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The State of the Library

By Ron Mitchell, RMPL President



The RMPL Board, L to R: Jack Willard (Emeritus), Jim Kilbane, Bob Blatherwick, Bob Brown, Sergio Lugo, Tim Bartshe, Ron Mitchell, Maury Pautz, Jim Ozment, Steve Schweighofer, Don Beuthel.

The first of the year is a good time to take a look back at where we have been and also to look ahead at what we would like to accomplish.

When the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library was established almost 13 years ago, it was the founder's vision to provide a place where stamp collectors could gather to share the hobby and learn from each other and where they would have an excellent philatelic literature research library available.

The vision was fulfilled almost immediately when the library opened in 1993, and it has grown and continues to grow far more than anyone imagined.

One has only to look at the activities listed on the last page of *Scribblings* or the list of philatelic literature added to the shelves to be convinced.

The founders chose the right paths to follow and the library is flourishing.

All the credit must go to librarian Ellengail Beuthel and to the group of volunteers who keep things going in apple pie order.

The passing of founder Bill Dunn in February was a huge blow. Not only was he a tireless worker, but we all

turned to him for help and advice.

Part of the vacuum Bill left has been filled by Sergio Lugo, who has taken over the Sales Department. Sergio and his group of volunteers have organized stamps and covers into easily understood categories that fill more than four bookcases. The amount of money raised through the sale of this donated material is extremely important to the library's yearly budget.

Bill's widow, Sue, and volunteer Ron Hill have taken over Sergio's job of cataloging and filing periodicals. It takes six to 12 hours a week, at a minimum, to keep up with the workload created by periodicals that are donated and those that arrive in the mail.

Another big change in 2004 was the installation of new shelves. We all owe a word of thanks to the 50 or so volunteers who, over the period of about two weeks, took all the philatelic literature off the old shelves and put it back on the new ones. It was a gigantic job, well done.

Other changes include "Bill's Garden," which Sue planted and took care of. It added a nice touch and will be gorgeous again next spring.

The library is also benefiting by the sale of Bill Dunn's stamps. Before he passed away, he and Sue set up a plan so the RMPL would receive a percentage of the proceeds from his collection. We cannot overstate how important these funds are to the financial health of the RMPL.

THE FUTURE

One small glitch is that membership is declining for the first time. While the numbers are very small, any decline is a concern.

The membership can be rejuvenated several ways.

- When your renewal notice arrives, please renew promptly.
- Bring your stamp collecting friends by for a visit and encourage them to join.
- Help spread the word the library is here and is worthy of support.
- We plan to obtain a list of collectors who live in Colorado and who joined the APS recently. We will contact them and ask them to join.

Also, we welcome your suggestions for how to attract

new members.

Another important consideration for the future is continuing expansion.

The board has hopes that the additional shelving put in last year will last for four more years. At the current rate of donations of philatelic literature, that estimate may hold up, but it's going to be very tight.

We need to be thinking ahead to 2008 or 2009 when we will need additional space again.

One more thing for 2005 is acquisitions for our collection. While we have been purchasing some books, we still have funds set aside for more, so we plan to be more aggressive when it comes to acquiring more material.

If you have suggestions for materials to be acquired, please let us know.

IN CONCLUSION...

How fortunate we are to have such a facility in Colorado! The library is alive and well, and I, for one, pinch myself every time I come through the door just to make sure it's real.

News from the RMPL ...

ANNUAL MEETING

The RMPL Board will convene its annual "official" meeting on Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 PM. The meeting fulfills requirements of our nonprofit incorporation status under Colorado law.

All members are welcome to attend and get a glimpse of how the library operates behind the scenes. If you have ideas for the agenda which you feel would improve the library, call Ron Mitchell and let him know.

SNOW DAYS

If there is a snowfall of six or more inches, or if a major storm appears imminent, the library will probably be closed. Conditions may vary greatly from one side of town to the other, so please call ahead to see if volunteers are on duty.

RMPL CLOSED

The library will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Additionally, it will be closed on January 17th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and on February 21st for President's Day.

NEW MEMBERS

Gary Seufent - Denver, CO
James M. Crisp - Berthoud, CO
Michael R. Dermondy - Grand Junction, CO
Paul Graitge - Centennial, CO

SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS

January 8

Thomas Jefferson, as portrayed by Dr. Jack Van Ens (left), will make an appearance for "Jefferson's Love Affair with Letter Writing."

Jack is nationally known for his ability to bring our third president to life, and has written a book about him.

February 12



"Loveland's Valentines," by Roger Rydberg, will show the history of cachets and cancels (above) and the people behind them. Roger will explain why Loveland has been the Valentine

Capital of the U.S. since 1949.

Second Saturday programs begin promptly at 9:00 AM and are usually over by 10:00 AM, giving those who attend a good way to start their day and still leave plenty of time to run those weekend errands.

The programs are also a wonderful way to introduce a friend to the library. Refreshments (donuts and coffee) are complimentary and the atmosphere is always warm and cordial.

THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS

The following people and organizations donated cash, philatelic literature or other philatelic materials to the library during October and November:

Tim Bartshe, Phillip R. Beutel, John Bloor, Bob Brown, Roger Cichorz, Colorado Postal History Society, Jerry Craeger, Joe Crosby, Sue Dunn, Nolan Flowers, Jr., Gary Gibson, Holy Cross Abby c/o Father Williams, Bob Klotz and Frank Leitz.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Lord, Mike Maselli, Mike Milam, Pete Newman, Kathleen R. Pacetti, Jim Peterson, Bill Rapp, Robley Rhine, Norm Ritchie, Charles Sandberg, Scandinavian Collectors Club, Ed Schenck, Jr., K. Glenn Shaw, Colin Spong, Arthur T. Weaver, Steve Winteer, Bob Wolf and Douglas Yarrow.

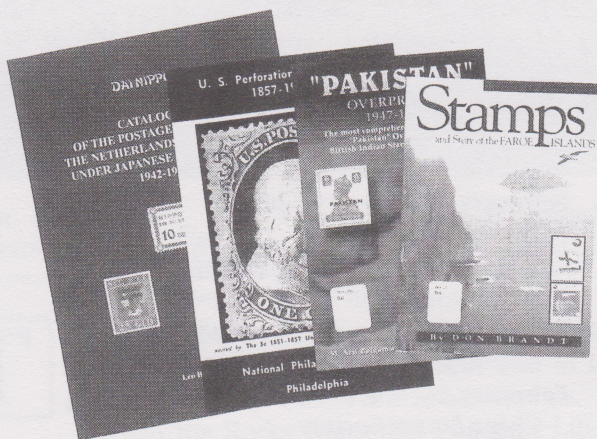
Besides Colorado, donations came from all over the country, from New York and South Carolina to Idaho and Nebraska. We never take donations for granted and sincerely thank everyone who gave.

The RMPL is a 501(c)3 organization, so donors may deduct the fair market value if they itemize deductions on their income tax.

NEW TO THE SHELVES

UNITED STATES

California Town Postmarks 1849-1935, two volumes,



by John H. Williams, 1997.

Catalog of the 20th Century Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers of the United States, edited by Jerry Summers, 2004.

A Collection of Colorado Railway Mail Cancellations, (photos only) Collected by John H. Willard, [no date].

"The FDC Auction Report, Vol. 2 Nos. 1 and 2," edited by Dean Mills, 1981.

The History and Local Post of Rattlesnake Island Lake Erie by John Wells, 2003.

Mail Travel Guide, Updated Agent and RPO Routes Listed by State and Railroad with Route Numbers, Directions and Maps by John L. Kay and Fred MacDonald with data compiled by Charles L. Towle, [no date].

Photo Cachet Catalog: Fulton Covers by Dr. John E. Borges and Marge Finger, 1975.

A Price Guide to U.S. APO Cancellations of the Second World War by Jim Forte and Richard W. Helbock, 1996.

U.S. Perforation Centennial 1857-1957, an anthology of 21 articles edited by David Lidman, 1957.

EUROPE

Croatia 2001 Stamp Catalogue, (in color) Translated by Petar Strpic.

Faroe Islands 1982 Postage Stamps and Postmarks by Eric Wowern.

The War Markings of the Central Authority (Austria and Germany) in WWI, [no author], [no date].

Stamps and Story of the Faroe Islands by Don Brandt, 1996.

Yvert et Tellier Catalogue de Timbres-Post: France, (in color) (French), 1998.

ASIA

Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the Netherlands East Indies Under Japanese Occupation 1942-1945 by Leo B. Vosse, 2001.

Pakistan Overprints 1947-1949 by M. Arif Balgamwala, 2000.

The Postage Stamps of the Federated Malay States by Dr. F. E. Wood, 1981.

Specialized Catalogue of the Postal Issues of the Ryūkyū (Liu Ch'iu) Islands (Issued Under United States Administration). Part III, 1945-1948, The Nansei Shoto Provisional Postage Stamps, edited by Melvin Schoberlin, 1973.

WORLDWIDE

British Commonwealth Revenues, J. Barefoot Ltd., 1996.

WRITERS WANTED

We are looking for people to write articles about their favorite philatelic areas for *Scribblings*. This is an opportunity to give back to the hobby by sharing some of what you have learned from your stamp collection.

Articles should be about 600 words, with two illustrations. There should also be a bibliography with at least one or two items which refer the reader to material which may be found in the RMPL.

An advantage to having an article in *Scribblings* is that it also appears on the library's web page at rockymountainphilateliclibrary.com, with illustrations in color. Also, if the article as written is too long for the newsletter (and is therefore edited down to 600 words), then it is presented in its entirety on the web.

The editor will be glad to help. If you want to investigate the possibility of putting together an article, please call Ron Mitchell at the library (303 759-9921), on his cell phone (303 507-4432) or at home (303 984-1775).

What's Happening at the RMPL...

"Come and enjoy the activities"

Monday.....10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday.....2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday.....10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday.....10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed Sundays and Holidays

Wednesday.....10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday.....10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

January 2005

January 1 - Library Closed

New Year's Day

January 5 - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club

6:30 PM Trading; 7:30 PM Meeting and Program

January 8 - 9:00 AM

Second Saturday at the RMPL

Program by Jack Van Ens

"Thomas Jefferson's Love Affair with Letter Writing"

January 8 - Meeting - 10:00 AM

Mexico/Latin America Study Group

January 8 - Meeting - 2:00 PM

Universal Ship Cancellation Society

U.S.S. Colorado Chapter

January 12 - Meeting - 7:00 PM

Denver Germany Stamp Club

January 15 - Meeting - 2:00 PM

Russia Study Group

January 17 - Library Closed

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 22 - Workshop - 10:00 AM

RMSS/RMPL Exhibiting Workshop

January 22 - Meeting - 1:00 PM

China Stamp Society

January 25 - 7:30 PM - Meeting

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

February 2005

February 2 - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club

6:30 PM Trading; 7:30 PM Meeting and Program

February 5 - Meeting - 10:00 AM

Scandinavian Collector's Club

February 5 - Meeting - 2:00 PM

TOpical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)

February 9 - Meeting - 7:00 PM

Denver Germany Stamp Club

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Universal Ship Cancellation Society

U.S.S. Colorado Chapter

February 19 - Meeting 10:00 AM

Post Card Club

February 19 - Meeting 2:00 PM

Russia Study Group

February 21 - Library Closed

President's Day

February 22 - 7:30 PM - Meeting

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

February 26 - Workshop - 10:00 AM

RMSS/RMPL Exhibiting Workshop

February 26 - Meeting - 1:00 PM

China Stamp Society

Monthly Stamp Show Schedule...

January 8

Colorado Stamp Show - Embassy Suites Hotel - Southeast, 7525 E Hampden Ave, Denver, CO

Contact: 20th Century Classics - Pat Dowling, P.O. Box 7536, Colorado Springs CO 80933

719.598.7307 20thonline@adelphia.net

Feb. 6- 8

CHERPEX - Cherrelyn Stamp Club - Lakeside Shopping Center

Contact: Sergio Lugo - E-mail: lugopspe@earthlink.net

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