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New Jersey Nurse Gave Her Life In The Fight Against Yellow Fever

by Ronald Hill



Clara Maass, a nurse from Newark, New Jersey, gave her life in Cuba as a volunteer in testing the theory that the mosquito was the cause of transmitting the disease to humans.

Cuban doctor, Carlos J. Finlay, studied medicine at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia from which he was graduated in 1855.

Early on he advanced the theory that yellow fever was carried solely through the mosquito. In 1879 he was appointed by the Cuban government to work with the North American commission studying the causes of yellow fever, and two years later he was chosen to attend the Fifth International Sanitary Conference in Washington, D.C., as the Cuban delegate. At the conference, Finlay urged the study of yellow fever vectors (carriers), and soon afterward he stated that the carrier was the mosquito *Culex fasciatus*, now known as *Aedes aegypti*. This idea was rejected and he was subject to ridicule. Finlay returned to Cuba and volunteered his services to the patriot forces fighting the Spanish.

Early in the war with Spain, and later during US intervention, Finlay had observed the struggle by the troops to combat yellow fever, which was causing more deaths than the war itself. Finlay's theory that the disease was caused by mosquitos was not accepted by leading medical experts or the US Army Medical Corps.



Finlay's Theory of Biological Vectors honored with a 1981 Cuban stamp on the 100th anniversary of his presentation to an international conference in Washington, DC. Biological vectors are carriers, in this case a mosquito, that transfer an infective agent from one host to another.

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The Fight Against Yellow Fever *Continued from page 1*

**Young Miss Maass
bet her life**



EVEN at 6:00 A.M., it is warm in Havana. But young Miss Clara Louise Maass felt chilly. Her head ached. Worse, she knew nothing would help.

The illness starts like any other febrile attack. But soon the face is flushed. There is high fever. After two or three days, the pulse becomes feeble, the skin cold and of a lemon-yellow tint. Chances of recovery hardly approximate 50%.

In seven pain-wracked days, yellow fever killed Clara Louise. And it was her own doing.

At Las Animas Hospital, Cuba, in 1901, volunteers were needed for the famous U. S. Army yellow fever experiments.

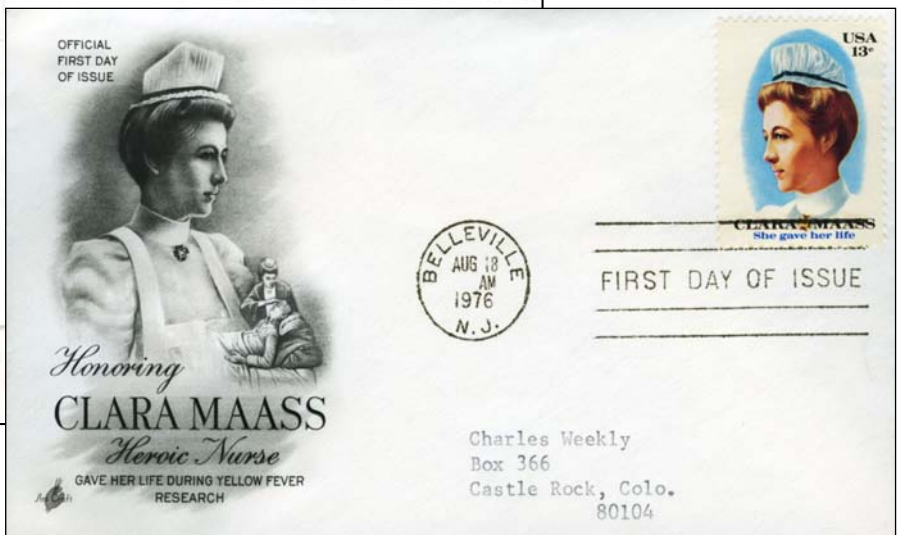
And she, who had fearlessly nursed the worst fever cases, thought undergoing the disease herself would make her a better nurse. She asked to be bitten by an infected mosquito. "I tried to dissuade her," said the medical director. "But she insisted."

So, in what would soon be America's victorious battle against yellow fever, Clara Louise Maass bravely died as she had lived—for others.

Extensive sanitation, quarantine, and isolation, advocated by the U.S. Medical Corps, were not sufficient to cope with the spread of the disease. In final desperation, Walter Reed, James Carroll and Jesse W. Lazear of the US Army Medical Corps, decided to give Finlay's theories a practical test. Finlay was further assisted by his Cuban associates, doctors Claudio Delgado Amestoy, Enrique B. Barnet, Juan Guiteras, and Enrique Nuñez.

In early 1901 Reed and Carroll returned to the US and left chief sanitation officer, Major William C. Gorgas to continue the mosquito cleanup program although he was still not convinced. Gorgas and Guiteras began experiments on volunteers, one of which was a 25-year old nurse, Clara Maass, of Newark, NJ, who became ill on August 18 and died within a week, August 24, 1901. The experiments were ended but Finlay's theory was finally accepted. Gorgas went on later to apply this knowledge in combatting Yellow Fever during construction of the Panama Canal.

After Cuba's independence in 1902, Finlay became Chief of the Bureau of Sanitation for the Republic, and, after his death, the Finlay Institute for Investigations in Tropical Medicine was created in his honour by the Cuban government.



Upper left: Article from a Philadelphia medical journal. Upper right: Christmas Seals (cinderellas) issued by the hospital. Above: US FDC issued on August 18th 1976, honoring the centennial of her birth. The actual date of her birth was June 28, 1876; perhaps the post office was confused with the date of her illness in 1901.

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Upper left: Memorial post card of 1951 showing the Newark hospital. Upper right: FDC with cachet. Above: Original design of the 1951 stamp showing both the Lutheran Memorial Hospital in Newark and the Las Animas hospital in Havana. The final stamp is shown at left with a 2c value.

Clara Louise Maass was born in 1876 in East Orange, NJ, the first of 10 children. Her parents were immigrants from Germany. At age 15, Clara began working at the Newark Orphan Asylum. She received \$10 a month for seven days a week of work. When Clara was 17, she entered a training school for nurses at Newark German Hospital. She graduated in 1895, and after two years of additional training, in 1898, at the age of 21, she was named head nurse at the hospital.

Later that year, she served a brief engagement as a contract nurse with the United States Army during the Spanish American War. The following November, she volunteered for service in the Philippines with the US Army. After seven months in the Philippines, she became ill and was sent home. Clara volunteered again in 1900 for work in Cuba in the campaign to control yellow fever, and received a telegram from Major William C. Gorgas to report immediately for duty. Clara was appointed to work with yellow fever patients at Las Animas Hospital in Havana. Clara was one of 19 participants--and the only woman, as well as the only American, to volunteer to be exposed on several occasions to mosquitoes that were believed to be infected. When Clara was bitten for the last time, on August 14, it was determined that the same mosquitoes had already caused two cases of yellow fever. She became ill on August 18 and died on August 24, 1901. On June 19, 1952, Newark German Hospital, which had moved to Belleville, New Jersey, was renamed Clara Maass Memorial Hospital and today is the Clara Maass Medical Center.

The Prez' Observations

I had another column prepared, but "ether heaven" did it in; so a new one gets trotted out.

It's been a highly successful past few months since the last issue, and what promises to be another successful several months before the next issue. David Weisberg and Howard Benson (as well as other behind the scenes volunteers) staged the most successful silent auction in our history at ROMPEX (see article)

We also had a very nice 30 member visit during ROMPEX by the **United States Stamp Society**, arranged by our members Dalene Thomas and Steve Pacetti.

We would also like to welcome as part of the RMPL, the national library of the **Society for Czechoslovak Philately** (to become operational in July), as well as the **Great Britain Collector's Club Library** (to be operational in March – April, 2012). Both will become auxiliary libraries within the RMPL.

The gardens are now in full bloom under the careful cultivation of member Tonny Van Loij. Numerous visitors

toured the RMPL during the past few months, and the use of the library by our members has increased markedly, especially on Wednesday, Thursdays and Saturdays. Our membership remains near 500 members, up and down by a few throughout the year. Our innovative digital presentation project is on hold until we resolve a few issues.

The next several months will witness an outpouring of other activities worth noting. In mid-August to mid-September, the roof at 2038 S. Pontiac will be replaced – providing good use of the recent auction gains.

And speaking of eating, please join us (see article) at the RMPL for a member's pot-luck social gathering on Sunday, August 7th, at the Library.

In October, you can look forward to the Annual Bulk Lot auction. David and Howard will be introducing some new changes to handle the material that has been amassed. That auction's realizations, will provide the cushion we need for the next half year of operations.

Sergio

RMPL BOARD MEETING, JUNE 16, 2011

The RMPL Board (one member unable to attend) met on Thursday, June 16, 2011. Items for the record included: Ron Mitchell's Mexico Book has been entered into two literature competitions, and the roofing replacement contract has been signed. New roofing at 2038 S. Pontiac Way will occur between August 15th and September 15th.

Thanks were expressed to David Weisberg and those that worked on the RMSS Silent Auction that resulted in the largest realization ever by the library, proving to be as successful as anticipated by early predictions. Its realization, discussed in this issue, helped restore funds for operations and for deferred capital intensive work (roof replacement). Thanks also extended to Dalene Thomas and Steve Pacetti for their work in having the United States Stamp Society dinner at the RMPL during the Show.

The Society for Czechoslovak Philately library will be officially on-site in its space in the Annex on or about July 10, 2011. As the result of the recent auction, the RMPL's finances are in good shape for the remainder of the year. This does not mean that members need to relax their financial vigilance or support - the mortgage needs to be paid off, paving of 2048 parking lot looms; the build-up of our Librarian fund needs to be an ongoing concern, and replacement of copiers and remodeling of the Library Annex (current garage) is ongoing.

Membership now stands at 491 members. We keep flirting with the 500 member level, but have not gotten much past it. Your encouragement of friends and associates to become members, or retain their membership, is always welcome. A membership options and benefits report will be submitted at the next meeting. Jim Kilbane will be representing the RMPL at the APS StampShow in Columbus, Ohio in August. A tentative options analysis was presented regarding *Scribblings* in light of membership dues. At present (and for the past year and a half), the cost of *Scribblings* amounts to roughly \$16.00 per year; our contract with Konica-Minolta includes an annual increase in cost-per-page for every year since we bought the machine. When the auction catalogs are factored in the costs of production and distribution, this amounts to a rough total of \$20.00 per member per year. The September RMPL Board meeting will explore the issue further.

We will soon be welcoming the Great Britain Collectors Club library to the RMPL. The Board and the GBCC have reached agreement on housing their library at the RMPL (on a similar basis as the Scandinavian Collector's Club Library). Remodeling work in the Annex will delay the grand opening of the GBCC library until April - May, 2012. Two committees have been formed to explore RMPL options for matters of financial importance to the library. First, a committee will begin looking into the establishment of a firm investment plan for the Librarian Fund. Funds for this have been set aside in the budget, but no definitive strategy has been established to invest such funds to accrue greater yields. A second committee will begin again to explore the issue of securing property tax relief for the RMPL. Our charitable activities have increased, and we believe that we are better positioned now for receiving tax relief. This would be a major relief from the \$11,000 annual tax bill we are now paying.

The library's first Summer Picnic was discussed at length, as was the Gold Medal Nights activity. The latter has featured several outstanding speakers (Steve McGill, David Reitsma, and Marc Gonzales) whose excellent presentations over the past year were only seen by very sparse audiences. Don Dhonau and Dalene Thomas will continue to explore how to turn the Gold Medal Nights presentations into more popular activities.

A special collection focusing on *Scouting On Stamps* is being formed and directed by Frank Leitz. As that project develops it will be made available for viewing by appointment by our members and guests.

The next meeting of the RMPL Board is scheduled for September 15, 2011.

Call for Nominations...

By Roger Rydberg, Nominating Committee Chairman

First, and foremost, the Nominating Committee extends our sincere "thank you" to those of you that have served as officers and board members during the past three years.

January 31, 2012 marks the end of the term of office for the current RMPL officers and board of directors. It is now time for elections.

The following offices and positions open for nomination include: president, operations manager, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and four at large board positions. Nominations are due by August 31, 2011. Election ballots will be included with the mailing of the January - February 2012 issue of *Scribblings* with ballots due by January 31, 2012.

Any member, in good standing, is eligible to hold office, serve as a board member, or nominate members to the above positions. It should be noted that it is acceptable to self nominate should you desire to run for office.

Should you have questions about the elections or duties of the positions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members. The members are: Roger Rydberg, Chairman, rrydberg5@comcast.net, Paul Albright, palbright@wiche.edu, and Gene Holgate, nettigene_43@comcast.net.

In addition, Roger and Gene are available at the library on Thursday afternoons and Paul is available Wednesday mornings to answer your questions. Please call 303.759.9921 at these times or e-mail for additional information.

Enclosed with this issue of *Scribblings* is a "Call for Nominations" along with a return mailing envelope. We hope that you will use it to help in our quest for a slate of officers for the upcoming term. Nomination forms should be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, Attn: Nominating Committee, 2038 S Pontiac Way, Denver, CO 80224 or placed in the nomination box at the library.

RMPL By-Laws relating to duties of officers (as revised, December 16, 2010)

Section 1: The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the RMPL and shall be responsible for conducting meetings of the Board. At meetings of the Board, the President may request a report from each member present on current matters within their respective areas of responsibility and provide an opportunity for Board discussion and Board action as necessary. The Board is responsible for the making of general policy for the RMPL.

Section 2: The President shall carry out all programs approved by the Board, supervise and control the day-to-day operations of the RMPL, implement approved budget programs and expenditures, and maintain liaison with the members of the RMPL and with other philatelic organizations on behalf of the RMPL. The President is authorized to spend up to \$1,000 without Board approval.

Section 4: In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties and be subject to all the restrictions of the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President.

Section 5: The Director of Operations shall oversee general daily operations, schedule volunteers, and receive and process incoming mail, dues, and donations.

Section 6: The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of the Board at any of its meetings.

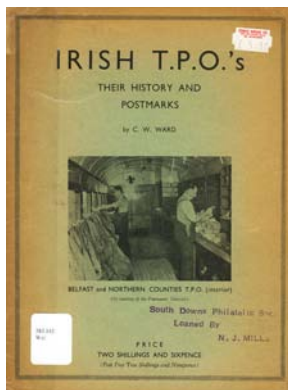
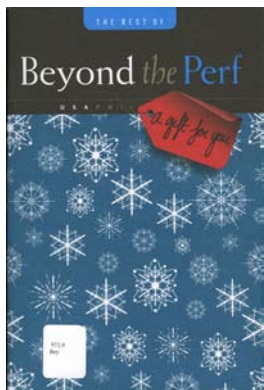
Section 7: The Corresponding Secretary shall respond to official correspondence and send letters of acknowledgement for donations.

Section 8: The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies of the RMPL and shall have custody of all securities belonging to the RMPL. The Treasurer must secure approval of the Board for the issuance of any check in the amount of \$5,000 or more. No monies other than current expenses shall be expended, except by order of the Board. The Treasurer shall make, or cause to be made, a detailed financial statement to the Board, which shall be subject to an audit by a committee appointed for this purpose or by a recognized public accountant.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES?

UNITED STATES

- The Best of Beyond the Perf: 2009-2010 Year in Review*, published by the USPS
- Engel's Flag Stamp Varieties Catalog 1944*, issued by Liberty Circle by its manager John H. Engel
- Hawaii Postage Stamp Album: Stamps Issued by Hawaii from 1851 to 1899 and Stamps Issued by the United States that are Related to the Hawaiian Islands*, by David C. Wilcox
- History and Listing of Type EA Meters*, compiled by H. Allen Osborne
- History and Listing of Type FC Meters*, compiled by William V. Hanay
- Mailed Via Mailomat*, by Douglas A. Kelsey
- Nevada Express: Wells, Fargo and Co. and Other Letter Expresses 1857-1895*, by James M. Gamett
- Pilot Jack Knight*, by A.M. Anderson and R.E. Johnson
- U.S. Military Postal Stations in the Philippines, 1898-1904*, by Geo. S. Goodale

**ASIA**

- Heilongjiang in Old Postcard*, edited by Jiu Yannian
- The Paquebot Marks of Asia and of Japan's Sea Post*, by Edwin Drechsel

AUSTRALIA and OCEANIA

- The Australian Air Mail Catalogue, First Edition*, published by H.N. Eustis
- The Australia Philatelist Yearbook 1991*, ed. by Richard Breckon and Geoff Kellow
- R. Graham Carey, Pioneer Airman: the Adelaide to Gawler 1917 Experimental Air Mail*, by H.N. Eustis

CINDERELLAS

- Catalog of Modern U.S. Local Posts, Volume 1 (A-E) and Volume 2 (F-M)*, ed. by Tadas Edelis
- Poster Stamps: The American Story (Classic American Ephemera)*, by Charles Kiddle

EUROPE

- 10 Øre Norway: Norw. Catalog #36*, by Carl H. Werenskiold
- Bibliography of Estonian Philatelic Literature, Part 1*, compiled by Henry Blum (1973)
- British Air Mails, 1946-1951: an Illustrated and Priced Supplement to British Air Mails, 1784-1946*, compiled by N.C. Baldwin
- British Empire Campaigns and Occupations in the Near East, 1914-1924: A Postal History*, by John Firebrace
- The British Inland Airmail, April 1933 - April 1935*, by A.J. Phillips
- Club de Monte-Carlo: Centime, Médallion-Medallion*, by Luc Van Pamel
- Club de Monte-Carlo: Histoire Postale de L'Enclave Lado*, by Patrick Maselis, Vincent Schouberechts, and Léo Tavano
- Club de Monte-Carlo : Roue Ailee (Winged Wheel)*, by Henk Slabbinck
- Catalogue Thiaude Timbres-Poste de France, D.O.M.-T.O.M., et Pays D'Expression Française, 60th Ed.* (1975)
- The Dolmen Book of Irish Stamps*, by Liam Miller
- Irish T.P.O.'s: Their History and Postmarks*, by C.W. Ward
- King Edward VIII: A Study of the Stamps of the Reign of King Edward VIII*, by J.B.M. Stanton
- Postal Stationery of the 1928 Olympic Games: The Semi-Official Postal Cards of Huygens Bookshop*, by Laurentz Jonker

NORTH AMERICA

- Canadian Revenue Newsletter, Issues #1 to #68 (CD)*, compiled by Christopher Ryan
- Mexico Elmhurst Philatelic Society International (MEPSI) Constitution and By-Laws*
- The Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Airmails (1931)*, by Ian C. Morgan

UNITED NATIONS

- Catalogue of United Nations First Day Covers*, edited by Richard K. Strite

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

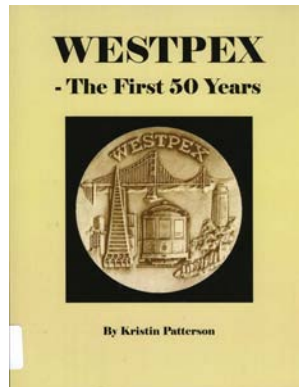
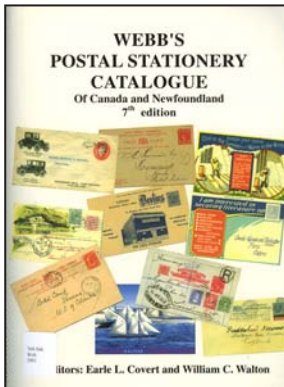
- The Air Post Stamps of Colombia: Containing the Complete History of the Colombia Air Post Service*, ed. & pub. by F. W. Kessler

WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES?

Haiti Philately Vols. I – XXXIV (1975-2008), (CD)
prepared by Peter C. Jeannopoulos
*Honduras: Introducing 19th Century Postal History
and Stamps (includes a CD of images)*,
by Richard Washburn

TOPICAL

Lighthouse Stamp Listing 2010,
edited by Marshall T. Kuehn
*Philately Overview of the International University
Sport Movement & FISU, 1924-2009*
*United States Space Covers: Price Guide and Reference
List, parts Two (1963-1965), Three (1966-1968),
and Four (1969-1971)*, by R. Howard Courtney
Stamps Tell the Story of Space Travel, by Emery Kelen

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Aircraft in the Great War: A Record and Study,
by Claude Graham-White and Harry Harper
The Best of the Philatelic Exhibitor: Vol 2, 1996-2009 (CD)
Catalog of American Space Covers,
compiled by Ralph Engel
Essentials of Stamp Collecting,
prepared by the Austin Philatelic Club
The Jenny: A New York Library Detective Novel,
by David Beasley
The Maximum Card Collectors Handbook 2008 Edition,
by Gary Denis
*The North Atlantic Catapult, a Philatelic Handbook:
Parts 1 & 2*, by R.G. Stanley-Smith
*Rocket Mail Catalogue: Second Supplement (Volume 8B)
to Billig's Specialized Catalogues Volume 8*,
by Dr. Max Kronstein
Supplement to Rocket Mail Catalogue,
by Stephen H. Smith, Research and Data
by Dr. Max Kronstein

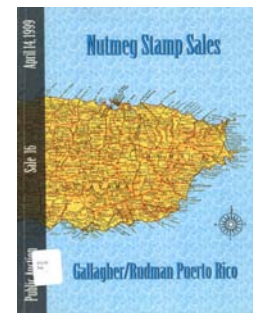
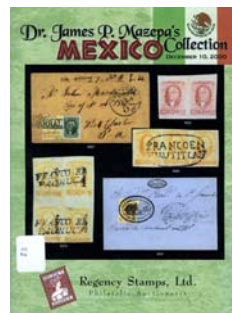
Westpex: the First 50 Years, by Kristin Patterson
Zeppelinpost LZ 130,
by John Duggan & Gisela Woodward

NON-PHILATELIC (Railroads)

*America's Steam Trains: America's Great Smoking Iron
Horses*, by Frederic Winkowski and
Charles Fulkerson Jr.
Amtrak's America: Discover the Magic
*The CB&Q Color Guide to Freight and Passenger
Equipment*, by Michael J. Spoor
The Gilpin Gold Train: Colorado's Unique Narrow-Gauge,
by Mallory Hope Ferrell
The Last Steam Railroad in America,
by O. Winston Link and Thomas H. Garver
*Railroading in the Rockies a Half Century Ago:
Colorado Rail Annual No. 18*
*Trains of Discovery: Western Railroads and the
National Parks*, by Alfred Runte
*Trains: the Magazine of Railroading January 1941
through October 1947 (single bound volume)*
*Yellowstone Branch of the Union Pacific:
Route of the Yellowstone Special*, by Thornton Waite

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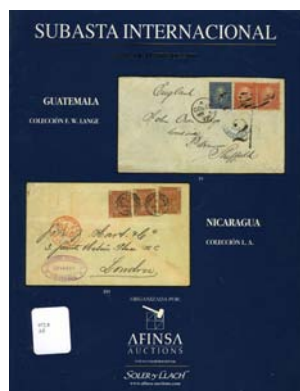
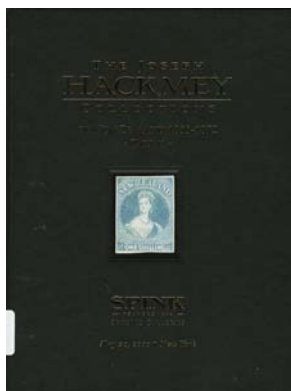
C/O Postmaster, by Thomas R. St. George
The Olympic Games, revised March 1984,
published by the U.S. Olympic Committee
*World Missionary Atlas Containing a Directory of
Missionary Societies, Classified Summaries of
Statistics, Maps Showing the Location of Mission
Stations Throughout the World*,
edited by Harlan P. Beach and Charles H. Fahs

AUCTION CATALOGS

We will begin listing here many recently
acquired Auction Catalogs (see next page) in
addition to our regular listing of newly acquired
books on our shelves.

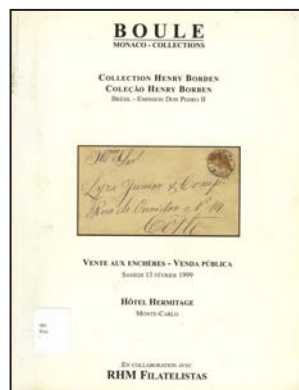
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WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES? - AUCTION CATALOGS



- 161 Stamp Auction: Europa & Übersee, Corinphila auction March 2010
- 19th & 20th Century Essays and Proof, Daniel F. Kelleher auction June 1977
- 2005 Worldwide Selection, Stamps and Postal History: Mexico Serruya-Neabra Collection, Antonio M. Torres auction February 2005
- Airposts and Aeronautica, Richard C. Frajola auction, September 1985
- Australasian Stamps and Postal History: the Property of Gene Tinsley, George Bloch, and Various Sources, Christie's Robson Lowe auction October 1990
- Australasian Stamps and Postal History: the Property of Thomas I. Belknap, L.Y. Tyler, and Various Sources, Christie's Robson Lowe auction May, 1991
- Autograph Letters, Documents and Signed Photos Featuring Abraham Lincoln, Daniel F. Kelleher auction March 1982
- The Canal Zone Collection of Dr. Albert L. Jackson, Harmer-Schau auction January 2011
- The Charles G. Firby Stock: Select Portions of British North America, United States and Worldwide Stamps, Matthew Bennett International auction, Sept. 2010
- China, Hong Kong, Foreign, Treasure-Hunters Ltd. auction, November and December 1989
- Classic Romania: the "Moldau" Grand Prix International Collection (Part 1), Corinphila auction Dec. 2010
- Collection Henry Borden, Bresil-Emission Don Pedro II, Boule Monaco-Collections auction February 1999
- The Collector's Series: United States, British Empire & Worldwide Postage Stamps and Postal History, Prestige Philatelic Galleries auction, June 2001
- Confederate States Postal History, Richard C. Frajola auction, February 1986

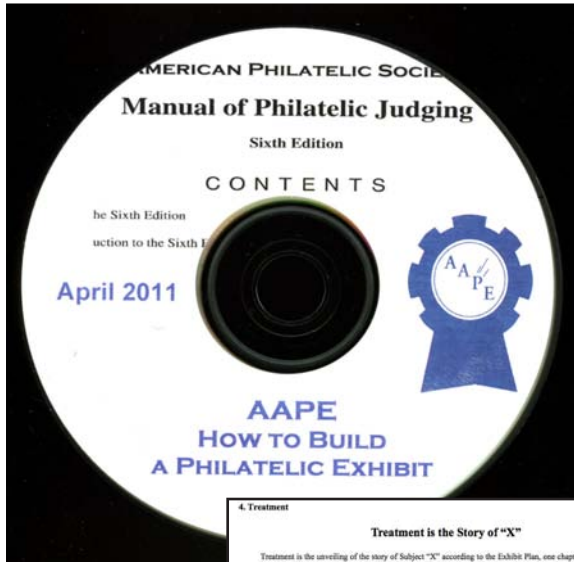
- Corinphila Briefmarken-Auktion: Schweiz, Corinphila auction, December 2010
- The David Golden Collection of United States Carriers and Locals: Part Two—Locals A-G; and Part Three—Locals H-Z, Robert A. Siegel auctions, Nov. 1999
- "Destination New Zealand", the Marcel Stanley Collection, Christie's Robson Lowe, May 1988
- Dr. James P. Mazepa's Mexico Collection, Regency Stamps auction December 2000
- The Eliot A. Landau Collection of the 6¢ Lincoln Large Bank Note Issues, Matthew Bennett International auction Mar. 2011
- The Erich Koenig Collection of 19th and 20th Century Stamps and Covers of Mexico, Sotheby's auction May 1995
- Gallagher/Rudman Puerto Rico, Nutmeg Stamp Sales auction April 1999
- Germania Stamps and Postal History, Christie's Robson Lowe auction June 1990
- The Golden State Collection of Gen United States Stamps: A Selection of the One Hundred Finest, Matthew Bennett International auction Sept 2010
- The Great Britain Philatelic Collections of Lady Mairi Bury, FRPSL, Volume 2, Sotheby's auction November 2010



- Public Auction : Guatemala Colección F.W. Lange, Nicaragua Colección L.A., Afinsa Auction Oct 2001
- The James M. Minervino Collection of Extraordinary Quality United States Postage Stamps, Spink Shreves auction April 2009
- The Jerone R. Hart Collection of Aden and India Used in Aden, Victoria Stamp Company auction Oct 2010
- The Joseph Hackney Collections of Classic Ceylon 1797-1870, Part II, Spink Shreves auction Oct 2010

WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES?

How to Build a Philatelic Exhibit



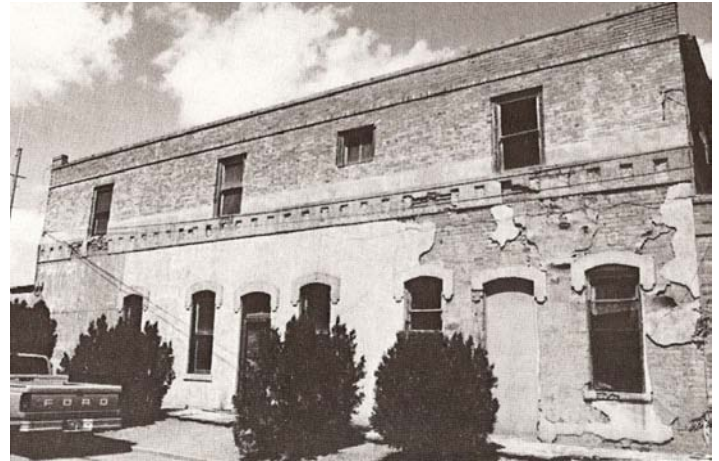
Sample Page

The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, has prepared a 16-page, one frame, exhibit to demonstrate how to build a philatelic exhibit. And now a CD disk is available at the RMPL containing a manual of all of this information which you can print for reference, or duplicate or copy the disk to your own CD.

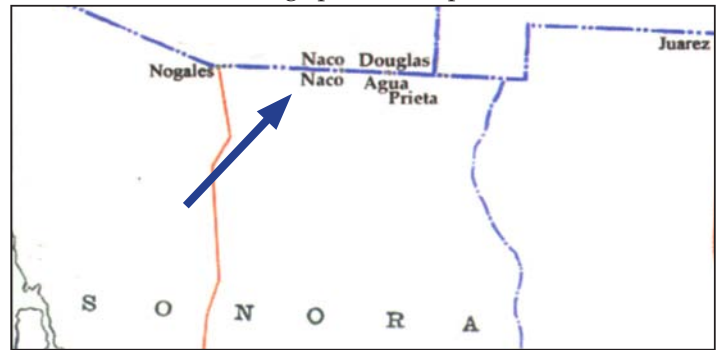
The manual uses the example of "Subject X," which represents any subject, real or imagined, that can be illustrated using one of the standard types of philatelic exhibits found in the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging*.

Post cards are also included in the Manual; treating them within the meaning of "philatelic." This exhibit uses examples from all of the standard exhibit types in order to show as wide a variety of possible approaches to building your own exhibit.

Naco, Arizona, Its Memories Preserved by the Postal History Foundation



For those of you who paid close attention to Ron Mitchell's book *Mexico's Denver Printing of 1914*, you might have noticed that one of the exchange offices for U.S.-Mexican mail during the Mexican civil war of the 1910 period was the post office at Naco, Arizona. The Naco P.O. existed in at least 3 different buildings prior to its present location.



Naco, Arizona. Map from Page 84, *Mexico's Denver Printing of 1914*. Sometime between 1909 & 1924 the P.O. moved into the 'Bank' building (above) where it remained until at least 1931. Dan Thomas, a long time member of the RMPL residing in Bisbee, shared these views with us.

The present day Postal History Foundation is located at 920 North First Avenue in the historic West University neighborhood of Tucson. In its entrance foyer (below) is the original postal window from the Naco Post Office.

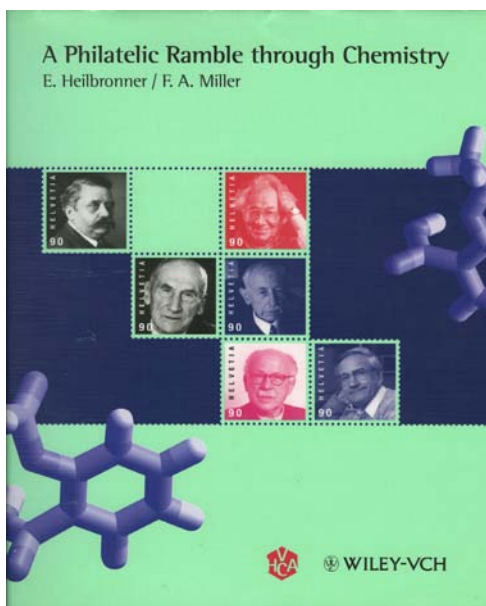


A Philatelic Ramble Through Chemistry

by Edgar Heilbronner and Foil Allan Miller

Wiley-VCH; Verlag Helvetica Chimica Acta - Basel 1998, 270 pages, 9x11 in.

Reviewed by Ronald Hill



This book is a very appropriate addition to the library's collection during this International Year of Chemistry (IYC 2011) and the national meeting of the American Chemical Society being held in Denver in August.

"Written with wit, expertise, and great enthusiasm, this unique book presents the reader with a light-hearted, historically based, collection of stories and anecdotes".

With over 270 large format pages, this book could almost be called a "coffee table book" except that it contains over 1000 color illustrations of stamps, covers and cachets with detailed descriptions of interest to almost any collector.

It is not a history of Chemistry illustrated with stamps, but rather the philatelic material itself and the history behind each item is what makes this book unique. The choice of topics is dictated by the philatelic material itself, resulting in the omission of certain historical events in Chemistry (that have not found their way onto stamps), however, this approach allows exploring many lesser known chemists and events that do appear on stamps.

The chapters of the book are arranged chronologically by historical periods such as: *Greek & Chinese Chemistry; Alchemy and the Middle Ages; Inorganic Chemistry and the Discovery of the Elements; and Spectroscopy.* Under *Miscellaneous Topics*, for example, you will find *Tools of the Chemist, Scales and Balances, and Glassware.* Special sections are devoted to *Chemical Errors on Chemical Stamps, Wrong Names, Wrong Dates and Chemical Terms, and Assorted Nonsense.*

This is not a technical manual on chemistry; rather it is a philatelic book designed for enjoyment by any philatelist who would like to learn about a fascinating topical subject.

The book also includes a complete Stamp Identification Index as well as a Name Index and a Subject Index.

The authors:

EDGAR HEILBRONNER (1921-2006) was born in Munich, Bavaria, in 1921, and moved to Geneva, Switzerland, in 1935. After studying chemistry at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, he held a Rockefeller research fellowship at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. He returned to Switzerland where he became Professor of Theoretical Organic Chemistry and later assumed the directorship of the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the University of Basel, a post he held until his retirement in 1988. He was a member of several learned societies, including the Gottingen Academy of Science and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

FOIL ALLAN MILLER was born in Aurora, Illinois, but was raised in a small village on the Mississippi River in Wisconsin. Foil taught for four years at the University of Illinois, then went to Pittsburgh in 1948 to join the staff of Mellon Institute. In 1967 he moved to the University of Pittsburgh as University Professor of Chemistry and Head of the Spectroscopy Laboratory. He retired from Pitt in 1981. He has been an editor of *Spectrochimica Acta* and the journal of the CPOSSU, *Philatelia Chimica et Physica*. He was a Visiting Professor in Japan in 1977 and in Brazil in 1980. Collecting stamps dealing with chemistry and physics is a special interest and he has authored over fifty articles about or concerning them.

Colorado's Postal Past ... The Long Trolley Ride

By Jim Kilbane



546. Cherrelyn Horse Car, Denver.



Here is a post card showing the Cherrelyn Trolley. The postcard was created by Frank S. Thayer of Denver. The trolley was a partially horse drawn trolley that went between Hampden and Quincy on Broadway in present day Englewood. Cherrelyn had a post office from June 6, 1894 through February 29, 1916. The tracks began to be laid in 1892 and completed in 1893. The Cherrelyn Trolley ran from 1893 through 1908. It was dubbed the "Gravity and Bronco" railroad. The horse would pull the trolley up the steep hill to the top. The trolley would then stop and the horse would then be loaded onto the rear platform. The driver then would give the trolley a push and the trolley would then coast downhill to the end of the line about a mile in length. Let us examine this card closer. It started its postal journey from a now ghost town called Tolland, now a few houses found between Rollinsville

and the Moffat Tunnel. Tolland had a post office from October 26, 1904 through June 30, 1944. The town originally was named Mammoth and several of the residents moved from the nearby town site of Baltimore to Tolland. The town was named for the Toll family who had a large holding of land in the area. The Tolls built a luxury resort called the Toll Inn and Mrs. Toll was the postmistress. Tolland was a helper station for the railroad at the foot of Rollins Pass.

This postcard began its postal journey on September 29, 1906 and went to Tacoma, Washington, with a Tacoma receiving mark of October 2, at 3:30 P.M. . The card then boarded a ship (perhaps Pacific Mail lines ship *Colorado*?) bound for Shanghai, where it was received at the American Post Office at 4:00 P.M. October 23. The US had a post office in Shanghai since 1867. Thus ends a long trolley ride from Cherrelyn, Tolland, Tacoma and then to China, a "ride" of about 7,000 miles..

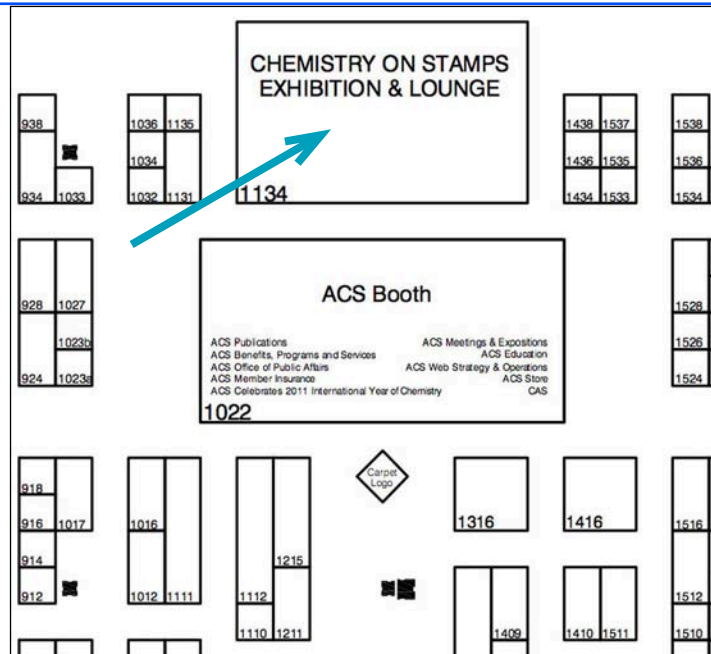
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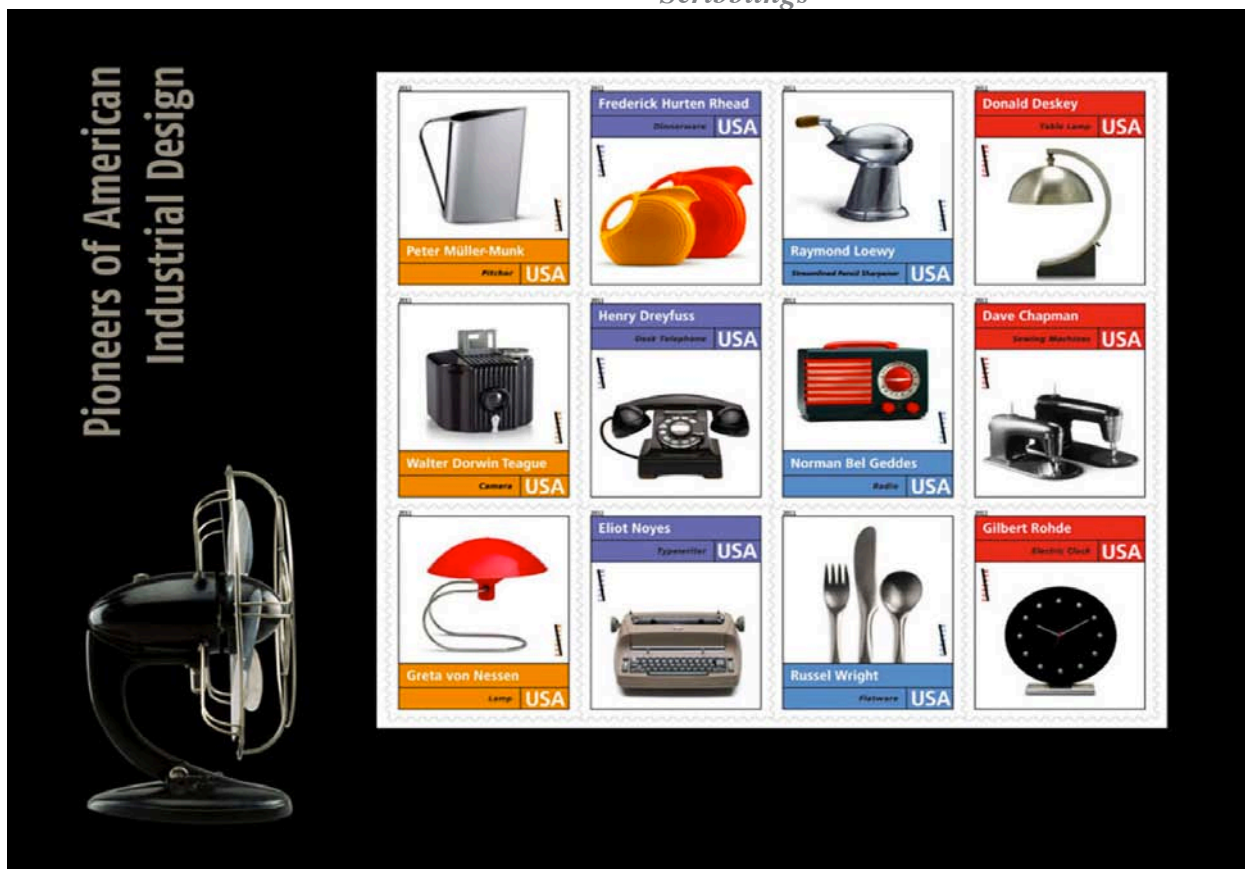


The Chemists Are Coming

The Chemistry & Physics on Stamps Study Unit, an affiliate of the American Topical Association, is presenting a Symposium, titled "IYC 2011: A Philatelic Celebration" at the American Chemical Society's Fall National Meeting in Denver in August.

Highlighting the event will be "Chemistry on Stamps: An Exhibition" consisting of about 30-frames of philatelic subjects by CPOSSU members. The use of the frames is made possible by the generous donation of the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show and temporary storage by the RMPL Library. Above is the floor plan of the Stamp Exhibit area at the **Colorado Convention Center**, during the ACS meeting and exhibition, August 29-31, 2011. About 14,000 chemists are expected to attend the National Meeting. The stamp exhibit recognizes Denver as an important center of philatelic activity, however it is only open to registered attendees.





See The Stamps. See The Collection in Denver

The new U.S. stamp series "*Pioneers of American Industrial Design*" was issued by the USPS on June 29, 2011.

Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art, 1300 Pearl St., in Denver, displays many of the items that are illustrated on the new stamps. Most of the artists honored on the stamps have their work in the Kirkland's international decorative art collection of over 15,000 objects. Special tours can be arranged and conducted by Ronald Hill, a docent at the museum. Contact Ron at 303-241-5409 or hillwright@mac.com.

Discount tickets for these tours will be available for RMPL members. www.kirklandmuseum.org

Gold Medal Night at RMPL, May 20, 2011

RMPL member, Marc Gonzales, was honored at the Gold Medal Night at the library on May 20, 2011. Marc discussed his exhibit titled *Mexico-The Provisional Period 1867-68*. This exhibit covers the provisional issues of Mexico including stamps and stampless covers used to keep the mail going in Mexico after the fall of Maximilian prior to the new National Issue of 1868.

According to Marc, "It began in 2005 with the title *Mexico-The Gothic Issue of 1867-68* as a three frame exhibit. The first time I showed it was at Garfield Perry that year and won a Vermeil and the AAPE Novice award. I showed it again that year at RMSS and again won a Vermeil".

Since then it has been shown 10 times winning a Gold medal each time. (RMSS 2011 was the 10th time) At Sescal in 2008 the exhibit had FIP recognition and won both a National Gold and an FIP Gold medal.



Marc Gonzales showing one frame of his 8-frame exhibit at the Gold Medal Night at the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library on May 20, 2011

In 2010 it was exhibited in Monterrey, Mexico at *Mepsierrey 2010* where it won a Large Gold and the Grand Award.

by Sergio Lugo

Some of you may not be aware of a facet of the RMPL that has been functioning for several years. Specifically, volunteers will spend time on donations that are believed to be counterfeits, fakes, forgeries, etc. This activity has increased as more donations are questioned at either the donor's suggestion or as volunteers intensify their scrutiny of materials received.

The stamps are broken down into two groups, U.S. and Foreign. Because of the prevalence of fakes in the Washington-Franklin series, the U.S. category contains a subcategory for Washington-Franklins. Foreign material is broken down into continental categories, with a subcategory for Europe consisting of Germany.

Our U.S. experts hold court on Thursday afternoons. They include Tom Suprenant, Gene Holgate, and Erl Fossum (sometimes joined by Jack Van Ens). They review the stamps, identify their legitimacy insofar as practicable, identify the reasons making the stamp legitimate or a fake and also provide citations of references for further study and evaluation.

Thus far, about 400 stamps (150 U.S.; 250 foreign) have been reviewed and documented, with about 300 in our back-log. Copies of a notational page are made, containing the information on the stamp, as well as a color blow-up (usually 5 to 8 times the size) of the stamp. These are

maintained in a set of 8 binders on the Library's shelves. The original stamps are locked away for safekeeping.



This is a genuine, Scott # 601, rotary press coil. It has been reperforated on all sides to appear as the slightly more valuable, Scott # 585. Some of the signs of fakery are noted here. The top and bottom perforations are misaligned and the plane of the teeth is remarkably straight on both the top and bottom. When viewed under magnification, the left and right perforations are highly irregular. Another telltale sign of chicanery is the rotary versus flat press dichotomy. Scott # 601 was a rotary coil stamp and is either wider or higher in its design than the flat press printed, Scott # 585.

Member Pot-Luck Picnic, August 7, 2011

Sunday, August 7, 1:00 pm until the early evening - you and your family are invited to the RMPL's first membership pot-luck picnic. The RMPL Board thought that we should introduce all the membership to the gardens at the RMPL by bringing you over to have something to eat.

So our first stab at this will be a pot-luck dinner. We're not spelling out what to bring, other than that your entrée, or salad, or dessert or whatever, should serve between 10 to 14 people. Food will be sheltered in the meeting room, and available as long as the supply lasts.

The RMPL will provide service (paper/Styrofoam plates, cups, and plastic utensils), condiments, and liquid refreshments in the way of soda, lemonade, or water. If you'd like to drink beer, wine etc., it's BYOB.

The RMPL will also supply hotdogs from a lite grill that will be available. If you want hamburgers, steaks, bratwurst etc. it's bring your own and you get to cook it on the grill for you and your family. And yes, we do mean family - please bring your spouses, significant others, and family members (grandparents, adult children, youngsters, grandkids) as we would like it to be an all family picnic affair.

If you want to sit down, bring folding chairs or lawn chairs. Horseshoes and limited children's games will be available. Come join us for an undoubtedly, warm afternoon (don't forget your spectacular summer hats and sunscreen). If you don't get over to the Library often, this is a great opportunity to get out and meet some of your fellow "globe trotting" stamp friends.

2011 RMSS Auction a Major Success *by David Weisburg*

This year's silent auction at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show was an amazing success, raising over \$27,000 for the library, plus nearly an additional \$1,000 in post auction sales. Much of this was due to the excellent material donated to the library several years ago by Bill Stolfus.

A mint NH set of Zeppelins sold for \$1,900, a forward facing Harding postal card sold for \$2,250 and a nice copy of UX31 sold for \$4,000. All three realizations were records for our silent auctions. Overall, the Stolfus material raised nearly \$17,000.

The other area that did very well was the Japan material donated by Kitty Wentworth's estate. Nearly every item in this group sold. On the other hand, her France material drew a disappointingly small number of bids. So if you want to fill in some of those expensive blanks in your France collection now is the time to do it at bargain prices. We also have some very nice U.S. Postal Cards still available.

Next up is our large lot auction in October and then next year's RMSS silent auction.

Fifth Annual Bulk Lot Auction in October

The RMPL will hold its fifth annual "Large Lot" Auction on **Saturday, October 22, 2011**. This promises to be the largest such auction to date, both in terms of the number of lots and the estimated value of the lots. The auction catalog will be sent out with the September-October issue of *Scribblings*. Mail bidders will be welcome, as well as the many floor bidders who have made this a "day to remember" event at the RMPL for the past four (4) years.

NEW MEMBERS

The library is pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined in the past two months.

George W. Owens, Broomfield, CO

Renate Tweten, Littleton, CO – Collects stamps

Alexandra Sefton, Federal Heights, CO –
Collects Japan, U.S., France, and Greece

Keith W. Pugh, Denver, CO

Paul Stewart, Greenwood Village, CO –
Collects United States, Israel

Larry Conner, Englewood, CO –
Collects United States, Canada

David Grossblat, Phoenix, AZ – Stamp Dealer

Carol Gent, Lakewood, CO

Bill Johnson, Topeka, KS

David P. Sperry, Boulder, CO – Collects Red Cross,
UPU, British Omnibus, Colonies

David Perdun, Centennial, CO

Dr. Paul M. Holland, Santa Barbara, CA – Collects
Worldwide classics, stamps on stamps, FDR items

Barbara Smith, Los Alamos, NM – Collects United States

Vernon H. Evenson, Denver, CO

SCRIBBLINGS CLASSIFIED

The **SCRIBBLINGS CLASSIFIED** is available free-of-charge to any RMPL member at the \$25 level or higher. **Classified:** Send all new classified ad requests to Ron Hill at hillwright@mac.com

SEEKING - Judaica related stamps, covers, ephemera, including Jewish National Fund. Dasa: 303-322-1231

SELLING – Super buy for Rail Enthusiast. Three (3) boxes of railroad covers plus binder of RR stamps plus binder of D&RG passes plus HO model layout with numerous engines, cars and buildings. Maury: 303-691-7554

HELP WANTED - Local stamp dealer looking for help sorting and cataloguing stamps. Will provide catalogs and necessary supplies. Knowledge of stamps and foreign countries necessary. Must be neat and accurate. Prefer paying in stamps of your choice. Tom Brey: (303)697-6438.

WANTED – U.S. 34-cent “Greetings From America” stamps on cover. Gene: nett.gene_43@comcast.net

TRADE OR SELL First Day of Issue Canal Zone covers for money or higher value Canal Zone stamps.

Tim: timheinscpa@msn.com

DONATIONS

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following members have made donations to the library over the past two months. We thank each and every one who has contributed.

Paul Albright

American Stamp Dealer

Michael Anderson

Richard Axtell

David Bair

John Bloor

Tom Brey

Lewis Bussey

Eric Carlson

Clare Cavenaugh

Peter Colwell

Joe Coston

Ernesto Cuesta

Susan Dareau

Les Davidson

Bonny Davis

Will Davis

Jerry Derksen

Peter Ditlow

Sue Dunn

Jerry Eggleston

Annette Fallows

James Fenn

Walter Figel

Anne Findlay

Erling Fossum

Danny Fountain

Bob & Joyce Franke

Greg Frantz

James Fredlund

Bob Gibson

Gary Gibson

Priscilla Greenwood

Bert Hanou

Gary Hendren

Ronald Hill

Michael Higgins

Frank Huey

ICPS

Jack Knight

Airmail Society

Charles Jones

Joe Lambert

Ron Lampo

Helen Lever

Longmont Stampers

Jeb Love

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Diane Rasmussen

James Reichman

Norm Ritchie

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Robert Smetana

Gary Starkey

Tom Suprenant

Paul Thomas

Peter Thy

USPPS

Arthur Weaver

Phillip Webber

Mr. Wineteer

George Wright

PERIODICAL PICKIN'S

Next issue we will present The **Society of Olympic Collectors** quarterly journal titled *Torch Bearer*. The Society is the only English language philatelic society specializing in the Olympic theme. The Society is based in England.

Articles deal with past and future celebrations of the Olympic Summer and Winter Games, as well as material related to the structure of the modern Olympic movement. The Society's webpage can be found at:

www.societyofolympiccollectors.org



SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Second Saturday programs are sponsored by the library and attract a friendly group of folks who are interested in a specific subject or who are interested in learning more about an area of philately that may be new to them. Contact Jim Kilbane if you would like to present a program.
e-mail: aurora_80017@yahoo.com

The programs begin at 9:00 AM and are over by 10:00 AM.

Doughnuts and coffee are complimentary and all are welcome.

JULY 9, 9:00 AM

The Cartographic Roots of Colorado
by Wesley Brown



This presentation will provide you with an understanding of the history of the exploration and mapping of the place that became Colorado. We will begin with the first image of the Western Hemisphere in 1540 and end when Colorado

became a territory in 1861. Wesley Brown has been a collector, student, and author of old maps for thirty years. A Denver resident, he co-founded the Rocky Mountain Map Society in 1990 and serves as an advisor for collection development for the Library of Congress and the Denver Public Library.

AUGUST 13, 9:00 AM

A Little Bit of This and a Little Bit of That
by Cliff Lushbough



A Little Bit of This and A Little Bit of That'

"Chemically Speaking of course"

HADACOL No wonder!! What, IYC?

For Man & Beast. Same stuff?

Dmitri Ivanovich Mendeleev. What??

Just a few of the tantalizing questions;

and maybe some answers in this world of protons, electrons & neutrons, etc. etc. etc.

SHOWS & EVENTS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES POST CARD SHOW

JULY 15, 16, 2011

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Friday, July 15, Noon to 7 pm; Saturday, July 16, 9 am to 5 pm

Admission: \$5.00 - Good for Both Days

NSDA STAMP SHOW IN DENVER

Saturday, September 24, & Sunday, September 25, 2011

10:00am - 4:00pm - Jefferson County Fairgrounds

FREE Parking & Admission

Contact Ron Lampo at: stamps@lampo.cnc.net



Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday 2:00 - 8:00 PM. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Phone: 303.759.9921

Meeting times and places sometime change. It is best to call the library or the club to confirm the place and time. A calendar of reserved club times is kept by Operations Manager, Don Beuthel, at the library. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Don (303-755-9328) of any changes or updates. All requests to reserve meeting time and space other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled by Don well in advance.

JULY 2011

July 2, 4 - **CLOSED FOURTH OF JULY**

July 9 - 9:00 AM

Second Saturday at the RMPL

Program by Wesley Brown

The Cartographic Roots of Colorado

July 9 - Meeting - 10:00 AM

Mexico/Latin America Study Group

July 9 - Meeting - 11:30 AM

Universal Ship Cancellation Society

U.S.S. Colorado Chapter

July 13 - Meeting - 7:00 PM

Denver Germany Stamp Club

July 14 - Meeting - 6:30 PM

Denver Post Card Club

July 16 - 9:30 AM - Metro Denver Young Stamp

Collectors Club

July 16 - **Aurora Stamp Club Picnic**

July 17 - Meeting - 2:00 PM

Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors

July 23 - Meeting 10:00 AM FDC Chapter

NOTE: Many of the stamp clubs meeting at the library have special summer schedules or do not meet during the summer months. All meetings listed here should be checked with the club to be sure these meeting times are correct.

AUGUST 2011

Aug 3 - Meeting-Aurora Stamp Club.

6:30 PM trading, 7:30 PM meeting/program

Aug 6 - Meeting - 11:00 AM

United Postal Stationery Soc.- Colo Chapter

Aug 7 - **RMPL Family Pot Luck Picnic**

Aug 11 - Meeting - 6:30 PM

Denver Post Card Club

Aug 13 - 9:00 AM

Second Saturday at the RMPL

Program by Cliff Lushbough

Chemistry: A Little Bit of This and a Little Bit of That

Aug 13 -Meeting - 10:00 AM

Mexico/Latin America Study Group

Aug 13 -Meeting - 11:30 AM

Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists

Aug 20 - 9:30 AM - Metro Denver Young Stamp

Collectors Club

Aug 20 - Meeting 1:00 PM

Colorado Postal History Society

Aug 21 - Meeting - 2:00 PM

Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors

Aug 27 - Meeting 10:00 AM FDC Chapter

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