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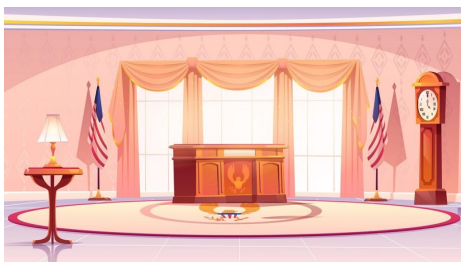
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From the President's Desk



I want to wish a big THANK YOU to the BOARD members, and YOU the terrific membership of Salem Stamp Society! Your help, advise, humor, and camaraderie made my two year tenure as your president a true joy.

I guarantee I learned so much more about philately from all of you, than you did from me.

We are all fortunate to have Lisa JANZ as the new president, and Danny Bisgaard as the new V.P.. We also have David Morrison as a new board member. I know they will do a great job, and help our membership to grow. Congratulations to you, and all good wishes for the coming year.

Thank you again for your trust and tremendous support.

Mike Braet

November 20th Meeting.

The meeting was well attended with about 35 in the room and 5 on Zoom. This was also our AGM and the elections for President, VP and Board members for 2025 took place.

The complete listing of Board members and officers of the Society is as follows:

- President-Lisa Janz
- Vice President-Danny Bisgaard
- Secretary-Steve Dulaney
- Treasurer-Alan Maul
- Auction Director-Bob Reynolds
- Show Director-Gary Tiffin
- Board members-Pete McCallum

Don Dean, David Morrison and Anthony Port.

The club auction went very well, 58 of the 75 lots sold for a total of about \$1900. Several lots attracted lively bidding with three realizing \$100 or more. There were successful bidders on Zoom and from absent members that had registered their bids previously with Bob Reynolds.

Christmas Party.

There will be gifts for everyone at our Christmas Party on Wednesday December 4th starting at 6pm.

Bob Reynolds has arranged a very special star prize this year, one lucky member will win one of the **Recalled Legends of the West** mint sheets.

If you would like to attend but did not sign up at the November meeting please let Lisa Janz know by email or call her on 503 949 3920. Ticket prices are \$25 per head (the club will pay a separate gratuity for attendees).

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From the Vice-President.

Happy Holidays everyone!

2025 is almost here and as your President elect I would like to ask you the members what you would like to see the club do?

The Committee is always happy to look into new ideas and activities. You can send me your ideas

by e-mail at lisan2scotties@msn.com or approach me at any of the meetings. I would love to hear from you.

I want to thank Mike Braet for his service to the club. Mike did a fantastic job as president these last two years and wish him well in his next endeavors.

Thank You Mike!

Lisa Janz

Salem Stamp Society 2025 Program Calendar

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Program</u>
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 by Marc Dochez "History of Red Cross Samps"
June 18	Club Auction	No Program
July 16	Members' Auction	S & T
Aug 20	Bid Board	Gary Tiffin & Ted Sheppard "1875 – 1920 Mails to Turner & Aumsville"
Sept 17	Bid Board	Peter Gatehouse "Tin – Can Mail"
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.

Show and Tells should be no more than 10 minutes long.

Club News, Shows & Meetings.

January 2025 Meeting.

Our first meeting of 2025 takes place on the morning of **Saturday January 18th** and features as its main event a Members' Auction. Bob Reynolds is asking members to send him details of any lots for inclusion in the auction by mid-December. You can also bring the lots or hand details of them to Bob at the Christmas Party on Wednesday December 4th.

The January meeting will also feature the first of our renewed series of **Frame of the Month** presentations. Phil Kumler will be showing his "Charles B. Schultz Cover Cachets".

The second Frame of the Month will be presented by Bob Grosch on "Katanga" at the February meeting. Please contact Lisa if you would like to present items from your collections in this way at future meetings. It's a great way to show your fellow members what you collect and also a friendly non-competitive introduction to preparing material for exhibiting. We are lucky to have very experienced and successful exhibitors in our club that can offer help and advice to members.

Our Society will have a table at the **Salem Coin and Stamp Show** at the State Fairgrounds in Salem on **December 7th & 8th**. This is always a good show with many stamp dealers there and a good opportunity to attract new members. Please consider spending an hour at our table to talk to any interested members of the public and to rest your feet and wallet.

PIPEX 2025.

The Exhibitor's entry form and prospectus are now available on the PIPEX website www.pipexstampshow.org or from exhibit chair, Norma Nielson who can be contacted at norma.nielson@haskayne.calgary.ca.

The organizers have confirmed that the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas will host the next 3 PIPEX shows with a refurbished and refreshed show area.

From the Library

The Library returns in January!

As many of you know I have moved back into our home and I am working on getting my office and library back into working order.

In January I will be bringing different titles along

with the Scott catalogs every month.

Thank you for your patience this last year as we went through the remodel.

If you have a book you want to borrow you can e-mail me at lisan2scotties@msn.com.

Lisa Janz

Inclement Weather! Who knows what weather we will experience this winter! If it looks like we are in for some bad weather at the times of our meetings in January or February (3rd Saturday mornings) please check the society web site or your emails for notices about cancellations or changes. If you do not have access to online information you can call any of the people listed on the front cover of this newsletter for guidance. No point in making a risky journey for a cancelled meeting!

SALEM COIN & STAMP SHOW

DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2024

OR. STATE FAIRGROUNDS – COLUMBIA HALL
2330 17TH STREET N.E. SALEM, OR. 503.947.3247
(MARKET STREET EXIT AT I-5 M.P. 256 - GO WEST
AND TURN RIGHT ONTO 17TH – FAIRGROUNDS ON
THE RIGHT ABOUT A MILE – WATCH FOR SIGNS)

HOURS: 12/7- 10A TO 4:30P 12/8- 10A TO 3:30P
EARLY BIRD BOTH DAYS @ 9A FOR \$50

\$5 PARKING / \$3 ADMISSION CHARGE

OVER 80 TABLES – COIN AND STAMP DEALERS
FROM AROUND THE U.S. /A.N.A & P.N.N.A.
INFORMATION – ANACS REP. TO SLAB COINS

TYPE AND PROOF COINS/GOLD AND SILVER/
MINT AND PROOF SETS/TOKENS/CURRENCY/
STAMPS/ANCIENTS/BOOKS

EXHIBITS/HOURLY AND END OF SHOW RAFFLES/
YOUNG COLLECTORS FREE GRAB BAG/SQUISHER
PENNY MACHINE DEMONSTRATION
APPRAISALS DONE ON SUNDAY, 12/8 AT 1P

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Mails on the Water.

As a British ex-pat and collector of GB stamps a cover found in a \$ box at a recent stamp show caught my attention. It has British Machin stamps cancelled in Portland, OR. It is a nice example of “paquebot mail” where a letter is written on board a ship and handed to the postal authorities at the next port of call. In this case, an envelope was prepared on the cruise ship Cunard Princess in September 1980 and then cancelled in Portland with a date stamp and the Paquebot handstamp applied.



There is a very nice article in Linn’s Stamp News from May 2, 2021 on the origins of Paquebot mail. The term itself refers to the French for “packet boat” which were originally small vessels used by governments to carry mail, passengers and cargo on short voyages at regular schedules. It later came to mean any mail sent or received at sea.

In the example above British stamps would be applied if the ship was a British registered vessel or if the last port of call was a country where British stamps were valid. So, since the Cunard Princess was a cruise ship (see image below from Wikipedia) with probably several ports of call during its voyage, it seems likely that the vessel was flagged in the UK.



According to Linn’s, the UPU regulations require that letters and cards posted *at sea* should comply with the postal rates of the country in which the vessel is registered. In this example the UK rates were 12 and 10 pence for 1st and 2nd class mail respectively in 1980, whereas stamps to the value of only 8 pence were applied.

UPU regulations for mail handed in when the ship is *in port* require that stamps of the country in whose waters the vessel is moored be used at local rates. So, if this cover was written when the ship was moored in Portland it would need (in 1980) US stamps to the value of 15c.

The answer to this puzzle is suggested by the Linn’s article which says that in practice letters with stamps valid in the last port of call are usually accepted by the local authorities. In 1980 the dollar-sterling exchange rates from the archives give the value of 8 pence to be the equivalent of about 19c so comfortably above the required US rate of 15c and accepted by the USPS in Portland.

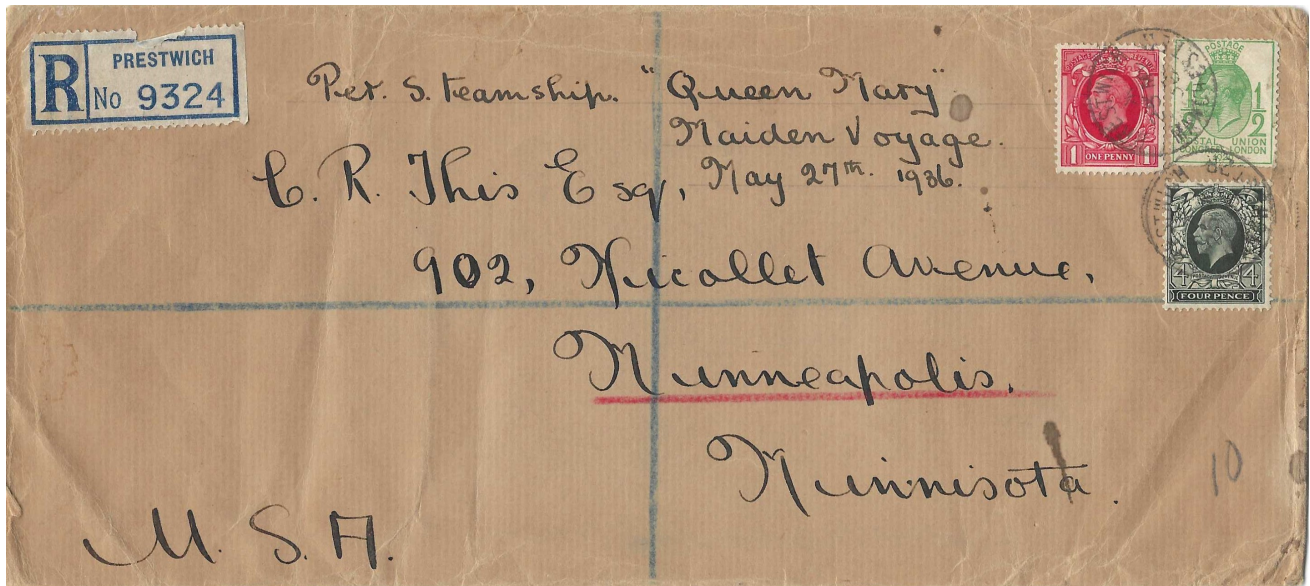
Large Ships & Small Boats.

The Portland Paquebot cover above is clearly not regular commercial mail and was only intended to be of philatelic or souvenir interest. The carriage of regular mail by boat and ship has a long tradition and importance from a time when there was no alternative means of overseas communication.

Us landlubbers tend to use the terms “ship” and “boat” interchangeably and carelessly. On a tour of a Royal Navy vessel some years ago I was quickly corrected when I referred to the destroyer we were on as a boat. “Ships have boats” came the explanation and clarification, although for some reason even the largest of submarines are called boats.

The early small vessels used to carry mail etc. were correctly called packet boats. For longer voyages to deliver mail (in post office mail packets) to overseas embassies, colonies or outposts ocean going vessels were required and these were called packet ships but the term paquebot persisted.

When commercial shipping lines in the UK were awarded a contract to carry Royal Mail they were entitled to use the title RMS (Royal Mail Steamship) for their ships. Some of the largest, fastest and most famous liners had this title, for example RMS Titanic and RMS Queen Mary.



The cover above was also found in a dealer's dollar box at our STAMPEX show last March. It was carried on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary in 1936. This ship had a long and distinguished life and is still working as an hotel and convention centre in Long Beach, CA. The Cunard Princess had a much more unglamorous end a few years ago, according to Wikipedia it was deliberately run aground in Turkey and broken up for scrap.

At the other end of the scale in terms of the size of mail delivery vessels, there was an interesting article posted on the Postal Museum blog in July 2023. Stuart Aitken, a curator at the Museum, told a fascinating story about the Thames River Postman.



William Simpson was the first River Postman in 1800 delivering and collecting mail in the Pool of London. This was a busy stretch of the Thames from London Bridge to just below Tower Bridge. At that time it was crowded with house boats, barges and sailing vessels and there was real need

for a means of delivering mail by boat to the many people living and working on the river. It was a dangerous job and both Simpson and his assistant were killed from work related injuries. Simpson's son was appointed to the role when his father died but in 1810 he was convicted of stealing money from the mail and transported for life to Australia.

Samuel Evans then took on the role and so began a family dynasty of River Postmen. The role passed from father to son from 1810 to 1952 when the service was terminated. By that time the Pool of London had changed and was no longer a collection of house boat dwellers and local merchants. London was an important and busy port with many large commercial ships making their way to the docks on the river. It was now an even more dangerous job delivering and collecting mail by rowing boat or skiff. This, combined with a reduced volume of mail meant that the last of the Evans family, Herbert, to hold this job retired in 1952.



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Meetings

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

**Wednesday 4th December 2024.
Christmas Party starts at 6pm.**

**Saturday 18th January 2025.
Starts at 10am, Doors open at 9am.
Members' Auction, S&T by Phil Kumler
On "Snoopy Cachets."**

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2024

Local Events

**Salem Coin & Stamp Show, December 7—8, 2024
Columbia Hall, State Fairgrounds, Salem, OR**

Salem STAMPEX, Sunday March 13th 2025

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

**BOSTSON 2026 World Expo, May 28-30 2026 at the Boston
Convention Center**