

# Scribblings



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

*"come and enjoy the activities"*

### MARCH 1999

Mondays: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 10-4  
Tuesdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4  
Wednesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 10-4  
Thursdays: March 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 10-4  
Saturdays: March 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4  
March 1 - Adult Beginning Stamp Collecting Class  
7:00 PM  
March 3 - Aurora Stamp Club - 6:30 Trading -  
7:30 Meeting & Program  
March 4 - RMPL Board Meeting - 7:00 PM  
March 6 - Meeting - Scandinavian Collectors Club  
10:00 AM  
March 8 - Adult Beginning Stamp Collecting Class  
- :00 PM  
March 10 - Meeting  
Denver Germany Stamp Club - 7:00 PM  
March 11 - Meeting - TOPIC - 6:00 PM at  
Woody's - 7:30 at RMPL  
March 13 - 2nd Saturday at the RMPL - 9:00 AM -  
Program by Jack Willard - "Streetcar Mail"  
March 13 - Meeting - Universal Ship Cancellation  
Society, U.S.S Colorado Chapter - 2:00 PM  
March 15 - Adult Beginning Stamp Collecting  
Class - 7:00 PM  
March 22 - Adult Beginning Stamp Collecting  
Class - 7:00 PM  
March 23 - Meeting - ROMPEX Committee  
7:30 PM  
March 27 - Meeting - China Stamp Society  
2:00 PM

### APRIL, 1999

Mondays: April 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 10-4  
Tuesdays: April 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4  
Wednesdays: April 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4  
Thursdays: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 2-8  
Saturdays: April 3, 10, 17, 24, Open 10-4  
April 3 - Meeting - Scandinavian Collectors Club  
10:00 AM  
April 7 - Aurora Stamp Club - 6:30 Trading  
7:30 Meeting and Program  
April 8 - Meeting - Topical Philatelists In Colorado  
7:30 PM  
April 10 - 2nd Saturday at the RMPL - 9:00 AM  
Program by Eiji Lansky - "DOX History"  
April 10 - Meeting - Rocky Mountain  
Aerophilatelists - 11:00 AM  
April 10 - Meeting - Universal Ship Cancellation  
Society U.S.S. Colorado Chapter - 2:00 PM  
April 14 - Meeting - Denver Germany Stamp Club -  
7:00 PM  
April 24 - Meeting - China Stamp Society - 2:00  
PM  
April 27 - Meeting - ROMPEX Committee - 7:30  
PM

### **EFFECTIVE MARCH 1st - RMPL NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS - EFFECTIVE MARCH 1st**

**Please note** - the RMPL has changed to a new internet provider and has a new E-Mail address.  
The new address is:

**[rmpl@uswest.net](mailto:rmpl@uswest.net)**

Please make a note and change your address book.



## WHAT'S NEW AT THE RMPL ?

### ADULT BEGINNING STAMP COLLECTING CLASSES

On Monday night March 1st at 7:00 PM the RMPL will venture into unknown territory for the RMPL - Adult Beginning Stamp Classes. Starting with a small group, the classes will continue for a total of four Monday nights - more if group requests. The classes will be taught by several former teachers, as well as invited specialists and experts. The material covered will be very basic starting out with "This is a stamp" and "This is a cover." Areas to be covered include the many ways to collect philatelic material, the vocabulary of philately, where to find material, how to process the material (soaking, drying, sorting, storing, etc.), tools of philately, identifying material, use of stamp catalogs, and use of the facilities available through the RMPL.

Should this class prove to be successful, additional Adult Beginning Classes will be scheduled throughout the year. If you know of someone who is interested in attending these sessions, or future sessions, please call the RMPL at 303-759-9921 to register. There is no charge for the classes, but we need to know how many will be in attendance.

### SECOND SATURDAY AT THE RMPL

We have been most pleased that the attendance at our Second Saturday at the RMPL programs has been increasing at a steady rate. On each of the recent Second Saturdays you would have found 10-15 interested philatelists in attendance. We think that it is a great opportunity to learn more about some of the specialized areas of the hobby and urge that you make the effort to attend.

On March 8, Jack Willard will present a program on a subject with which few of us are familiar - "Streetcar Mail".

On April 10, Bill Lansky will give a program entitled "DOX History". For those not familiar with the term DOX - this involved the huge flying machines that carried mail from Europe to South America.

Both of these programs sound interesting. They start at 9:00 AM and last about an hour. The coffee pot is always ready on these mornings and frequently donuts seem to appear.

At the present time we need programs for the May, August, October, November, and December Second Saturdays. If you are interested in presenting a program, or know of someone you think should do a program for one of these months, please contact Don Beuthel at 303-755-9328 or give the library a call at 303-759-9921.

## TAKING A CLOSER LOOK.....

*by Bill Dunn - RMPL Secretary*

"Little pieces of art" is one description of stamps and there is much to be seen in the designs of stamps. Unfortunately, the human eye cannot always perceive enough detail without help. So we turn to magnifying glasses or a hand lens to enlarge the detail. The difficulty is that only the user can see what is beneath the lens. A much more useful enlarger of the field of vision is the Binocular Microscope.

RMPL has just acquired one of these wonderful microscopes. It will enlarge an object from 7 to 45 times through a zoom lens!! Placing a stamp or other object under the lens brings amazing detail to stamps in particular. It is now easy to see those different die types, secret marks on the banknotes, the ribbon marks on those aggravating Washington-Franklin series of stamps. It will also be useful in detecting forgeries or to verify cancellations.

A camera can be attached so that photographs may be made of the object being viewed. A third eyepiece can be used by a second individual so both viewers can discuss what is seen under the view lens.

The Binocular Microscope is available most times, but it is advisable to ask a trained person for help in its use. See Bill Dunn for more details and a demonstration.

### RMPL'S AUDIO-VISUAL COLLECTION

*by Dalene Thomas, RMPL Volunteer*

One of the best kept secrets of the library has been the audio-visual collection.

The library has 3 philatelic CD programs for use in the library. These include: Catalog of Civil War Era Photographer Revenue Stamp Cancellations, Encyclopedia of Stamps, and Scott U. S. Stamp Collector's Database. Also, the RMPL is now connected to the Internet providing access to hundreds of philatelic web sites.

There are 12 videocassettes in the collection that can be checked out for home viewing or for use as a club program. These include tapes from Buying at Auction to Ron Mitchell's wonderful Mexico 1914: The Denver Eagles.

Currently there are 26 slide programs available from the library. Some of these are Autographed Covers, John Paul Jones, RPO'S, and many others.

A complete listing of videos and slide programs can be found at the library. Any Volunteer can show you where the audio-visual collection is housed. Several of the older slide shows, unfortunately, do not have scripts. Anyone interested in taking home a program and writing a script for it would be deeply appreciated.



It is hoped that this section of the RMPL can be greatly expanded and new items will be gladly accepted at any time. Many area collectors have prepared slide programs for use with their local clubs. It would be nice if these were donated to the library where more collectors could enjoy your hard work.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO RMPL CONTINUE!

We are most pleased to be able to say that the contributions to the RMPL continue at a most unforeseen pace. The generosity of the many contributing philatelists is quite amazing and we are most grateful for your willingness to share.

We are most pleased to report that RMPL Member, Frederick Mayer, has recently contributed a color copier and a fax machine to the RMPL. RMPL Member, Bob Brown, continues to bring us beautifully framed philatelic items to decorate our walls. Many of you contribute copies of philatelic publications on a regular basis and I'm sure that your name does not make the list that follows. We are most appreciative of these regular donations, none-the-less.

Other than the above mentioned donations during the last two months, cash and philatelic material donations were received from the following: Phil Beutel, Terence Hines, George Killian, Pat Walters, Bob Brown, Allen Hofsetz, Dick Ruth, Harriett Sherlock, Frederick Mayer, Brian Kelley, Doug Crowe, Frank Fernandez, H. Stanton Hill, Bill Schaeffer, A. E. Haag, Arthur Weaver, Roger Rydberg, Arapahoe Stamp Club, Mike Maselli, Dr. Gerald Boarino, Stephen Blecher, Kenton Forrest, Pete Lowrey, Mort Turner, Robly Rhine, Stanley J. Luft, Greg Hilton, Robert E. Warren, Bert Conner, Henry Pobuda, Dave Capra, Dasa Mezler, Gary Gibson, Charles McClure, Ed Schenck, and Paul Farley.

We thank each and every one. If you contributed and your name was not on the list, we apologize. The RMPL has a 501 (c)(3) Public Charity designation with the IRS and any donation may be listed as a contribution [at fair market value] on your tax form. We have tried to record each donation as it was received and send a letter of acknowledgment. A few slip by and we don't know from whom they came. If you did not receive a letter for your donation, please contact our Secretary, Bill Dunn, with the details and he will make sure that you receive a letter to keep with your tax records.

We accept all types of philatelic literature as well as philatelic material and supplies. Of special interest are long runs of periodicals from study groups. In the metropolitan Denver area, if you have material to donate but cannot bring it to the library, please contact the RMPL at 303-759-

9921 and we will try to make arrangements to pick up the material.

### PERIODICALS IN THE RMPL

*by Sergio Lugo - RMPL Volunteer*

A recent contribution that brings our library listings of this periodical almost complete serves as the jump off point for the two periodicals I'll review in this month's edition of the SCRIBBLINGS.

The CODEX FILATELICA is not a systematic organizing scheme for the cataloging of botanical subjects. Rather the CODEX is the newsletter/periodical of the Meso American Archeological Study Unit. As its title implies, its pages are packed with articles on archeology and "archeology" stamps of Central America and the New World. Begun as a newsletter for study group members in 1974-75, the periodical now carries regular features on such topics as: in depth member articles on a topic of interest, membership notes including articles by members and member profiles, the President's and Treasurer's notes; New Issues from throughout the world on archeological topics together with recently numbered Scott listings; cancels and cachets from throughout the world; and book reviews. A recent donation brings the RMPL's holdings of the CODEX complete through whole number 119, issued in 1989-90.

In contrast to such periodicals as the CODEX PHILATELICA are the issuance's of the national postal administrations. One such is the PFA BULLETIN, the English language issuance of the Swedish Post Office. In reviewing and cataloging such national postal administration publications, several common, cross-national things are noticeable. Invariably, they include: lots of color, lots of photographs, concise descriptions, order addresses for the stamp, etc. All of the above applies to the PFA BULLETIN. In its colorful pages are found all of the new issue details that the budding philatelist (as well as the veteran, wizzened collector) could want - values, dates of issue, types, colorful illustrations, special packaging formats, where to get them. The RMPL's holdings of the PFA BULLETIN extend from 1970 and 1971, and from 1983 to 1997.

If you are interested in the RMPL's holdings of promotional material from national postal administrations, look in the periodical index under "Postal Administrations" to learn if we have such releases from the country of your interest.



## RMPL MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to welcome the following persons who became new members of the RMPL during the past two months:

Steven Peckar	Kenneth Beiner
Kerstin Meyers	George Griffenhagen
Beth Dahl	Greg Hilton
Wayne Gilbert	Dasa Metzler
Rick McDonald	Rick J. Ferguson
Joseph and Christina Virgil	

Congratulations to new member Wayne Gilbert. Wayne is the 300th member of the RMPL.

Some of the RMPL members will be receiving a first, second, or final **(Last Call)** renewal notice with this issue of the *Scribblings*. After the third or final notice, members will be moved to the inactive list and will no longer be eligible for the benefits of the RMPL, including receiving *Scribblings*. We hope that each of you will respond promptly and generously. Members who have renewed in the past two months should receive a membership card with this mailing.

## DONATION LOTS REQUESTED FOR SILENT AUCTION

Most of you know that the RMPL holds a Silent Auction during ROMPEX in May. In the past this auction has been quite successful and has helped to pay the expenses of the RMPL for almost one month during the year. The need for this type of support continues.

Items for this auction are donations from the members. We ask that each of you search through your accumulations and find items that you are willing to donate. All types of material are needed, but good quality covers always seem to sell best. In most cases you will be notified what the items went for in the bidding and this would become the fair market value you would be able to include in your tax return as a contribution.

Please take the time now to locate the items you would be willing to donate for the auction and get them to the library as soon as possible. We need time to lot and process them before ROMPEX.

As a final related note- we urge each and every one of you to stop at the RMPL table at ROMPEX and participate in the auction action - bid early, bid often, bid generously.

## RMPL AT LOCAL STAMP SHOWS

The RMPL would like to take this opportunity to thank the Cherrelyn Stamp Club for making a table available for RMPL use during their recent CHERPEX show. The table was staffed throughout the show and one of the main purposes for having the table was to let more people know about the RMPL. Several new members were signed up. In

addition to the PR aspect, left over auction lots were available for sale as were third copies of assorted philatelic literature and a few donated lots of philatelic material. A large number of third copies of philatelic periodicals were distributed as "freebies".

We are pleased to announce that the RMPL will be present at the upcoming WESTPHILIA, also. We thank the West Side Stamp Club, in advance, for making a table available for our use. The show will be held at the Lakeside Mall on April 10th and 11th. Stop by the table and say hello!

## RMPL WISH LIST

Because of the repeated success we have had previously, we continue to print a RMPL wish list. If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to donate, the RMPL would be delighted to receive them:

Kodak Carousel Slide Projector Trays (80s or 140's)

Power Mac or iMac

Zip Drive for above

Stock books or stock pages

Mint U. S. Postage

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*and, don't forget*

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