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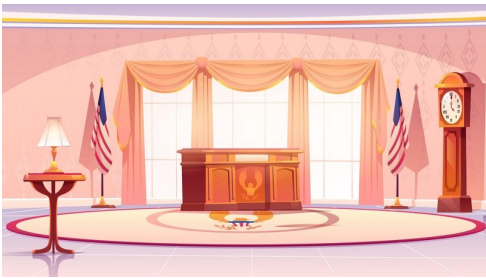


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From the President's Desk

If you weren't at the last general meeting - here's the annual election results. The entire slate of last years officers was unanimously reelected to the same positions for 2024. Thank you all for putting your trust in me and the board for another year at the helm. I'm looking forward to another great year with all of you. I want to take this opportunity to encourage your member participation. I know you all spend a lot of time and money on your collections - think about sharing with all of us.

Welcome to our newest member - Peter Gatehouse. His collecting interests include UK, Commonwealth, France, Germany, Spain and Canada

I'm looking forward to our best Christmas dinner ever. Bob has

promised really terrific door prizes with something for every interest. And Scottish Rite will be serving a delicious meal. Be sure to mark your calendar and sign up with Liza for December 6th!

I always enjoy the holiday stamp issues - snow globes this year. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mike Braet

November Meeting.

The meeting was well attended with about 40 in the room and 5 on Zoom. Danny Bisgaard and his nomination committee put forward the existing slate of officers for election through 2024. This was unanimously approved by the members present.

The Club Auction was very successful with some lively bidding on a number of lots from the floor and from members on Zoom. A total of 42 lots were sold from the 75 on offer raising nearly \$1300 for the Society.

January 2024 Meeting.

On Saturday 20th January 2024 at 10am we will have a Members' Auction. If you have du-

plicate or excess items that you would like to put up for auction to fund your collection please let Bob Reynolds have descriptions and reserve prices for your lots by at latest the Christmas Party on Wednesday December 6th.

The February meeting will take place on Saturday 17th at 10am and there will be a Bid Board and a program TBD.

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Youth Activities.

We're headed in December to PENPEX to mentor a YLPF intern (17 year old Xander Haislip) who aspires to one day become a stamp dealer!

During November First Stamps had a great month and travelled to scouting events in Oregon, Nevada, Idaho and California.

In Oregon we had our table at Mount Hood College SCOUTING UNIVERSITY and represented the stamp collecting and World Citizenship merit badges (in person and via zoom). Pictured below is the new Cascade Council representative to BSA's National Council shown investigating our stamp collecting merit badge booth area.



In Nevada we met with the Las Vegas based philatelic library staff and attended an 8 hour course on expertizing.

In Idaho we attended a Coin show as the only stamp dealer present and provided free assessments and merit badge kits. FIRST STAMPS is an NSDA non-profit dealer.

In California, we followed up with two Point Loma based SCOUTING UNIVERSITY merit badge graduates on their exhibits for 2024.

MyKayla K. is completing a two frame exhibit on elephants and then we met at the Coronado Library with both Ms. Sanchez & Yumiko Ramirez to finalize their synopsis' for upcoming WSP Shows. Yumiko is an accomplished scholar-athlete and decided to exhibit the iconic Olympic stamps designed by Lance Wyman.



She decided to translate a short book written by Niko Courtelis on the iconic stamps of Lance Wyman into Spanish. Her array of his actual stamps in the exhibit helps illustrate the story and according to her the best highlight of her effort is getting permission from both the artist and author.

The Coronado Library has asked to display Yumiko's exhibit in the library after the San Diego Stamp Show.



Phil Kumler, SSS Member & Executive Director of First Stamps.

Club News & Meetings.

Lisa Janz is putting together a calendar of events for 2024 (see below). Please contact her if you would like to present a full program or a short talk at one of our meetings in 2024. Full programs earn the presenter free membership for the year! We are always looking for short additional “Show & Tell” talks for our meetings.

Salem Stamp Society 2024 Program Calendar

Month	Event	Program
Jan 20	Members Auction	
Feb 17	Bid Board	Bob Grosch Plate Varieties on US Engraved stamps
March 20	Bid Board	
Apr. 17	Bid Board	
May 15	Swap Night/small Bid Board	
June 19	Club Auction	No Program
July 17	Member Auction	
Aug 21	Bid Board	
Sept 18	Bid Board	
Oct 16	Swap Night/Small Bid Board	
Nov 20	Club Auction	
Dec ?	Christmas Party	

New Uses for Stamps in the UK.

All definitive stamps in the UK now have a unique barcode as part of their design as reported in previous issues of this newsletter. The barcodes act as an extra security feature intended to deter forgers and to prevent reuse of uncanceled stamps.



The unique barcodes also allow a connection to be made between a physical and letter and the digital world opening up a range of new uses of stamps.

Senders of stamped mail can associate a stamp with selected messages or other digital content using the Royal Mail app. The recipient of the mail scans the barcode again using the RM app to view the special messages from the sender. So, for example a birthday card can also deliver digital “Birthday Greetings” from the sender online or allow viewing of a special video of “Shaun the Sheep” made for the Royal Mail.

It remains to be seen just how popular this feature becomes and how much new business it generates for Royal Mail. It seems to be intended for the younger customers and encouraging the sending and receiving of real mail in the digital age. Is there still the same excitement for the young person of the arrival of the post on your birthday compared to messages on email or social media? For the future of our hobby I certainly hope so.

One of the issues that has to be addressed by the postal services in this respect is the reliability of delivery. In the UK this week the Royal Mail was heavily fined for failing to deliver 90% of First Class letters by the following day. The actual rate was about 70% which is not very encouraging for a new sender considering the cost of a 1st Class stamp and the disappointment of late arrival for the recipient.

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Meetings

All meetings held at the Scottish Rite Center, Commercial St. S , Salem.

Wednesday 6th December.
Annual Christmas Dinner & Party starts at 6pm

Saturday 20th January 2024.
10am Start, Doors open at 9am
Program: Members' Auction.

Saturday 17th February 2024.
10am Start, Doors open at 9am
Program: "Plate Varieties on US Engraved Stamps" by Bob Grosch: Bid Board

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