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## **May 2024 Meeting.**

Over 30 members attended our meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May with 3 calling in on Zoom. The **Members' Swap Night** seemed to go very well with a lot trading and swapping in progress. George Stellingwerf gave a very interesting presentation on US Precancels. George gave a brief history of the evolution of precancels and their use on commercial mails to save time and effort at the post office. There is a very large variety of precancels for the collector. Apart from the different cities and states printed on the stamps the printing of the precancel could be carried out by local postmasters or other companies on contract. Later on most of the printing was carried out by the Bureau of Engraving. Only definitives were precancelled at the Bureau but all types of stamps can be found as precancels. Larger commemoratives would have been overprinted at local printers under contract. This seems to be a lively and affordable field of collecting.

16 Of the 24 lots on the Bid Board were sold raising \$130 for

the club. There was also strong interest in raffle tickets because of the \$50 coupon star prize. This could be used on any future bid board or club auction purchase. Nearly \$100 worth of tickets were sold and Bob plans to offer similar prizes at future meetings ahead of club auctions. He may also include a similar prize in November comprising tickets for the Christmas Party.

## **June 2024 Meeting.**

The main event for the evening of the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a Club Auction. The list of 75 lots on offer is included below together with images of selected items. These can also be seen on our web site. There are many very desirable items in the auction and Bob expects the bidding will likely be quite lively! If you cannot attend in person or on Zoom you can enter bids remotely with Bob (503 580 6574 or by email at [renroost@aol.com](mailto:renroost@aol.com)).

**N.B.** You must be a fully paid up member to take part in the auction.

There will also be an opportunity for anyone to make a short "Show & Tell" presentation at

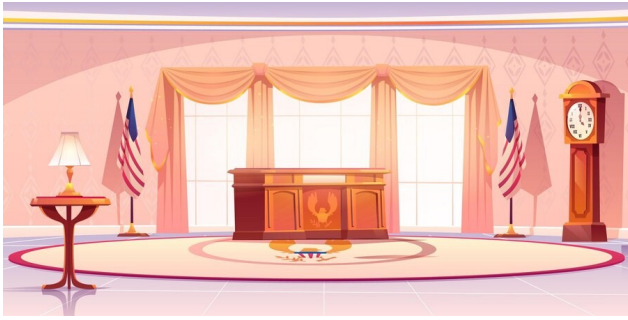
the meeting. Please let Lisa Janz know if you would like to do this.

## **Members' Auction in July.**

Members are reminded that they have an opportunity to sell surplus items from their collections at the meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Up to 10 items per member can be submitted for auction. You can bring your auction lots to the next meeting in June or make arrangements with Bob Reynolds at the number below.

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## From the President's Desk.

Thank you to all our members who collectively spent hundreds of hours volunteering their time and expertise for another very successful PIPEX last month. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

A warm welcome to our newest member **John Brown**. John is the President of the Tigard Stamp Club. Our membership is now at 100!

It's not too early to be thinking about the upcoming election. No, Not that one! Salem Stamp Society will be electing new officers during our November Annual General Meeting. A number of positions will be decided then, and your name could be on the ballot. If you are interested in getting more involved in our organization, please contact Danny Bisgaard, he is chair of our nominating committee. He will be happy to discuss the positions available.

*Mike Braet*

## Club News & Meetings.

Pete McCallum reports that the 2024-26 Members Directory is now at the printers and he expects to distribute copies by mail in June. It contains 58 entries and is intended solely for the use of members. Future editions of the Directory could be issued electronically as a pdf or Word document, do you have any views or preferences? Please let Pete or a Board member know.

Preparations are in hand for our Fall Stamp Show in September. More details coming soon but early indications are that Gary Tiffin expects to have a full set of dealers there. It was proposed at the last Board meeting that we might have informal and non-competitive exhibits at the Fall show or March next year or both. "It would be just an opportunity to show your fellow members and friends what you do," says George Struble. Again, more details to follow.

## Salem Stamp Society 2024/5 Program Calendar

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Program</u>
June 19	Club Auction	No Program
July 17	Member Auction	S & T: Steve Staton "Bosnia"
Aug 21	Bid Board	Steve Staton "History of Buffalo Soldiers"
Sept 18	Bid Board	
Oct 16	Swap Night/Small Bid Board	S & T
Nov 20	Club Auction & AGM	No Program
Dec ?	Christmas Party	
Jan 18 2025	Members' Auction	
Feb 15	Bid Board	Gary Tiffin "Reflections of a Retired Stamp Dealer"
Mar 19	Bid Board	
April 16	Bid Board	
May 21	Swap Night	
June 18	Club Auction	
July 16	Members' Auction	
Aug 20	Bid Board	
Sept 17	Bid Board	
Oct 15	Swap Night	
Nov 22	AGM & Club auction	
Dec ?	Christmas Party	

Lisa Janz is putting together the calendar for events and programs for the rest of this year and for next year (see above). Please let her know if you would like to present a program or a short "Show & Tell" piece. A program pays for club membership for one year.

### Philatelic humor from the internet



*Commemorative postmark from the Irish Van Gogh Society*

## PIPEX 2024 Show Report.



*Panorama of Bourse area with Michelle Giamatteo at the Registration desk.*

This year's show at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas was a great success. Despite the rainy weather (or perhaps partly because of it) attendance was increased compared to last year and 520 people came in over the three days.

Friday and Saturday were very busy with queues of people waiting to enter at the 10am opening. The hotel management had made some welcome improvements to the venue and catering since last year which were appreciated by the dealers and organizers. There are a large number of moving parts in mounting a complex and major show such as PIPEX. David Epps and his committee and volunteers worked hard to make the show a well run and successful event.



*Alan Maul in his "Office" at PIPEX*

The financial viability and success of the show depends on the dealers. Alan Maul was responsible for all aspects of recruiting and managing the dealers and arranging all the placements for them. No easy task at the best of times and this year was especially difficult for Alan. However, all the dealers seemed happy with the show and most plan to return next year with others waiting for their opportunity to attend PIPEX 2025.

PIPEX 2024 is a World Series of Philately show and attracted 160 frames of exhibits from the US and internationally. My personal favorite was that of the late Michael Dixon on Napoleon Bonaparte using an outstanding collection of cards and other items to illustrate his history from Waterloo to his final resting place. The full list of awards is given in the Palmares section of the PIPEX 2024 web site but the highlights are as follows:

The Grand Award name in honor of Tony Wawrukiewicz went to Hugh Lawrence—"Postal Rates during the Gold Yuan Era". The Reserve Grand was won by Alfredo Frohlich—"United States of Columbia 1868-1881". The Single Frame Gold Award went to Louis Fiset—"1871 Commune of Paris Prisoners' Mail."

Salem Club members were also successful. George Struble won a Large Gold Award for his exhibit on "SCADTA Mail to and from Switzerland" and a Gold award for "Getting Swiss Air Mail off the Ground". Steve Staton took home a Silver Bronze Award and the Larry Spray Encouragement Award for his exhibit on "Las Vegas Performers and Artists on Picture Postcards". Mikayla Kaloustian won a Youth Grand Special Award from the AAPE for her exhibit on "African Elephants: an Animal that Never Forgets".

## A Post Script to PIPEX 2024.

One of the new attractions at this year's show was the sale of raffle tickets at the registration desk. A collection of attractive prizes had been assembled by Bob Reynolds one of which was the star item of a U.S. White Plains miniature sheet (never hinged) donated by Lisa Janz.

This proved to be a very popular feature and over \$240 worth of tickets were sold, a useful addition to the PIPEX funds. I volunteered to help out at the registration desk for a few hours and managed to sell a good number of raffle tickets. It was with great surprise and some temporary embarrassment that one of my tickets was drawn. My prize was a box lot of miscellaneous album sheets and stamps which at first sight looked interesting but very unlikely to pay for a good meal out.

When I investigated the contents of the mystery box my first impressions seemed to be an accurate assessment. There were many sparsely filled and picked-over album pages but there were a useful number of interesting items as well. Towards the bottom of the box was a single stamp which immediately grabbed my attention. It was one that I had never seen before. Although it was somewhat battered and stained it had some age to it so I thought it worth a closer look.



I could not find a reference to it in Scott but found it listed in the Gibbons British Commonwealth Catalogue after Egypt in a short section named for the Suez Canal Company.

**Hopes Raised.** The stamp was identified as one of 4 issued in July 1868 by the *Compagnie Universelle du Canal Maritime de Suez* to pay for

the carriage of mails by the company between Suez and Port Said. At this time the Suez Canal had not yet been completed and did not open until November 1869. During construction the company had previously transported mail free of charge from 1859 to 1867. It then decided to charge for this service and had stamps printed in France and started to introduce them in July 1868. Letters for destinations beyond Suez or Port Said required additional Egyptian or French stamps.

The charges proved to be very unpopular with the public and stamps were withdrawn from sale in August of 1868 and the service was taken over by the Egyptian government. Since the period of use was so short used stamps from this issue are very scarce and covers with them are very rare indeed.



*This cover sold at auction for 10,000 Swiss Francs (\$11,000)*

**Hopes Dashed!** These stamps quickly attracted the attention of forgers. They were encouraged in that original paper used for the stamps had few watermarks per sheet so that the majority of stamps had no visible watermarks. Many forgeries exist both mint and cancelled with varying degrees of sophistication. There are many known differences between the forgeries and genuine stamps. In the central design the number and position of people on deck and the funnel smoke can be used to distinguish forgeries. The most notable and obvious distinctions are the absence of cross-hatching between the "POSTES" and the central oval and the presence of thin guidelines in the spaces between stamps. A quick examination of my stamp showed no cross-hatching and some guidelines present so I am now the proud owner of a rather sad looking forgery. Never mind! All of this was new and interesting to me. It also led me to the discovery of new information and early history of the Canal.

**SALEM STAMP SOCIETY**  
**June 2024 Auction**

LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	United States	1847 5 cent Franklin, used, 1+ margin copy, Used	1	\$ 700.00	\$ 125.00	
2	United States	1851 1 cent Franklin, Type II, Used	7	\$ 135.00	\$ 40.00	Nice Stamp!
3	United States	1859 10 cent Washington, Faults, Used	35	\$ 55.00	\$ 8.00	
4	United States	1861 30 cent Franklin, Used	71	\$ 225.00	\$ 50.00	Nice Cancell
5	United States	1863 5 cent, Washington, Small Thin, Used	76	\$ 125.00	\$ 20.00	
6	United States	1866 15 cent Lincoln, Used	77	\$ 175.00	\$ 30.00	
7	United States	1862 24 cent Washington, Used, Short perf at top	78	\$ 400.00	\$ 75.00	
8	United States	1868 15 cent Lincoln, Used, cpl thins	98	\$ 275.00	\$ 45.00	
9	United States	1869 2 cent Pictoral, good color, cpl short perfs UR, Used	113	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00	
10	United States	1869 6 cent Pictoral, light cancel, cpl thins	115	\$ 225.00	\$ 40.00	
11	United States	1869 24 cent Pictoral, small thin top center, Used	120	\$ 600.00	\$ 100.00	
12	United States	1870 1 cent Franklin Banknote, Used	134	\$ 200.00	\$ 40.00	
13	United States	1870 2 cent Jackson, Banknote, Used	135	\$ 80.00	\$ 25.00	
14	United States	1870 15 cent, Webster Banknote, Used, Tiny stain	152	\$ 210.00	\$ 40.00	
15	United States	1873 30 cent Hamilton, Used	165	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	
16	United States	1890 20 cent Perry, Used	229	\$ 135.00	\$ 40.00	
17	United States	1893 4 cent Columbian, Mint LH	233	\$ 50.00	\$ 15.00	
18	United States	1898 5 cent Grant, MNH	281	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	
19	United States	1902 2 cent Washington, MNH	301	\$ 37.50	\$ 12.00	
20	United States	1909 2 cent Lincoln, Bluish Paper, Mint HR's	369	\$ 150.00	\$ 30.00	
21	United States	1918 \$5 Franklin, Used	524	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00	
22	United States	1920 2 cent Washington Type VI, MNH	528A	\$ 115.00	\$ 30.00	
23	United States	30 cent Postage	538	\$ 160.00	\$ 40.00	
24	United States	1923 5 cent Lincoln, MNH	555	\$ 27.50	\$ 8.00	
25	United States	1922 5 cent Roosevelt, MNH	557	\$ 35.00	\$ 8.00	
26	United States	1924 3 cent Lincoln, Coil Line Pair, MNH	600	\$ 60.00	\$ 15.00	
27	United States	1928 \$5 Coolidge, Mint LH	834	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00	
28	United States	1918 6 cent Jenny Airmail, Mint HR	C1	\$ 55.00	\$ 15.00	
29	United States	1918 8 Cent propeller Airmail, MNH	C4	\$ 35.00	\$ 12.00	Nicely Centered!
30	United States	1917 30 cent Postage Due, MNH	J66	\$ 220.00	\$ 50.00	
31	United States	1934 Federal Duck Stamp, Used, Faults	RW1	\$ 175.00	\$ 20.00	
32	United States	1935 Federal Duck Stamp, Used, Straight Edge	RW2	\$ 160.00	\$ 30.00	
33	United States	1936 Federal Duck Stamp, Mint HR's	RW6	\$ 115.00	\$ 25.00	
34	United States	1937 Federal Duck Stamp, Mint HR's	RW7	\$ 115.00	\$ 30.00	
35	United States	1959 Federal Duck Stamp, Mint Partial Gum	RW26	\$ 130.00	\$ 20.00	
36	Barbados	1855 4p Brn Red, Mint HR, Filled Pin Hole	4	\$ 130.00	\$ 20.00	
37	Canada	1897 5 Cent Jubilee, Unused no gum	55	\$ 220.00	\$ 50.00	
38	Canada	1897 8 cent Jubilee, Mint HR, Thin	56	\$ 130.00	\$ 20.00	
39	Canada	1899 5 cent Victoria, Mint LH	79	\$ 220.00	\$ 40.00	
40	Canada	1927 20 cent Baldwin & LaFontaine, MNH	148	\$ 50.00	\$ 15.00	
41	Canada	1928 8 cent King George, MNH	154	\$ 32.50	\$ 10.00	
42	Canada	1934 10 cent Loyalists Monument, MNH	209	\$ 52.50	\$ 15.00	
43	Falkland Is	1935 Silver Jubilee Set, Mint HR	77-80	\$ 55.00	\$ 15.00	
44	Gold Coast	1935 Silver Jubilee Set, Mint HR	108-111	\$ 25.75	\$ 7.00	
45	Gold Coast	1948 Silver Wedding issue, Mint HR	143	\$ 24.00	\$ 6.00	
46	Ireland	1922-23 Definitive Set, Mint HR/LH	65-76	\$ 143.00	\$ 35.00	
47	New Zealand	1882-98 Set Used, Faults	61-67	\$ 98.05	\$ 15.00	
48	New Zealand	1926 2sh & 3sh Used	182-3	\$ 210.00	\$ 25.00	
49	Turks & Caicos Is	1938-45 Salt Industry Set, Mint HR	78-89	\$ 80.45	\$ 20.00	
50	Western Australia	1854 1 cent Used, 3 margins, faults	1	\$ 275.00	\$ 35.00	
51	Western Australia	1854 1S Faults, Used	5	\$ 400.00	\$ 40.00	
52	United Nations	1995 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year Set			\$ 20.00	
53	United Nations	1999 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year Set			\$ 20.00	
54	United Nations	2001 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year Set			\$ 20.00	
55	United Nations	2007 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year Set			\$ 20.00	
56	United Nations	2008 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year Set			\$ 20.00	
57	United Nations	2010 NY, Geneva, Vienna, Endangered Species year Set			\$ 20.00	
58	Oregon	Binder with Oregon related articles, stamps, postage etc			\$ 5.00	Interesting
59	China	800-1000 on pages pre 1975 mostly used			\$ 25.00	
60	China-PRC	100+ on pages a few better stamps			\$ 10.00	
61	Congo	About 200 on pages a few \$5+ catalogue items			\$ 10.00	
62	Cook Is	About 200 on pages, 50 S/S Many MNH		\$250+	\$ 40.00	
63	France	100's and 100's mostly used on pages			\$ 40.00	
64	Japan	750+ stamps on pages mint & used			\$ 25.00	
65	Sweden	1000+ stamps on pages, most used, duplication			\$ 20.00	
66	Switzerland	750-800 stamps mint, MNH, used some nice sets!			\$ 25.00	
67	Europa	1966 & 1967 Europa Set Collection		\$ 98.00	\$ 25.00	
68	Covers	2 plastic tubs with misc covers & correspondence			\$ 5.00	
69	Covers	Box and binder with Salem OR area covers, FDC, events			\$ 5.00	
70	Hunger- Topical	WW Collection of 1963 Freedom of Hunger Issues		est \$125	\$ 20.00	Most MNH
71	Space- Topical	Binder with 1969 Moon landing related stamps			\$ 20.00	Most MNH
72	Art Topical	Binder w/Misc Art related stamps some w/ nice writeup			\$ 10.00	Most MNH
73	Supplies	(3) like new Mint Sheet Files			\$ 5.00	
74	Worldwide	Box with 100's of Misc worldwide			\$ 5.00	
75	Vintage Menus	1960's lot of about 30 Cruise Ship Menus			\$ 5.00	

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Lot 3



Lot 4



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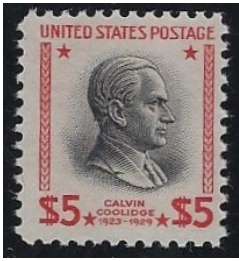


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**Salem Stamp Society**

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## **Meetings**

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

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

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

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

**7pm Start, Doors open at 6pm  
Members' Auction and Show & Tell on  
Bosnia by Steve Staton .**

## **Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2024**

**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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
at OSS clubhouse 9:00 am.- 3:00 pm**

**2023-4 Major Shows:**