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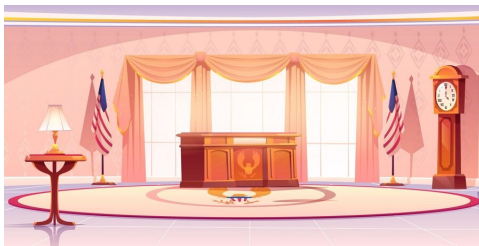
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From the President's Desk



At our July meeting we heard from three of our members whose common theme was **SUPPORTING KIDS**. They shared how kids were positively influenced through their programs. I think this is terrific. We all have a common interest in Philately. Wouldn't it be great to pass that on to as many young folks as possible? It seems to me that our club could/should take a more active role to that end. I would propose that the Salem Stamp Society proactively donate stamps, cash, and if possible volunteer time to programs supporting kids interest in philately. I will be taking a straw pole at our next meeting to determine the membership's interest, and taking suggestions. Think about this, and come prepared to share your ideas with me next month.

(Or you can email me). I know it's a little corny, but our motto could be "Make the world a better place - one stamp at a time!"

Mike Braet

July 17th Meeting.

The meeting was well attended with over 35 in the room and 4 on Zoom. In the Members' auction 43 of the 66 lots were sold for a total of over \$900 with \$60 going to the club. Raffle ticket sales raised another \$49. In a short "Show & Tell" item Rodney Stent showed some unusual covers received recently in the mail. One letter was sent without any postage stamps but with a booklet end-page! An interesting way to save on postage costs.

Steve Staton described some of his time in Bosnia with the 1st Armored Division. His efforts to win over "Hearts & Minds" by helping some local school students with a stamp program was most interesting and rewarding. He has kindly written up further details for us in an article in this newsletter.

August 21st Meeting.

Steve Staton is back on duty in our August meeting with pro-

gram on the "History of the Buffalo Soldiers."

We also have a full Bid Board with 60 Lots. The full list is included in this newsletter together with images of selected lots. You can also view these on our web site. If you cannot attend in person or on Zoom you can enter bids remotely with Bob (503 580 6574 or by email at ren-roost@aol.com)

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Club News, Shows & Meetings.

The Salem Stamp Society Fall STAMPEX takes place on **Sunday 22nd September** at our usual venue—the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple located at 4090 Commercial St. SE, Salem. Doors open at 10 am and admission and parking are **FREE**.

Gary Tiffin, our show director has organized a full complement of 10 dealers. Tell your friends and family to come along and make the event a great success.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

STAMPEX doesn't just happen-it takes a lot of time and effort. We really need members' help to man the registration desk and help clean up the room after the show. Lisa Janz will post a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Please help if you are able & willing!

Members' Directory.

Members should have received their copy in the mail by now, please let Pete McCallum know if your copy has not arrived.

The first supplement is being sent out to members this week. It includes corrections and additions and our latest **new member:- David Epps** from Portland. Members may know him from his role as President of the PIPEX committee and also the Oregon Stamp Society.

Salem Stamp Society AGM in November.

During our AGM on November 20th we will hold elections of some Board Members for the next two years. If you are interested in standing for election or helping in the running of the club in other ways please contact **Danny Bisgaard** at the next meeting.

Local Postal History Meeting.

The Aumsville and Turner Historical Societies will be hosting a meeting titled "Mail from the late 19th and early 20th centuries" hosted by Ted Shepherd and Gary Tiffin both active members of the Salem Stamp Society. Some early mail history of both towns will be featured. The meeting will be held Thursday August 8 at 6pm at the Aumsville Community Center. All are welcome to attend this presentation which will include some light refreshments

Salem Stamp Society 2024/5 Program Calendar

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Program</u>
Aug 21	Bid Board	Steve Staton "History of Buffalo Soldiers"
Sept 18	Bid Board	Tony Port "The Color of Stamps"
Oct 16	Swap Night/Small Bid Board	S & T
Nov 20	Club Auction & AGM	No Program
Dec ?	Christmas Party	
Jan 18 2025	Members' Auction	S & T
Feb 15	Bid Board	Gary Tiffin "Reflections of a Retired Stamp Dealer"
Mar 19	Bid Board	
April 16	Bid Board	Rajeev Pandey "Celebrating Butte Montana's Copper Cachets"
May 21	Swap Night	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	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.

Lisa Jamz

The Children of Bosnia

by Steve Staton

(Formerly Senior Intelligence Analyst and Operations Manager , 1st Armored Division)

The 1st Armored Division was the first force to enter Bosnia in December 1995. Elements of the 1st Armored Division entered Bosnia for the second time in October 1997 relieving the 1st Infantry Division.



Map showing Bosnia & Herzegovina—one of the states of former Yugoslavia

When first entering Bosnia, US troops cross a bridge that leads from Croatia into Bosnia. This bridge was the site of US troops being attacked by citizens who thought they were there to capture the mayor of the city of Brcko (Birch Ko). This city was the most contested of all in the Balkan war. Entering this city with its visual destruction always created a shock factor.

The Division headquarters was located in Tuzla Bosnia, 23 miles from Brcko. Along the route and throughout the area children could be seen waving and smiling at the presence of soldiers. They had suffered mightily during the war, and many were now orphans. It is estimated that over 100,000 people lost their lives during the conflict and the war produced around 2 million refugees. One day children were playing video games, and the next day they were at war.

The intelligence section for the 1st Armored Division included several elements including Imagery, All Source Analysts, Communications, National Intelligence Agencies, Public Affairs, and Signals Intelligence Analysts. The group was responsible for the identification of threats to peace and stability.

The mission had now changed to SFOR or Stabilizing Force. Conditions had now stabilized and it was time to win the hearts and minds of the civilian population.

During one briefing, the commander asked if there was something we could do to interact more with the civilian population, especially children, without causing panic. We were all asked to come up with a plan. With a long history in philately including running several stamp clubs, I felt this was my calling and proposed a stamp collecting program for school students. I explained that all I needed was an interpreter and I would handle the rest of the logistics including providing stamps and materials for the kids. The Commander liked it and asked one of the liaisons to set up a meeting with a school principal in Tuzla.

For the first visit, I brought materials and explained the plan to the principal. He brought in a teacher who I would work with, and everyone seemed very happy at this venture. I asked about pencils, paper, pens, chalk, and other materials and the principal said we have only a small amount of chalk, we don't even have power in the school, but we do the best we can. I indicated I would bring everything needed. The principal smiled, reached up, and brought forth a bottle of alcohol which we were forbidden to drink unless it would be embarrassing to refuse. It was the only real drink I had in Bosnia as the commander nodded his approval.



The Children of Bosnia by Steve Staton (Continued).

I had asked Linn's Stamp News if they could publish a note and that I needed stamps for the students. Donations poured in and 180 packages later, I was prepared. The teacher and I laid out the task for the students and we began to hold weekly sessions. Students were told to pick any topic they wanted, find the stamps related to their topic (some couldn't come up with one so we helped them), and place them (using hinges) over the country the stamp belonged to.

At the end of the 8-week program, each student received a certificate. You would think they were receiving gold bars. There were smiles all around.



During sessions, we discovered that basketball was the number one sport in Bosnia. So, I arranged for a team of volunteers (soldiers) to take on selected students from the area and each time, we lost. We made sure to leave a few basketballs for the school.

Because students had no supplies, and we were now visiting weekly, I sent letters around the US asking for school supplies. I received an overwhelming amount of supplies, clothes, recreational equipment, and more. Our group ended up taking a busload of soldiers and a busload of supplies and clothing and dropped them all outside of school in the parking lot. Teachers from surrounding schools were called to come and pick up whatever they needed. It was the most gratifying thing I can say I was ever a part of.

When school was nearing the end of the year (June, 1998), we were invited to a theater in Tuzla where I was placed at the front of the stage and was the guest of honor. Students from around the

area sang, danced, and put on a great performance. I was then called up on the stage and was presented with a Prinz Bosnia and Hercegovina album filled with Bosnian stamps.



I like to think I had a small part in the future of the kids of Bosnia and for a short time, helped in their recovery. I have had no contact with anyone in Bosnia since I left and often wonder how those children are doing now that they are adults.

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This was the entire class photo with the teacher at the lower right.

**August 2024 Bidboard
Salem Stamp Society**

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LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	United States	1869 3 cent train pictorial, Used	114	\$16.00	\$4.00	
2	United States	1872 1 cent and 2 cent values, Used	156-7	\$30.75	\$7.00	
3	United States	1872 3 cent Wahington, Mint HR's	158	\$110.00	\$20.00	
4	United States	1873 10 cent Jackson, Used	161	\$25.00	\$6.00	
5	United States	1875 5 cent Taylor, Used	179	\$27.50	\$6.00	
6	United States	1879 15 cent Webster, Used	189	\$27.50	\$6.00	
7	United States	1882 10 cent Jefferson, Used	209	\$6.00	\$2.00	
8	United States	1883 2 cent Washington, Used	210	\$17.00	\$3.00	
9	United States	1888 4 cent Jackson, Used	215	\$30.00	\$7.00	
10	United States	1893 6 cent Columbian, Unused, Regummed	235	\$50.00	\$10.00	
11	United States	1893 15 cent Clay, Used	274	\$17.50	\$5.00	
12	United States	1914 5 cent Wahington, Coil, Mint HR	447	\$45.00	\$10.00	
13	United States	1923 15 cent Statue of Liberty, Mint HR	566	\$16.00	\$4.00	
14	United States	1929 4 Cent Kansas Overprint, Mint HR	662	\$17.50	\$3.00	
15	United States	1929 6 cent Kansas Overprint, Mint HR	664	\$25.00	\$3.00	
16	United States	1923 \$2 Capitol. Used	572	\$9.00	\$2.00	
17	United States	1923 \$5 Head of Freedom Statue, Used	573	\$15.00	\$4.00	
18	United States	1925 3 cent Lincoln Perf 10, MNH	584	\$60.00	\$20.00	
19	United States	1925 Huguenot-Walloon Set, Used	614-6	\$18.25	\$5.00	
20	United States	1925 Lexington-Concord Set, Used	617-9	\$19.50	\$5.00	
21	United States	1925 Norse-American Set, Used	620-21	\$11.75	\$3.00	
22	United States	1918 6 cent Airmail, Used	C1	\$28.00	\$5.00	
23	United States	1918 16 cent Airmail, Used	C2	\$30.00	\$5.00	
24	United States	1918 24 cent Airmail, Used	C3	\$30.00	\$5.00	
25	United States	1923 16 cent Airmail, Used	C5	\$27.50	\$5.00	
26	United States	1923 24 cent Airmail, Used	C6	\$27.50	\$5.00	
27	United States	1926 15 cent Airmail. MNH	C8	\$4.75	\$2.00	Nice Stamp!!!
28	United States	1926 20 cent Airmail, Mint LH	C9	\$ 6.50	\$2.00	
29	United States	1927 10 cent Airmail, MNH	C10	\$ 12.50	\$3.00	
30	United States	1931 5 and 8 cent Airmails, MNH	C16-17	\$ 12.25	\$3.00	
31	United States	1888 10 cent Special Delivery, Used	E2	\$ 45.00	\$10.00	
32	United States	1902 10 cent Special Delivery, Used	E6	\$ 10.00	\$3.00	
33	United States	1930 \$1 Postage Due, Mint LH	J77	\$32.50	\$8.00	
34	United States	1943 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	RW10	\$35.00	\$10.00	
35	United States	1946 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	RW13	\$12.50	\$3.00	
36	United States	1954 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	RW21	\$15.00	\$3.00	
37	United States	1955 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	RW22	\$12.50	\$3.00	
38	United States	1977-80 Federal Duck Stamps, Used, RW 47- Faults	RW44-46	\$16.00	\$3.00	RW47 not counted
39	United States	1929-32 Mini Coll of 16 all MNH, some nice 2 cent reds!		\$15.50	\$5.00	
40	Confederate States	1862 5 cent Jackson, Used, 2 margin copy	7	\$22.00	\$5.00	
41	Bermuda	1874 6p lilac Victoria, Used	5	\$ 17.00	\$4.00	
42	Columbia	1944 5 peso Airmail, Used	C133	\$ 20.00	\$5.00	
43	Cyprus	1964 Europa Set, MNH	244-6	\$32.25	\$10.00	
44	Cyprus	1965 Europa Set, MNH	262-4	\$ 25.35	\$8.00	
45	French Colonies	20c red on yellow green, used, commerce	52	\$18.00	\$5.00	
46	Germany	Wurttemberg Overprint, Used	O59-O63	\$ 48.75	\$10.00	
47	Ireland	1953 Robert Emmet Set, Used	149-50	\$16.85	\$5.00	
48	Ireland	1964 Europa Set, MNH	196-7	\$ 17.00	\$5.00	
49	Ireland	1965 Europa Set, MNH	204-5	\$ 16.00	\$5.00	
50	Portugal	1965 Europa Set, MNH	958-60	\$10.00	\$3.00	
51	New Caledonia	60+ Used pre 1975			\$2.00	
52	Newfoundland	70+ Used, pre 1947			\$4.00	
53	Peru	250+ Used Pre 1975			\$5.00	
54	Salvador	300+ Used Pre 1975, A few better stamps			\$5.00	
55	Saudi Arabia	175+ Stamps, Lots of \$1 SCV items. Mostly used, pre 1975			\$10.00	
56	United States	1960-2 Plate Block Collection, Most look Hinged \$20+ Face			\$5.00	
57	United States	1965-9 Plate Block Collection, Most look hinged \$44+ Face			\$10.00	
58	Supplies	Supersafe 33 page Stockbook, Gently Used			\$10.00	
59	Supplies	Supersafe 8 page Stockbook, Gently Used			\$5.00	
60	Supplies	Scott Specialty Binder with cpl 100 graph stock pages			\$5.00	

Salem Stamp Society August 2024 Bid Board



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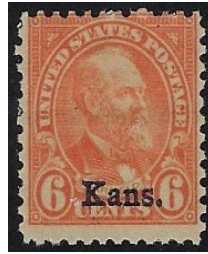
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Meetings

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

Wednesday 21st August 2024.

7pm Start, Doors open at 6pm

**Program: “History of Buffalo Soldiers” by
Steve Staton ; Bid Board**

Wednesday 17th September 2024.

7pm Start, Doors open at 6pm

**Program: “The Colour of Stamps” by Tony
Port ; Bid Board**

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2024

Local Events

**Salem STAMPEX Sunday 22nd September at the
Scottish Rite Centre, 10am—4.30pm.**

**SEAPEX Dealer Bourse, September 13—14th 2024 at the
Tukwila Community Centre, 12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila,
WA 98168.**

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**

2023-4 Major Shows:

GASS, August 15-18 at Connecticut Conv. Cent. Hartford, CT