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March Meeting.

Our meeting on March 15th was well attended with over 30 members in the room and a few on Zoom. We were treated to an excellent presentation by Bob Grosch on “Boston Negative Cancels 1878—1883”. He has built up a remarkable collection and expertise in this subject. His talk explained how and why these cancels were first created and their development in the next few years. He also outlined how the market for covers with these cancels has changed with increasing interest and knowledge—due in part to Bob’s publications on the subject. There are still interesting bargains to be had in dealers’ boxes of covers so it is well worth a browse.

April 19th Meeting.

Bob Reynolds has assembled another interesting selection of lots for our April Bid Board. A listing of the lots is included in this Newsletter together with selected images (also available on our society web page).

We are looking forward to a program by George Stellingwerf on “Counterfeits and Forgeries”

with special reference to recent “Forever” US stamps. This has always been an area of concern for collectors and the development over the past few decades of easily available and high quality printing, copiers and scanners has heightened these concerns.

New Members.

We welcome 4 new members to our club. Don Lutz from McMinnville, OR lists his collecting interests as US (mint and used), postal cards and stationery. Erik, Allison and Joseph Voice from Salem have taken out a family membership, their interests include space and animals topical stamps. This brings our membership up to 92.

ZOOM!

Relatively few members have opted to join our meetings on Zoom recently. The Board would like to encourage more members who are not able or willing to attend our meetings in person to try out this facility.

We have overcome most of the teething problems of using Zoom for our meetings. Members can now take part in virtually all aspects of our meetings from the

comfort of their own homes. They can bid in auctions, take part in door and raffle prizes as well as see and listen to presentations. They can take part in discussions with members in the room—it really is working well!

The software is free, easy to use and secure so why not give it a try? Bob and I send out a link by email to use Zoom ahead of every meeting and can answer any questions and concerns.

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From the Vice President.

PIPEX

We are still looking for members willing to submit a 1 to 3 page exhibit for the club exhibit at PIPEX, we need 8 more pages. If you would like to contribute please bring your page or pages to the April meeting.

Salem Stamp Club will need also volunteers for the club table at PIPEX on May 5th—7th, there will be a sign up sheet at the April club meeting.

Pre-Registration is open for PIPEX, just go to the PIPEX 2023 website and click on the pre-registration button.

PIPEX is also looking for volunteers and you can click on the volunteer button and choose when and where you want to volunteer on the PIPEX website.

Library

At the May 17th Club Meeting we are holding a **Society Library Book Sale**. Proceeds from the book sale go to buying new material for the library.

I'm always looking for new books to add to the library and I would appreciate any ideas for new books from members.

New Additions to the Library

Thirty-Eighth American Philatelic Congress 1972

The United States Fourth Bureau Issue 1922-1938

Club News.

The programs for upcoming meetings were agreed at a recent Board Meeting:

April 19th 2023 Bid Board and Program by George Stellingwerf on Forgeries and Counterfeit Stamps.

May 17th 2023 Book Sale, Bid Board and Program by George Struble "Getting Swiss Air Mail off the Ground 1913—1923."

June 21st 2023 Club Auction and Members' Show-and-Tell.

July 19th 2023 Members' Auction.

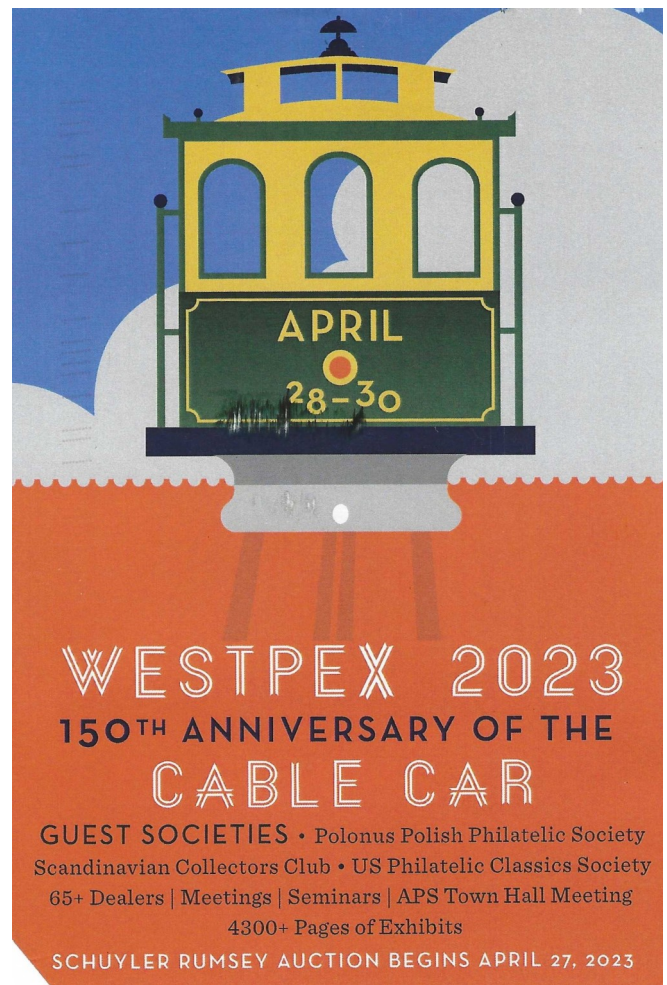
August 16th 2023 Bid Board. Program by Steve Staton on "Buffalo Soldiers" (to be confirmed).

September 20th 2023 Members' Swap night.

Lisa Janz

WESTPEX.

Details of this major show taking place this month in the Bay Area are shown below.



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Apr 28 10:00 – 6:00

Apr 29 10:00 – 6:00

Apr 30 10:00 – 4:00

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Bayshore Hwy South to Marriott Hotel.
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a free shuttle.

Willamette Valley Stamp Show 2023

The 2023 Willamette Valley Stamp Show was March 18 and 19, held as part of the STAMPFEST in Eugene, hosted by the Greater Eugene Stamp Society and the STAMPFEST in Salem, hosted by the Salem Stamp Society. To our knowledge, this is the only two-day, two-city show anywhere. This was the fifth year of the show. Its first year was 2018; the 2020 show was cancelled because of Covid, and the 2021 show was virtual.

There were only four competitive exhibits in this year's show:

Bob Grosch, Salem, OR – Plate Varieties on the Special Delivery Stamp of 1895

Joe Voice, Pasco, WA – US Navy Patrol Wings over the Pacific

Tim Bergquist, Eugene, OR – Howard Koslow and his U.S. Postage Designs

Eric Knapp, Anchorage, AK – Rockets over Alaska

There were also four non-competitive exhibits.

The judges were Larry Crain of Medford and Ralph Nafziger of Albany. All the judging was done on Saturday in Eugene. The judges were tough; they awarded two Vermeil (to Joe Voice and Bob Grosch) and two Bronze awards. Joe Voice won the Grand award; the photo shows Joe with his Grand award.



Joe is an active member of the Tri-Cities Stamp Club in Washington, he got his exhibiting start at the Willamette Valley show in 2021. This year he was delighted when his grandson won one of our

door prizes at our show: a box of thousands of stamps that can keep a young collector interested for many hours! Joe's primary interests are in aviation history; he has continued to develop his last year's exhibit here of Varney Airgrams; you can see his latest version as part of the 2023 PIPEX show, whose exhibits are posted already.

The other exhibitor from outside Oregon was Eric Knapp, an active member of two stamp clubs in Alaska. Eric is president of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, and has supported the Willamette Valley show by exhibiting here the last three years. His exhibits tend to center around Alaska.

There were two People's Choice awards, one each voted by attendees in the two cities. In Eugene, the People's Choice award was won by Joe Voice, in Salem by Eric Knapp. The awards were bottles of Dundee 2020 Chardonnay wine donated by Cameron Winery; Marc Dochez, one of the principals in Cameron Winery, is a long-standing member of the Salem Stamp Society.

George Struble initiated the Willamette Valley show in 2018 as a friendly, low-key opportunity for members of both the Eugene and Salem clubs to become exhibitors. George lived in Eugene before moving to Salem, and became a member of the Greater Eugene Stamp Society in the 1960s. He was excited when both clubs approved his proposal for the Willamette Valley show in 2018. He has appreciated the support of both clubs, but is disappointed by the absence of new exhibitors in the last two years.

The one active exhibitor from the Eugene club who got his start in the Willamette Valley show is Tim Bergquist. Tim prefers to mount thematic exhibits of recent US stamps with little regard for the criteria for higher award levels.

The exhibitor from the Salem club this year and last year is Bob Grosch. An experienced exhibitor, he is moving to Salem and is a very welcome addition to our club.

George Struble

Our show was well attended this year, Gary Tiffin estimated that over 60 non-members came in during the day. These welcome visitors together with our society members kept the dealers busy throughout the show—even in late afternoon when things normally slow down.

So, the overall verdict was that the show was a success with both attendees and dealers pleased.

**Salem Stamp Society
April 2023 Bid Board**

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CAT

LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	VALUE	MIN BID	NOTES
1	Australia	1902 3p Postage Due, Used	J12	\$18.00	\$4.00	
2	Cent African Rep	1976 Olympics Set, MNH	255-6,C147-50	\$14.05	\$4.00	
3	New Zealand	1882-98 Victoria Set, Used, Faults	61-7	\$98.05	\$12.00	
4	New Zealand	1926 Special Delivery, Mint HR, Small tear UL	E1	\$60.00	\$6.00	
5	South Africa	1937 Coronation Set in Blocks of 4, Mint LH	74-78	\$37.00	\$9.00	
6	Western Australia	1895 1/2p on 3P Surcharge, Mint HR	71	\$13.00	\$4.00	
7	Wurttemberg	1868 9 KR, Used, Faults	22	\$120.00	\$12.00	
8	Turk Rep Of Cyprus	1977-8 Europa Sets, 1992 S/S, MNH		\$24.75	\$5.00	
9	Nicaragua	1976 Set of FDC's, 12 Most Famous Stamps			\$2.00	
10	Albania	About 200 Mint & Used up to 1960's			\$5.00	
11	Angola	About 150 Mostly Used up to 1970's			\$5.00	
12	Argentina	About 300 Mostly Used up to 1970's			\$6.00	
13	Barbuda	Few Mint & MNH Sets + 7 S/S			\$5.00	
14	Basutoland	About 50 Stamps Mint and Used			\$2.00	
15	Burundi	1970's - 12 S/S's, MNH,		\$47.00	\$10.00	
16	Cambodia	1990's collection of 57 Stamps Mint & Used			\$3.00	
17	Coco's Islands	1979-80 Set of 17 in blocks of 4, Sea-Set, MNH		\$44.40	\$8.00	
18	Egypt	About 700 Mint & Used, up to 1970's			\$15.00	
19	Fiji	Pre 1972 Mint & Used Collection		\$210.00+	\$30.00	
20	United States	1873 6 cent Lincoln, Mint LH	159	\$120.00	\$30.00	Nice Stamp!
21	United States	1883 2 & 4 cent issues, Used, Faults	210-11	\$25.75	\$5.00	
22	United States	1888 5 cent Grant, Used	216	\$20.00	\$4.00	
23	United States	1895 10 cent Webster, unused, no gum	273	\$95.00	\$15.00	
24	United States	1904 3 cent Louisiana Purchase, Used	325	\$27.50	\$6.00	
25	United States	1914 1 & 2 cent Issues, MNH	424-5	\$ 9.00	\$3.00	Nice Stamps!
26	United States	1914 5 cent Washington, Unused, Partial Gum	428	\$32.50	\$6.00	
27	United States	1914 6 cent Washington, Mint HR, small thin	429	\$45.00	\$8.00	
28	United States	1914 7 cent Washington, Mint LH,	430	\$ 80.00	\$20.00	
29	United States	1914 8 cent Franklin, Mint HR, small thin	431	\$30.00	\$5.00	
30	United States	1915 11 cent Franklin, Mint LH	434	\$20.00	\$6.00	
31	United States	1917-9 Coils, Used, few faults	493-7	\$34.00	\$5.00	
32	United States	1920 \$2 Franklin, Used, reperfed	547	\$35.00	\$3.00	
33	United States	1925 1 1/2 cent Harding, Mint HR	553	\$2.00	\$1.00	
34	United States	1923 12 cent Cleveland, MNH	564	\$10.50	\$3.00	
35	United States	1923 14 cent Indian, MNH	565	\$9.50	\$3.00	Nice Stamp!
36	United States	1931 20 cent Golden Gate, MNH	698	\$12.50	\$4.00	
37	United States	1994 Silent Screen Stars block of 10, MNH	2828a	\$11.00	\$4.00	
38	United States	1918 24 cent Airmail, Mint HR	C3	\$65.00	\$20.00	Nice Stamp!
39	United States	1923 8 cent Airmail, MNH	C4	\$35.00	\$10.00	
40	United States	1930 5 cent Airmail, MNH	C12	\$17.50	\$6.00	
41	United States	1939 30 cent Airmail, MNH	C24	\$11.00	\$3.00	
42	United States	1919 8 cent on 4 cent Shanghai Overprint, Mint HR, Tear	K4	\$55.00	\$5.00	Spacefiller
43	United States	1919 10 cent on 5 cent Shanghai Overprint, Used, Straightedge	K5	\$ 140.00	\$17.00	
44	United States	1913 50 cent Parcel Post Used	Q10	\$ 45.00	\$12.00	
45	United States	1956-1957 Federal Duck Stamps, Used	RW22-23	\$ 25.00	\$8.00	
46	United States	1974 Federal Duck Stamp, MNH	RW41	\$ 27.50	\$9.00	
47	United States	1994 Federal Duck Stamp, MNH	RW61	\$18.00	\$6.00	
48	Maryland	1975-6 State Duck Stamps, Unused no gum	1-2	\$21.00	\$6.00	
49	Oregon	2007 Culp Creek Cover - Last day of service			\$2.00	
50	United States	5 Diff 1942 Wine Revenues, Unused No gum as issued		\$ 14.45	\$4.00	
51	United States	15 Different 2 cent Reds, MNH		\$23.45	\$7.00	
52	United States	2001 Flag Booklet & Love Booklet Pane MNH, Face \$13.60		\$ 38.00	\$13.00	
53	United States	3 Different Looney Tune Sheets, MNH, Face \$9.80		\$23.50	\$9.00	
54	United States	1980's, 8 Diff booklet panes, MNH, Face \$13.68		\$ 32.50	\$12.00	
55	First Day Covers	Set of 1976 BiCentennial FDC's			\$5.00	
56	Silver Coronation	Gold coated Stamp commemorating 1978 Silver Jubilee			\$5.00	
57	First Day Covers	Misc Norman Rockwell FDC's in Folder			\$2.00	
58	First Day Covers	2017 USPS Sun Eclipse Folio			\$2.00	
59	Showgard Mounts	5 sealed packs of 165 x 94 Showgard Mounts Sealed			\$8.00	Black Background
60	Showgard Mounts	6 Packs of S/S size + Size 55 Showgard Mounts			\$8.00	Black Background

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April 2023 Bid Board



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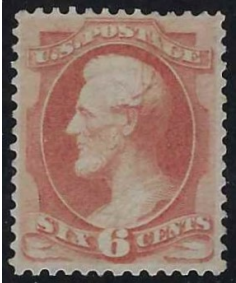
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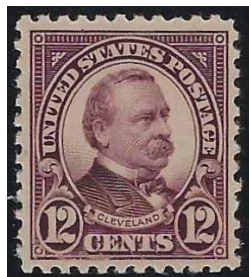
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Lot 34



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Lot 42



Lot 43



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Lot 45



Lot 46



Lot 47



Lot 48



Lot 49



Lot 50



Lot 51

Q.I. MASH
15 Different 2c Reds
2015 Scv \$23.45

Youth Activities.

Phil Kumler from the First Stamps organization reports.

In March 2023 several Boy Scout troops from North Carolina, California and Oregon completed their stamp collecting merit badges with First Stamps. The two troops in Oregon were from Beaverton and Salem. Most were “surprised how much fun stamp collecting was...”

If Salem Stamp Society members want to observe these classes they can text Phil at 503-939-0544 for details.

One of the scouts who completed their merit badge with First Stamps, **Xander Haislip**, has done very well as an exhibitor recently. Despite three votes for favorite STAMPEX exhibit, Xander was happy just the same. Even if he won he could not accept the Oregon bottle of wine... instead he cleaned his desk and is beaming with pride over his school science award and his WSP vermeil, ATA and AAPE youth awards from the recent show in San Diego. He will also attend WESTPEX 2023 in April with an exhibit based on his successful “Dog Sledding in Alaska”.



Special Ukraine Stamps on View at the San Diego Show.

Phil Kumler saw some very special and expensive stamps from Ukraine while he was at the San Diego Stamp Show in February.

The stamps were first issued to commemorate Ukrainian resistance to the Russian invasion. They featured an artist's impression of a soldier making a rude and defiant gesture towards the Russian warship Moskva. The image refers to an incident that occurred early on in the conflict when a small detachment of Ukrainian border guards on Snake

Island (Zmiinyi Island) near Odessa were confronted by Russian forces. The guards refused to surrender (sending an even ruder message to the ship) but were taken captive. They have since been released in a prisoner exchange.

The stamps proved to be a very popular propaganda issue in the Ukraine especially when a label was added with the Moskva removed following the sinking of the ship this year. It is reported that over 700,000 of these stamps have been sold since early March.



The stamps seem to be in strong demand worldwide and have been offered for sale by the large dealers and on eBay. Sheets and covers signed by Roman Gribov, one of the border guards from Snake Island, attract a significant premium and sell from \$60 –100.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has clearly recognized the value of the stamps to the morale of his nation. He has been personally involved with the issue and is pictured below cancelling souvenir sheets at a ceremony in the Ukraine.

Examples of sheets signed by President Zelenskiy were on show at San Diego (see Phil Kumler's photograph below right) and for sale at \$20,000!



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Events

April 2023 Meeting

In-Person & Zoom Meeting

Wednesday 19th April at 7pm (doors open at 6pm) in the Scottish Rite Center, Commercial St., S. Salem.

Program:

May 2023 Meeting

In-Person & Zoom Meeting

Wednesday 17th May at 7pm (doors open at 6pm) in the Scottish Rite Center, Commercial St., S. Salem.

Program:

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