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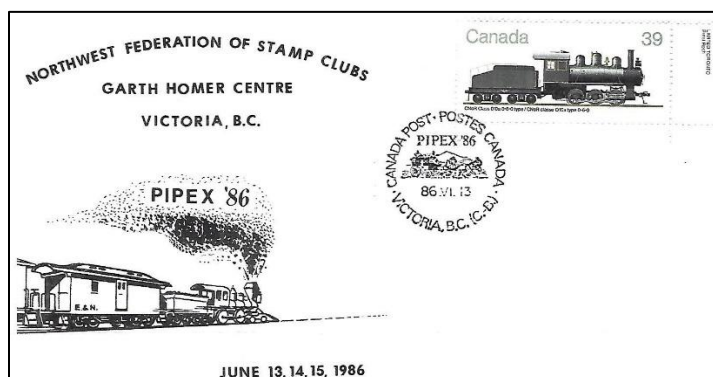
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PIPEX History Continues

by Cathie Osborne
Strait Stamp Society, Sequim, WA

It appears another PIPEX show cover popped up on a Federation member's radar. Cathie Osborne of Strait Stamp Society (Sequim, Washington) contacted me back in September after our last issue came out about a 1986 cover that was missing from the PIPEX list of venues (Mark, feel free to add to your list).

PIPEX 1986 was held on June 13-15 in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The cachet was honoring the Garth Homer Centre which was a sheltered workshop during the week and a great show location. Don Shorting and the Greater Victoria stamp clubs were the hosts.



Cathie gives us an accounting of her memories on this particular show:

“The reason I remember it so well? On June 14, after the show closed, our family went to Butchart Gardens to see the lights. While listening to an open-air musical comedian, the wind came up and a branch from a native maple fell 40 feet and hit Rick. He saw it coming and covered me. The branch broke his shoulder blade and 5 ribs, opened his scalp 37 stitches worth, gave him a concussion, and he broke all the bones in his face when it was forced into the back of my head.

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We both went to the hospital and the Butchart staff got our children back to the hotel. They released me at 3am, but he stayed in the hospital for two weeks.

So, I will never forget that PIPEX or the kindness of the Victoria collectors.”

Editor: What an amazing story! So happy they both survived their ordeal – Cathie has been Chair of the Strait Stamp Show for many years since.

I am sure we all have tales to tell of our philatelic adventures – I would love to print them.

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From the Editor's Desk...

This issue is PACKED full of terrific, interesting and fun articles, facts and tidbits. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did in putting it together. By the time I sat down at my desk to start work on this December issue, I had a HUGE stack (literally 2 inches!) of journals, newsletters, articles and some printed emails ready to troll through to see what was worthy for our journal. There were many other emails waiting for me to open files and see what would fit in this issue or hold over until next year's issues. ALL articles are worthy; other items I have to read through and see what is usable. What I'm really excited to put in the journal this month is something I discovered at GASS in August. **rubbing hands gleefully** You will find my special item on page 9. **Thank you** to everyone who sent articles for our journal! Wow! I've got a boatload of material for the March 2026 issue and one or two for the June issue! Keep on sending your articles to keep me busy for all 4 issues next year!

Since our last issue, three Federation clubs provided updated club information, and I gleaned additional updates from another club's newsletter. Be sure to check out the Club listings for that updated information.

Do you desperately need a way to offload all those donations your club keeps "inheriting" from your regional neighbors? See the article on page 10 on how one club resolves the issue – and helps their local charities in the process.

Remember a few issues ago I put in a brief article about where Denmark "postage" is headed. Read the updated article on page 11. Thank you to Eric Bustad for sharing it.

New column – **Philatelic TidBits**. This is where you write up a short blurb about your club, your personal philatelic achievement or other news; short pieces of news that would not normally fill a half page or more. Yes, please brag!

By now, most clubs who do so are preparing their holiday parties. If you have any special photos or stories about your event, feel free to send so we may share with other Federation clubs (as space allows).

As you have seen in previous issues, I like to put in an historical accounting of our sister clubs so we know who all is in the Federation. This issue briefly covers the *Calgary Philatelic Society* (Calgary, Alberta, Canada). If you wish to inform others about your club, send us a one to two-page writeup of your club's history and your meetings/shows. Photos are always welcome.

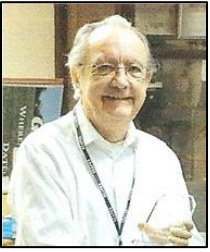
On page 16, SACAPEX (Sacramento, California) tells us what all it takes to put on a large stamp show. It really does take a village (a rather later village at that) to put on a quality stamp show.

Lastly, there are a LOT of shows I do not have 2026 dates for. As soon as your show is scheduled, please let me know! A show postcard or flyer would be helpful as well.

My husband Keith and I wish you all a very Merry, Peaceful Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or other winter holiday, and a Happy New Year!

--- Carol J. Edholm

Executive Secretary's Notes



Philately and Christmas

Business first:

The NW Federation of Stamp Clubs is not collecting dues for 2026, and all clubs' membership is extended. For any club not a member, it is a good time to join -- zero dues. Contact me by filling in the club report form on page 4 and emailing it to me. Current member clubs are also asked to fill in this form as it is needed to update our lists.

Secondly, the NW Federation sponsors the John Arn Symposium in Moses Lake, Washington in the early spring. The Symposium is a Saturday stamp day with four speakers, conversations, auctions and friendship. This year it is April 11. Friday evening before is a group dinner at a Chinese restaurant and Sunday morning is a leisurely breakfast with others as they leave. In short, it is a great time! Stay tuned. Information and sign-up forms are on pages 21-22.

Christmas:

My favorite US Christmas stamps are the 1964 block shown. What I liked as a young collector I still like today.



Also shown are Canada's Christmas stamps of 1972 (see stamps at the right). To me, a candle in the window is an apt symbol of the season. In fact, I have a battery-powered candle in my window now.

To not take "season" to mean only winter, the New Zealand *Christmas tree* flowers of 1997 are shown. On the other side of the equator, this tree, Pohutukawa, blooms in December. It is the red and green of the holidays.



So happy holidays to you. May Santa have placed something philatelic in your stocking or under your tree.

Larry.



Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs

Annual Report (due 1 April)

submit to Executive Secretary Larry Crain <larry.crain@gmail.com>

Date: _____

Name of Club _____

of members: adults _____ under 18 _____ Total: _____

of members belonging to: APS _____ RPSC _____ BNAPS _____

Is club member of APS _____ RPSC _____ ?

Meeting times: _____ Meeting place: _____

Are meetings open to others? Yes _____ No _____

Does your club distribute a newsletter? Yes _____ No _____ If so, please send a copy to the editor of The Federated Philatelist: Carol Edholm peafowlphilatelics@gmail.com

Club web site (if one): _____

Club mailing address: _____

NW Fed Web site info: www.nwfedstamps.org

The above information will go on our website unless you say no.

Do you want Club NWFSC contacts (below) info on our website? Yes _____ No _____

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G'Day, Mate! Aussies in Seattle

by Dennis W. Gill

USS Puget Sound Chapter #74, USCS

Walking the streets or visiting stores and restaurants in Seattle, Washington, in the late 1970s and early 1980s, you might have heard that cheery Australian greeting long associated with the upbeat, positive attitudes of the citizens of the “Land Down Under.” Small and select groups of Aussies were in the Emerald City periodically during those years to familiarize, inspect and ultimately sail away gray-hulled frigates built to their order. How did all that come about?

The U.S. Navy during the Cold War era (roughly 1950-1991) was always conscious of the threat presented by the submarine forces of the Soviet Union’s navy. As the Navy found itself taking on larger roles on the world stage and fighting wars in Korea, Vietnam and elsewhere, fast destroyers were being tasked to provide anti-submarine screening (among many other tasks) for large aircraft carrier strike groups. Initially relying on ships left over from World War Two, USN leaders looked for new, updated escorts to fill the ASW and escort role. By the 1960s, fast and agile frigates were decided upon, ships that could be built relatively quickly and at less cost than bigger destroyers. Ultimately, two classes of frigates were built during those years. The first of these, the *Knox* class destroyer escort/frigate was, overall, an unsuccessful design. 46 ships were built and none had a service life longer 23 years. The *Knox* frigates were found to be expensive to operate and maintain, among several other shortcomings.

A second, follow-on frigate class design was found to be a significant improvement, and, arguably, is considered by many to be one of the most successful ship designs in the post-WW II Navy. The *Oliver Hazard Perry* class (OHP), designated FFG for the incorporation of single-arm anti-aircraft missile launcher located forward of the bridge, among other weapon systems, was a significant improvement over the *Knox*. Powered by twin gas turbines driving a single shaft with a variable pitch propeller, the OHPs could reach a top speed of 30 knots, enough to keep up with fast aircraft carriers. Two retractable azimuth thrusters port and starboard allowed the ship to be maneuvered for docking, no tugs needed. Various other improvements were found throughout the ship, giving the Navy the modern, agile fleet escort it wanted and needed.

The OHPs were placed in simultaneous production beginning in 1975 at three shipyards: Bath, Maine; San Pedro, California; and at Todd Pacific Shipyards in Seattle. As OHP production ramped up, the Australians were facing their own decisions about at-sea defense while at the same time looking to reduce their reliance on British-built ships. They reviewed the OHP design, liked

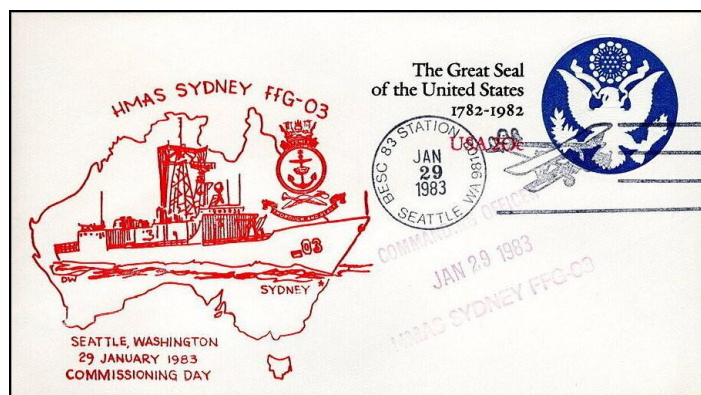


Todd Shipyard, Seattle, ca. 1981, with 5 FFGs in various stages of fitting out. At the bottom right is HMAS Sydney (FFG-03) having been launched the previous year. Four additional FFGs are shown, one without a hull number. Note the Seattle skyline with the Space Needle just visible, left center, top.

what they saw and in 1976 contracts were signed for two ships, although some in Australia were opposed to the move, being unimpressed by the OHP design. Nonetheless, a third frigate was ordered in 1977 and a fourth in 1980. (Two additional OHP frigates were later license-built in Australia.) Certain modifications of the frigate design were requested by Australia and agreed to U.S. designers and builders.

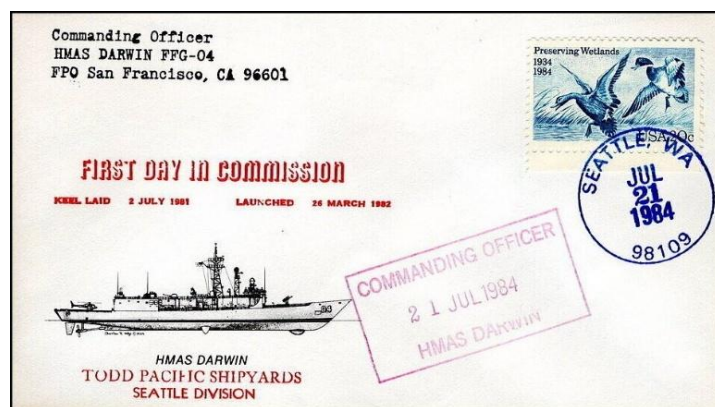
The Todd Shipyard in Seattle became the logical location to build the Aussie FFGs as the production facility had more room available than the other two shipyards. The shipyard is located on Harbor Island, an artificial island south of the Seattle city center, created in 1909 where the Duwamish River empties into Elliott Bay. (Few people today may know that Harbor Island is the largest artificial island in the U.S.) Todd first established a shipyard there in 1916, taking over the facilities of another ship builder. Not surprisingly, the Todd Shipyard expanded greatly during World War Two, building warships (including many destroyers) for the war effort. Post 1945, it turned to commercial shipbuilding and repair with only occasional naval ship work. The OHP contract changed

all that as the work force grew to handle the new Navy order and infrastructure improvements were made. Of the 55 OHP frigates built by the three shipyards for the Navy from 1975-1987, Todd Shipyard Seattle built 13, including the 4 for Australia.



HMAS Sydney (FFG-03) was commissioned at the Todd Shipyard on 29 January 1983. The event was marked by this cover created by PSC #74 member Dick Weber.

The first Aussie frigate to be built began as FFG-17, the hull number assigned in the production sequence developed by the Department of Defense and U.S. Navy planners. At an early point in the ship's building progress the contractual paperwork with Australia was finalized and FFG-17 became HMAS *Adelaide* (FFG-01). The modifications and upgrades requested by Australia were put into effect as production proceeded. For example, the ship's maximum displacement was bumped from 4,100 tons to 4,200 tons by increasing the strength of the longitudinal, deck and bulkhead frames. Additionally, the V-line requirement was raised, a rather complex design feature that ensures a particular level of bulkhead strength in case of a hull breach. Two Australian Senior Technical Officers (STOs) were at the shipyard full-time, overseeing work on "their" frigates. They would stop work and bring in Todd officials when necessary to make corrections if needed. Other Australian naval and government officials were on hand for significant milestones in each of the four ships construction, such as keel laying, launch and the ceremonial mast-stepping. Select Royal Australian Navy future crewman would be present at particular moments during the ship's building phase also, not to participate directly in the construction work, but to study and understand component wiring, conduits and other factors as the ship came together. Some Australians became longer-term residents of Seattle because of this work, and naval families became part of the community for several years.



HMAS Darwin (FFG-04) was the last of four Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigates built by Todd Pacific Shipyards for the Royal Australian Navy. This cover celebrates its 21 July 1984 commissioning and includes the CO's stamp.

HMAS *Adelaide*'s keel was laid on 29 July 1977, she was launched into the waters of Elliott Bay on 21 June 1978 and commissioning took place on 15 November 1980. By this time the entire ship's complement was on hand (about 175 officers and men). Even prior to formal commissioning, *Adelaide* had departed the yard for transit north through Puget Sound and out to the Pacific through the Strait of Juan de Fuca for sea trials. Some of these voyages lasted days, even weeks, as the ship and its systems were tested to ensure operational readiness. And, according to the contract signed between the U.S. and Australia, the frigates were to remain in American waters for up to 12 months following the initiation of sea trials. This allowed the Australian crews to put each ship through rigorous testing, and if anything was found in need of correction, they headed back to Seattle and Todd Shipyard for fixes.

The same pattern was followed for Australian hulls two, three, and four—*Canberra* (FFG-02), *Sydney* (FFG-03), and *Darwin* (FFG-04)—from keel-laying to final commissioning. After the year's workup in U.S. waters, the ships made their way back to Australia. Crews and families bade farewell to their Seattle area friends and neighbors, and the broad, friendly sounds of Australian accents went silent.

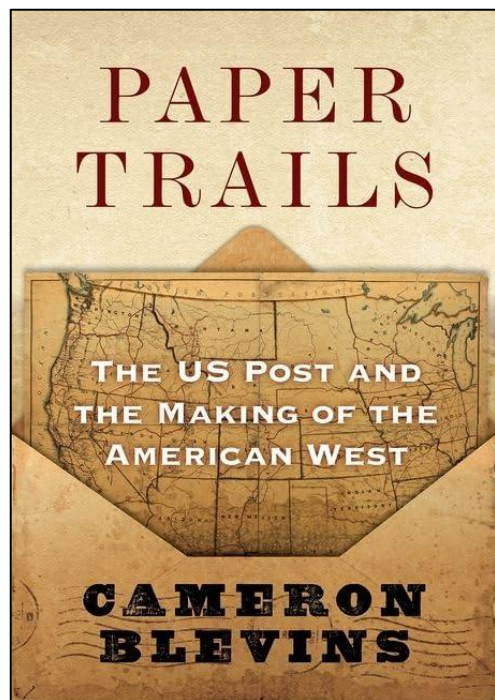
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Paper Trails

The US Post and the Making of the American West

Submitted by Lisa Foster
Evergreen Stamp Club

Paper Trails; The US Post and the Making of the American West, by Cameron Blevins was published April 21, 2021.



The listing on Amazon.com showed that *Paper Trails* maps the spread of the US Post using a dataset of more than 100,000 post offices, revealing a new picture of the federal government in the West. The western postal network bore little resemblance to the civil service bureaucracies typically associated with government institutions. Instead, the US Post grafted public mail service onto private businesses, contracting with stagecoach companies to carry the mail and paying local merchants to distribute letters from their stores. These arrangements allowed the US Post to rapidly spin out a vast and ephemeral web of postal infrastructure to thousands of distant places.

A YouTube channel, *Eclectic Philatelist*, has an episode, *Philatelic Books: The new, the old, and the weird*, and *Paper Trails* was the first book covered. Watch the video at https://youtu.be/VbOu_Cm1JPo?si=aQDzwOWUpZcIoLtO

Thunderbird Award

The Northwest Federation provides a ribbon to be awarded to a worthy exhibit at all shows held within the geographic area of the Federation. The purpose of this award is to encourage exhibiting, whether or not the exhibitor is a member of a Federation organization.

Exhibits that receive a Vermeil or higher award are not eligible, and the judges of the show have sole authority to award or not award the ribbon.

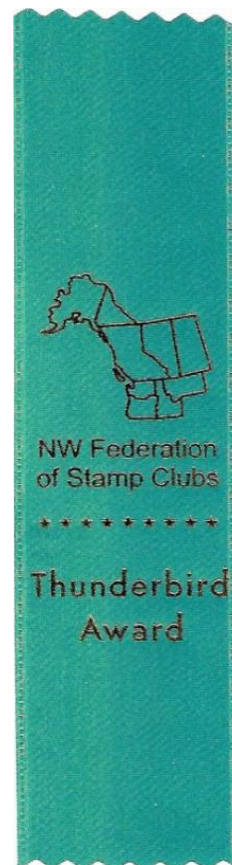
Member clubs that hold shows with competitive exhibits can request the Thunderbird ribbon from the Executive Secretary. Local and regional shows are authorized to present a single award and national shows may present two awards.

Recent winners include:

Cathie Osborne, Strait Stamp Show – *Alfred James Dewey*



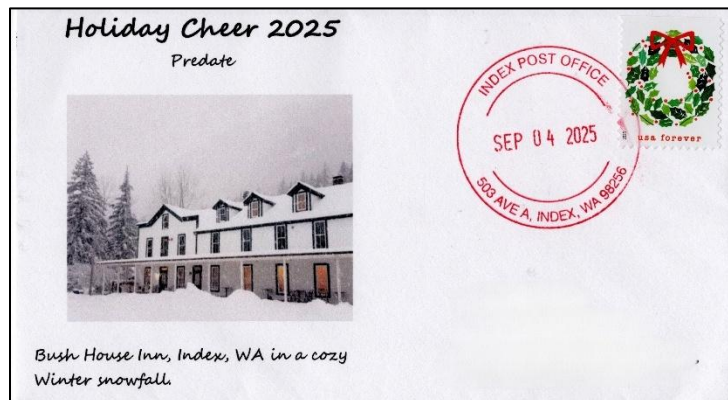
We hope you all had a wonderful blessed Thanksgiving; Wishes for a merry, relaxing Christmas and a safe New Year! ~ NWFSC Board



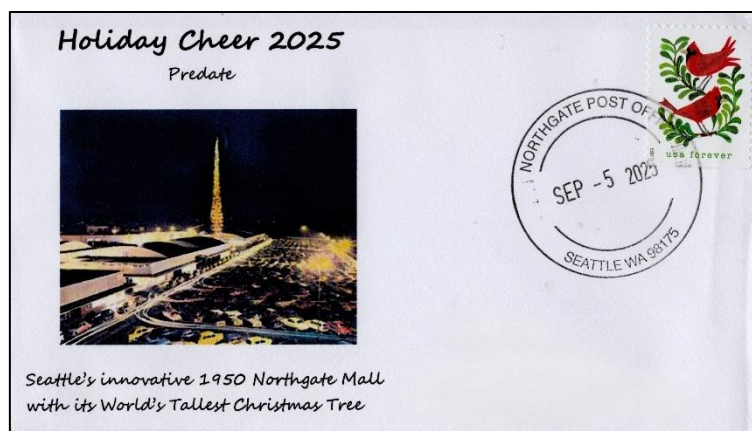
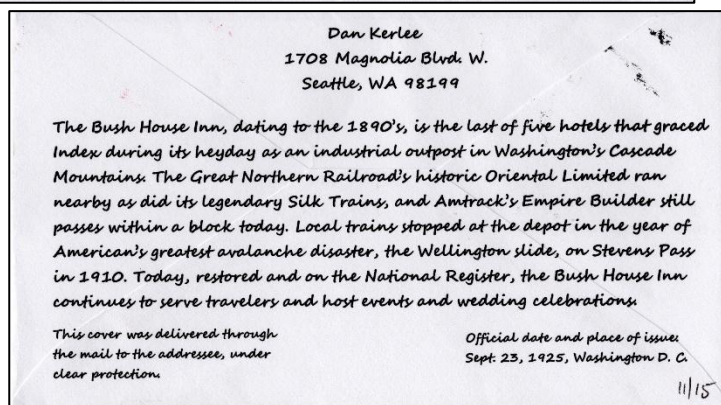
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Holiday Cheer & Northgate Mall

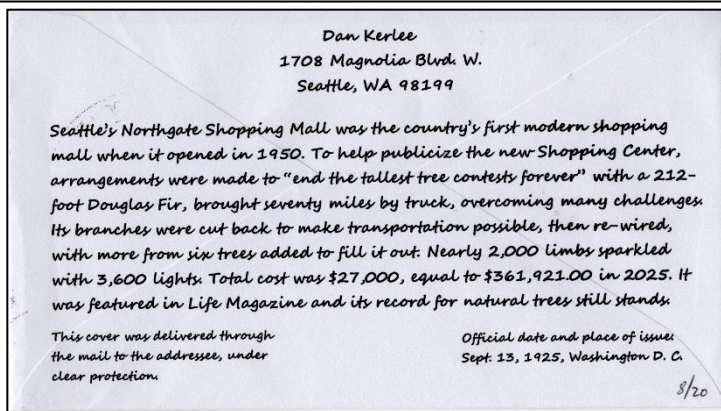
by Dan Kerlee, Evergreen Stamp Club



Bush House Inn, Index, WA in a cozy Winter snowfall.



Seattle's innovative 1950 Northgate Mall with its World's Tallest Christmas Tree



An Invitation to Join...

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs has some 35 member clubs and philatelic organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington as well as British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada, and its territories. With the exception of a short period of inactivity during WWII, the organization has served as a common cause meeting ground for organized philatelic interests within these states and provinces. The Federation supports PIPEX (Pacific International Philatelic Exposition), an annual APS World Series of Philately (WSP) show, and the John D. Arn Symposium.

The Federation is the only organization of its type with cross border membership and WSP exhibition sponsorship. It continues its member organization communications with *The Federated Philatelist* newsletter. The annual Federation meeting takes place at the club hosted site of the annual PIPEX show.

Please visit the NWFSC's website. On this site, we have listed information of interest to collectors in the Pacific Northwest. The website has recently seen a facelift and continues to be updated on a regular basis. www.nwfedstamps.org



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Letters to the Editor Welcome...

Send your comments, questions, feedback, stamp club news, articles (no article is too small) to:

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PHILATELIC TidBits

Congratulations to the Alaska Collectors' Club! They have been producing their journal, *The Alaskan Philatelist* for 66 years, since 1959!

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What are you doing with your horde/duplicates of US and/or Worldwide off paper stamps?

By now, I am sure you are all aware of Boston 2026 – the international philatelic event that happens in the US about every 10 years. If you are not able to attend (yeah, not in my budget either), there are other ways to help out. As you go through your stamps and toss into a box all your duplicates or unwanted stamps, how about setting out two boxes – one for US off paper and one for worldwide off paper. When the boxes are full, ship them to the Spellman Museum, who is collecting 3 million stamps to use at Boston 2026 for the youth and beginner areas, and in welcome packets. I have already sent two Large Priority Mail boxes full of US and worldwide off paper (one box each). I am working on my second box of worldwide off paper.

How about making this a club event? Southern Oregon Philatelic Society has turned this into a club contest. As of November 21, they received 563,500 stamps from their club members for this project. <https://fepanews.com/boston-2026-three-million-stamps-needed/> Click on Press Release link for full program details.

Another great project SOPS does each year for National Stamp Collecting Month (October) is put up philatelic displays in libraries in Medford, Central Point and Jacksonville, Oregon.



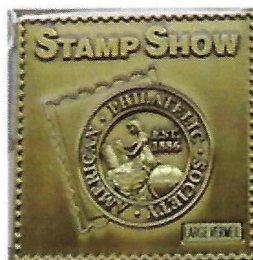
Jacksonville, Oregon, library display

Your editor was very remiss in Congratulating Victoria Stamp Club member **Jan Hofmeyr** in winning the Champion of Champions at G.A.S.S. with his ***Philatelic Invention in the United States: 1861-1881***. This is a major achievement as The Great American Stamp Show is the biggest premier stamp show in the US held each summer. Well done!



New US Stamps coming in 2026: Muhammad Ali, American Revolution figures (sheet of 25), Route 66 (set of 8), Declaration of Independence, Angel's Trumpets (flower), Bruce Lee, Love set of 4, Colorado Statehood, Black Heritage Phillis Wheatley, Lunar New Year: Year of the Horse, Harriet Powers quiltmaker, Lowriders (Chicago car culture), Sunflowers, A Day At the Beach, American Bison, International Peace, Sarah Orne Jewett for Literary Arts, Squirrels & Chipmunks in Winter set of 4, and set of 5 Bald Eagles from hatchling to adulthood.

I just found out that Oregon Stamp Society's monthly journal, *The Album Page*, earned a Large Vermeil in the literature competition at GASS. As a Life Member of OSS, I have enjoyed the journal over the years. Congratulations to editor Dennis Ladd and his team for this achievement!



The Album Page medal.
Photo by Steve Brandt.



The Album Page with its Large Vermeil award.
Photo by David Epps.

CAROL'S Pride & Joy From G.A.S.S....

Boeing One Million Hour Flight

One never knows who they are going to meet or the connections that happen at a stamp show. Such as my experience earlier this year at the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) in August. I thought ahead of time to take some of the order forms for the Boeing Stamp Show Covers that I am selling on behalf of the Evergreen Stamp Club. No clue if there would be anyone there who would be interested.

Alas, on my second day, I came across the American Air Mail Society booth. I knew two of the guys at the booth, one was David Ball whom I have not seen in quite a few years. We talked about the Boeing covers, then he told me a story. Yes, I got all excited over his story as I've collected Boeing covers since my husband and I moved

to the Puget Sound Region in 1993. I asked permission to put his story and cover in our journal. I was literally flabbergasted when he offered to mail his Boeing cover and its story to me – to keep! The letter relating the story and the Boeing cover are below.

My oh my! Another huge surprise when a bigger package than a simple cover arrived! Included with the Boeing cover and summary letter, David sent me a copy of *American Astrophilately: The First 50 Years* (at bottom of page). I do not collect astrophilately, only Boeing covers and space in general, but this book is fascinating! A true treasure for sure and a great addition to my philatelic library. (My collection may expand....)

If you need a copy of this book for your astrophilatelic research, you can order it from David Ball for \$40.00 at <https://americanastrophilately.com>. On the website, you



27 March 2006

Greetings!

This commemorative envelope was flown on the Boeing Globemaster III as it passed, years ahead of schedule its 1 millionth flight hour. This envelope traveled from Ramstein Air Base, Germany to Balad Air Base, Iraq where we loaded wounded American soldiers fighting the Global War on Terror in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Patients were flown to Germany and taken to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, the largest American hospital outside the United States, for treatment. This cover then accompanied the aeromedical mission from Ramstein to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland bringing our injured warriors home. From Andrews the aeromedical evacuation system takes patients to treatment facilities near their homes.

This envelope then flew to Jackson, Mississippi. Here the Air National Guard welcomed one of its beautiful birds home. After southern hospitality it took off for Scott Air Force Base, home of Air Mobility Command and our 4 star Distinguished Visitors.

Finally this souvenir found its way to the birthplace of the world's most capable airlifter - Long Beach and the assembly plant of the Boeing Globemaster III. Enabling the "Global" in "Global Vigilance, Reach and Power!" the C-17 has the ability to land on short, unimproved fields in combat combined with the long legs of a strategic airlifter. This wonderful aircraft, in a very big way, helps us in the Air Force Medical Service "preserve the fighting strength".

To the men and women of Boeing – thanks a million.

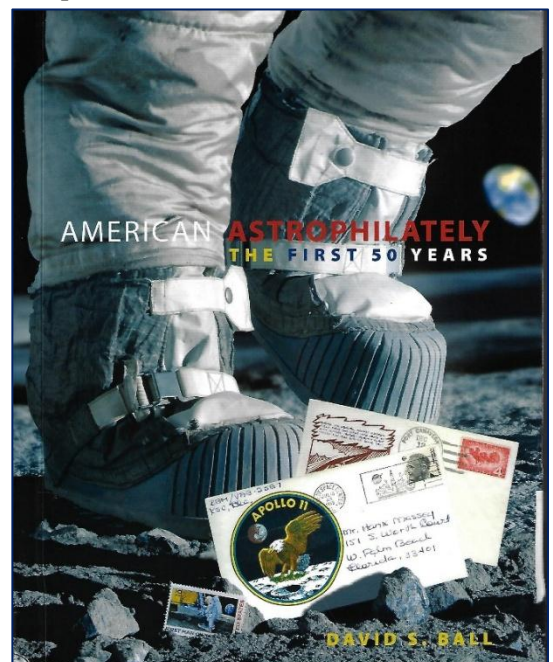
David S Ball

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can also view astrophilatelic exhibits, buy covers, view presentations and so much more. Worthy website to stroll around. Now, if you are interested in starting a NASA collection, I'd say this is a fine first stop.



Semiahmoo Peninsula stamp collectors raise funds for worthwhile causes

PEACE ARCH NEWS

Published 2:30 am Friday, August 8, 2025

By Alex Browne

The time-honoured hobby – and expertise – of stamp collecting is having a significant impact on local fundraising, thanks to the Peace Arch Stamp Club. On July 30, Peace Arch Hospital Foundation was presented with a cheque for \$4,900 by members of the club executive, including president Stephen Melanson, past-president Terry Leishman and director Jim Mason. A group of stamp collectors who get together once a month (except July and August), the club provides an opportunity to buy, sell and trade stamps and also participate in a monthly live auction.

The most recent donation – earmarked for a new production kitchen in the hospital – was in memory of Terry's late wife, longtime club member Doreen Leishman. Doreen, who passed away some four years ago, was responsible for the club's auction-recording program. "Terry and Doreen brought the club to being a very interesting and vibrant organization," Melanson told *Peace Arch News*.

He noted the donation brought the amount of money donated by the club to local charities over the past 14 years to \$40,000. "These monies came from the sale of collections donated (to the club) by the general public after being made aware of our activities," Melanson said. "Somebody will drop off a little bag of stamps to us, and we'll sort them and put them in our monthly auction. Over the years, we've raised a lot of money that way. And sometimes we've had big collections donated to us, some of them valued up to thousands of dollars.

"Last year we donated \$1,000 to Peace Arch Hospital Foundation, \$1,000 to Peace Arch Hospice, \$1,000 to the Sources Food Bank and \$500 to Brella," he said. In previous years the club has also donated to help with humanitarian aid following wildfires in East Lytton and in Northern Alberta, Melanson recalled. "We're proud of what we're doing. No one else (in the stamp-collecting community) across Canada, is doing this." Melanson said the club does not buy collections, but will offer free appraisals and provide suggestions in their disposal. "I feel that our club fills a void in this area, especially when it comes to our senior population. A lot of seniors are sitting around with stamp collections and no idea what to do with them. "We've left people with tears in their eyes because Grandpa's stamps – instead of being thrown in the garbage – have gone to help with a lot of good causes." Melanson said the club keeps in touch with a lot of other stamp organizations to attract collectors to the monthly sales. The only downside, he said, is that – in common with other stamp clubs across the country – the membership is aging and finding difficulty attracting younger members. "If we had a way of putting stamps online or on cellphones it would be a different story – but we can't," he said. "We're getting some younger people, around 35 and 40, but anyone younger than that, it doesn't seem there's a chance." The Peace Arch Stamp Club meets the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) – at the Brella Community Services facility, at 15008 26th Avenue. Meetings are from 4-7:30 p.m. "We provide a warm and welcoming greeting to all visitors," Melanson said. "And with a membership of 72, we have a good mix of ladies and gentlemen." For more information on the club and meetings, call Melanson at (604) 531-6041. <https://peacearchnews.com/2025/08/08/semiahmoo-peninsula-stamp-collectors-raise-funds-for-worthwhile-causes/>

As of November 18, Peace Arch Stamp Club president Stephen stated that 27 more collections have been donated to the club for their fundraising campaigns.



The Peace Arch Stamp Club's Jim Mason, Stephen Melanson and Terry Leishman present their donation to Peace Arch Hospital Foundation liaison Dionne Archer-Smith on July 30.

PostNord Ends Mail Delivery

by Morten Soerensen

(Reprinted from *The Post Horn: Journal of the Scandinavian Collectors Club*. 3/2025)

PostNord will end government delivery of mail in Denmark at the end of 2025, after 401 years of continuous service. PostNord will instead focus on package delivery only.

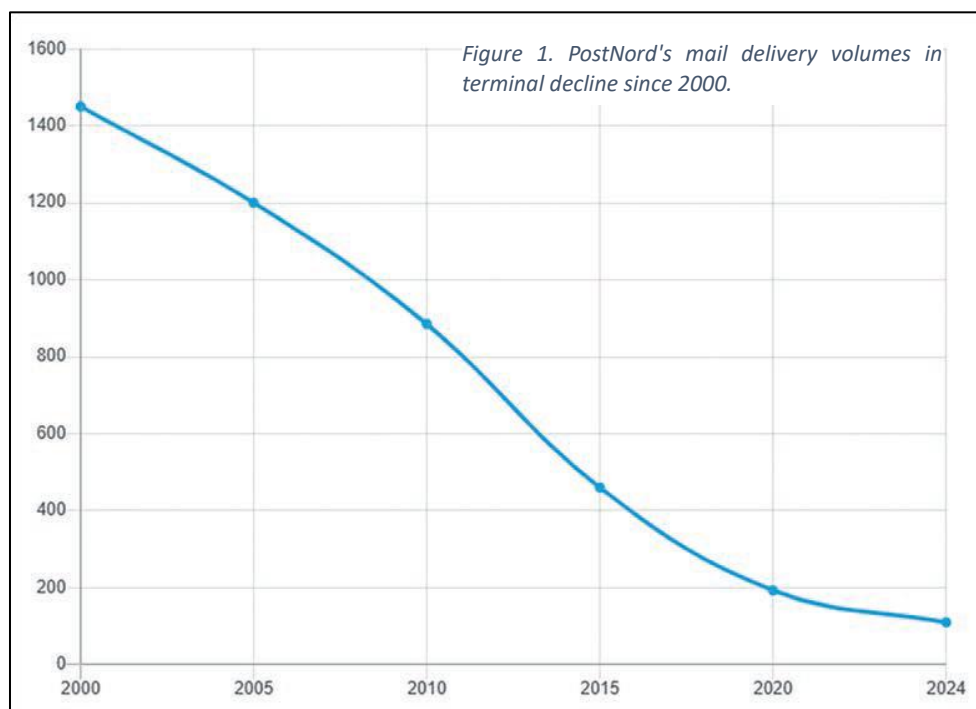
Why is this happening?

The primary reason is the precipitous drop in mail volume caused by digital correspondence. A secure e-mail system – ‘e-boks’ – was implemented over 20 years ago, which is the preferred method for exchanging any correspondence with the government or large companies. Combined with a secure bank-transfer payment platform which defaults to autopay, business correspondence has largely disappeared. Consequently, PostNord’s mail delivery volume has dropped from 1 billion in 2008 to just 100 million in 2024 (*Figure 1*).

“graduated” to delivering *Fyens Stiftstidende*, a regular newspaper.

The government owners continued to require that PostNord eventually become cost-neutral, so the price of a first-class letter has been increased to 29 DKK (4.54 USD) to attempt to make up for the decrease in mail volume. It didn’t make it easier for PostNord that EU in 2024 required that the standard 25% Danish sales tax apply to government mail service too.

The high postage certainly accelerated a conversion to electronic means for even personal correspondence, so, today, mail-delivered greeting cards and personal letters have largely disappeared.



PostNord has had much stronger competition from private actors than in the US, as Danish mailboxes may be accessed by anyone. This has meant that private companies can provide distribution of advertising circulars and local newspapers at a lower price point than PostNord. My very first job, at the age of about 12, was indeed to deliver advertising circulars in my neighborhood. I think I received 10 øre for each, which kept me in Legos just fine. And my next job was delivering *Ugeavisen*, a free local newspaper, before I

I still send regular Christmas cards every year, and it often is the only physical card for the recipient – I get many kudos (via e-mail) but feel rather like an anachronism.

How will mail be handled going forward?

Mail cannot disappear completely, however: A small (though rapidly declining) percentage of Danes have been exempted from e-boks, so they still receive physical letters – that’s about 300,000 pieces of mail per year.

Election cards are still physical, and as Denmark remains a signatory to the UPU, international mail will still have to be processed, both in-bound and out-bound, and “Free Matter for the Blind” must be available.



Figure 2. The author sending a few letters off, using a DAO collection box.

In 2024, the Danish Ministry of Transportation selected the private firm Dansk Avis Omdeling A/S (“DAO”) to handle 600,000 annual mail deliveries to blind recipients – this was handled by PostNord in the past, but DAO submitted a cheaper bid, and therefore now provide this service.

What is DAO?

DAO has delivered newspapers for over 100 years, packages for 13 years, as well as letters and magazines for the last 20 years. DAO has declared that they are ready to serve as the mail service in Denmark and can carry out this profitably through their national network without any difficulty.

DAO has placed 1,523 red collection boxes in their package shops for the public’s use (Figure 2) and have established a customer service team to help companies convert from mail delivery through Post Nord to the DAO service.

While DAO has not yet been selected to handle international mail, it seems likely to happen this fall, before PostNord’s exit. DAO is the only company with national coverage and has a strong track record that clearly makes it the frontrunner.

DAO is set up to offer delivery on all days of the week, year-round, as they are used to delivering newspapers and packages – and mail delivery is now offered on the same terms, which is quite an improvement over PostNord’s service. DAO is also offering mail pickup from the sender for 10 DKK (\$1.57) – a service common in the US but never previously offered in Denmark.

What does it mean for stamps?

DAO has issued three self-adhesive stamps (Figure 3): One for Matters for the Blind (40x56mm / 1.5x 2.1 inches), and two for regular letters (20x30mm / 0.8x1.05 inches) - one for letters weighing up to 100g (~4 oz) and another for up to 250g (~8 oz). Anything heavier will be sent at package rates. None of the stamps are denominated, but the price for the 100g stamp is 23 DKK (\$3.60), and the 250g is 46 DKK (\$7.20), which is still cheaper than the 29 / 58 DKK (\$4.54 / \$9.08) that PostNord requires for the same weights.

The 100g and 250g stamps each have a unique two-dimensional QR-like code that prevents reuse and therefore there is no need for any form of cancellation.



Figure 3. The three self-stick 'stamps' issued by DAO. (Far left) Blindeforsendelse (Postal matter for the blind); (right top) up to 100g / ~4 oz and (right bottom) for letters up to 250g / ~8 oz.



Figure 4. Cover (detail) bearing the up to 100g DAO stamp and showing the QR-like code uniquely allotted to letters sent through the service.

DAO applies another two-dimensional QR-like code to letters, which encodes the address (Figure 4), also containing a customer-service telephone number. I noticed that when letters are sent on white envelopes, the address code is printed directly on the envelope, but when the letter is any other color, a label is attached with the address code.



Figure 5. 6-digit code purchasable online or on the DAO app. The sender writes the digits in the upper right-hand corner, and the letter is ready to send.

Keep on sending those wonderful articles on Alaska, Washington, Oregon and western Canadian postal history!

I do not have anything regarding Montana or Idaho philatelic history. Have something? Send it to me! We have 4 issues each year to fill.

If you do not study Federation territory postal history, feel free to send in an article anyway – we love to see articles of other countries' postal history!

Be sure to send scans with your articles.

The stamps are available only in sheets of 64 each, so that's 1,472 DKK (\$230) for the 100g maximum sheet, and double that for the 250g maximum sheet – though a 10% discount is offered with the purchase of 2 or more sheets. That's expensive! Especially when one sends letters so infrequently, so I don't see these stamps being used much outside of a business setting. The better option for individuals is to purchase a 6-digit code online or in the DAO app – just write those unique six digits in the upper right-hand corner, and the letter is ready to send. (Figure 5) Each code is conveniently purchased individually just when needed.

I see no reason for PostNord to issue stamps after 2024, but no announcement has been made yet. I must admit that I'd be a little sad if the new King Frederik X isn't even honored with a stamp from Denmark, as he now has been in Greenland. Maybe DAO will start a more expansive stamp program, but my bet is that they will focus on that which they do best: delivering packages, mail, newspapers and advertising circulars throughout the country.

Privately-issued postage stamps are nothing new in Denmark, as collectors of local city mail stamps know. In the 50 years from 1866 to 1916, a dozen larger towns in Denmark had their own mail service, and their own stamps, but as they became too successful, the Danish government arranged for the official government mail service to reassert their monopoly through buyouts of the private city mail services. It would take until 2024 before private stamps became available again, now from DAO. Hopefully, they too will be collected, just like the local city mail stamps and government-issued stamps have been.

Chester Masters was a major "force" in the Strait Stamp Society in Sequim, Washington. He passed away a few years ago and is still greatly missed.

A few months back, the North Olympic History Center received a grant from Clallam County for a Postal History Traveling Exhibit. Turns out, the exhibit is Chester's donation of Clallam County Postal History.

If you are not able to see this traveling exhibit when it starts, be sure to check out the collection at <https://nohc.catalogaccess.com/archives/36144>

Source ~ Phil Castell, Sequim, Washington



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DEALING WITH A JUDGING CRISIS

by Dale Speirs
Calgary Philatelic Society

Calgary, Alberta, has a population of 1.5 million, of whom 140 are interested enough in stamp collecting to join the Calgary Philatelic Society. There are probably two hundred more who are not joiners, enough to keep two storefront stamp dealers open, although the dealers rely heavily on internet sales.

The nearest stamp clubs are in Edmonton (4 hour drive north), Medicine Hat (4 hour drive east) and Lethbridge (3 hour drive south). The isolation of stamp clubs on the Canadian prairies is immense.

Each October, CPS hosts a regional stamp show CALTAPEX. Flying in a judge from Ontario is very expensive, so we have to rely on the two judges left in Alberta. Unfortunately, neither was able to attend CALTAPEX 2025.

Faced with this situation, Norma Nielson, Dave Russum and Jan Brookes devised a system whereby exhibits were judged by pairs of experienced exhibitors. They did not judge their own exhibits of course. They used the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada manual of judging and did a good job.

Calgary has several philatelic study groups, one of which is the Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. CAPE was organized several decades ago. The members began by bootstrapping themselves up to national stamp show standards. Since then, many have won national or international gold medals and became experts in themselves.

CAPE members now meet monthly via Zoom. This resulted in a standing body of people who were able to resolve the crisis when no judges were available. The experience of these exhibitors made the solution possible.

The situation in the Pacific Northwest and Great Plains is, I hear from my American friends, not much better. Creating a committee within NWFSC similar to CAPE would help.

Exhibitors working together can obviate the need for judges where distances are too great to bring them in from afar. Pairs of exhibitors using the APS manual of judging could enable isolated stamp clubs to host competitive shows.

Philatelic Quiz

by Lawrence Clay
Tri-Cities Stamp Club

1. a. When was the first postage stamp issued?
b. What country issued it?
c. Whose image was on the first stamp?
2. Who was the first Postmaster General of British North America?
3. a. When was the first US stamp issued?
b. Who was pictured on first US stamp?
4. What famous error occurred on a US airmail stamp?
5. What is the denomination of the US Overrun Countries issue of 1943-1944?
6. Year of issue of first US Christmas stamp?
7. What pioneer is shown on Kentucky Statehood stamp of 1942?
8. Who is on the \$5 stamp in 1938 Prexie series?
9. What tree is pictured on the Connecticut Tercentenary stamp of 1935?
10. What country issued the first Christmas stamp?
11. What United Nations Secretary General is shown on 1965 US stamp?
12. What British statesman was on a 1965 US stamp?
13. What famous artist designed the 1960 US Boy Scout stamp?
14. Founder of Girl Scouts of America is on a 1948 US stamp. Who is she?
15. Lajos Kossuth was on a Champion of Liberty stamp. What country was he from?
16. Name some of US World War II generals pictured on stamps.
17. What flower is on Mississippi statehood stamp?
18. Noah Webster is on 1958 commemorative stamp. What kind of books did he write?
19. Where were the Olympic Winter games held in 1932?
20. Who was the first woman on a US postage stamp?
21. Old Faithful was on a 1972 commemorative stamp. Name the National Park.
22. When an overprint changes or revalues a stamp, what is it called?
23. When was the first United Nations stamp issued?
24. What youth group is issued on a 1960 Canal Zone stamp?
25. What country was Mohatma Gandhi from?

Answers on Page 28

SACAPEX 2025 SUCCESS

by Betsy Vallejo, Vice President
Sacramento Philatelic Society
Member Salem Stamp Club

The first weekend in November brings anticipation of one of Northern California's premier philatelic shows: SACAPEX. This year was no different as stamp enthusiasts gathered for two days at Elks Lodge #6 to shop with dealers offering a wide variety of collectibles, view stamp exhibits, buy stamp supplies and take time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

This is the second year Tom and Christi Kinberg (Stamp Art) organized the show along with the Sacramento Philatelic Society (SPS). The Kinberg's coordinated the dealer bourse, hall rental, caterer, advertising and all that goes into managing a successful show. Our partnership with the Kinberg's has eased the club's challenges of running a large stamp show. We understand a lot of effort and coordination happens long before the show starts. They are professional at what they do and we look forward to working with them next year. Thank you, Tom and Christi!

Our club could not do the show without member participation. Our success is due to the volunteer assistance before, during and after the show. Hours included transporting supplies to and from our storage unit, managing exhibits, setting up and running the bargain sales table, registration table, youth table and our SPS Circuit Sales. I know it takes time away from your own "stamp shopping". I'd like to personally thank each and every one of you that stepped up to volunteer; in lieu of a physical handshake I've listed names below. If I missed anyone who worked but wasn't on my sign-up list, know that your time is appreciated.

John Vester, our SPS Circuit Manager, is a huge asset to our club. We have lost count of how many volunteer hours he has put into organizing the circuit. Not many people know that for the show, he transported the entire circuit from our weekly meeting hall to the Elks Lodge and back. He is organized, thoughtful and has implemented positive changes. Volunteering at "the circuit" is always a popular job, and it's John's guidance

to our club that makes it all work wonderfully, Club members submitted a record number of exhibits. Members had fun socializing and learning about each other's collecting interests. The ribbons and awards gave us confirmation of our ability to exhibit, and the judge's comments gave us ideas for improvement. Kudos to Exhibit Coordinator Robert Pope for encouraging club members to participate in exhibiting. Robert also made the show program and Debbie Jean Hopkins typed up the Award Certificates.

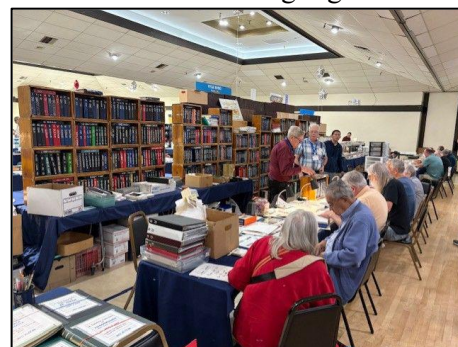
We were delighted to have Colleen Mantzouranis and Yolanda O'Berry at the USPS booth. Colleen and Yolanda were friendly and helpful, fulfilling the public's request for stamps and products. Colleen shared with me that she learned a lot about stamp collecting. It opened her eyes to the popularity of philatelic interests and different ways people collect and use stamps. Thanks to USPS staff

Gina Segura for helping coordinate and organize behind the scenes, ensuring the USPS booth continues the decades-old tradition of their presence at SACAPEX. We couldn't do all that we do without the Postal Service!

The Dealer Bourse was lively. Customers filled the tables shopping off their want lists or looking for spontaneous purchases. It's always a pleasure to see what variety dealers have for sale. A special thank you to the dealers who always work hard to keep our hobby active!

New this year, Roseville Stamp Club had a table to educate people on their club activities. Chico Stamp and Coin Club members also visited and exchanged tubs of stamps from our circuit to use at their meetings. It's important we support each other's local clubs and highlight their presence in the Sacramento area. And now it's time to relax and work on all those new stamps you bought at SACAPEX.

See you at the next show!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN SACAPEX!

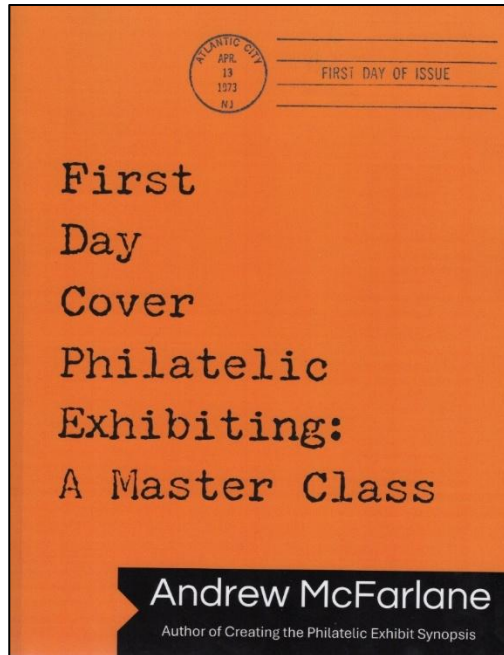
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First Day Cover Philatelic Exhibiting

A Book Review

*First Day Cover Philatelic Exhibiting: A Master Class** is a book for any exhibitor, not just for a first day cover collector as the title might indicate. It is a history of first day collecting, a manual of first day collecting types, a guidebook on how to relate an exhibit to the UEE categories and a how-to manual about tools and techniques to start, to build and to complete an exhibit. It is 454 pages of information.



The author, Andrew McFarlane, has written the book as if it were a conversation. He interjects humor and sometimes trivia or asides. These asides often come as if they are answers to questions that you the reader ask about the pages he has scanned and included. His style is light, readable and informative. The organization is clear, tight and logically presented. It is as close to interactive as I think a book can get. Again I point out the book because of its specific information and comments, is useful for any exhibitor, not just one of first days.

The book is much like a tutorial for a computer program. It tells the reader what needs to be known and allows the exhibitor to skip over what is not relevant at the time. But what is skipped is there when the reader needs it later if working on a different part of the exhibit or even on a different exhibit. The book has a clear advantage over an online tutorial. There is an eleven-page index of specific topics that doesn't require the user to scroll across the time bar to find the right place to restart. Furthermore, the user

of this book will consult it as a guide for a first exhibit, as a reminder for a second exhibit, as a refresher for a third exhibit and as a check list for the fourth exhibit.

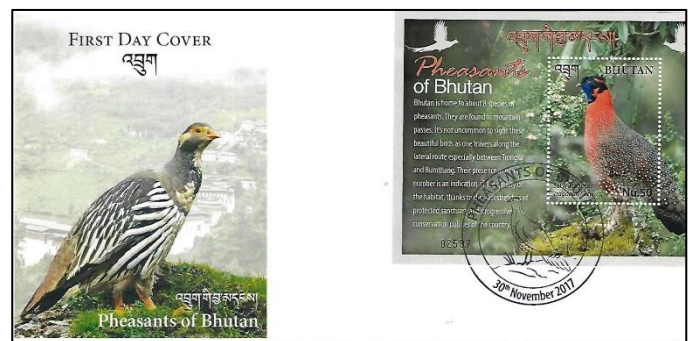
I read *First Day Cover Philatelic Exhibiting* as a resource book -- the first part sequentially, the middle part randomly as I thought of exhibits I have done or am now collecting material for, and the last part to gauge the author's scope and sequence. In other words, I know I will refer to it in the future. The book has three indices -- for subjects, for names and for stamps by Scott number. There are six pages of bibliography. All this will make it easy to refer to.

Production and ordering data: Exhibitors Press, Silver Springs, MD. 514 pages, 400+ full color illustrations, hardcover \$99 and softcover \$89. Available from Andrew McFarlane, P.O. Box 669, Bartonsville, PA 18321, sales@ExhibitSynopsis.com.
Website: www.ExhibitSynopsis.com

First Day Cover Philatelic Exhibiting: A Master Class gets a gold and felicitations of this reader. In fact, it got the Grand Award at GASS 2025.

*This book was originally reviewed in *The Philatelic Exhibitor* of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (<http://aaape.org>) with permission from the author.

[First Day Cover collecting and exhibiting is one of the pillars of stamp collecting. I define the pillars of stamp collecting by the three WSP shows in GASS, the Great American Stamp Show. These are shows of general collecting, topical/thematic collecting and first day collecting.]



Modern FDC showing Pheasants of Bhutan with colorful cachet. Not included in book.

About the CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY



The *Calgary Philatelic Society* was founded in April 1922 by Dr. Edward George Mason, and has been in continuous existence since. The CPS provides a meeting place for local stamp collectors to get together and share their interest in stamps

and postal history.

The CPS is Chapter 66 of the *Royal Philatelic Society of Canada*, Chapter 1360 of the *American Philatelic Society*, and Chapter 91 of the *American Topical Association*.

Some of the benefits to members:

1. Enjoying social interaction with other stamp collectors
2. Opportunity to buy, sell, trade and exhibit philatelic material
3. Subscription to our award-winning bulletin, the *CALGARY PHILATELIST*
4. Access to our excellent library, with resources for all aspects of philately
5. Participate in two philatelic shows per year: CALTAPEX in October and a spring bourse in April.

General meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month except July, August and December. They include a silent auction, a short business meeting and a philatelic

presentation by one of our members. Coffee and doughnuts are served after the presentation.

Regular auctions are held on the third Wednesday of the month, except July, August and December. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow viewing.

Visitors and guests are always welcome. Meetings and Auctions are held beginning at 19h30, with the doors opening by 19h00. The location for the General Meeting

and the monthly auction is: Kerby Centre, Room 205 (Lecture Room), 1133-7th Avenue SW, Calgary.

If you park in the Kerby Centre lots, you must register your vehicle license plate at the computer pad on entering the building; otherwise, your vehicle will be towed or clamped.

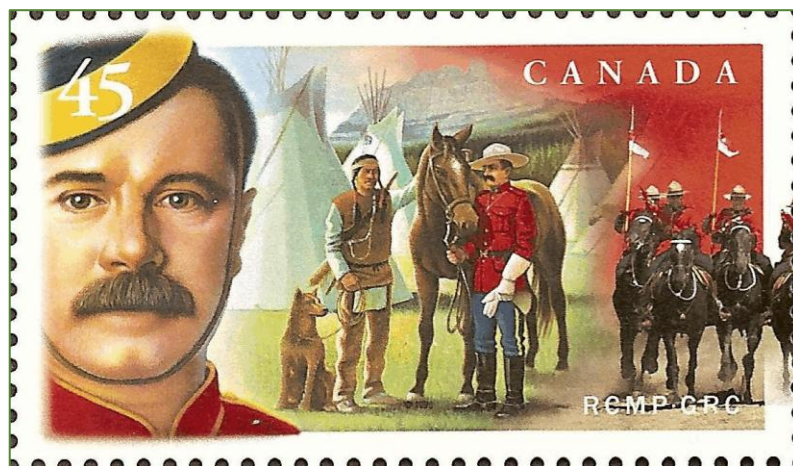
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72nd Alaska Philatelic Exhibition

February 27 – March 1, 2026

Application for Exhibition Frames

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We will be at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 3230 Lake Otis Parkway, Anchorage, AK 99508.

The exhibits will not be judged by an exhibition jury, but feedback will be available if desired. There will be a “Most Popular” exhibit award presented by popular vote of the visitors to the show.

Any person may submit more than one exhibit.

Each exhibit frame has an exhibit area of 26” by 34”, which will hold up to 9 8-1/2 x 11 pages in three rows of three pages each.

All exhibit material should be protected in some form of transparent protective sleeve.

Due to possible frame limitations, the Show Committee reserves the right to close, reject, restrict or limit entries.

Mail exhibits should arrive no later than February 24th, 2025. Mail in exhibits should be sent to Eric Knapp, 8163 Grayhawk Circle; Anchorage, AK 99507

Although due precautions against theft and damage are taken, no responsibility shall attach to the Anchorage Philatelic Society, Saint Mark Lutheran Church, their agents, officers, employees, volunteers or any other person authorized to perform any tasks in connection with the exhibition.

The mounting of all the exhibits will take place on Thursday night, February 26th. Exhibitors are expected to mount their own exhibits, or to make arrangements for them to be mounted. Help is always needed to get the exhibit set up. Help is also needed to take down the exhibit at the end of the show on Sunday afternoon. Help is needed to talk to visitors and in some cases to explain exhibits during the show.

Exhibits will be dismounted and removed at 4 P.M. on March 1st.

The club standard 9-page frames are available along with the smaller 4-page frames that were used at the library a couple of years ago.

Please email your exhibit name and the number of frames you want to Eric Knapp at eknapp49@gmail.com



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Once again the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs is supporting the symposium by assisting with the cost of the venue. We will have four speakers for the symposium again this year. As usual, we will have two auctions where participants enter the lots. Sellers pay just one contribution of \$4.00 – there are no other Auction fees for the buyers or sellers.

A complete program will be listed on the Federation website: www.nwfedstamps.org

Often we have a little extra time between presentations. Other participants can give short “clothesline” presentations of 5-10 minutes. If willing to do one of these, please indicate on your Registration Form.

I sincerely hope you can help make it a successful event this year.

Jim Hirstein
jhirstein@hotmail.com

FRIDAY EVENING EVENTS (April 10)

Hospitality Room will be at the Best Western Lake Front Inn from 5:30 – 7:00. Wine and snacks will be available. About 7:00pm, meet at the Super China Buffet, 711 North Stratford Road in Moses Lake, for a **no-host dinner**.

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AUCTION II – REGULAR FLOOR BID AUCTION. Everyone is urged to enter at least three lots. Additional lots may be entered at the discretion of the auctioneer. Time constraints limit floor lots to not more than 150. Opening bid will be \$3.00 or the sellers stated minimum selling price. Bidding increments will be announced by the auctioneer. Minimum prices, if any, must be stated on the lot card.

**The Best Western Lake Front Inn offers a reduced rate for participants.
Be sure to ask for the “Stamp Group” rate.
Phone number is 1-509-765-9211**

John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium
Saturday, April 11, 2026

Best Western Lake Front Inn
Moses Lake, Washington

***** **REGISTRATION FORM** *****

**INCLUDE ALL NAMES
AND ADDRESSES (PLEASE PRINT)**

MAIL TO:

James Hirstein
P.O. Box 1114
Florence, MT 59833

(406) 546-7990
jhirstein@hotmail.com

PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

**REGISTER EARLY – IF RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026,
I WILL SEND YOU AUCTION TICKETS TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE**
Late registrants on April 10-11 will require a \$5.00 surcharge to any meal fee.

Participation Ticket (Registration & Lunch only)	\$55.00	Build Your Own Sandwich		
Fellowship Ticket (Registration & Dinner only)	\$65.00	Buffet with Chicken		
Fellowship "Plus" Ticket (Reg., Lunch & Dinner)	\$90.00			
Extra Lunch Ticket	\$30.00			
Extra Dinner Ticket	\$45.00			
TOTAL ENCLOSED (Check or Money Order Only) <u>Payable to James Hirstein</u>				

I/we plan to attend the Friday night dinner: _____ (No Host – Pay at the Door)

I would like to give a clothesline presentation _____

PROSPECTUS - PIPEX 2026

An American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately (WSP) Event
May 1 through May 3, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn, 12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015
Sponsored by: THE NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

ALL exhibits will be mounted physically in frames at the show and will be judged in the frames. Exhibitors are encouraged also to submit their exhibits virtually, to be posted on the PIPEX website.

Important Dates	
Feb.18, 2026	Deadline for convening societies' exhibit application preference
March 20, 2026	Deadline for exhibit applications and for updated title/synopses pages
April 16, 2026	Deadline for receipt of virtual copies of exhibits
April 28, 2026	Deadline for receiving shipped exhibits
April 30, 2026	Personal delivery of exhibits

A. Exhibitors:

- a) Any collector, regardless of residence or club affiliation, is eligible to enter a competitive exhibit by conforming to the requirements of this prospectus. An exhibit that has won the APS Champion of Champions award is not eligible for competition. Exhibits winning PIPEX Grand awards are not eligible for competition for two years after their award. An exhibit winning a grand award in a WSP show in the current exhibiting year is not eligible for competition.
- b) All competitive exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

B. Exhibit Classes:

- a) GENERAL CLASS is open to any competitive exhibit except those eligible for either the youth or one-frame class.
 - b) ONE FRAME CLASS
 - c) YOUTH CLASS is open to exhibitors who will be age 21 or younger on January 1, 2026. Entry applications for this class must include a statement, endorsed by an adult, that the entry is the property of, and was prepared by, the entrant. Youth exhibitors: please also see the Youth section of the PIPEX website.
 - d) NON-COMPETITIVE CLASS
- Exhibits in any of the classes above may be in any of a variety of subclasses, viz. Advertising, Patriotic and Event Cover; Aerophilately; Astrophilately; Cinderella; Display; Experimental; First Day Cover; Maximaphily; Picture Postcard; Postal History; Postal Stationery; Revenue; Thematic; Topical; Traditional.

C. Entry:

- a) An individual exhibitor may submit up to two multi-frame exhibits and up to two single-frame exhibits.
 - b) All exhibits must be entered by Class on the official entry form provided by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee. The correct fees must accompany the entry form.
 - c) Single-frame exhibits will be accepted in priority sequence:
 - (1) One exhibit each by members of convening societies, youth (up to six youth exhibits), and first-time exhibitors in any WSP show.
 - (2) One exhibit each by residents of the area served by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs
 - (3) One exhibit each by any other exhibitors
 - (4) Second exhibit by exhibitors, following the same priorities as in categories (1) to (3) above
- Entries will be accepted up to March 20, 2026, or until all available space has been filled if that event should occur earlier.
- d) Receipt of entries will be promptly acknowledged. A defined number of frames are reserved for the convening organizations until February 18, 2026.
 - e) Signing the official entry form denotes acceptance by the exhibitor of all requirements set out in this prospectus.
 - f) Each exhibit entry must include (1) the Entry Form, (2) the title page, (3) a one- or two-page synopsis, and (4) the required fee. Mail payment to Norma Nielson, 1561 Braeman Village, Eugene, OR 97405. Title pages and synopses may also be mailed to the same address, but the PIPEX Committee *prefers* to receive them by email to [nnielson@ucalgary.ca](mailto:n Nielson@ucalgary.ca), in Word, PDF, or rtf format attachments to an email message. Entry forms may be either mailed or emailed.

Entries submitted without the title page and synopsis will not be accepted. However, revised title pages and/or synopses may be forwarded by March 20, 2026, to the mail or email address just given.

D. Frames and Pages:

- a) Exhibits will be displayed in frames that hold 16 pages, maximum 8.5 inches by 11 inches or A4 in size, in 4 horizontal rows of 4 pages each. Wider pages are acceptable if they fit in a row of a frame.
- b) Pages must be numbered consecutively on the back, bear the exhibitor's name on the back (not the front), and be enclosed in transparent sheet protectors.
- c) Each GENERAL CLASS exhibit is limited to a maximum of ten (10) frames. Each YOUTH CLASS exhibit is one frame, except that experienced youth exhibitors may apply for up to five frames.

E. Exhibit Fees:

(a) The entry fee for adult exhibits is \$60.00 for one- or two-frame exhibits plus \$10.00 for each additional frame beyond two. Thus, single frame exhibits must pay fees of \$60 each, a four-frame exhibit \$80, and a ten-frame exhibit \$140. The fee includes mounting of a virtual copy on the PIPEX website if provided by the exhibitor.

(b) Youth Class – \$5.00 per frame

Note: If the exhibit is to be returned to the exhibitor by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee after the show, the full amount of return postage plus insurance must be remitted with the entry application. Excess amounts over \$2.00 will be refunded.

F. Delivery:

- a) Exhibitors can deliver their exhibits in person or via an agent. Otherwise, exhibits should be sent via USPS mail with tracking or express carrier such as FEDEX. Other material should not be enclosed in the same package as the exhibit.
- b) Mailed exhibits must be shipped prepaid to be received by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee to arrive no later than April 28, 2026. Exhibits delivered by an exhibitor or an agent may be handed to the PIPEX Exhibit Committee between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., April 30, 2026, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Clackamas, OR.

c) If the exhibit is to be shipped, it should be sent to:

Capital Manor
1955 Salem-Dallas Hwy NW
Salem OR 97304
Attn: George Struble

**Note that this is a different address
than the address for exhibit entry forms**

d) An exhibitor who indicates on the exhibit entry form an intent to send the exhibit *also* virtually, s/he will be sent instructions for electronic delivery.

G. Exhibition Hours/Exhibit Return:

- a) The exhibition will open at 10:00 a.m. on May 1 and will close at 4:00 p.m. on May 3.
- b) Exhibitors or their agents, on providing proof of identity, may obtain their exhibit from the PIPEX Exhibit Committee immediately after the close of the exhibition.
- c) **No exhibit or part thereof may be mounted, dismounted, or removed during official show hours. Those with tight travel schedules will be allowed access to takedown at 3:00 p.m. Please do not exhibit if you will need to take your exhibit down before 3:00 p.m. on May 3, 2026.**

H. Insurance:

- a) Exhibit owners must provide their own insurance.
- b) All reasonable precautions will be taken for safeguarding the exhibits while they are in the possession of the PIPEX Committee. The exhibit area and bourse will have 24-hour security guards.
- c) The exhibitor agrees that no responsibility of any kind or character will attach to the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs nor to any officers or members of the same, nor to the PIPEX Committee or to any of its members, nor to the Portland Philatelic Exhibitions, nor to Hilton Garden Inn or its employees, for any loss or damage to any exhibit or material submitted in competition or non-competition, from any cause whatsoever.

I. Judging:

a) A panel of APS accredited judges will make decisions by deliberation and consultation among themselves; their decisions will be final. Judges will receive the exhibit title and synopsis in advance of the show to assist in their preparation; some of these materials will be made available on the PIPEX website unless the exhibitor indicates on the Entry Form that s/he wishes to opt out.

b) Judging will be in accordance with the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting, Seventh Edition (October 2019)*. It is strongly recommended that exhibitors study this latest edition, available on the APS web site (https://stamps.org/Portals/0/Judging-Manual_1.pdf).

J. Awards:

a) For the GENERAL CLASS the PIPEX Exhibit Committee will place at the disposition of the judges, PIPEX large gold, gold, large vermeil, vermeil, large silver, silver, silver-bronze and bronze medals plus ribbons, certificates of award, certificates of appreciation and other awards, including the Grand and Reserve Grand award.

b) For the SINGLE FRAME CLASS, judging will be based on the same eight levels of awards, with a Grand award for the best single frame exhibit.

c) All awards will be granted in accordance with merits of the exhibit.

d) The winner of the multi-frame PIPEX Grand Award will be eligible for, and is expected to enter, the APS Champion of Champions competition at the APS Great American Stamp Show, Aug. 19-22, 2027, in Albuquerque, NM. The winner of the single-frame grand award will be eligible for, and expected to enter, the Single-frame Champion of Champions competition at Chicagopex to be held November 20-22, 2026.

K. Ruling Authority:

Any and all questions that may arise concerning the exhibition which are not provided for by the requirements of this prospectus will be decided by the PIPEX Host Committee in its sole and absolute discretion.

L. Questions:

Send all correspondence to: Dr. Norma Nielson

PIPEX Exhibits Chair

1561 Braeman Village

Eugene, OR 97405

nnielson@ucalgary.ca



Our Show is Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver

PIPEX 2026 EXHIBITOR'S ENTRY FORM

Name of Exhibitor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____

Postal Code/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

The PIPEX 2026 show program will indicate the name and province/state/country of exhibitors unless anonymity is requested. Pseudonyms, including "Anonymous", will be accepted. Pseudonym if desired:

List club and society affiliations:

Rossica Society _____ Pacific Northwest Postal History Society _____

Have you ever shown an exhibit at any WSP Stamp Show? Yes _____ No _____

For this exhibit: Class _____ No. of frames _____

Entry fee \$60.00 for adult 1-frame or 2-frame exhibit (enclosed) \$

Entry fee \$50.00 + \$10.00 per frame for 3+ frames (enclosed) \$

Entry fee \$5.00 per frame for any youth exhibit \$

Return Postage (if applicable) \$

Award Banquet: Please reserve _____ (qty.) seats at \$65 each. Tickets will be in your registration packet. \$

Total (enclosed) \$

Title of exhibit: _____

Exhibit description for show program (Maximum of 25 words): _____

Important reminder: One copy of the title page and a one- or two-page synopsis must be submitted with this entry (preferably by email to nnielson@ucalgary.ca). Revisions to the title page and/or synopsis may be submitted up to March 20, 2026.

_____ I will personally deliver my exhibit to the Hilton Garden Inn, 12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015, between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026.

My exhibit will be delivered commercially, via _____, by April 28, 2026, to _____.

Note: this is a different address from that
for other correspondence

_____ I intend to submit this exhibit virtually for posting on the PIPEX website. This is encouraged but optional; fees are not affected. Instructions will be provided.

_____ I will personally pick up my exhibit following the close of the PIPEX Show on May 3, 2026, after 3:00 p.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn.

My agent _____, will pick up my exhibit following the close of the PIPEX Show on May 3, 2026, after 3:00 p.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn.

_____. Please ship my exhibit to me via _____. \$_____ is enclosed to cover return shipment.

Exhibit entry forms and payments for entry fees, shipping and the awards banquet shall be made payable to **PIPEX 2026** and shall be sent to **Norma Nielson, 1561 Braeman Village, Eugene, OR 97405**. All payments shall be made in US funds; payments from outside the U.S. can be made by PayPal.

I have read and agree to the PIPEX exhibit rules and understand that I am responsible for insuring my own exhibit. I will not hold the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, the PIPEX Host Committee, their officers, members, or employees, Portland Philatelic Exhibitions, or the Hilton Garden Inn or its employees, liable for any loss or damage to my exhibit.

I agree that the decision of the judges shall be final.

(Signature of Exhibitor)

Youth Class Only: Exhibitor's Birth date: _____ (Month/Date/Year) Adult Endorsement: "This entry is the property of and was prepared by the youth entrant named herein".
(Signature of Adult Sponsor)

CLOSED ALBUMS

Lucien Klein (89), a longtime member of Oregon Stamp Society, passed away on August 16 in Woodburn, Oregon. *The Album Page*, October 2025 issue.

Steven Sandlin (89) of Richland, Washington, passed on June 17, 2024. He collected worldwide stamps through 1940. *Lawrence Clay of Tri-Cities Stamp Club*

Jeanne Smith (75) of West Richland, Washington. Passed May 7, 2025. She collected used US stamps plus commercial US covers. *Lawrence Clay of Tri-Cities Stamp Club*

Wade Saadi (1949 – 2025). Former APS President Wade Saadi passed away after a long illness on October 9, 2025. Saadi became APS president in 2008, succeeding Nicholas G. Carter, who passed away in office. He was re-elected as APS president in 2009 and 2011, and served on the board as past president from 2013 to 2016. Before becoming APS President, Saadi served on the APS board as a director-at-large, and as chairman of the Board of Vice Presidents, as well as chairing the Membership Committee. “Wade’s exuberant personality and positive attitude live on in all he touched. There is a little bit of Wade in all of us as we strive by example to make the world a better place.” (APS President Mark E. Banchik). A collector since childhood, Saadi was a writer, researcher and exhibitor on U.S. Classics. He served 17 years as 1847 and 1851 section editor of the journal for the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society. His exhibit of the U.S. 1847 issues was considered one of the finest studies of the shades and cancellations of that issue. Another exhibit, *Struck on Stamps*, studied the evolution of early U.S. cancellations, winning multiple FIP gold medals. Saadi was president of World Stamp Show - NY 2016 which generated \$700,000 in profit for the support of other philatelic organizations. A past president of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society and the Collectors Club of New York, he also served on the Smithsonian National Postal Museum’s Council of Philatelists, chairing their New Initiatives Committee and overseeing their Arago project. <https://stamps.org/news/closed-album-wade-saadi-1949-2025>

David Schwantes passed away on October 25. He loved working with his stamps. He will be buried at Fort Richardson Army Base Cemetery.

OKANAGAN STAMP CLUBS RPSC #246

www.okanaganstampclubs.ca

Date Host Location

Jan 25 Penticton - meet in Summerland, St. Stephens Anglican Church
March 22 Kelowna - meet in Kelowna, Mission Creek Alliance Church
May 24 Penticton Summerland, St. Stephens Anglican Church
Sept 20 Vernon The People Place; also Vernon's 50th anniversary celebration
Nov 22 Kelowna, Mission Creek Alliance Church

Kelowna Stamp Club

Seniors Citizens Association Branch 17
1353 Richter Street (Corner of Richter & Fuller); Kelowna
Second Wednesday of every month, except July and August
Time: 7 PM to 9 PM
Contact: Ed at stampshop101@gmail.com

Penticton Stamp Club

Seniors Drop-In Centre Society
2965 South Main Street; Penticton
First Sunday of every month, except June, July and August
Time: 2 PM to 4 PM
Contact: Steve at sstevesters@gmail.com

Vernon Stamp Club

The People Place
3402 27th Avenue; Vernon
Third Saturday of every month, except August
Time: 12:30 PM to 3 PM
Contact: Michael at mfitt@telus.net

Federation Award Nominations are Open

for the three NW Federation awards which, when awarded, are given at PIPEX.

- 1) Each member organization can nominate yearly one, maybe more, member for the **Club Member Service** award. This award may be received by an individual only once. All nominees will be announced at the PIPEX meeting and a certificate prepared for them.
- 2) Each member organization can nominate one individual for the **Meritorious Achievement** Award. The award can be won only once. The winner(s) will be recognized at the PIPEX banquet.
- 3) Each member organization can nominate one individual for the **Northwest Distinguished Philatelist** Award. The award can be won only once. The winner(s) will be recognized at the PIPEX banquet.

Nominations

Nominations can be made by any member organization or by a Board member and should be submitted in a letter directed to the Executive Secretary [larry.crain@ gmail.com or PO Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501]. In the nominating letter, include the nominee's achievements and qualifications in less than 350 words or 35-50 for the Club Member Service award. These nominations should be received by April 1 (technically the by-laws say earlier but this was before electronic communication).

Any resident of the Northwest Federation area is eligible for the Meritorious Achievement Award and the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award. The Distinguished Philatelist nominee need not be a member of a Federation organization.

The Executive Secretary will gather all nominations and forward them to the Board members for a **yeah** or **nay** vote. A 2/3 vote is needed to receive the award. There is no requirement of the number awarded yearly. The Club Member Service Award does not need a vote of the Board.

Criteria

The achievement criteria for the Member Service Award shall be the rendering outstanding and distinguished local service by:

- 1) Having promoted and furthered the goals of philately in general.
- 2) Having provided distinguished service, primarily to a member organization or group of member organizations. This award will be based on a combination of length of leadership, quality of leadership and achievements.

The achievement criteria for the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award shall be having rendered outstanding and distinguished service to philately in general in one or more of the following areas:

- 1) Published research and study in some aspect of philately.
- 2) Assembling a world-class collection.
- 3) Significant furthering of philately on a national scale.

The achievement criteria for the Federation Meritorious Achievement Award shall be:

- 1) Having rendered outstanding and distinguished service directly to the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs and its member organizations.
- 2) Having promoted and furthered the goals of the Federation as stated in the Constitution.
- 3) Having provided direct, significant contributions to the Federation as an organization in administration, leadership and support.

You can see previous winners below.

Federation Award Listings

-- Compiled by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation (2019) and updated by Carol J. Edholm (2024)

The following is a complete listing of previous winners of the two primary Northwest Federation awards: the **Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award** and the **Federation Meritorious Achievement Award**. (p) *posthumous*.

Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award (2000-)

2000: No Award
2001: Richard W. Helbock; Oregon & Australia
2002: Robert T. Kinsley; West Richland, WA
2003: Dr. Wesley N. Shellen; Missoula, MT
2004: Dr. K. Gray Scrimgeour; Victoria, BC
2005: No Award
2006: Howard B. Ness; Spokane, WA (p)
2006: Dr. Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz; Portland, OR (p)
2007: No Award
2008: Dr. Dickson H. Preston; Seattle, WA (p)
2009: Howard A. Mader; Aumsville, OR (p)
2010: Lawrence E. Clay; Kennewick, WA
2011: No Award
2012: Dr. James J. Hirstein; Florence, MT
2012: Ralph H. Nafziger; Albany, OR
2013: Dr. Lyman R. Caswell; Tacoma, WA (p)
2013: Ruth M. Caswell; Tacoma, WA (p)
2013: William R. Geijsbeek, Jr.; Redmond, WA (p)
2014: Anne B. Harris; Medical Lake, WA (p)
2014: Dale E. Forster; Portland, OR
2015: Dr. Michael D. Dixon; Portland, OR
2015: Dr. Louis O. Fiset; Seattle, WA
2015: Dr. Keith R. Spencer; Edmonton, AB
2016: Eric R. Knapp; Anchorage, AK
2016: Jack R. Congrove; Fort Lewis, WA (p)
2017: Michael D. Jaffe; Portland, OR
2017: Dr. George W. Struble; Salem, OR

2017: Lawrence R. Crain; Medford, OR
2018: Cathleen F. Osborne; Sequim, WA
2018: Gerald (Jerry) D. Johnson; Kennewick, WA
2019: Lisa D. Foster; Kent, WA
2019: Roger A. Heath; Port Townsend, WA
2020: No Award - covid
2021: No Award - covid
2022: Bill Seymour; The Dalles, OR
2023: No Award
2024: No Award
2025: No Award

Federation Meritorious Achievement Award (2000-)

2001: Elizabeth F. Reanier; Eugene, OR
2005: Leonard G. Lukens; Portland, OR (p)
2010: Carol J. Edholm; Mountlake Terrace, WA
2012: J. Alex Hadden; Richmond, BC
2012: Larry D. Mann; Mukilteo, WA
2013: David E. Harris; Medical Lake, WA (p)
2018: Anne B. Harris; Medical Lake, WA (p)
2019: No Award
2020: No Award - covid
2021: No Award - covid
2022: No Award
2023: No Award
2024: No Award
2025: No Award

Prior to the year 2000, the Federation only offered a single recognition award named the **Roll of Distinguished Philatelists**. This award was replaced by the Distinguished Philatelist Award. After the charter award winners and until 1990, this award was only given to a single individual each year except for the cases of posthumous awards.

Roll of Distinguished Philatelists (1960 – 1999)

1960: Capt. Bury C. Binks; Vancouver, BC
1960: Fred E. Carver; Yakima, WA
1960: Margaret R. Carver; Yakima, WA
1960: Henry C. Hitt; Bremerton, WA (p)
1960: Edwin R. Payne; Salem, OR
1960: Reinhold R. Thiele; Tacoma, WA (p)
1960: Albert M. Van Dahl; Albany, OR (p)
1960: Arlene L. Van Dahl; Albany, OR
1960: Gerald E. Wellburn; Duncan, BC
1960: William W. Wylie; Albany, OR
1961: Cecil F. Blogg; Tacoma, WA
1962: George M. Martin; Yakima, WA
1963: J. Burton Slough; Vancouver, BC
1964: Dr. Gerald B. Smith; Woodburn, OR
1965: Col. Charles L. Marston, Jr.; Spokane, WA

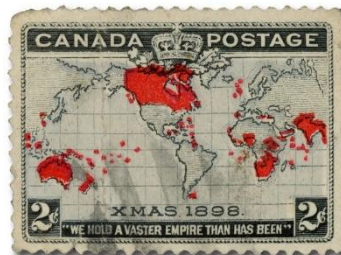
1966: Jack B. Bates; Olympia, WA
1967: Erval J. Newcomer; Yakima, WA
1968: Russell A. Long; Spokane, WA
1969: Alexander A. Barnet; Portland, OR
1970: William E. Topping; Richmond, BC
1971: Winnifred H. Young; Bellingham, WA
1972: George H. Melvin; Vernon, BC
1973: R. Thurlow Fraser; Rossland, BC
1974: Deane C. Bartley; Seattle, WA (p)
1974: Kenneth A. Wood; Albany, OR
1975: Lester E. Small; Victoria, BC
1976: J. Pascoe (Jack Taylor); Agassiz, BC
1977: Fred Wanderer; Portland, OR
1978: H. Richar Robinson; Salem, OR
1979: No Award
1980: Peter Steernberg; Vancouver, BC (p)

1981: Louise P. Cochran, Tacoma, WA
 1982: Florence H. Waldron; Portland, OR
 1983: Ingeburg L. Fisher; Spokane, WA
 1984: No Award
 1985: D. C. T. Jones; Seattle, WA (p)
 1985: Harold W. Flansburgh; Seattle, WA (p)
 1985: Henry W. Whittaker; Vancouver, BC (p)
 1986: Thomas G. Current; Portland, OR
 1986: William G. Robinson; Vancouver, BC
 1987: No Award
 1988: John W. White; Portland, OR
 1989: No Award
 1990: Robin C. M. Clarke; Victoria, BC (p)
 1990: James W. Graue; Spokane, WA (p)
 1990: Dr. Donald M. L. Shorting; Victoria, BC (p)
 1991: Kenneth Barlow; Vancouver, BC
 1991: William C. Thorne; Vancouver, BC
 1991: Eugene H. Walters; Tigard, OR
 1992: Gilbert M. Hulin; Eugene, OR
 1992: Georgia M. Moen; Spokane, WA
 1993: No Award
 1994: Donald P. Mitchell; Portland, OR
 1994: Dr. Hugh W. Johnston; Spokane, WA
 1995: John D. Arn; Colbert, WA (p)
 1995: Leonard G. Lukens; Portland, OR (p)
 1996: Thomas D. Pomeroy; Salem, OR
 1997: No Award
 1998: John W. T. Taylor; Vernon, BC
 1999: Donald H. Lengacher; Portland, OR
 1999: Frances Newsom; Eugene, OR
 1999: Dr. Vance L. Terrall; Portland, OR

Member Club Service Award (2014 -)

2014: Ula Mae Neligh; Portland, OR
 2014: Ronald Sumner; Portland, OR
 2014: Alan Meech; Edmonton, AB
 2014: Keith R. Spencer; Edmonton, AB
 2014: Richard Moyer; Medford, OR
 2015: Stephen Recher; Kennewick, WA
 2015: Wes Falor; Brinnon, WA
 2015: Ken Gregory; Kirkland, WA
 2015: Eric Baker; Seattle, WA
 2015: Nancy Swan; Medford, OR
 2015: Bill Seymour; The Dalles, OR
 2015: Larry Spray; Portland, OR (p)
 2015: Lucien Klein; Salem, OR
 2015: Bob Reynolds; Salem, OR
 2015: Eric Knapp; Anchorage, AK
 2015: Phil Bronner; Springfield, OR
 2015: Eric Ranger; New Westminster, BC
 2016: Charlotte & Ed Parks; Medford, OR
 2016: Phil Kumler; Tualatin, OR
 2016: Lisa Foster; Seattle, WA
 2016: Judith Ireton; Anchorage, AK
 2016: Ruth Ann Farnsworth; Anchorage, AK
 2017: David Schwantes; Anchorage, AK

2017: Pat Hoffman; Anchorage, AK
 2017: Len Lukens; Medford, OR (p)
 2017: Jerry Rottman; Portland, OR
 2018: George Struble; Salem, OR
 2018: Nicholas Fallenbee; Medford, OR
 2018: Robert Stubbs; Kent, WA (p)
 2019: Margaret Dunn; Pasco, WA
 2019: Michael Luttio; Eugene, OR
 2020: No Award - COVID
 2021: No Award - COVID
 2022: No Award
 2023: No Award
 2024: No Award
 2025: Bob Oxborrow; Kent, WA
 2025: Dennis Ladd; Portland, OR



1898 Canada World's First Christmas Stamp



New Canada Issues 2026: Sikh Soldiers with Remembrance Day stamp.

Canada issued a **Hanukkah** stamp on November 13.

Answers to Philatelic Quiz by Lawrence Clay on Page 15:

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|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1a. 1840 | 1b. Great Britain | 1c. Queen Victoria |
| 2. Benjamin Franklin | 3.a . 1847 | 3.b. Benjamin Franklin |
| 4. Upside down Jenny | 5. 5 cents | 6. 1962 7. Daniel Boone |
| 8. Calvin Coolidge | 9. Charter oak | 10. Canada |
| 11. Dag Hammarskjold | 12. Winston Churchill | |
| 13. Norman Rockwell | 14. Juliette Low | 15. Hungary |
| 16. Eisenhower, Marshall, Patton, Bradley, Arnold | | |
| 17. Magnolia | 18. Dictionaries | 19. Lake Placid, NY |
| 20. Martha Washington | 21. Yellowstone National Park | |
| 22. Surcharge | 23. 1951 | 24. Boy Scouts of America |
| 25. India | | |

CLUB ACTIVITIES



The **Alaska Collectors' Club** has been a Federation member since 2016. Publish quarterly journal, *The Alaskan Philatelist*. Annual dues \$15 for US members and \$20 for members from elsewhere. Contact Eric Knapp eknapp@gci.net. www.alaskaphilatellic.org



The **American Air Mail Society – Northwest Chapter** has been a Federation member since 1983. Publish quarterly newsletter *Air Mail Northwest*. No website. Dues \$___ per year for print and \$___ for electronic distribution.



The **Anchorage Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1963. Publish quarterly newsletter, *The Anchorage Philatelist*. Meet second and fourth Wednesday at Turnagain United Methodist Church. Dues \$10 per year, \$15 for families and \$2 for youth. www.anchoragephilatellic.org



The **British Columbia Philatelic Society** is a Charter member of the Federation that joined in 1936. Meet Wednesdays at 7:30 pm church hall of South Burnaby United Church in Burnaby. Third Wednesday usually monthly auction. Dues \$20 per year for individuals, \$30 for families and \$7.50 for students younger than 18. www.bcphilatellic.org.



The **British North America Philatelic Society** (Pacific Northwest Regional Group) joined the Federation in 1998. Publish *West Coast Express*. Hold regional group meeting at VANPEX. In our area, are the Calgary, Edmonton and Pacific Northwest Chapters. PNW Chapter publishes the *British Columbia Postal History Newsletter*. Dues \$30USD/\$35CDA for all. <http://www.bnaps.org/regional/pnwr/RG-pnwr.php>.

Calgary Philatelic Society has been a Federation members since _____. Meet first Wednesday (except July, August & December) at 7:00 pm with auction, then presentation. Annual dues \$25 (plus \$10 administration fee for new members). www.calgaryphilatellicsociety.com.

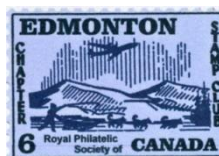


The **Central Oregon Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2016. Meet first Saturday at 10:00 am at Zion Lutheran. They accept donations in lieu of dues. Contact info@centraloregonstampclub.org. www.centraloregonstampclub.org



The **Collectors Club of Seattle** has been a Federation member since 1954. Do not have a website or newsletter. Contact hstamps1@frontier.com.

The **Eagle Stamp and Postcard Club** has been a Federation member since 2015. Do not publish newsletter. Hold auctions four times per year. Meet first Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Eagle Methodist Church. No dues listed. <http://www.eaglestampandpostcardclub.com/>.



The **Edmonton Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2009. Publish monthly newsletter, *Bulletin*. Each edition is full of interesting news and articles. Meet second and fourth Mondays at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic High School. Dues \$30 per year for individuals, \$40 for families. One-time \$8 fee for name tag. www.edmontonstampclub.com.



The **Evergreen Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1976. Publish monthly newsletter. Meet third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Kent Commons Rec Center. The club is preparing for their show in mid-April. Dues \$20 per year. <http://stamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club>.

The **Fraser Valley Philatelic Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter. Subject to school availability, meet third Tuesday of September and second Tuesday every other month (except July and August) at 6:00 pm at the W. J. Mouat School in Abbotsford. Annual dues \$____. <http://stampclub.ca/fraservalley/>.

The **Garden City Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1999. Do not publish newsletter. Meet first Wednesday and third Monday at 7:00 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula. Annual dues \$10. <http://gardencitystampclub.com/>.

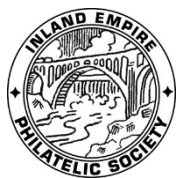
The **Gastineau Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1974. Do not publish newsletter. Meet third Thursday at 6:00 pm at 360 Egan Drive, Juneau.



The **Greater Eastside Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 2013. Publish *GESS Newsletter* via e-mail only. Do not have website. Meet first and third Thursday at 7:00 pm at Redmond Panera Bread café in the Bear Creek Shopping Center. Contact dananielsen@comcast.net.



The **Greater Eugene Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 2003. Meet second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Saint Jude's Catholic Church. Dues \$15 and \$5 for youth. <http://greater.eugenestampclub.weebly.com/>.



The **Inland Empire Philatelic Society** is a Founding member of the Federation that joined in 1935. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Lilac Hinge*. Meet second (mixture/board meeting @ 5:00pm) and fourth (regular meeting/program/ auction @ 6:30pm) Tuesdays (except July and December), Spokane Valley Eagles Hall, 16801 East Sprague Avenue; Spokane Valley, WA. July picnic and December holiday dinner. Dues \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for families and \$5 for youth under 18. www.ieps-stamps.com.

The **Linn County Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 2012. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second Thursday at 7:00 pm at The Villas. Contact George Larson: larsonglf@mindspring.com.

The **Lynden Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet last Tuesday at 6:00 pm at Lynden City Hall conference room. Dues \$___ per year. Contact Dave Burger: dave@thegreenbarn.com.

The **Lynn Valley Stamp Club** joined the Federation in 2018. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second and fourth Wednesday 1:00 to 3:30 pm at Molly Nye House in North Vancouver, BC. Dues \$___ per year. Contact Neil Worley: sandnworley@shaw.ca.

Northwest Philatelic Library. Open second and fourth Saturday at OSS Clubhouse. <https://nwpl.org/>.

The **Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association** has been a Federation member since 1996. Publish *OMPA News*. Meet five times a year in January, March, May, September and November. They are members clubs in Kelowna (Seniors Citizens Association Branch 17, 2nd Wednesday at 7-9pm), Penticton (Seniors Drop-in Centre Society, first Sunday at 2-4pm) and Vernon (The People Place, 3rd Saturday at 1-3pm). Dues \$12.00 per year; \$15.00 for family. <https://www.okanaganstampclubs.ca/>

The **Olympia Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 2012. Publish electronic newsletter. Meet second and fourth Monday at 6:00 pm at Tumwater Mobile Estates Clubhouse. Dues \$12 for individuals, \$15 for families and Free for youth per year. <https://olympiastampclub.com/>



The **Oregon Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1937. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Album Page*. Meet second (2:00 pm) and fourth (8:00 pm) Tuesday at their clubhouse. Dues \$28 per year for regular members, \$26 for associate members who reside outside the area, and \$26 for youth. <https://oregonstampsociety.com/>

The **Pacific Northwest Postal History Society** has been a Federation member since 2001. Meet annually at PIPEX. Publish quarterly journal, *The Oregon Country*. Each issue has articles with historical images and nice illustrations of NW postal historical material. Dues \$20 per year. www.pnwphs.org.

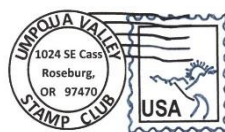


The **Peace Arch Stamp Club** was first a Federation member in 2014. Do not publish newsletter. Meet first Wednesday (except July and August) at 5:00 pm at Brella Community Services, 15008 26th Avenue; Surrey, B.C. Dues \$20 per year. www.peacearchstampclub.com/.

Portland Philatelic Exhibitions. <https://www.pipexstampshow.org/>

The **Puget Sound Collectors' Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Membership is by invitation. Members bring interesting philatelic items to discuss or resolve a mystery. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the Secretary, Thomas Matthiesen, via email at meconopst@earthlink.net.

The **Regina Philatelic Club** has been a member of the Federation since 2017. Publish quarterly newsletter, *Regina Philatelic Quarterly*. Meet first and third Wednesday from September through May at 7:30 pm at Access Communications Cooperative, second floor boardroom, 2250 Park Street, Regina, SK. Dues \$20 per year. <https://reginastampclub.ca/>



The **Umpqua Valley Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2018. Publish monthly newsletter, *Umpqua Valley Stamper*. Do not have website. Meet third Monday, except June and December, at 7:15 pm in St. George Episcopal Parish Hall in Roseburg. Dues \$15 per year. Contact adams@mcsi.net.



The **Salem Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1948. Publish monthly newsletter, *Willamette Stamp & Tongs*. Meet third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Scottish Rite Center (with Zoom option). Dues \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for couples. www.salemstampsociety.org.



USS Puget Sound Chapter 74 of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society has been a Federation member since 1978. Do not have chapter newsletter, but the Society publishes the monthly *USCS Log*. Annual dues \$19 for US, \$58 international and \$19 electronic delivery. www.uscs.org.



The **Sno-King Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1963. Publish monthly newsletter, *Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News*. Meet second Wednesday at Snohomish County PUD in Everett. Edmonds meetings on hold until further notice. Dues \$10 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. <http://sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com>.



The **Southern Oregon Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1955. Publish monthly newsletter. Meet first and third Thursdays (except December) at 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, 607 West Main Street; Medford. Club is preparing for their annual show in early June. Dues \$15 per year. <https://www.sopex.info>



The **Victoria Stamp Club/Vancouver Inland Philatelic Society** is a Charter member of the Federation that joined in 1936 and has been a continuous member since then. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Guideline*. Philatelic library for members. Meetings include a small auction. Meet second and/or third Friday at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall (second) or Windsor Park Pavilion (third). Dues \$__. Website: www.vicstamps.com



The **Washington State Philatelic Society** is a Founding member of the Federation that joined in 1935. Does not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second and fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle.

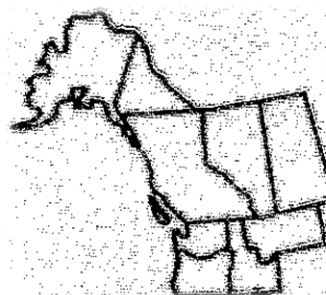


The **Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs** publishes this quarterly journal. Holds a Board meeting at PIPEX each year in May.

The **Strait Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1977. Publish bi-monthly newsletter, *Strait Stamp Talk*. Meet first Thursday at 6:00 pm at Sequim Bible Church. Also hold informal mid-month morning meeting at local Burger King. This year, members at the monthly meetings are sharing philatelic items starting with a number; April is #4. No dues, but accept donations. <https://straitstampsoc.org/>

The **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1966. No newsletter or website. Meet fourth Wednesday 7:00 pm. at Margaret Dunn's home, 463 Sundance Drive; Richland, WA 99352. Third Wednesday in November and December. Dues \$10.00 per year for adults, \$1.00 for students.

[Ed. Note: If you would like to have news about your club activities and upcoming plans published in future columns, please email details to me @ peafowlphilatelics@gmail.com.]



UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES 2025 & 2026

Show Dates			Major events in bold / <i>PNW events in Italic</i>	Revised: 18 November 2025	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
	31 Jan	1 Feb	Greater Eastside Show	Redmond, WA	Bourse
	7 Feb		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
		8 Feb	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	Feb	Feb	Regina, Saskatchewan Stamp Show, Regina Senior Citizens Centre (always 3 rd weekend)	Regina, SK	Show
27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	APEX, 100 th anniversary Serum Run	Anchorage, AK	Show
	7 Mar		Sno-King Stamp Club Show	Kenmore, WA	Bourse
	Mar		Eugene Stamp Show	Eugene, OR	Bourse
	Mar		PNWPHS at Oregon Stamp Society clubhouse	Portland, OR	Bourse
		Mar	Salem Stamp Show	Salem, OR	Bourse
	28 Mar		Olympia Philatelic Society Spring Roundup	Lacey, WA	Bourse
	21 Mar	22 Mar	Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show	Edmonton, BC	Show
	11 Apr		John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium	Moses Lake, WA	Event
	Apr	Apr	Calgary Philatelic Society Spring Bourse	Calgary, AB	Bourse
	18 Apr	19 Apr	Evergreen Stamp Club Spring Show; Kent Commons	Kent, WA	Bourse
		Apr	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
24 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame CA	Show
		Apr	AMPEX (Fraser Valley Philatelic Club)	Abbotsford, BC	Bourse
1 May	2 May	3 May	PIPEX (WSP)	Clackamas, OR	Show
	9 May		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
	May		Garden City Stamp Club Wallace Weekend event	Missoula, MT	Event
5 Jun	6 Jun		SOPEX (Southern Oregon Philatelic Exhibition)	Medford, OR	Show
	18 Jul	19 Jul	Evergreen Stamp Club Summer Show; Kent Commons	Kent, WA	Bourse
	Aug		Strait Stamp Show	Sequim, WA	Show
Sept	Sept		SEAPEX	Tukwila, WA	Bourse
	12 Sept		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
Sept	Sept		Antique Paper Roundup; Lloyd Center (Thursday- Saturday)	Portland, OR	Bourse
18 Sept	19 Sept	20 Sept	BNAPEX (77th annual BNAPS Convention)	Valleyfield, QC	Show
	Sept		Eugene Stamp Show	Eugene, OR	Bourse
		Sept	Salem Stamp Show	Salem, OR	Bourse
	Sept		Central Oregon Stamp Show	Redmond, OR	Bourse
		27 Sept	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
			VANPEX	Burnaby, BC	Show
			CALTAPEX; Kerby Centre Gymnasium	Calgary, AB	Show
	Oct		Olympia Philatelic Society Fall Roundup	Lacey, WA	Bourse
		22 Nov	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
			SACAPEX (with exhibits)	Sacramento, CA	Bourse
			Vancouver Stamp Fair; Holiday Inn Express	Vancouver, BC	Mixed
	21 Nov		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
	6 Dec	7 Dec	PENPEX (2026 = Dec 5 th & 6 th)	RedwoodCity, CA	Bourse
	20 Dec	21 Dec	Salem Coin & Stamp Show; Polk County Fairgrounds	Rickreall, OR	Bourse

- Second Saturday each month Rose City Stamp Fair. OSS Clubhouse; Portland, OR; Bourse
- Fourth Saturday each month Collector's Corner. OSS Clubhouse; Portland, OR; Bourse