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May Meeting.

Our meeting on May 17th was well attended with around 30 members present including 5 calling in on Zoom. The main activities were a members' Swap Night and a Club book sale. Lisa Janz brought along a very nice selection of philatelic books and catalogues from the Club Library for the members. Sales proceeds along with raffle tickets raised nearly a \$100 for our Society.

The lots on our Bid Board also sold well with 10 of the 20 on offer going for a total of \$183.

George Struble gave an excellent presentation on "Getting Swiss Airmail off the Ground". This was based on his talk given recently at PIPEX and his exhibit there. He illustrated his talk with some very remarkable covers from his prize winning exhibit.

New Members.

We welcome 3 new members to our club. **Worth Mathewson** was introduced at the May meeting by George Struble. Worth, a former member now rejoining, lives in Salem and his main collecting interest is in Confederate

stamps. He has kindly offered to give a programme on that subject later this year.

Two other members joined at PIPEX: **David Markowitz** from Uptown Stamp Show in Portland will be familiar to many members, he lists his collecting interests as "Everything"! **Paul Kurtz** joins us from Boise, ID. He collects Worldwide stamps from before 1960 and "T.M.S." (not sure what that means but I hope he will explain on Zoom at the next meeting).

These new additions bring our membership to **95** although our treasurer, Alan Maul, remarks that not everyone has paid their 2023 dues yet! If you have not paid please see him at the next meeting or send a check to Salem Stamp Society, PO Box 202, Salem, OR 97308.

June Meeting.

The main event for our meeting on Wednesday 21st June is a Club Auction. Bob Reynolds has put together an impressive list of 75 lots with a broad range of interesting items and values. There could be some lively bidding during the evening.

The complete listing is given in this Newsletter together with images of selected lots. These are also available on our website. You are reminded that you need to be a member to participate in the auction and that you can also bid by Zoom if you cannot attend in person.

Bids can also be registered in advance by telephone with Bob on 503 580 6574.

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From the Vice—President.

I want to Congratulate the Club for bringing home the Trophy for Best Club Exhibit for PIPEX 2023 and thank the members who contributed pages. George Struble writes more about the competition and its history below. He also created a special sticker for each of the winning pages.

Upcoming Meetings.

June 21st 2023: Club Auction and Members' Show & Tell—bring along your special items to show off!

July is a member Auction please bring your lots to the June meeting or email a description of your lots to Bob Reynolds.

July 19th 2023: Members' Auction and Members' Show & Tell.

August 16th 2023: Program “Buffalo Soldiers” by Steve Staton; Bid Board.

September 20th 2023: Swap Night. Put this on your calendar and bring your Stamps to sell, the more the better!

October 18th 2023: Program “Confederate Mail” given by Worth Mathewson; Bid Board.

See you all at the next meeting and don't forget if you can't attend you can join by zoom.

Lisa Janz

Club Success at PIPEX 2023!

The Salem Stamp Society won the Best Club Exhibit award at PIPEX on May 6. The club exhibit was assembled by Lisa Janz from pages supplied by Marc Dochez, Michele Giammatteo, Alan Maul, Lisa Janz, Rodney Stent, and George Struble. There were five club exhibits on display at PIPEX 2023, mounted by Evergreen Stamp Club (Seattle), Strait Stamp Society (Sequim, WA), The Greater Eugene Stamp Society, and the Pacific Northwest Postal History Society, in addition to the Salem Stamp Society.

The club exhibit competition at PIPEX was initiated by George Struble in 2015, but because of Covid, this is the first year of the competition since 2019. Struble explains that the objectives of the club exhibit competition were to interest more clubs and their members in PIPEX, provide a bonding experience for members of the entering clubs, and to add interest to those viewing exhibits at PIPEX. Indeed, the club exhibits provide a quite varied range of pages from club members.



The award is a handsome silver – yes, real silver! – cup that the Salem Stamp Society holds until next year's PIPEX show.

Struble shared some information about the cup itself. The technical term for this type is “loving cup.” It was intended to recognize the best exhibit of US stamps at PIPEX, sponsored by the Washington State Philatelic Society. It was first awarded in

1952; the names of several winners are engraved on the cup. It was a rotating trophy. It was last awarded under that plan in 1976 to Horace Robertson. Horace Robinson was in ill health, and though he fretted about where and how to return the cup, he was told that since this was the third time he had won the award, “just keep it.”

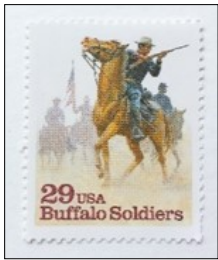
Mr. Robinson died not long after that, and his daughter Cathy kept it as a prized honor. Over the years it became regarded in the family less as honor and more as clutter. Cathy's children expressed no further interest in it. So in May 2013 Cathy brought the cup to PIPEX and returned it to Lawrence Clay, who accepted it on behalf of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. It was black with tarnish. No one had a clear idea what to do with it, but it was recognized as a historic artifact and stored in a cabinet in the clubhouse of the Oregon Stamp Society. Later that year, George Struble became Exhibits Chair of PIPEX. He introduced the idea of *club exhibits*, an idea he had seen at SEAPEX in Seattle. Club exhibits were initiated in PIPEX 2014 with no competitive element. But there was a desire to recognize a winner among the club exhibits, so there was competition starting in PIPEX 2015. What to use as an award? Struble saw possibilities in the derelict, tarnished cup last awarded in 1976! He spent several hours polishing the cup, which became stunningly bright silver once more.

The cup can be proudly displayed by the Salem Stamp Society until PIPEX 2024. In 2024, the Salem Stamp Society is encouraged to display another club exhibit, but under the rules is not eligible to win the trophy again until 2026.

George Struble

Buffalo Soldiers and their Connection to the Presidio of Monterey, California.

Steven Staton, Sergeant Major US Army Retired



Anyone that has visited the Presidio of San Francisco, either before its transfer to the National Park Service in October of 1994 or after might remember hearing about the Buffalo Soldiers stamp being issued there. Now that 30 years have passed, perhaps you haven't heard much at all about this topic or why the headline here talks about Monterey instead. Before I begin, let's take a trip back in time.

The Western United States (New World) was occupied out West by Spain. To protect their investments, they created a series of military garrisons which took on the name Presidio. There were four throughout California beginning in 1769. These military bases played an important role later in defending and protecting US interests.

The US Postal Service approved a first-day ceremony for the Buffalo Soldier stamp designed by Western artist Larry Bees at four locations. This included Fort Huachuca Arizona, Fort Concho Texas, Dallas Texas, and Fort Leavenworth Kansas. Because of a huge petition filed by the Presidio of San Francisco, the postal service approved the fifth city (although 3 weeks after the official release day). The main reason was that nearly 500 Buffalo Soldiers are buried in the cemetery at the

Presidio. This is a story for another day, however, as the focus today is on Monterey.

One might ask why are there so many Buffalo Soldiers buried at the Presidio of San Francisco and what were they doing there. In 1898, the US declared war against Spain with the goal of liberating Cuba. The Spanish empire occupied portions of the Philippines until the U.S. forces arrived there. Locals, however, were not too pleased and took up arms against the Americans. Infantry units including Buffalo Soldiers were sent to the Philippines to fight. The Presidio was a staging area prior to making the trip and in 1899 soldiers began arriving. The Buffalo Soldiers came in and out of the Presidio for years and many were assigned to help protect the newly formed national parks after the war ended in 1902.

Now that we understand the San Francisco connection, it doesn't explain much about Monterey. While investigating the abundance of Buffalo Soldiers in the San Francisco area, the question arose, was it possible that Buffalo Soldiers were buried at other military bases? After meeting with Dr. Harold E. Raugh, Jr. (Command Historian of the Defense Language Institute and Presidio of Monterey) and investigating all known graves, we discovered that indeed two Buffalo Soldiers were buried there. Since then, a third Buffalo Soldier was discovered. As of this writing, there are several investigations underway to discover why the soldiers were buried in Monterey. They were interred quietly at the Presidio of Monterey Cemetery without much fanfare or publicity. Little is known about these three soldiers. Their graves

were marked the same as any others, and our research was the first time that we found a connection. This information was then added to the cemetery's historical records. The three soldiers are:

- PVT George S. Johnson. PVT Johnson died on March 3, 1904
- Petrum R. Frazier, a cook who died on May 19, 1909
- PVT Thomas Polk, who died on September 13, 1911



Buffalo Soldiers and their Connection to the Presidio of Monterey, California. (Contd.)

The Presidio of Monterey along with many other military bases and historical museums will be paying tribute to Buffalo Soldiers on or around June 19th. Several military historians are engaged to try and find the missing pieces of why these soldiers were in Monterey.

The Presidio of Monterey has a special connection for many that have served in the US armed forces. Those serving in Intelligence positions in all branches of the military used to send those in need of language training to the Presidio of Monterey. The language school was titled Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.



Photo courtesy of the Presidio of Monterey Museum

Sources:

Buffalo Soldiers at the Presidio of San Francisco. (2021, July 28). <https://www.presidio.gov/blog/buffalo-soldiers-at-the-presidio-of-san-francisco>

A history of the Presidio of Monterey Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (1970), Kibby M. Horne

Presidio of Monterey Museum plans Buffalo Soldier exhibit, seeks information, (2022, July 25) Winifred Brown, US Army

Editor's Note: Steve Staton will be giving a presentation on Buffalo Soldiers at our meeting on Wednesday August 16th 2023.



More Success at PIPEX 2023

George Struble won the Single Frame Grand Award from the American Helvetia Philatelic Society (AHPS). His prize was a very nice decorative platter with the coats of arms of all the Swiss cantons around the edge. It was presented by Steve Opheim, president of the AHPS.

George's award winning exhibits on the origins of Swiss airmail have been expanded into a very handsome book (see below) published by the Exhibitors Press. The book was recently reviewed by Dr. Everett L. Parker in his column "This Week in Literature" for Mekeels Stamp Magazine (May 19 2023). He writes that "not only are the complete exhibits included but also supplemental pages added to provide a more detailed and comprehensive treatment of the history than that allowed by the constraints of the exhibition format."



SALEM STAMP SOCIETY
June 2023 Auction

LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT VALUE	MIN BID	NOTES
1	United States	1862 24 cent Washington, Used	70	\$ 300.00	\$ 50.00	
2	United States	1862 24 cent Washington, Used, Reperfed	70a	\$ 300.00	\$ 30.00	
3	United States	1862 30 cent Franklin, Used	71	\$ 225.00	\$ 45.00	
4	United States	1863 5 cent Washington, Used	76	\$ 125.00	\$ 30.00	
5	United States	1869 1 cent Franklin, Pictoral, Used	112	\$ 130.00	\$ 35.00	
6	United States	1869 6 cent Washington Pictoral, Used	115	\$ 225.00	\$ 45.00	
7	United States	1871 7 cent Vermillion, used, small crease at bottom	149	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.00	
8	United States	1870 12 cent Clay, Used, Blue cancel, Used cpl short perfs	151	\$ 225.00	\$ 40.00	
9	United States	1873 12 cent Henry Clay, Used	162	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	
10	United States	1873 30 cent Hamilton, Used	165	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	
11	United States	1879 1 cent Franklin, Mint LH	182	\$ 200.00	\$ 35.00	
12	United States	1881 30 cent Hamilton, Mint HR, sealed tear LL	190	\$ 850.00	\$ 75.00	
13	United States	1890 90 cent Perry, Used	229	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	
14	United States	1893 8 cent Columbian, Unused, Regummed	236	\$ 47.50	\$ 10.00	
15	United States	1893 15 cent Columbian, Unused, Regummed	238	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00	
16	United States	1893 30 cent Columbian, Mint LH	239	\$ 225.00	\$ 40.00	
17	United States	1893 \$4 Columbian Unused, Regum, Thin	244	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 125.00	
18	United States	1903 5 cent Lincoln, MNH	304	\$ 150.00	\$ 35.00	
19	United States	1907 5 cent Jamestown Expo, Mint HR	330	\$ 140.00	\$ 30.00	
20	United States	1913 5 cent Washington, Coil Pair, Used	396	\$ 190.00	\$ 50.00	
21	United States	1913 1 cent Pan Pacific, Perf 10, MNH	401	\$60.00	\$ 18.00	
22	United States	1919 5 cent Washington Coil Line Pair, MNH	496	\$ 65.00	\$ 20.00	
23	United States	1919 3 cent Victory Issue, Almost perfect centering!	537	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	Pretty Stamp!
24	United States	1929 10 cent Nebraska Overprint, MNH	679	\$ 180.00	\$ 60.00	
25	United States	1934 Yosemite & Mt Rainier S/S's MNH	750-51	\$ 45.00	\$ 15.00	
26	United States	1983 \$9.35 Eagle Booklet Pane of 3, MNH	1909a	\$ 57.50	\$ 28.00	
27	United States	1994 Recalled Legends of the West S/S, MNH	2870	\$ 125.00	\$ 50.00	
28	United States	1994 Flag Booklet Pane, MNH	2920c	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	
29	United States	1998 MNH Set of Celebrate the Century S/S's	3182-92	\$ 123.00	\$ 50.00	
30	United States	1933 50 cent Century of Progress, MNH	C18	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00	
31	United States	1879 3 cent Postage Due, Unused	J3	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	
32	United States	1959 Federal Duck Stamp, Mint Partial Gum	RW26	\$ 130.00	\$ 20.00	
33	United States	Modern Misc Definitives		\$ 32.25	\$ 16.00	Face \$16.07
34	United States	(4) diff Booklets MNH, 2494a,2492a,3069a,BK250		\$ 54.00	\$ 20.00	
35	United States	1990's-2000's 7 Diff sealed packs of postal cards		\$ 225.00	\$ 35.00	
36	Australia	1915 2p-6p Kangaroos, Used	45-8	\$ 55.00	\$ 15.00	
37	Burundi	1971 Animal Set Strips of 4, MNH	355-60	\$ 27.00	\$ 8.00	
38	Canada	1899 5 cent Victoria, Mint LH	79	\$ 220.00	\$ 40.00	
39	Canada	1912 5 cent George V, Mint No Gum, Straightedge	111	\$ 175.00	\$ 20.00	
40	Cyprus	1963 Europa Set, MNH	229-31	\$ 64.00	\$ 20.00	
41	Canal Zone	1939 Set, Mint LH	120-35	\$ 162.25	\$ 35.00	
42	PR China	1952-4 (8) Diff Mint Sets NGAI		\$ 73.50	\$ 20.00	
43	Great Britain	1865 4p Vermillion, used, Plate #14	43a	\$ 92.50	\$ 20.00	
44	New Zealand	1926 2sh & 3sh used	182-3	\$ 210.00	\$ 25.00	3sh w/sht perfs LL
45	Western Australia	1854 1s used, faults	5	\$ 400.00	\$ 40.00	
46	Western Australia	1854 1 cent, used, 3 margins, faults	1	\$ 275.00	\$ 27.00	
47	Armenia	Mint collection of 38 stamps, mostly mint		\$55.00	\$ 12.00	
48	Burundi	MNH collection of 9 Diff 1970's sets		\$ 35.40	\$ 8.00	
49	Ceylon	200+ mostly used, some duplication, pre 1970			\$ 10.00	
50	Czech Republic	About 1500 mint and used all pre 1975			\$ 30.00	
51	Grenada	About 150 Stamps & S/S most MNH		\$ 75.00	\$ 15.00	
52	Great Britain	100's and 100's and 100's 1800's-1970's			\$ 50.00	
53	Hong Kong	About 80 stamps, includes a 151-3 MNH Set		\$ 175.00++	\$ 25.00	
54	Isle of Man	1981 Europa Set, Full sheets, MNH		\$ 18.00	\$ 3.00	
55	Kuwait	1937-65, 30 stamps, mint & used		\$ 250.00++	\$ 35.00	
56	Mali	36 stamps, Mostly mint		\$ 48.00	\$ 10.00	
57	Malta	1960's-1980's, 150+ stamps 12 S/S look all MNH		\$ 50.00+	\$ 12.00	
58	Nevis	1980's MNH assortment		\$ 110.00	\$ 20.00	
59	New Zealand	1990's most MNH, blocks of 4 & S/S's, MNH			\$ 60.00	
60	Philippines	100's of mostly used pre 1970, Some nice early issues!			\$ 30.00	
61	Portugal	100's of mostly used pre 1970, Some nice early issues!			\$ 30.00	
62	Switzerland	Mostly 1998-2000 , all MNH includes a fabric stamp!		\$ 136.50	\$ 30.00	
63	Turkey	1930's-40's 8 Diff Mint LH sets,		\$ 161.10	\$ 30.00	
64	Tuvalu	Duplicated 1970's-80's lot of singles, S/S's		\$ 125.00++	\$ 20.00	
65	United Nations	1999 NY Geneva Vienna End. species Year Set MNH			\$ 30.00	
66	United Nations	2008 NY Geneva Vienna End. Species Year Set MNH			\$ 40.00	
67	United States	Endangered Species Postcard Collection	UX278a	\$ 57.50	\$ 20.00	
68	United Nations	1969-77 MNH Plate Block Collection, Face \$100+			\$ 60.00	
69	Vario Pages	4 packs of Vario sheet size Black Stock sheets + extras			\$ 10.00	
70	Scott Spec. Binder	3" Binder never used, still in shrinkwrap!			\$ 15.00	
71	Stockbook	1" Lighthouse Stockbook, New still in shrinkwrap			\$ 10.00	
72	Stockbook	3" Lighthouse Stockbook, New still in shrinkwrap			\$ 15.00	
73	Stockbook	3" Lighthouse Stockbook, Gently Used			\$ 10.00	
74	Great Britain	16"x12"x7" Box filled with machins on paper			\$ 10.00	
75	Worldwide	Bankers Box full of stamps and supplies			\$ 15.00	

Salem Stamp Society
June 2023 Club Auction



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Lot 3



Lot 4



Lot 5



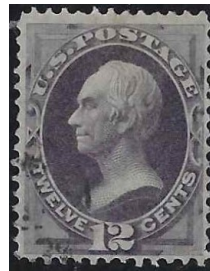
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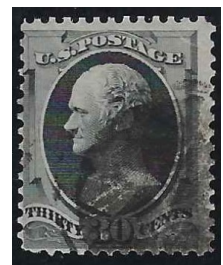
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June 2023 Club Auction



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MODERN MISC DEFINITIVES
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Events

June 2023 Meeting

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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:

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