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From the President's Desk



Mark your calendar for December 4, **CHRISTMAS DINNER!!!** Starts at 6 pm for a wonderful dinner, and plenty of fun and fellowship around Philately. Bob will have some wonderful gifts and prizes for everyone (including spouses and SO's). Signup at Oct. or Nov. Meeting and select your choice of main meal (prime rib or salmon).

It's not too late. If you are interested in getting more involved in YOUR club, there are positions on the board up for election in November. See Danny Bisgaard for more information.

Thank you Tony Port for a great presentation about the "Colour of Stamps". It always amazes me how many seemingly simple things (oh it's a blue stamp) can really be incredibly complicated.

At our last meeting, Lucien Klein alerted the membership to internet scams targeting APS and other legitimate stamp sellers. Please be wary and careful when purchasing philatelic material on line. See the notice regarding this problem elsewhere in the newsletter .

Mike Braet

September 18th Meeting.

The meeting was well attended with about 35 present in the room and 5 on Zoom. Bob Reynolds reports that 39 of 60 lots on the Bid Board sold for a total of \$306. Raffle ticket sales totaled \$68.

Copies of my Powerpoint program on "Color of Stamps" are available by email if desired.

October 16th Meeting

The main event for the October meeting is a Members' Swap Night. Be sure to bring your surplus items from your collections to sell or swap with fellow club members. This is also a great opportunity to learn about what your friends collect as well as build your own collection.

Don Dean will be running the Club's "Buy—it—Now" sale for

Bob Reynolds at this meeting. A good variety of lots of individual items and collections will be offered on a first come—first served basis, no silent bidding or auction, just buy it!

The star prize in the raffle will be a **\$50 gift certificate** for auction purchases.

In November there will also be a raffle prize of Christmas Dinner tickets for 2 worth \$50. Be sure to buy your tickets!

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Club News, Shows & Meetings.

SALEM STAMPEX.

Our club's Fall show on Sunday 22nd September was a successful event with about 50 in attendance on the day. There were 10 dealers at the show and we are grateful to Michael Jaffe who stepped in at the last moment in place of Stephen Inklebarger who fell ill during the week before.



Scene from the show courtesy of Lisa Janz

There seemed to be a lot of activity at the dealers tables and Gary Tiffin (Show Director) reports that the dealers were satisfied with business at the show.

We were also very pleased to see Steve Dulaney back at the show in person.



Local Postal History Event.

On the evening of August 8th at the Aumsville Community Center, Historical Societies from both Aumsville and Turner provided a presentation on late 19th Century and early 20th century postal history in each venue. Club members **Ted Shepherd** and **Gary Tiffin** presented images of mail with attending explanations of the sender and receiver as well as interesting markings on mail related to Aumsville and Turner. Pictures of early local Post Office buildings were also presented.

In addition, an explanation of the beginning of Rural Postal History across American and particularly in Oregon was outlined. The first established Oregon rural private delivery was established in Turner in 1897. After several years of pressure beginning in the 1880's, Congress finally allocated money for rural delivery across the nation by the turn of the century. Both Turner and Aumsville were two of the earliest Oregon towns to take immediate advantage of federal funding beginning in early January 1902.

The 30 attendees interacted with Ted and Gary with questions and information related to the presented mail images regarding families familiar or even related to them. Of course refreshments were also served.

Gary Tiffin

PIPEX 2025

The Exhibitor's prospectus and entry forms for the PIPEX 2025 stamp show on May 2nd – 4th, 2025 are now available on the PIPEX website www.pipexstampshow.org or from the exhibit chair, norma.nielson@haskayne.calgary.ca. All exhibits will be mounted physically at the show and will be judged in the frames. Exhibitors are also encouraged to submit their exhibits virtually to be posted on the website.

Members' Classified Ads.

Alice Griffin has a set of Hunting Duck stamps that she would like to sell. Her collection starts at 1934 and is complete until 1969. It also includes sets from 1971 to '75, 1977 to '81 and 1996 to '97. She is selling at used prices. If you are interested please contact Alice at 541 974 4891 or see her at the next club meeting.

Salem Stamp Society 2024/5 Program Calendar

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Program</u>
Oct 16	Members' Swap Night "Buy-it-Now" Club Sale	S & T by Mike Braet "2 Ships on Stamps"
Nov 20	AGM & Club auction	No Program
Dec 4	Christmas Party	
Jan 18 2025	Members' Auction	S & T by Phil Kumler "Snoopy Cachets"
Feb 15	Bid Board	Gary Tiffin "Reflections of a Retired Stamp Dealer"
Mar 19	Bid Board	George Struble "SCADTA Mail to & from Switzerland"
April 16	Bid Board	Rajeev Pandey "Celebrating Butte Montana's Copper Cachets"
May 21	Swap Night/Small B.B.	S & T
June 18	Club Auction	No Program
July 16	Members' Auction	S & T
Aug 20	Bid Board	
Sept 17	Bid Board	
Oct 15	Swap Night/Small B.B.	S & T
Nov 22	AGM & Club auction	No Program
Dec ?	Christmas Party	

Programs

Any member giving a Program will have their Club dues for the following year waived.

Programs should be between 30-45 minutes. Presentations can be done on Power point and loaded on a memory stick and given to the member monitoring the zoom link.

Show and Tell (S & T)

If you have anything you want to share with the members at a club meeting, please let the President or Vice President know at the beginning of the meeting so we can put you on the agenda. All members are welcome to share.

Frame of the Month.

We are restarting the Frame of the month program. If your interested in showing of a bit of your collection you are welcome to sign-up. Remember it doesn't have to be fancy, it is just a way to show off your philatelic interest. See me at the club meetings to put your name on the sign up sheet.

More News from Britain's Royal Mail.

In the May 2024 edition of this newsletter I wrote about the growing problem of counterfeit stamps in Britain. The Post Office planned at first to fine the *recipient* of mail posted fake stamps a charge of 5£ (about \$6.50). A bad decision for many reasons and it met with great resistance and was quickly withdrawn.

Plan B was to develop a new stamp scanner to be used with Royal Mail's free mobile phone app. This allows users to scan a stamp's barcode to check for authenticity. The scanner is now available and Royal Mail announced July 30:

"The stamp scanner has been designed to provide extra reassurance to customers who may be unsure about whether a stamp is counterfeit or not. Customers can use the app to check whether [a stamp] is a known counterfeit, preventing them from inadvertently becoming victims of fraud."

Royal Mail advises customers who did not purchase their stamps from Royal Mail, post offices or other reputable outlets to scan their stamps before use. Not everyone is able or willing to check whether stamps are counterfeit in this way so it remains to be seen how effective this plan will be. Stanley Gibbons has been appointed to arbitrate on any disputes over the authenticity of stamps. It seems that trust in the Royal Mail, the Post Office and postage stamps has been damaged and is not helped by the increasing price of sending letters by post.

The cost of a first class stamp in Britain will soon be increased by 30p to £1.65 (approximately \$2.06). All these problems are not restricted to the UK, it was announced this week that the USPS is planning to raise prices twice per year starting in 2025.

When the first class mail service was introduced the expectation was that a letter would be delivered to anywhere in the UK by the next day. The current targets are for 90% next day delivery but actual performance is somewhat lower than that.

Rodney Stent found the following piece from the BBC web site about a very slow mail:

"An undelivered postcard has finally reached its intended destination - about 121 years after it was first popped off in the post.

The Christmas-themed card was delivered to Swansea Building Society's Cradock Street branch

last week even though it was originally sent in 1903 - so only just over a century too late.

Staff say they hope to find relatives of a Miss Lydia Davies, who previously lived at the address and who the card was addressed to, to reunite them with it.

The Royal Mail said it is likely the postcard was "put back into" its system, rather than "being lost in the post for over a century".

APS Warning of Fraudulent Stores Online

Lucien Klein has forward a warning notice he had received from Kent Ball at the APS about a rogue online stamp store "www.superstorecenter.com". This website is engaging in fraudulent activities in which it clones the online stores and product descriptions of legitimate businesses—including the APS Stamp Store and other reputable sellers on eBay and HipStamp.

APS has identified these fraudulent activities:

- **Cloning of Online Stores.** They have copied the layout, design and content of legitimate online stamp stores.
- **Fake Product Listings.** They are posting products they do not actually possess using descriptions and images from authentic sellers.
- **Deeply Discounted Prices.** Items are listed at significantly reduced prices to lure unsuspecting buyers. "If it seems too good to be true...."
- **Impact on Consumers.** Customers who purchase stamps from this fraudulent site are likely to receive counterfeit products or no products at all with no way getting their money back.

APS is urging the public to exercise caution and verify the authenticity of online stores before making any purchases. Some of these fraudsters are skilled in the art of making their bogus websites look like the real thing. APS recommends the following steps to protect yourself against loss and disappointment:

- **Verify Website Authenticity.** Check the URL to make sure it exactly matches that of the official website of the seller.
- **Inspect the Business Operators.** Look for clues that show it is a legitimate business e.g. contact, customer service, about, return & shipping links
- **Look for Reviews.** Search for reviews and feedback from other customers.
- **Contact the Seller.** Reach out to the seller directly through verified contact information
- **Report Suspicious Activity.** If you find a suspicious website report it to the relevant authorities—and your friends and colleagues.

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Meetings

**All meetings held at the Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple,
4090 Commercial St. SE, Salem, OR.**

Wednesday 16th October 2024.

**7pm Start, Doors open at 6pm
Members' Swap Night. Buy-it-Now Club
Sale & S&T**

Wednesday 20th November 2024.

**7pm Start, Doors open at 6pm.
AGM & Club Auction**

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2024

Local Events

**Salem Coin & Stamp Show, December 8—9 2024
Columbia Hall, State Fairgrounds, Salem, OR**

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**

2024-25 Major Shows:

PIPEX 2025, May 2-4, Monarch Hotel, Clackamas

WESTPEX April 25-27 2025, Burlingame, CA