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From the President's Desk.

Hi all,

Fall is here and we have the board elections and the Christmas Party coming up.

Board Elections:- available seats are for President and Vice President and a Board seat. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with Danny Bisgaard ASAP before the October meeting.

2026 Christmas Party:- Takes place on Wednesday December 9th at 6 pm. Cost is \$25 per person, family and friends welcome. Chose from: Salmon, Prime Rib and Vegetarian

A sign-up sheet will be available starting at the October meeting or you may e-mail me at lisan2scotties@msn.com. Please choose your preferred dish.

Lisa

Club News & Meetings

September 16th Meeting.

We had a very good turnout for the meeting with close to 40 members in the room and 3 more on Zoom. The main event was the program by Lloyd Ferrel on the origins of "Naval Covers & Cachets in Oregon".

Lloyd has an extensive and comprehensive collection of naval cachets dating back to the 1930's when this became a very popular subject for collectors. It has formed the basis of a number of successful exhibits.



His talk started with an earlier visit by the famous battleship USS Oregon to Portland in 1912. Lloyd presented covers from this period.

A local journalist Myron McCamley later set up a chapter of the USCC (Universal Ship Cancellation Society) which held meetings on the USS Oregon.

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September 18th Meeting (Contd.)

McCamley designed many notable naval cachets in the 1930's some of which were from the visit of the historic ship "Constitution" to Portland in 1934. Lloyd showed many examples of these covers and cachets and also some very attractive pieces designed by E.E. Bryan during his presentation.

Lloyd also had examples of two naval cachets made by our own Society in 1934 which had only been formed in the previous year. We would like to thank Lloyd for making the journey from Portland and for a most interesting program.

The Bid Board was another success with 40 of the 60 lots selling for a total of \$358. Sales of raffle tickets and books raised another \$100 for the club funds.

Wednesday October 21st Meeting.

The main event for this meeting is our second Members' Swap night for this year. Bring along all your surplus stamps and philatelic accessories to trade with or sell to your fellow members. This has always been a lively evening with lots of business going on and it is a great opportunity to see what everyone collects.

Wednesday November 18th Meeting.

This is just a reminder that the November Club Auction promises to be another special event with many outstanding lots of individual items and collections on offer-and a couple of mystery boxes! You have to be a fully paid-up member to take part in this auction, dues for this year and 2027 can be paid to Alan Maul at the meeting or by mail to the

address on the cover. It is also the Society's AGM as Lisa mentions on page 1.

Salem Fall STAMPEX.

Our annual Fall STAMPEX took place on Sunday 20th September at the Scottish Rite Center in Salem. Show director Gary Tiffin reported that attendance this year was very much in line with previous years. He reports that the dealers were mostly happy with the turnout and activity at the show. A panoramic view of the show on Sunday afternoon is included below.

Danny Bisgaard wished to thank all the club volunteers that helped with making the show a success. The new feature of coffee and cinnamon rolls were most welcome.

There was some discussion about how best to advertise the show and attract more visitors. Any suggestions from the members on how to do this would be appreciated.

Society Affiliations.

Salem Stamp Society has revived its affiliation with the APS. Club Secretary **Steve Dulaney** has offered to be the new APS representative and has updated our contact details with them.

Our Society has also renewed its affiliation with the American Topical Association (ATA) and board member **Dan Edwards** will act as our ATA liaison. Dan is aware of two other club members that are also ATA members but if there are any others would they please get in touch with him. If any member would like more information about the ATA and its activities please see Dan at the next meeting.



Club News & Meetings (Contd.)

Winter Meetings and Driving at Night.

At our STAMPEX last month Danny Bisgaard was instrumental in helping out two members that have difficulties driving at night by arranging lift-sharing with other members from their neighborhood. We will hold the January and February 2027 meetings on the 3rd Saturday morning of the month as in previous years but please let us know if there is anything we can do to help for the remaining dark months.

50 Year Membership Medal from the APS.

At last month's meeting *George Struble* showed off his medal celebrating his 50 years membership of the APS.

George has acted as webmaster of our Society for many years. The Board has decided to seek external advice on how to change the Society website to make it more compatible with and useful for mobile devices, the medium of choice for young collectors. *Lisa Janz* will be meeting a recent contact who has experience in building and maintaining websites for stamp clubs-more details in coming months.

Interesting Philatelic History & Cultural Values.

When I create a collection of a country's stamps, I am also assembling documentation of a country's history. With the death of Gloria Steinem last month, I noted the passing of a woman who devoted herself to securing equal rights for women. I also noted that this struggle has been a very, very long one.

Philatelic evidence of the women's movement is noted in U.S. history with the "Progress of Women" issue of 1948. Although few American women would boast of having secured equal rights in 1948, it is noteworthy that the 1948 stamp calls attention to the long struggle for equal rights as it commemorates the Women's Rights Convention from 100 years earlier in 1848!

The history books tell us that America did not ensure women's right to vote until the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1920.

Forty-five years later (1965) the passing of the Voting Rights Act first ensured that women of color were included in the rights guaranteed by the 19th Amendment.

I wondered if U.S. philatelic history tells us anything about the women's movement after the issuance of the 1948 "Progress of Women" commemorative. Assuredly it tells us that being honored on a postage stamp is much more likely if one is male rather than female. From 1948 to 1958 men were singled out for honor or remembrance on our stamps 46 times; women were honored only 5 times, demonstrating that stamps and their subjects reflect rather accurately the history of a country.

That's interesting!

Bob Grosch

Who can be featured on stamps?

It has been the tradition for over 150 years that only deceased individuals can be honored on U.S. stamps. This may well change according to an article in the latest Linn's Magazine. The USPS has said that living people may once again be considered for US postage stamps.

Previously, living individuals had been excluded from consideration and the requirement was for their death to have occurred 3 or more years ago. Linn's reports that "there are no living persons under consideration at this time" but since the declared aim of the Postmaster General for stamps to become more relevant it seems that it will only be a matter of time.

There are examples of living people appearing on US stamps as part of a celebration of films, sports or organizations etc. rather than being designed to honor a named living individual.

When the US Mint was founded in 1792 it was decided that living presidents would not be featured on the nation's currency. This was thought to be too monarchical for a new republic. In 1866 Congress passed a statute prohibiting the inclusion of a portrait or likeness of any living person on currency and securities-which has been interpreted as including stamps. This criterion for presidents on stamps has not yet changed but who knows? We have already seen a coin with the presidents image on it this year.

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Meetings

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

Wednesday October 21st 2026.

**Members' Swap Night, Doors open at 6pm,
meeting starts at 7pm.**

Wednesday November 18th 2026.

**Club Auction. Society AGM & Election of
Officers for 2027, Doors open at 6pm, meeting
starts at 7pm.**

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2026

Local Events

**October 3rd. Olympia Phil. Soc. Round Up Stamp
& Coin Show, Lacey, WA 98516**

SEAPEX, Oct. 9-10, Tukwila, WA

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**

2026-2027 Major Shows:

**PIPEX 2027, April 30-May2 Hilton Garden Inn,
Clackamas**

WESTPEX 2027 Apr 23-27, SFO Marriott

GASS 2027 Aug 19-22, Albuquerque, NM