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DEAL SAFELY ONLINE

It now is incredibly easy to buy stamps and supplies online, as well as to participate in auctions, such as those that are similar to mail auctions as well as those conducted in real time, where a bidder can see a bid history and raise the ante if they are outbid. While this can be a very convenient way to enjoy your hobby, there is one caveat:

KNOW YOUR SELLER!

In the days when “brick and mortar” stores were the standard, there often was a close personal relationship between buyers and sellers. This often is no longer the case when a collector might make purchases from dealers from throughout the United States or from other countries. While I strongly advocate shopping locally whenever possible, it often is impossible to get everything one desires.

There are a few simple steps one can take to ensure that their online transactions are as safe and error free as possible:

- Buy from a dealer you know.
- Closely examine illustrated items and buy nothing that is not illustrated.
- Reject offers with word permutations, such as L@@@K, and excessive hype, and read all descriptions very carefully.
- If a dealer is unknown to you, find out all you can about their reliability and integrity. The online auction eBay has feedback from other purchasers.
- If an online dealer does not include a physical address and telephone number on their Web site, *do not* do business with them. And be sure to check out that this information is correct.
- Find out the dealer's return policy if an order is incorrect or an item is not as described.
- Use a secure method of payment that can be tracked. Credit cards offering consumer protection are a safe bet.
- Start small. Until you get to know a particular seller, limit your purchases to those items that will put you at minimal risk.
- Avoid being caught up in bidding fever. Set a bid limit and stick with it.

I have made a number of purchases through eBay over the last five years and have found it to be a satisfying and rewarding experience. However, I have noticed that collectibles are regularly garnering substantially higher prices than one might pay outright to dealer.



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Recent elections have bought my services to an end. However, I will aid in the transition when and where possible. My health is declining and this election could not have come at a better time. We need someone with different ideas to take on what the future holds for the Federation.

A SUGGESTION TO OUR CLUBS

We need to get our member clubs into putting out lots of information for the members to see so that we can have a pretty damned good turnout for club meetings and other events. There is also a great need to attract and keep new members. The sooner we get doing this, the better off we will be.

We also need to get going on improving club meetings. (See photo on page 21 to see what one club is doing to enliven its meetings.)

SHARING WITH OTHERS

As I have said so many times in the past, the need to exhibit is crucial if we are to see any show's continued existence. There is also a great way to interest others in the hobby.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your cooperation and support for the last few years.

CONGRATULATIONS

I wish John J. Nunes the best and hope that you will cooperate with him as you have cooperated with me.

President Lou

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[*Editor's note:* Louis T. Call became president of the Federation in October 1996, succeeding William Apel. He is a Federation-accredited judge. He is also a life member of the Empire State Postal History Society.]

GOING POSTAL ... HISTORY

For those interested in postal history, the Internet has greatly expanded their horizons. In fleshing out John J. Nune's history of the Blizzard Post local of 1888, the Web turned up some invaluable additional information, as well as the illustration from an auction by Robert A. Siegel.

As have noted before, the Empire State Postal History Society has its own site — [WWW.ESPHS.ORG](http://www.ESPHS.ORG), as does the American Air Mail Society — WWW.AMERICANAIRMAILSOCIETY.ORG.

Here are some further sites that postal historians may care to visit:

WWW.USPCS.ORG — The U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, Inc. offers well researched information and extensive illustrations from the stampless period through the bank note period, including postmasters' provisionals; carriers, locals, and independent mails; and officials. The site is worth visiting, if for no other reason than enjoying the magnificent designs of the period in full color.

WWW.NYSTAMP.ORG — The New York Chapter of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society has its own site as well. While it is not as extensive and well presented as the site of its parent organization, there is much more than meets the eye, including a series of articles by the late Calvet M. Hahn, who has served as the chapter's president until his death earlier this year. Unfortunately, a number of the illustrations are in black and white.

WWW.PENNYPOST.ORG — The Carriers and Locals Society's site is similar in execution to that of the ESPHS. While it is a bit thin in content, it does offer an online auction, offering items that usually are unavailable from other auctions. The site is particularly easy to navigate.

WWW.PHILATELICFOUNDATION.ORG — The Philatelic Foundation's site is not extensive, but does give insight to the expertization process, as well as allowing visitors to download an application form. Under the publications section are several articles analyzing the expertization process for specific items.

[HTTP://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/NJPOSTALHISTORY/PHSINDEX.HTM](http://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/NJPOSTALHISTORY/PHSINDEX.HTM) — The New Jersey Postal History Society offers fairly comprehensive indexing to recent journals and publications, but no articles other than a sample of *The NJPH Journal*.

WASHINGTON 2006 WEB SITE

Be sure to bookmark the Web site of the Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition — WWW.WASHINGTON-2006.ORG. Nearly everything one needs to know about the upcoming event can be found here. Of particular value for such a large site is an index with hyperlinks to desired information. Thomas M. Fortunato of the Rochester Philatelic Association is heading the Media Communications Committee.

Battle of Newtown Cover Planned

Elmira Stamp Club will sponsor a commemorative envelope and special cancel for Lowman, New York, as part of the events planned by the Chemung Valley Living History Center to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Sullivan–Clinton Campaign during the American Revolution. The decisive battle of the campaign, the Battle of Newtown, took place near Lowman on Aug. 29, 1779.

Present plans call for the club to have a table for sale of its commemorative cover and to assist the Lowman Post Office with the special cancel at the reenactment of the Battle of Newtown scheduled for Aug. 29, 2004. The cancel will be available for 30 days after the event through the Lowman post office.

The Living History Center will commemorate the event from Aug. 27 to 29 at Newtown Battlefield Reservation, the only Revolutionary War battlefield in western New York.

In 1779, the Continental Army was engaged in battle with the British Regulars, Loyalist Rangers, and 1000 Iroquois Indian warriors. The Battle of Newtown was one of the largest offensive campaigns of the American Revolution, the Sullivan/Clinton Campaign and

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The 1888 Blizzard Mail Local

By John J. Nunes

March 12, 1888, was a day to be remembered in New York City area and by U.S. local collectors. It was the day the blizzard of '88 paralyzed the city and its suburbs were tied up. It was a day when a new local stamp, the Bayonne blizzard stamp, emerged.

The storm lasted for four days and brought the city to a standstill for a week. From March 12 to 16, the postmaster of Bayonne New Jersey, Mr. Munn, sent or received very little mail. Bayonne is a stone's throw from New York City, just across the Hudson River adjacent to Staten Island, and an important point of river, rail, and road traffic and commerce.



Two enterprising individuals, Dr. W. H. Mitchell and a drug clerk named Mr. A. W. Steward determined that important mail should get through to New York City. Each morning of the storm starting with the 12th, they sent a special messenger with mail on the steamer Chancellor. This ship belonged to the Central Railroad of New Jersey and traveled from Bergen Point to Bayonne and onward to New York City.

500 LETTERS POSTED

Five hundred letters were posted in four days. Many of the covers contained manuscripts that were composed by newspaper reporters in Bayonne for their respective New York City newspapers.

The two enterprising men also created a special stamp to be used for this occasion. It was used on the 500 covers. Ken deLisle and Bob Harris' actions almost a decade later during the mail strike in Albany bear a close resemblance to this mail curtailment situation and the actions undertaken to get mail to its intended business destinations along with the use of a *special occasion stamp*.

The Bayonne blizzard stamp was placed on the cover along with the required two-cent government stamp and indicated prepayment over the special route established by Mitchell and Steward for the emergency. The covers were delivered to the New York City Post Office and to the newspaper offices located in the vicinity of Park Row. The New York World newspaper noted this type of mail in its March 14, 1888 edition. Normal cancellations of the period are found on existing covers.

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1888 Blizzard Mail Local — Continued from Page 10

The stamp was printed by typeset, in black on crème white quadrilled paper. The vignette is the coat of arms of New Jersey. The initials “N.Y.P.O.” are located below the vignette while “Blizzard Mail To” is located above the vignette. The vignette is bracketed by “FIVE” on the left and “CENTS” on the right.

Quadrille paper has prominent raised wires creating squares or rectangles. According to the late Calvet M. Hahn, “Both it and batonné paper occasionally have been used for stamps, but except for the 1888 quadrilled Bayonne blizzard local, are not found in U.S. stamp production. The quadrilled album page familiar to collectors is not made from quadrilled paper; rather the quadrille is printed onto the paper.”

The local stamps were printed one at a time and several errors are known, according to Henry C. Needham, a well-known philatelist of the last century. He outlined the facts I’ve written about in this article in a cover story in *Postal Markings* of March 1934.

Do you have one of these stamps or covers?

I am interested if you do, as I have neither.

An unused copy of the local was sold in Robert A. Siegel’s June 2000 auction. It realized \$7,500, far exceeding the estimate of \$1,000 to \$1,500. A similar local realized \$1,100 in an auction a few years earlier.

THE GREAT WHITE HURRICANE

The blizzard of 1888, the most famous snowstorm in American history, has an almost legendary status. Its combination of inclement conditions have been unmatched for more than a century, although there have been heavier snowfalls and significantly lower temperatures.

The *Great White Hurricane*, as it was called, paralyzed the east coast from the Chesapeake Bay to Maine. Telegraph and telephone wires snapped, isolating New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington for days. Two hundred ships were grounded, and at least 100 seamen died. Fire stations were immobilized, and property loss from fire alone was estimated at \$25 million. Overall, more than 400 deaths were reported.

The days leading up to the blizzard were unseasonably mild, with temperatures in the 40s and 50s along the east coast. Torrential rains began falling, and on March 12 the rain changed to heavy snow, temperatures plunged, and a ferocious wind began. The storm continued unabated for the next 36 hours. Sources vary, but the National Weather service estimated that 50 inches of snow fell in Connecticut and Massachusetts and 40 inches covered New York and New Jersey. Winds blew up to 48 miles an hour, creating snowdrifts 40 to 50 feet high. The resulting transportation crisis led to the creation of the New York subway, approved in 1894 and begun in 1900.

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Robert C. Stein won the grand award for *Nauru: German Colonial and British Overprint Periods*. He will represent *ROPEX* at *APS' StampShow 2004* in Sacramento, CA, Aug. 12–15. Reserve Grand — Second Best in Show was awarded to Fred Fawn: *Canada's Large Queens 1868–1896*.

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GOLD — Stephen L. Suffet*: *Woody Guthrie: His Life and His Songs*; Thomas M. Fortunato*: *The Diversity of Ceramics and Ceramic Materials*; Alfred F. Kugel: *The Expansion of Serbia 1876-1921*; Fred Fawn: *Canada's Large Queens 1868–1896*; Fred Dietz: *Canada's Semi-Official Air Mail Carriers*; Robert C. Stein: *Nauru: German Colonial and British Overprint Periods*; John M. Hotchner*: *20th Century United States Auxiliary Markings Documenting Delay Of, Or Inability to Deliver, The Mail; The First Fifty Years*; Thomas F. Allen: *Cleveland (to 1868)*; Robert G. Rose: *NJ Stampless Covers: Handstamp Marcophily, 1775–1855*; and Paul G. Abajian: *U.S. Classic Issues 1845–1888: A Selection of Vermont Usages*.

VERMEIL — Paul G. Abajian: *Machine Cancels of Vermont, 1897–1940*; Nancy and Douglas Clark*: *Free Markings in Maine: Stampless Period*; and *Maine Stampless Period Forwarded Mail*; Douglas Irwin: *Postal Beginnings at Niagara Falls 1825–1925*; Duncan Barber*: *Great Britain: Elizabethan Pre-Decimal Civilian Postal Rates 1952 May 01 to 1971 February 14*; R. W. Paige: *Great Britain: One Penny Line Engraved: Die 1 1840–1855*; Mark Reasoner: *Knox County (Ohio) Postal History*; Alvaro Pacheco: *The Pre-Philatelic Postmarks of Chile*; John Russell: *New Bedford, Massachusetts: The Custom House Years*; Glenn A. Estus: *III Winter Olympic Games*; Daniel A. Brouillette: *Postal History of New York City in the 19th Century*; and Nathan Zankel: *New Brunswick, New Jersey Postal History*.

SILVER — Raymond M. Stone*: *5 cent Circus Wagon: Syracuse's Transportation Coil*; Matthew E. Liebson: *The Ohio Mails: 1803–1953*; Alice Johnson *: *Figure Skating and A Multitude of Angels*; Tom Mahon: *Postal History of Paulding County, Ohio*; Napoleon: *Free Belgium: Postal Service in Unoccupied Belgium, 1914–1920*; Mark. A. Butterline: *Falkland Islands Postal History: The 1982 War and its Aftermath*; Karen Barber*: *Hradcany "Glitches" 1918–1920: A Different Look*; Raymond M. Stone*: *5.9 cent Bicycle*; Len Kemper: *Ohio City Ohio, Manuscript and Handstamp Markings, Stampless Period*; Alan Parsons*: *Corning, New York Postal History*; and Martin Margulis: *19th Century Mail to, from, and through New York City*.

SINGLE FRAME CLASS

PLATINUM — MaryAnn Bowman: *The Mafeking Blues*.

GOLD — Thomas F. Allen: *Ohio City*; Stephen L. Suffet*: *United States of America: Evolution of the Nonprofit Bulk Rate*; Jack Rosenstein*: *New Zealand — Two Pence Blue Chalon*; Ellen N. Rose: *Utica New York's Stampless Handstamp Markings*.

VERMEIL — Chip Gliedman: *The Heyday of Phonography — 1850–1900*; Walter J. Orton III*: *U.S. Documentary Battleship Revenues of 1898 with Preprinted Railroad Cancellations*; Mark. A. Butterline: *Pitcairn Islands First Definitive Series Postal History: Usages & Rates 1940–1957*.

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SILVER — Nancy and Douglas Clark*: *P. H. Brennan Hand Delivery Service 1976–1978*; Charles Adrion: *Precancels Seen on Scott's #415*; Ada M. Prill*: *Uh-Oh - Mistakes in U.S. Auxiliary Markings*; and William J. Hart: *New York State RFD Hand Cancels*.

YOUTH CLASS

VERMEIL — Dzintars Grinfelds: *Central Lithuania*.

SILVER — Dzintars Grinfelds: *Finally! An Explanation of Pokemon*; and Maria Hoffman: *Birds On Stamps — The Struggle for Survival*.

ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

LARRY R. MORIARTY SR. MEMORIAL AWARD — Excellence in a Single Frame Exhibit Not Winning the Grand or Reserve Grand to MaryAnn Bowman: *The Mafeking Blues*. **ANDY HALE AWARD** — Excellence in a Non-Postal History Exhibit by an RPA Member to *Thomas M. Fortunato**: *The Diversity of Ceramics and Ceramic Materials*. **DUSTY MILLER AWARD** — Excellence in a Postal History Exhibit by an RPA Member to John M. Hotchner* - *20th Century United States Auxiliary Markings Documenting Delay Of, Or Inability to Deliver, The Mail; The First Fifty Years*.

A full list of the awards may be found on the *ROPEX 2004* Web site:

WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/RPASTAMPS/ROPEX.HTML



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Federation Elects New Officers

New officers elected at the Federation's June 13 annual meeting at the Beeches Restaurant in Rome are: John J. Nunes, president; Stephen Gray, treasurer; Patrick Rourk, Northern vice president; Albert Guenzburger, Southern vice president; Heather Sweeting, Central vice president; Maris Tirums, Eastern vice president; Ernest Lewis, Southeastern vice president; William Biddle, Northwestern vice president; and Howard Schlieder, Southwestern vice president. The position of Junior Affairs vice president remains open.

John A. Cali is secretary *pro tem* until the president reappoints him or a successor.

The delegates discussed two amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws proposed by Joseph Christofaro, Nominating Committee chairman. The delegates voted 11–1 to send them to member clubs for review, before a vote at the Oct. 10 meeting at the Turning Stone Casino and Resort in Verona.

PROPOSITION 1 — That the position of secretary be split into two positions — recording secretary, which will remain an appointed position and whose duties will be to take and report official minutes at each meeting, and that of an elected corresponding secretary whose duties will be to represent the organization on all administrative matters at the direction of the Executive Committee and president.

PROPOSITION 2 — That an honorary position of President Emeritus be developed and approved and that said position shall be awarded at the discretion of the Executive Committee if and when it believes a member deserves such distinction. There shall be no more than one President Emeritus at any given time and that person shall keep the designation for the remainder of his or her life unless the Executive Committee takes official action to retract it.

Among the many other issues that will be on the agenda of the fall meeting are incorporation and name change amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and a budget for the archives at the Rome Historical Society. Also under consideration are a dedicated Federation Web site, cover production for continued revenue, and another grant challenge to clubs and individuals to donate to us to keep both the Federation and *STAMP INSIDER* solvent.

Amending the 1988 incorporation papers and gaining federal incorporation status is necessary to allow donors to take income tax deductions. This, along with gaining sales tax exemption, would maximize new revenues and existing assets.

Also to be proposed at the fall meeting will changing the Federation's name as it now is largely a statewide organization, covering everything but the greater New York City area and Long Island, which were purposely left out of our jurisdiction. Some of the names under consideration are the New York Philatelic Federation, Empire State Philatelic Federation, and Federation of New York Stamp Clubs. We encourage others to submit names that would also be workable.

— John A. Cali



Trailing Lewis & Clark

Finger Lakes Stamp Club member Bob LaBelle of Baldwinsville captured this scene during his visit in May to first day of issue ceremonies for the Lewis & Clark stamps at Hartford, Illinois, and St. Charles, Missouri. It depicts replicas of boats manned by a Corps of Discovery crew in period costume as they might have appeared at the time of departure on the expedition up the Missouri River and beyond 200 years ago.

— Jim Darnell

Wiley Produces Postal History CD-ROM

Gerald F. Wiley, a long-time member of the Empire State Postal History Society, has produced a CD-ROM entitled *New York State Postal History*.

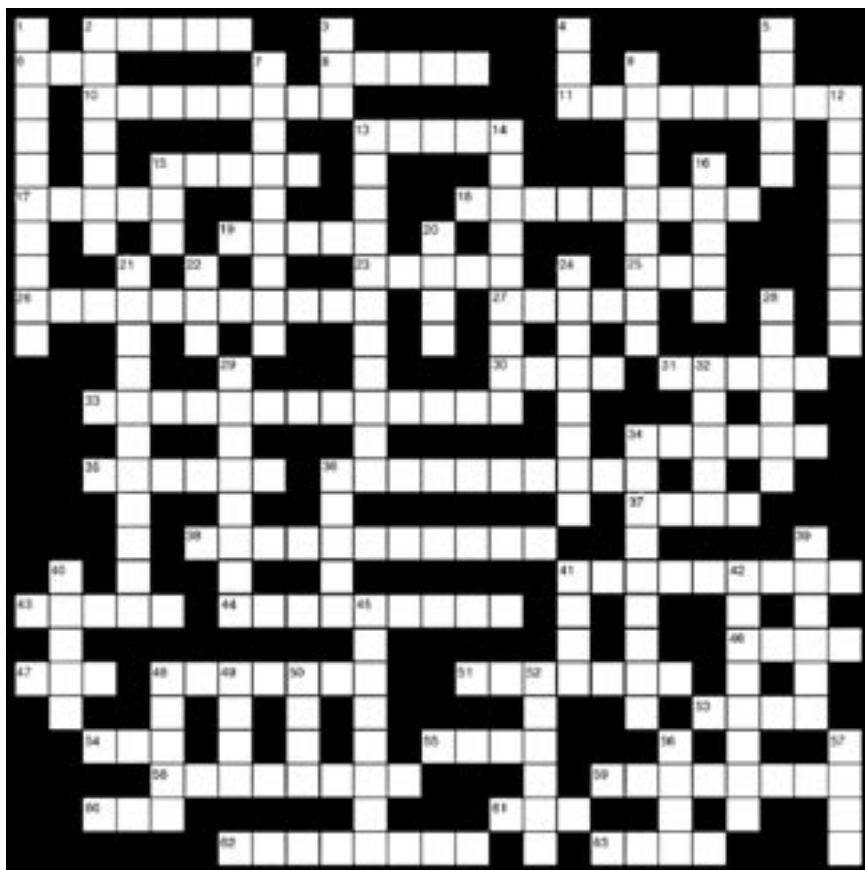
There are 782 items from his collection shown on the disc organized into 26 files, one for each New York county represented in the collection. Gerry collects “all northeastern counties” and this is evident from the number of images in the files for Jefferson — 280, St. Lawrence — 147, Franklin — 64, Essex — 61, and Lewis — 49. Fourteen other counties are represented by fewer than 10 items each. However, the disc continually is being updated.

In addition to covers, the disc depicts postcards, maps, interesting enclosures, pictures of post offices, and at least one photograph of a mail boat.

Cost is \$2.50, which includes for postage, padded mailer, and CD-ROM. Wiley’s mailing address is 921 Mill St., Watertown, NY 13601-1505; phone 315-782-1588; e-mail — gwiley@northernfcu.net.

Stamp Speak

By Albert W. Starkweather



Across

2. Stamp handlers
6. Roswell sight
8. USPS predecessor
10. A sign of used postage
11. One of a roll
13. Wedding companion
15. Intact letter carrier
17. Friar's Club event
18. Postal clerk time saver?
19. Offensive smile
23. Drain
25. Receptacle for ashes
26. Requiring scissors
27. Type of therapy
30. Early diesel switch locomotive
31. Like a waffle?
33. Not definitive
34. First day cover feature
35. Coated with phosphor

36. Everyday postage
37. Bene predecessor
38. Longest running British stamps
41. Stamp modifier
43. Hinge alternative
44. Not eye to eye
46. Not mint
47. Hairy ox
48. Speedy delivery method
51. Printers' "signature"
53. Estimate weight
54. Israeli stamp feature
55. Shakespearean king
58. Never mounted
59. Three for one?
60. Overseas airmail designation
61. Zone successor
62. Central image
63. Plaster companion

Down

1. Farley's follies feature
2. Specialized collection
3. Diving sea bird
4. Common acronym for new stamp souvenir
5. Respond to an action
7. Hidden I.D.
9. Like Canadian stamps
12. "Wish you were here" item
13. Portable small block
14. A change in valuation
15. Characteristic of some Third World stamps
16. Plane on first U.S. airmails
20. Two of a kind
21. Stamp divider
22. Acronym for goof ups
24. Homebody mail

28. Stamp assassin
29. Joined, but not equal
32. Retouched plate
34. Desirable stamp trait
36. Tee off
39. Two-color printing error
40. Mail staying close to home
41. Famous tentmaker
42. Revenue stamp separator
45. "Animal" cancellation
48. Stamp repository
49. Conservative commentator Limbaugh
50. Prayer ender
52. Stamp theft deterrent
56. Fresh stamp
57. Result of peeling?

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Kiloware Scramble



— Bob LaBelle Photo

Finders Keepers ... !

Finger Lakes Stamp Club members search a large stamp mixture for *treasure* in their annual *Kiloware Scramble* on May 12 at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva. Such programs ensure good attendance at meetings, as well as continued interest in club activities.



ELMIRA STAMP CLUB

Meets at Bath National Bank Community Room, North Main and First streets, Elmira (use rear entrance). Doors open at 7 p.m., meeting at 8. Stamp circuit available.

BATTLE OF NEWTOWN COVER PLANNED

The club will sponsor a commemorative envelope and special cancel to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign during the American Revolution. (See details on Page 9)

PROGRAMS

July 20 —Auction

Aug. 17 —Slide program, *More In Violation of the Rules*

Aug. 29 — Club table at Battle of Newtown reenactment

STEPEX EXHIBITS NEEDED

Summer is here. If you haven't done so already, please take the time to do an exhibit for *STEPEX '04*, the club's annual show at the Arnot Mall, to be held Oct. 22–23 this year. Exhibiting information sheets and entry forms are available at club meetings or from Al Parsons, 809 Holley Road, Elmira, NY 14905, phone 607-732-0181, e-mail alatholleyrd@aol.com. Exhibits can be from one-frame to five 16-page frames.

MEETING NOTES

APRIL

We discovered the Bath National Bank Community Room was being redecorated and the room was devoid of tables, our storage/library cabinet had been moved to the outer hallway, and there were not enough chairs for the 23 people in attendance. President Breed reported on club participation in a one-day stamp camp for youth at Mansfield University April 3 run by club member and StampCampUSA coordinator Cheryl Edgcomb. He was the auctioneer for the camp, and Al Parsons judged exhibits and assisted in the awards presentation.

Ted Imhoff described a recent auction experience where he had won 42 lots but had to return 14 on account of misdescription or bad certificates. The meeting concluded with Mike Breed showing the APS slide program *The Doctoring of Postage Stamps — Philatelists Beware!*

MAY

Although it was an auction night, only 17 attended the meeting. The tables and chairs were back in the meeting room, but our storage/library cabinet remained in the hallway.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Alan Parsons

Eleven members and one guest were present for the annual meeting in Canastota May 2, barely enough for a quorum. Fortunately we were able to conduct the necessary business to wind up the fiscal year ending April 30 and get a solid start on the new fiscal year starting May 1.

EXCELLENT FINANCIAL HEALTH

Our financial health is excellent, thanks to John Lange's prudent management of our funds and careful control of our expenses. John was elected to a new two-year term as secretary-treasurer at the meeting, and deserves our heartfelt thanks for all he does for the society. Likewise deserving of thanks are the three directors with terms expiring at the meeting but willing to serve new three-year terms: John Cali, John Nunes, and Drew Nicholson. Each was duly elected to a term expiring in 2007.

Thanks also to Joe Rowbottom, our vice president, for making the arrangements for the meeting at Graziano's Casa Mia, to Gerald Wiley for the copies of his CD-ROM given to those in attendance, to Bill Hart and Joe Christofaro for bringing covers and postcards to sell at the meeting, and to Elwyn Doubleday for sending his New York stamped covers to sell even though he couldn't attend in person (he donated 10 percent of his sale proceeds to the society in appreciation for the free transportation his three cover boxes received; his donation came to \$11).

PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES

At the start of the meeting, I spoke about the need for members to take advantage of opportunities to promote the Society and recruit new members. I asked that each member take a supply of our membership brochures to local club meetings, shows and bourses. These brochures are available from myself and from John Lange whose address is at the top of this page. My address is 809 Holley Road, Elmira, NY 14905, and my phone number is 607-732-0181.

In an e-mail I received from our Web master, Glenn Estus, on May 11, he told me we had received "about 125 hits on the initial ESPHS Web page" — www.esphs.org — since the article about our competition at ROPEX appeared in *Linn's Stamp News* May 10 issue with our Web address included.



FINGER LAKES STAMP CLUB

Meetings at Geneva

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THE STAMPS OF BELGIUM

On May 12, at only his third meeting as a member, Donald Grover, who specializes in Belgian stamps, gave a very interesting presentation on the *Stamps of Belgium*, with an emphasis on how to identify the numerous errors that have occurred in many early issues.

LEWIS AND CLARK CACHET SALES SUCCESSFUL

We have been very successful with our recent Lewis and Clark cachets, selling nearly 500 of them. We also offered a cachet for the WWII Veterans Memorial stamp in May.

CONSTELLATION FIRST DAY COVER OFFERED

We will be producing a first-day-of-issue cachet for the Constellation stamp in June. It sells for \$2. To order, send a SASE and payment to: Finger Lakes Stamp Club, c/o Gil Lewis, 502 Route 88 South, Newark, NY 14513.

FIRST DAY CEREMONY REPORT

At our June 9 meeting, Bob LaBelle of Baldwinsville gave a report on his trip west where, on May 14th, he attended the Lewis and Clark First Day of Issue ceremonies at Hartford, Illinois, and St. Charles, Missouri. Bob had previously sent two of our club's First Day Covers to each club member from Hartford, IL. Bob also hit the road again in June, traveling to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, for the opening ceremonies and dedication of the new American Philatelic Center.

MEETING ATTENDANCE AT A HIGH LEVEL

Our meeting attendance, which has increased significantly over last year, has maintained its high level throughout the spring. We have recently added two new members, Don Morgan of Lyons and Donald Grover of Fairport.

ANNUAL PICNIC ENDS SEASON

Before our summer hiatus, club members enjoyed our annual club picnic hosted by John and Ginny Bourke. After feasting, we bid away at a White Elephant Auction, the proceeds from which enrich the club treasury. We all look forward to resumption of our regular meetings in September. The club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Sawdust Cafe at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva.



FORT ORANGE STAMP CLUB

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Rick Harringer, Second Vice President
Maris Tirums, Secretary — Ray Coco, Treasurer
fortorange@hotmail.com

END OF YEAR BANQUET

The annual end-of-year banquet was held on May 25 at the University Club at 141 Washington Avenue.

The year-end tradition of having the outgoing president compose a poem about the year was monumental. Dr. Joseph Y. Rudnick gave the shortest poem on record. He said with great bravado:

“It was fun and it’s all done.”

Ray Coco did his best with terrible computer jokes and his usual good humor.

NEW OFFICERS

The officers for the upcoming year are: Don Van Hosen, president; George McGowan, first vice president; Rick Harringer, second vice president; Maris Tirums, secretary; Ray Coco; treasurer; and Jack Haefeli, John J. Nunes, and Vicky Miller, directors.

MEETING LOCATION

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Bethany Reformed Church Community Center, 760 New Scotland Avenue, Albany.

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One- to three-page exhibits were hung on the wall by Marlin Stewart, Harold vonHagn, Bob Barron, Judy Stewart, Al Parsons, and Ron Cary, and each exhibitor spoke about his/her exhibit. Ted Imhoff briefly reviewed and then presented to the club library a copy of *The Mekeel's Reference Manual* he had purchased while in Florida. Don Dolan promoted the Super Auction in November, noting that while in previous years the threshold lot value had been \$3, this year it would be \$5.

He and Mike Breed then proceeded to call 39 lots consigned to the night's auction, only 10 of which found a buyer. Out of the lots sold (grossing \$40.50), two were club lots (part of the Sherman donation) selling for \$16. The club's commission on the remaining lots came to \$2.50, thus making a total of \$18.50 added to the club treasury. Assisting the auctioneers during the auction were Alex McLeod, Marlin Stewart and Judy Stewart.



FT. STANWIX STAMP CLUB, INC. OF ROME, NEW YORK

*Steven Stawiarz, President — Joseph Occhipinti, Vice President
Joe Christofaro, Secretary — Lavinia Tilton, Treasurer*

CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The club's newly elected officers are Steven Stawiarz, president; Joseph Occhipinti, vice president; Lavinia Tilton, treasurer; and Joseph Christofaro, secretary.

TWO COVERS PLANNED

We will again have a Fort Stanwix Day cacheted cover and cancel this year. We are also planning a final day of use cachet and cover for the Griffiss Air Force Base cancel that has continued to be in use even after the base closure was finalized in 1995. The two show cachets and special cancellation are completed and have been approved.

ANNUAL PICNIC

The club had its annual meeting/picnic today at Joseph Christofaro's house and all 34 members and guests had a very nice, relaxing day.

FRANCIS BELLAMY STAMP PROPOSAL

In cooperation with the City of Rome, the club is working to have Francis Bellamy, author of the Pledge of Allegiance, honored on a postage stamp. More details of the proposal will be in the September/October issue of the Stamp Insider. The Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee has previously rejected a similar proposal.

Bellamy was born in Mount Morris, where his father, David Bellamy, was a Baptist pastor. In 1859, the elder Bellamy accepted a call at the First Baptist Church in Rome.

Francis was graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1872. The following year, he entered the University of Rochester. After graduation in 1876, Bellamy entered the Rochester Theological Seminary and began his ministry at the Baptist Church of Little Falls.

In 1885, Francis left Little Falls for the Dearborn Street Church in Boston. He wrote the pledge in Boston for the *Youth's Companion* magazine.

In 1915, he joined the Erickson Advertising Agency, in New York City, where he was an account executive and copywriter. He resigned in 1921 and moved the following year to Tampa, Florida, working at Tampa Gas and Tampa Electric. He died on Aug. 28, 1931, at the age of 76. He was buried in the Rome Cemetery, with the words of his Pledge of Allegiance inscribed on his grave marker.

FULTON STAMP CLUB

P.O. Box 401
Fulton, NY 13069

*Tom Schneider, President — Norman Merrill, Vice President
John A. Cali, Secretary — Penny Schneider, Treasurer*



LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

The Fulton Stamp Club does not meet during the months of July and August. However, that is not to say planning for future activities does not continue. We must always keep on top of our Fall activities through such planning in at least the month of August.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION?

There are always one celebration or another. Our founding can be viewed as being either in 1978 or 1979. If 1979, then it would be best if we looked at this as our 25th anniversary. If correct, then this will become a fall project.

According to the Federation's Web site, the Fulton Stamp Club was formed January 17, 1979. The first formal meeting took place January 31, 1979 at the Fulton Municipal Building on South First Street with eight members present.

It was on June 10, 1979 that the Fulton Stamp Club was officially voted into the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies. Application was made in July of that year to become a chapter of APS.

On September 19–20, 1981, the Fulton Stamp Club held its first exhibition with a special show cancel to honor the 100th anniversary of the American Red Cross and Dr. Mary Walker. We have had other shows since.

The club first met twice a month but has since gone to monthly meetings. Locations have also changed. We met at the Fulton Public Library after our lengthy stay at the Fulton Municipal Building. We now conduct our meetings in the Hughes Building (formerly the State Street School) on 314 Park Street.

ARC COVER CLUB DESIGNING COVERS

In the meantime, President Tom Schneider has the ARC Cover Club — a cover and stamp group — that he assists with in his employment. They design covers and are members of the Art Cover Exchange. It is expected that there are plenty of cover projects presenting themselves during this summer.

MEETINGS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

The Fulton Stamp Club will resume its meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday at in the Hughes Building on 314 Pratt Street, Fulton. The next meeting will be on Sept. 22.



LEATHERSTOCKING STAMP CLUB

*The club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday
of each month at 28 Pioneer Street*

*Bill Samuelson, President — Bill Highfield, Vice President
Peter Craig, Treasurer — Albert Keck, Youth Program*

*Ellen Tillapaugh, Newsletter Editor; e-mail: kuchtill@capital.net
Correspondence — 28 Pioneer St., Cooperstown, NY 13326*

CLUB DONATES TO HOSPICE

The Leatherstocking Stamp met on May 4 with five members present.

Peter Craig presented the treasurer's report. We have a current balance of \$970.98. He noted that Helen Orlando had sent a thank you note for the \$25 donation that the club sent to Hospice.

PHILATELIC TREASURE

After the business meeting adjourned, the members presented interesting Philatelic Treasure from their collection.

Peter Craig had a 1919 Latvia stamp, printed when that country was newly independent from Russia and experiencing a paper shortage. The stamp was printed on bank note paper, and had currency printing on its reverse.

Carl Johansen had brought along one of his cover finds from the Central Mutual Insurance Company. This particular cover had a flag stamp image, which had been cut out from the cover of a booklet and glued, to the envelope. It had successfully passed through the mail stream.

Linda Carkees provided information on an early Canadian cover, and Bill Highfield passed around his U.S. Love Stamp pages.

Bill Samuelson presented his work in progress, pages documenting the watermarking and plating of the one-cent Victoria stamp.

COLLECTING INTERESTS

Member collecting interests will be published in the November newsletter.

PROGRAMS

July 6 — *British Coronation Stamps* by Ellen Tillapaugh

Aug. 3 — *The 1939 Baseball Stamp* by Dr. Roger MacMillan

Sept. 7 — *Induction Day Covers* by Albert Keck

Oct. 5 — *Carl's 10 Most Unique Covers* and *The Belgian Congo* by Carl Johansen

Nov. 2 — Club auction

OSWEGO STAMP CLUB

The club meets the fourth Monday at 6 p.m. at Faith Heritage Church, 12 Fitzgibbons Drive

*Leigh LeClair, President — Matt Roy, Vice President
John A. Cali, Secretary — Matt Roy, Treasurer*



CLUB MEMBER DESIGNS PICTORIAL CANCELLATIONS

The Oswego Stamp Club has announced that two different pictorial cancellations will be available this summer in Oswego County.

CHARLES SWEETING MEMORIAL

The first pictorial cancellation will be available at the Oswego County Fairgrounds, Sandy Creek, New York, on July 3 in the Heritage building. The cancellation was designed to honor the late Charles Sweeting who served as Minetto Town Historian and was an avid New York postal historian for more than 60 years.

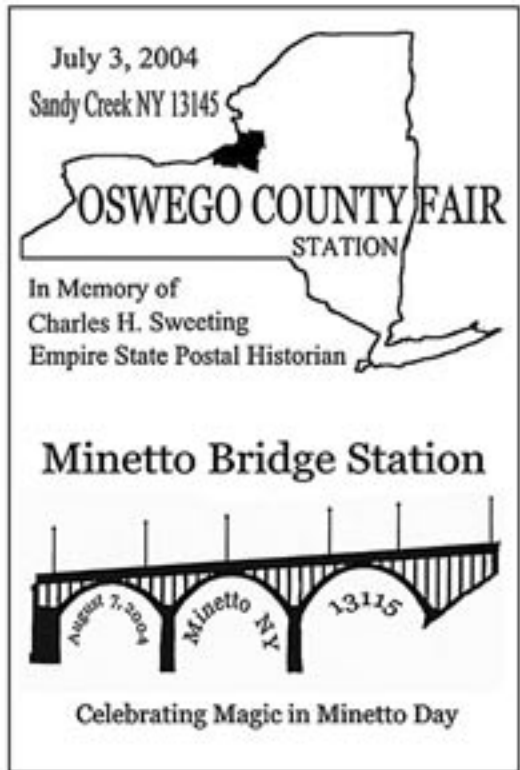
For the last four years Charlie designed pictorial cancellations and set up an old time post office exhibit at the fairgrounds in conjunction with the other county historians.

MAGIC IN MINETTO DAY

The second pictorial cancellation will occur in the Oswego County Town of Minetto on Aug. 7. The “Magic in Minetto” celebration will include local history displays, food, and live musical entertainment.

This cancel is believed to be the first ever-pictorial cancellation from the Town of Minetto. Color cachet covers featuring Minetto landmarks such as the Bridge and Columbia Mills will be available.

Club member Heather Sweeting, who recently was elected the Federation’s Central vice president, designed both pictorial cancellations.





ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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*<http://www.geocities.com/rpastamps>
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RPA CONDUCTS ELECTION

The RPA conducted its annual election on June 10.

Re-elected were Paul Gerwitz, president; Mark Hull, vice president; Joe Doles, corresponding secretary; and Rich Spinelli, treasurer.

Dave Marcus was elected recording secretary to replace Tom Fortunato, who is putting aside many other duties to devote his time as Media Communications Committee chair for the 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition in Washington, DC.

Ray Stone was elected to succeed John A. Cali on the Board of Directors.



A Kid in a Candy Shop

That's Rick Kase among the various kinds of candy sold at the New England Confectionery Company (Necco) company store in Revere, MA. The factory was the site of the first day ceremony for the 2004 "I Love You" Valentine stamps issued Jan. 14. Rick and Lisa Doiran took the hop along the frigid thruway to the Boston suburb to cancel items large and small with the new stamp. The Necco is the oldest multi-line candy company in the United States, founded in 1847, another year well known with stamp collectors!

SCHENECTADY STAMP CLUB

*Meets first and third Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
at Union Presbyterian Church, 1068 Park Ave.*



NEW OFFICERS

The officers for the upcoming year 2004–2005 are Michael Mellnick, president; Steve Gray, secretary, Dr. John J. Nunes, treasurer; Ron Ratchford, historian; and Dr. Joseph Y. Rudnick, librarian.

PICNIC RESCHEDULED

The Tri-Club Picnic, in cooperation with the Fort Orange Stamp Club, Uncle Sam Stamp Club, and the Women's Seal Club, originally scheduled for July 11 has been rescheduled to Aug. 22. The will take place at the home of Phil Hicks, an Uncle Sam Stamp Club member and officer.

The location is in the hinterlands of Schoharie County at #159 Toles Hollow Road, off of County Route 20. Call 607-588-6412 to confirm attendance, get directions from I-787 south or I-88 south and to tell Phil what "dish to pass" you are bringing.

The Schenectady Stamp Club will host the Annual Auction. All attendees are encouraged to bring lots for the auction. This is the last time at Phil's as he is moving to New Jersey.

SPICE OF PHILATELY

Our last club meeting of the 2003–2004 season, which took place on May 3, was a successful one. Dr. Joseph Y. Rudnick presented a show on the *Spice of Philately*.

This talk pointed out a variety of tiny errors or freaks on worldwide stamps. These are commonly referred to as flyspecks. A good time was had by all.

Stamp Insider Deadlines Reminder

All copy — editorial and advertising — is due on the first of the month prior to the date of publication.

Please note the July–August issue is a permanent addition!

SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2004	-----	AUGUST 1, 2004
NOVEMBER–DECEMBER 2004	-----	OCTOBER 1, 2004
JANUARY–FEBRUARY 2005	-----	DECEMBER 1, 2004
MARCH–APRIL 2005	-----	FEBRUARY 1, 2005
MAY–JUNE 2005	-----	APRIL 1, 2005
JULY–AUGUST 2005	-----	JUNE 1, 2005

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SYRACUSE STAMP CLUB

*Meetings are held at 8 p.m.
on the first and third Fridays*

CLUB COVER TO HONOR SYRACUSE ZOO

The Syracuse Stamp Club will be producing a cover to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Syracuse Zoo this summer. The recent Reptile Stamps will be used for this cover.

ORIENTATION PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTED

The pamphlet for 2004 was distributed to members at the March 16 meeting. If you have not gotten your pamphlet yet, come to a meeting and ask for one. All the current operational data for the club is contained within it.

PROGRAMS

July 2 — Stamp Quiz by Jim Steele — prizes and pizza & soda

July 16 — *Everyone a Dealer Night*

July 30 — Auction

Aug. 6 — *The Letter "C"* — Bring an item and talk about it

Aug. 20 — Auction

Sept. 3 — *Swap and shop* with pizza and soda

Enjoy the beautiful weather this time of year, but keep stamping.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Correspondence should be sent to:

President Lynn Goodfellow. P.O. Box 3436, Syracuse, NY 13220.



Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies, Inc. 2004 Fall Meeting

*October 10 — Turning Stone Casino & Resort
5218 Patrick Road, Verona, New York*

Time TBA. Business meeting — Vote on Amendments

Each club may send two delegates.

Contact John A. Cali, Secretary

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TRI-COUNTY STAMP CLUB

*Sidney, New York 13838
Meetings at Sidney Civic Center*

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END OF YEAR MEETING

The Tri County Stamp Club will enjoy its end of the year club meeting at the Sidney Golf and Country Club and will then commence its new year with its September meeting the third Monday of that month at the Sidney Civic Center. Any summer questions can be addressed to Al Guenzburger.

COMMITTEE PLANNING NEW SEASON

The program committee will be meeting to put together an interesting philatelic year for its membership.

NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT

The club is still looking for new members to bolster the membership base. Bob Finnegan, the club treasurer made payment to the Civic Center for the use of the room during the past year.

Members should be receiving their club newsletter the first two weeks in September.

A LITTLE HISTORY

The Tri-County Stamp covers the areas of Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego counties.

The Sidney stamp collectors met at the office of Attorney W. H. Phelps in early September, 1934 and organized the Sidney Stamp Club. The officers were Jack Haag, president; W. H. Phelps, vice president; and Benjamin Ellis, secretary and treasurer.

On Jan. 7, 1947 the club was reorganized as the Tri-County Stamp Club and has been in operation ever since.

The club joined the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies on May 23, 1949 and many club members have served as officers of the Federation since then.

The club is a member of the American Philatelic Society (Chapter 292). It was one of the five sponsors of *CINCOPEX*, an annual exhibition which rotated among five clubs and held in the fall of the year. The other four clubs were the Chenango Valley Stamp Club of Hamilton, Utica Stamp Club, Fort Stanwix Club of Rome, and the former Community Club of Oneida-Shenill.



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PHILATELIC QUIZ (ANSWERS ON PAGE 37)

1. Probably the most colorful general of World War II, this tank commander died in a car accident in 1946. (1953)
2. This Rhode Island portrait painter painted many famous people of his day but the one of George Washington is still copied today. (1940)
3. This American general whipped the bloody British at New Orleans with the help of some pirates in 1816. (1986)
4. This London born labor leader founded the American Federation of Labor in 1881. (1950)
5. He was the first elected Governor of Puerto Rico and was re-elected three times. (1990)
6. In 1814 his fleet captured the British one on Lake Champlain and saved New England and New York from invasion. (1937)
7. What was Paul Revere's occupation? (1965)
8. His down home poems and stories earned him the title of Hoosier Poet. (1940)
9. This great concert pianist became Poland's first Prime Minister and Foreign Minister in 1919. (1960)
10. His four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics shattered Hitler's Master Race theory. (1990)
11. He was the first doctor to use ether to prevent pain during operations. (1940)
12. His fleet routed the Spanish at Manila Bay in 1888 without losing a man or ship. (1937)
13. This New England poet was known as the Belle of Amherst where she was born and died. (1971)
14. He unified the Hawaiian Islands and made himself king in 1795. (1937)
15. This black piano player was best known for his rag time tunes. (1983)
16. He was the first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. (1958)
17. Inspired by H. G. Wells, he became the father of "American Rocketing." (1964)
18. FDR's Secretary of State, he was a leader in the formation of the United Nations. (1963)
19. In 1777 this American General defeated the British at Fort Stanwix (Rome) at the cost of his life. (1977)
20. This Irish born architect designed the White House and other prominent Washington, DC landmarks (1981)
21. This accomplished aviator died with Will Rogers in a 1935 plane crash. (1979)
22. This Mississippi author wrote "The Sound and the Fury" and other novels about the life in the rural South. (1987)
23. A Union General during the Civil War, he rose to become the president, only to be assassinated in 1881 by an office seeker. (1986)
24. This New Hampshire born sculptor is most noted for the "Minute Man" and "Lincoln." (1940)
25. One of America's greatest composers, the "March King" is still renowned today.

Answers on Page 37

UTICA STAMP CLUB

Jerome Wagner, President — Richard Drumm, Vice President
Wayne Turkowski, Recording Secretary
Jerry Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary
Rick Snow, Treasurer



NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The primary business of the May 4 monthly meeting of the Utica Stamp Club at the New Hartford Public Library at 7 p.m. was the election of the slate of officers presented at the previous meeting. The slate was unanimously endorsed and the secretary cast a symbolic vote authorizing the panel.

The new officers are: Jerome Wagner, president; Richard Drumm, vice president; Wayne Turtowski, recording secretary; Jerry Cunningham, corresponding secretary; and Rick Snow, treasurer.

STAMP SHOW PLANS

Also briefly discussed was our participation with the Fort Stanwix Stamp Club in our combined second annual CNY Stamp, Coin & Cover Show at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona on Oct. 9 and 10.

PLATE NUMBERS COILS PRESENTATION

An interesting program was presented by Wayne Turtowski, with slides on PNCs (plate number coils). These were first introduced by the United States Postal Service 21 years ago. Since that time, many changes have occurred, particularly the placement of the plate numbers on individual stamps in the coil.

This is another opportunity for stamp collectors to diversify and undertake a new endeavor with a minimal amount of expense.

OFFICERS INTRODUCED

Our June meeting was held at a local restaurant with a buffet dinner. Our new officers for the year were introduced

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPT. 7

Our first fall meeting will be on Sept. 7 at the New Hartford Public Library at 7 p.m. The program for the meeting will consist of slide presentations involving French architecture on French postage stamps.

Wishing you a healthy and joyous summer season.

SHOWS / BOURSES

ALBANY — JULY 18

Capital District Stamp Show, Quality Inn, 3 Watervliet Ave., 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John J. Nunes: 518-399-8395, e-mail: nunesnook@aol.com

CLAYTON — JULY 24-25

26th Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show. Clayton Arena. Hours: 10-5, 10-2. Bourse. Contact: George Mingle, e-mail: gmingle@1000islandsschools.org

WEST SENECA — JULY 25

Stamp, Coin & Postcard Show. Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, 965 Center Rd., 10-4. Free admission and door prizes. Contact: Bill Biddle, 716-828-1375. E-mail: blbiddle@aol.com

ALBANY — AUGUST 15

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domestic rate?, set of stamps
- Oct. 25 150 years of Canadian Victoria Cross**
49¢ pair
- Nov. 2 Toronto Santa Claus parade centennial**
49 and 80¢ and \$1.40 stamps



FIRST-TIME EXHIBITORS WANTED

Empire State Postal History Society has accepted an invitation to compete with the Pennsylvania and New Jersey postal history societies in single-frame exhibition at the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition (PNSE) Oct. 1–3 at Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA.

Purpose of the competition is to encourage new exhibitors. A single-frame exhibit at means preparing 16 pages, enough to get a feel for postal history exhibiting, but not enough to intimidate or discourage. More information is available from Alan Parsons — e-mail alatholleyrd@aol.com.

Quiz Answers

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Gen. George Patton | 8. James Whitcomb Riley | 17. Robert Goddard |
| 2. Gilbert Stuart | 9. Ignacy Jan Paderewski | 18. Cordell Hull |
| 3. Andrew Jackson | 10. Jesse Owens | 19. Nicholas Herkimer |
| 4. Samuel Gompers | 11. Crawford Long | 20. James Hoban |
| 5. Luis Munoz Marin | 12. Admiral George Dewey | 21. Wiley Post |
| 6. Thomas MacDonough | 13. Emily Dickenson | 22. William Faulkner |
| 7. Silversmith | 14. King Kamehameha I | 23. James Garfield |
| | 15. Scott Joplin | 24. Daniel Chester French |
| | 16. John Jay | 25. John Phillip Sousa |



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