Mathewson's programme entitled "Confederate Mail" on the 18th of October. George Struble has said previously that Worth has a very impressive collection of this material.

Bob Reynolds has assembled another varied and interesting Bid Board for October. The list of the Lots on offer is included in this Newsletter together with images of selected items. These can also be seen on the Society's web site.

Thanks to the generosity of a club member there will be two exceptional prizes in the Club's October raffle. **Mint examples of the 3c and 5c values from the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition issues Scott # 325 & 327 can be won.** Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 so please come prepared to enter the draw. Members who attend via Zoom can also enter the raffle.

September STAMPEX.

Our regular Fall Show on Sunday 17th September was quite well attended with about 50 visitors + Club members. Numbers may have been affected by another event being held at the venue resulting in very limited parking availability. Nevertheless those attending ensured that the majority of the dealers were happy with the outcome and keen to come back next year. Lisa Janz kindly

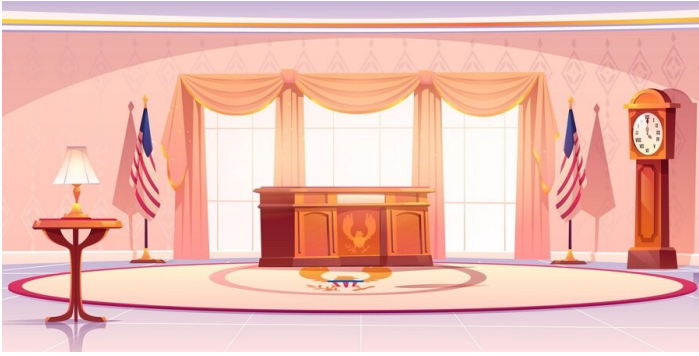
provided photos of the event (see below).

New Members.

We welcome Gary Grosh from Salem to the society. His collecting interests are US, Guatemala, Lithuania, Saargebeit, International Registered covers and Cinderellas. We also welcome Geoff Brownell from Toledo, OR who collects worldwide and Noah Pandey from Corvallis (son of member Rajeev).

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From the President's Desk.

Help with Zoom needed.

I am frustrated because of the glitches in our ZOOM presentations. I think some of the problems may lay in the interface with the facility devices, and/or the ZOOM app on our laptop. PLEASE, if you have any expertise in this field, HELP!

Exhibits in our March STAMPEX?

For the past several years, George Struble has organized the Willamette Valley Stamp Show, which mounts exhibits both at our March STAMPEX and at the Eugene STAMPFEST the day before. George's objective was to encourage new exhibitors in both Salem and Eugene. Very few new exhibitors have come forward; George is disappointed and has decided not to continue this effort.

If we want to continue to include exhibits in our March show, we need a new crew to make it happen. The new crew can do it differently from what George did.

The main tasks are

Publicize the show and recruit and sign up exhibits
Arrange for judging and awards if the exhibits are to be judged

If we have more than six frames of exhibits, borrow frames from PIPEX and return them

Set up and take down the exhibits

There are other, smaller tasks too.

George is available as mentor and consultant. The club's Standard Operating Procedures includes an extensive description written by George, but it is possible to do a simpler version of the show. Once the new crew decides what kind of show to put on, it may find collaborators in Eugene.

George advises that if a new crew is not formed by

the Salem Stamp Society November meeting, it will not be feasible to mount a show in 2024.

This can be a topic for discussion at our Club meeting in October.

Honorary Membership.

At our last meeting, the board passed a motion to assign "Honorary Membership " to **Lauren Reynolds**. She is the reason we enjoy wonderful home-made goodies at all of our meetings. She is also responsible for keeping Bob's auctions running smoothly! Congratulations and thank you Lauren

"Show & Tell" or Program Ideas?

Have a favorite stamp? Something missing from your collection? An unusual "topical" collection, or stamp? Who's your favorite person on stamps? Do you have a collecting "bucket list"? A travel log, documented by stamps? An antidote about an experience you had related to your collecting activity? These are all ideas for short (3-5 minute) or longer presentations. I'm sure all our members would enjoy hearing your story. Don't be bashful. Signup today to share!

A warm "WELCOME" to our newest members **Gary Grosh, Geoff Brownell, and Noah Pandey.**

Mike Braet

Scenes from the Fall STAMPEX #1 (Lisa Janz)



An Update to the Story of Major Charity Adams and the “Six Triple Eight”.



In the March 2020 edition of this Newsletter the story of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion of the US Woman’s Army Corps was described. More recently further interesting information was revealed in a BBC Radio 4 podcast. Episode 2 of the series entitled “History’s Secret Heroes”

featured Charity Edna Adams and her role commanding the 6888. This podcast can be found on line and is well worth a listen.

Adams was a graduate of Wilberforce University and taught at the high school of her home town in Columbia, SC. She enlisted in the WAC’s and was the first African-American women to be commissioned as an officer in this Corps.

In 1944 the War Department agreed to send service women to Europe to solve the enormous backlog of mail. The 6888th Battalion was formed under the command of Major Adams with over 800 enlisted troops and officers. This was the only company of black WAC’s to be sent overseas. Adams only learned the details of her assignment on the plane to Europe while the rest of the Battalion sailed on the Ile de France.

The 6888th was stationed in Birmingham and given the daunting task of sorting something like 20 million items of mail for delivery to US troops in 6 months. There were several aircraft hangars full of mail waiting to be sorted and delivered. Adams established a way of identifying and locating the recipients of the mails and organized her troops into an effective sorting operation.

A white male general came to inspect the Battalion and informed Adams that he would send a white male Lieutenant to the unit to make sure “things were done properly”. Adams replied “Over my dead body” ! Adams prevailed and set up a highly efficient operation and the mail backlog was cleared in only 3 months.

In June 1945 the Battalion was then sent to Rouen in France to clear a similar backlog of mail. This was completed by October and with the end of the

war in Europe the unit returned to the US in early 1946 and disbanded.

By this time Adams had been promoted to Lt. Colonel and was the highest ranking African-American officer in the US Army. She was offered a posting in the Pentagon but chose to resume her studies at Ohio State University leading to an MA in psychology.

Adams went on to build a notable career as an educator and in various community service roles. She married Stanley Earley in 1949 and had two children. During her life she received many awards and honors and was named in the Smithsonian’s list of the 110 most influential black women. She died in Dayton, OH in 2002.

Earlier this year Fort Lee in Virginia was officially renamed as Fort Bragg-Adams in honor of a General Bragg and Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley. The 6888th Battalion itself received several awards and honors. In 2018 a monument to the 6888th was dedicated at Fort Leavenworth, KA, and last year President Biden signed a bill to award the Battalion the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Scenes from the Fall STAMPEX #2 (Lisa Janz)



**October 2023 Bidboard
Salem Stamp Society**

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LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	United States	1868 3 cent "F" Grill, Used	94	\$12.50	\$3.00	
2	United States	1882 10 cent Jefferson, Unused, Regummed	209	\$55.00	\$8.00	
3	United States	1887 3 cent Wahington, Unused, Regummed	213	\$120.00	\$20.00	
4	United States	1890 15 cent Henry Clay, Used, Short Perf UR	227	\$25.00	\$4.00	
5	United States	1901 2 cent PanAm expo, Mint LH	295	\$15.00	\$4.00	
6	United States	1914 50 cent Washington, Used	421	\$15.00	\$5.00	
7	United States	1915 2 cent Wahington, Perf 10 coil, MNH	450	\$27.50	\$8.00	
8	United States	1916 2 cent Washington Perf 10 coil, MNH	487	\$27.50	\$8.00	
9	United States	1922 10 cent Franklin Perf 10 Coil, Used	497	\$12.50	\$3.00	
10	United States	1917 5 cent Washington, Perf 11, MNH	504	\$17.00	\$6.00	Nice Stamp!
11	United States	1917 7 cent Washington, Perf 11, Mint LH	507	\$24.00	\$8.00	PL# single
12	United States	1919 2 cent Washington (Coil Waste) Mint HR	540	\$12.00	\$4.00	PL# single
13	United States	1923 \$5 Freedom Statue, Used,missing perf LR	573	\$15.00	\$2.00	
14	United States	1925 1 1/2 Cent Harding, Perf 10, MNH	582	\$13.00	\$4.00	
15	United States	1925 4 cent Martha Washington, Perf 10, MNH	585	\$37.50	\$12.00	Nice Stamp!
16	United States	1924 3 cent Lincoln Coil, MNH	600	\$10.50	\$3.00	
17	United States	1924 5 & 10 cent Coils, MNH	602-3	\$10.50	\$3.00	
18	United States	1922-6 Reg Issue Set, MNH (no 634a)	632-42	\$28.00	\$8.00	
19	United States	1929 5 cent Kansas Overprint, Mint HR	663	\$12.50	\$3.00	
20	United States	1922-26 13 & 15 cent Rotary Issues, Unused	694,696	\$10.00	\$2.00	
21	United States	1934 National Parks Set, MNH	740-9	\$15.95	\$6.00	
22	United States	1885 10 cent Special Delivery, Used, Missing Perf UR	E1	\$80.00	\$10.00	
23	United States	1885 1 cent Postage Due, Unused	J15	\$70.00	\$10.00	
24	United States	1885 5 cent Postage Due, Used, Short Perfs UR	J18	\$50.00	\$7.00	
25	United States	1885 10 cent Postage Due, Used	J19	\$35.00	\$10.00	Nice Stamp!
26	United States	1944 Federal Duck Stamp, Used, Straightedge	RW11	\$35.00	\$5.00	
27	United States	1949 Federal Duck Stamp, Used, short Perf	RW16	\$15.00	\$4.00	
28	United States	1950 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	RW17	\$ 15.00	\$5.00	
29	United States	1952 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	RW19	\$ 15.00	\$5.00	
30	United States	1957 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	RW24	\$ 12.50	\$4.00	
31	United States	1975 Federal Duck Stamp, MNH	RW42	\$ 15.00	\$5.00	
32	United States	1976 Federal Duck Stamp, MNH	RW43	\$ 10.00	\$3.00	
33	United States	1879 2 cent Newspaper/Periodical SE, Faults	PR37	\$17.50	\$2.00	
34	United States	8 opened packs of USPS Stamped Postcards			\$35.00	Face \$50+
35	Australia	1934 Merino Sheep Set, Used, Hi Value w/corner missing	147-9	\$71.00	\$12.00	
36	Belgium	1919 King Albert 1fr, Mint LH	134	\$40.00	\$10.00	
37	Chile	1867 5 cent red, Mint HR	17	\$60.00	\$15.00	
38	Great Britain	1867 3p rose, Used, Plate #6	49	\$62.50	\$8.00	
39	Great Britain	1902 3p King Edward, Used	132	\$19.00	\$4.00	
40	Great Britain	1902 4p King Edward, Used	133	\$35.00	\$8.00	
41	Maldiv Islands	1974 Churchill Set & S/S's perf and Imperf, MNH		\$ 71.65	\$20.00	
42	New Zealand	1891-5 Queen Set, Used, some faults	67A-69	\$ 30.25	\$4.00	
43	New Zealand	1930 1p Promote Health, Used	B2	\$45.00	\$10.00	
44	Qatar	1968 Int's Coop Year S/S's, MNH	101E, 101H	\$ 40.00	\$8.00	
45	Wallis & Futuna	1970's 6 Different stamps, 2 sets MNH		\$41.00	\$10.00	
46	Vatican	1939 Interregnum Set, MNH, #62 Mint LH	61-67	\$ 130.00	\$30.00	
47	Bangladesh	100 mint stamps many MNH w/nice MNH Service stamps		\$200.00+	\$35.00	
48	Cayman Islands	70 pre 1975 mint and used stamps, a few MNH			\$3.00	
49	Columbia	Pre 1970 Collection of 1000+, mostly used, some duplication			\$15.00	
50	Costa Rica	Pre 1970 Collection of 300+, mostly used, some duplication			\$5.00	
51	Italy	1960's-1980's 325+ Mostly MNH, some duplicates		\$ 100.00	\$20.00	
52	Poland	9"x12" Envelope jammed full of glassines, most used/CTO			\$3.00	
53	Sweden	1979-81 7 Different Booklets		\$ 50.00	\$12.00	
54	Vatican	1980's 15 Different MNH Sets		\$14.50	\$4.00	
55	Scott Mounts	4 unopened packs of 165x94 black Scott Mounts			\$8.00	
56	Scott Nat'l Pages	Sealed pack of 20 Blank Scott National Pages			\$5.00	
57	Stockbook	Sealed 16 page Leuchtturm Stockbook			\$7.00	
58	Vario Sheets	4 unopened packs of 2 sleeve Stock sheets			\$7.00	
59	Vario Sheets	3 unopened packs of sheet size Black Varios			\$5.00	
60	Scott Binders	2 Scott 3 ring padded Binders - Like New!			\$7.00	

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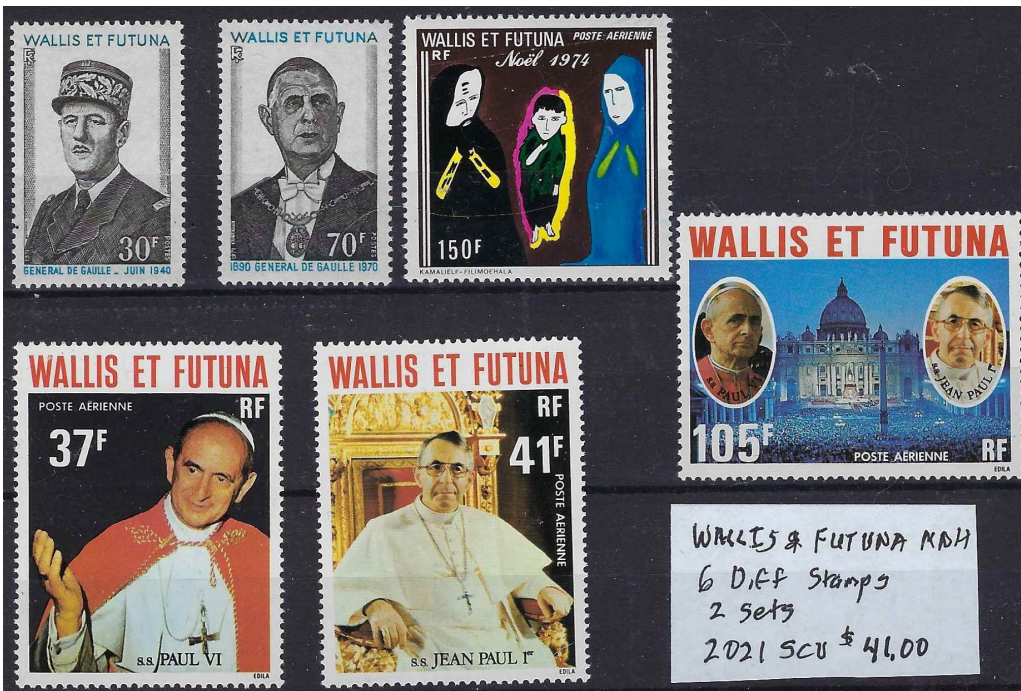
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Meetings

**All meetings held at the Scottish Rite Center, Commercial St., Salem at 7pm
Doors open at 6pm**

Wednesday 18th October

Program: “Confederate Mail” given by Worth Mathewson; Bid Board.

Wednesday 15th November.

Society AGM and election of Officers and Board Members for 2024.

Wednesday 6th December.

Annual Christmas Dinner & Party

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2023

Local Events

Salem Coin & Stamp Show, December 2-3 at Salem 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**

2023-4 Major Shows:

PIPEX 2024, May 3, 4 & 5 2024 at The Monarch Hotel and Conference Center, 12566 SE 93rd Ave.. Clackamas, OR 97015