

# Scribblings

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## RMPL's Health and Future

By Sergio Lugo, RMPL President

Welcome to the New Year!

As is our custom, we take the opportunity in this edition of *Scribblings* to inform the membership of the RMPL's health and future prognostications. That approach has worked well, despite the use of different formats and themes. This year is no different, as I approach the task by focusing on three milestones to lay out the hopes for the forthcoming year. Please enjoy my report and the coming year in philately.

### Milestone #1: Our 20th Anniversary

For those of us here since creation (or what seems to be that), 2013 was a singular achievement for that fact alone. Twenty years have passed since we first opened. Membership stood at roughly 10 to 30, the budget was nil and expectations were high simply by the fact that the doors were ajar. Beyond that, there was no foresight into what might develop.

Two decades later we still have no idea of what may lie down the road for the library, or what might evolve, but there is an underlying perception that, "come hell or high water," we'll get there!

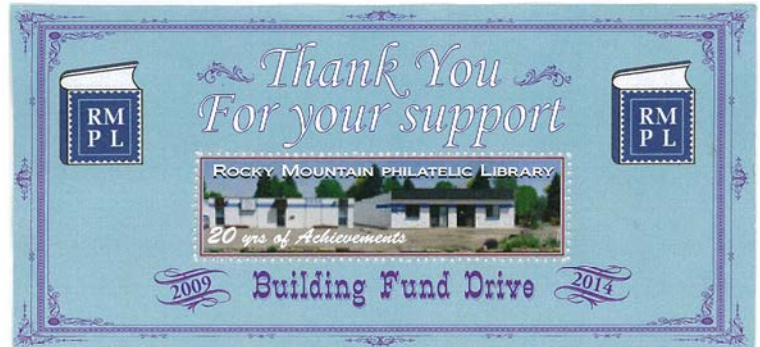
### Milestone #2: Property Tax Exemption

"Getting there" has been facilitated by a recent Colorado Department of Local Affairs decision to grant a property tax exemption that nets the RMPL a savings of more than \$14,000 every year for the next five years. Folks, that's 10 to 20% of our annual budget.

Much to the surprise of many of you (I'm sure), the RMPL has had to pay property taxes since day one. Federal 501(c)(3) status never has granted automatic property tax exemption. In Colorado, a 501(c)(3) organization has to prove it is engaged in charitable activities, not only nonprofit activities. Failure to address charity was part of the undoing of two attempts in the 1990s to secure the exemption.

As I explored the matter with David Weisberg in 2010, David had the foresight to bring in a consultant who had assisted him to secure an exemption for a child care facility. The consultant's focus convinced us to concentrate our thoughts on the need to prove charitable deeds (not simply intent), particularly in the education arena. Education is integral to the RMPL's mission.

My professional life involved 35 years of reading and implementing federal and state



This souvenir sheet was given to each person who made a pledge during the fund drive. It was printed by Marc Silberman. See "Milestone #3" on the next page for details on what the drive accomplished.

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regulations. That background helped me in the study of the tax exemption application processes and the assembly of proof of our charitable orientation, and a number of factors came into confluence in unexpected ways.

Our adult education linkage with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program through the University of Denver, under the stewardship of Steve Nadler, helped, as did the video education program, under the stewardship of Joe Lanotte. The video program continues to produce high quality educational videos.

RMPL Board decisions to provide funds to other stamp organizations in need of funding to sustain their activities proved to be a new wrinkle in the formula.

Hundreds of hours were spent searching RMPL archival files and we managed to dig out long forgotten charitable acts, ranging from providing funds to the CSU library after it was flooded in 1997, to sending out boxes of stamps to Laos (and many, many other locations) at our own expense.

And finally, one volunteer member, VeraLouise Pfeiffer, helped resolve nagging sticking points in state laws and regulations. She and I also vetted the 200+ page applications that were finally submitted for each of our three properties.

Charitable work will need to be continued by the board and the RMPL in years to come to assure continued exemption. State statute requires we focus our attention on the need to continue and expand our charitable programs.

I can assure you that many of you will be asked to contribute in a meaningful way to our video programs, our digitization efforts, our adult education dreams, and other presently unforeseen ways that will insure the continued vitality of our charitable endeavors.

### **Milestone #3: Five Year Pledge Drive Completed for 2048 S. Pontiac Way Property**

Fortunately, for me, RMPL volunteers Dasa Metzler and David Weisberg helped with an essential fund drive. This is something I am usually reluctant to do. Dasa, David and the board were instrumental in promoting the fund drive and it raised nearly \$100,000. That fund drive has ended.

176 members realized a vision that appeared out of reach five-and-a-half years ago.

Here are some of the details:

- 35% of the membership contributed.
- The average donation from individual members was \$548.
- 83% of donors gave in the range of \$999 or less. 17% gave more than \$1,000.
- Our physical plant doubled in square footage. It is now the second largest philatelic library in the country.
- The gardens are a welcome aesthetic addition to members, spouses, and the community.
- Much needed meeting space and secure facilities for our clubs and societies have been added.
- The former garage space has been enclosed

and now houses the auction catalog section, philatelic newspaper archives, and society cubicles.

- All this was done without raising the membership dues levels of the RMPL.
- Initially, in November 2009, \$87,174 was pledged. As of this writing, \$98,066 has been donated, representing 113% of the pledged amount.
- To summarize the capital improvements funding:
  - » \$98,066 from the fund drive.
  - » \$59,000 from the RMPL's general fund, applied to the purchase of 2048 S. Pontiac Way.
  - » \$50,000 from the William Bauer estate.
  - » \$25,000 appropriated by the board.
  - » Careful budgeting.
- The improvement/acquisition outlays (rounded upwards) included:
  - » \$59,000 for the initial mortgage on the property at 2048 S. Pontiac Way.
  - » \$50,000 plus \$25,000 mortgage pay-down on the 2048 property.
  - » \$29,000 roof replacement on 2038 S. Pontiac Way.
  - » \$6,000 in electrical work at 2038 S. Pontiac Way.
  - » \$6,000 for the garden.
  - » \$21,000 for the parking lot replacement.
  - » \$10,000 in remodeling expenses for 2048 S. Pontiac Way.
- The total expenditures above total \$206,000.
- Other notes:
  - » \$145,000 has been paid out for property taxes, utilities and insurance.
  - » A \$297,500 mortgage has been reduced to \$128,000. The mortgage period was reduced nine years, and will be paid off by 2020. This has resulted in interest savings of nearly \$108,000.

It is my hope that future RMPL boards and presidents will consider putting forward other capital improvement projects. At the earliest, they will likely not begin until after the 2048 S. Pontiac Way property is paid off. When those projects are undertaken we hope you'll keep an open and generous mind to the requests.

In considering projects for the future, remember that the RMPL board is a penny-pinching servant of yours, always looking for ways to save money from general income.

Your generosity has brought us to our current point.

Some early members could see the vision of 20 years ago, others could see it five years ago. It will be up to many of you to see and fulfill the vision for future capital improvement projects in years to come, and hopefully many of you will step forward to serve as the conductors for that vision.

*Sergio*

*January-February 2014*

## Open Album Endowment

By David Weisberg

Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library members have been very generous over the years with their donations of philatelic material such as stamps, books, auction catalogs, supplies, and the like. These items are the backbone of our periodic auctions and have helped make the library what it is today.

But we also need monetary contributions in order to establish an endowment.

Major projects at the RMPL that can be anticipated in the next two decades include:

- Unite our two buildings.
- Add movable shelves in the main library and annex.
- Repair the roof at 2048 S. Pontiac Way
- Provide additional space:
  - » Expand to the east, in the lot where the gardens are located, or
  - » Purchase the building to the west, next door.

An endowment fund would considerably facilitate the processes for planning for such improvements.

The best way to build an endowment that will be available to support the library over the long term is through bequests that members incorporate into their estate plans. This can be in the form of an outright grant, as a beneficiary to a life insurance policy, or as the beneficiary of an IRA or similar investment.

We do not want to wait until you have gone to the great stamp show in the sky to recognize your potential contribution. Therefore, the board of directors is currently considering that the library establish a recognition activity to be called "The Open Album Endowment" or something similar where the names of those who have made bequests (such as Bill Bauer and Vic Neas) or have committed to do so can be listed.

Let me know what you think about this plan.

## Victor Neas Bequest

Victor Neas was an accomplished worldwide collector who enjoyed his membership in the RMPL.

He left his wealth to his family, and \$200,000 to nine special organizations. The library was included, and received about 10%.

Vic used a member of the RMPL as the lawyer to complete all the probate documentation.

His stepdaughter was appointed the administrator and she and the law firm which represented the estate completed the process.

Vic's thoughtfulness in arranging to assist organizations that he favored and promoted was in the spirit of the Open Album Endowment Program described by David Weisberg above, and did not come from Vic or his family's living expenses and/or needed income.

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## Jewish National Fund Labels with a Purpose

By Dasa Metzler

The RMPL's newest video (see the RMPL webpage – video button) is a highly informative presentation on the fund raising efforts of the Jewish National Fund (JNF), now in its 110+ year of operations.

Using a variety of tools to raise funds, the JNF's goal has been to provide a variety of services concentrated on Palestine, and subsequently the State of Israel.

Its services have extended beyond the Jewish state to nations throughout the world. Those services have been focused on humanitarian and human/social services.

The labels were one of a variety of tools used by the JNF to raise funds. Those funds were used to purchase land in the Ottoman province and British Mandate of Palestine and the modern State of Israel.



A JNF label issued in 1909 depicts Theodore Herzl at the First Zionist Congress.

The land was eventually used for agricultural purposes, establishment of communal farming operations, education, and reforestation of the barren landscape of Israel.

For an extremely short period of one month during the fight for independence in 1948, the JNF labels became postage stamps in the true sense of the word. They were used to frank envelopes for mail transmission between those portions of Palestine/Israel controlled by Jewish forces. Thereafter, the labels reverted to their original status.



A cover mailed from Tel Aviv May 16, 1948, with a Jewish National Fund label (red arrow).

In the "cinderella" classification of postally related materials, the labels provide a rich and informative insight into the use of such materials to raise funds for a specific purpose.

Dasa Metzler is the author of the video, and is happy to explain to anyone the huge range of JNF labels available in the marketplace.

The video was produced by Joe Lanotte and narrated by Karine Drechsel.

# A New Year's Day Inauguration

By Art Lizotte

Seconds after the stroke of midnight, on January 1st 1913, the Post Office Department inaugurated the parcel post service with a set of special packages mailed from Wanamaker's Department Stores in Philadelphia and New York.

In Philly, the honor of mailing the first package in the new service was given John Wanamaker, the owner of Wanamaker's Department Store and former Postmaster General, 1889 – 1893, as part of President William Henry Harrison's cabinet.



Former Postmaster General John Wanamaker (left) looked on as the first parcel post package was mailed from his department store in Philadelphia to President William Howard Taft.

In New York, the honor was given to Wanamaker's son, Rodman. John's package was sent to President Taft and Rodman's was sent to Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock.

John Wanamaker was given the honor of mailing the first package because he was the one who proposed a parcel post service in the first year of his administration in 1889.

But it's 1913. Why did it take so long to institute the service?

## THE ORIGINAL IDEA

The idea for a parcel post service came to Wanamaker in 1889 in his first months as postmaster general as he was executing the international postal conventions as part of his duties. Each of these conventions had components for the handling of packages between the US and the Republic of Columbia, the Republic of Salvador, the Leeward Islands, and the Kingdom of Hawaii.

In his first annual report he said, "Our foreign parcels-post system has led to a curious anomaly in our postal system."

Wanamaker quickly assessed that the differences in the definitions (and rates) for fourth class matter and packages handled from these countries should be addressed by creating a new parcel post system in the U.S.

## OPPOSITION TO CHANGE

There were several opponents to the new service.

One was the express companies that served the cities

well, but not the smaller towns. The city business was very lucrative for them. A parcel post service by the USPOD would have a significant impact on their business.

Other opponents were the smaller local merchants who felt that this new service favored the larger department stores that operated a mail order business, like Wanamaker's. Parcel post would allow large stores to sell (and ship) at a lower cost.

Lastly there were those who felt that this service was socialistic, claiming that this was unwarranted government competition with private enterprise.

## OTHER PRIORITIES

These were all formidable obstacles to having an act pass in Congress instituting a new service by the USPOD, but there were simpler reasons why Wanamaker didn't pursue his plan. It was clear to him he needed to fix a lot of other issues in the post office, so it was a matter of priorities.

Wanamaker had to address numerous inefficiencies in the postal system before he could effectively add a parcel post service. He had a keen eye for identifying inefficiencies with all the experience he had managing his very successful department store in Philadelphia.

He could quickly analyze a process and identify ways to improve it. Wanamaker implemented numerous innovations through the department with several of his innovations still in use. I'll bet you visited one of them today!

## A NEW INVENTION

Here is the story:

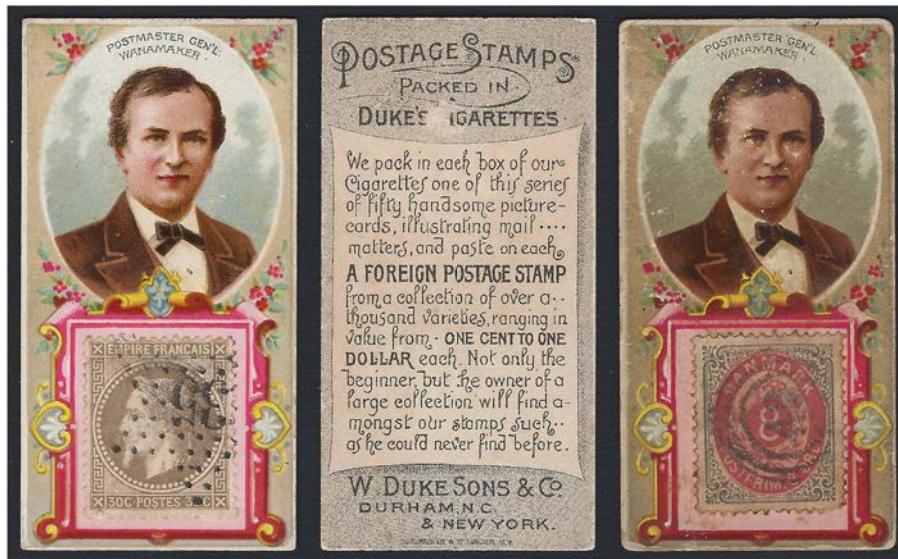
In 1889, mailmen organized the National Association of Letter Carriers. One of the contract disputes was the definition of when to pay overtime.

Wanamaker didn't want to pay more than necessary, so he studied the problem and noticed that the letter carriers often had to wait for a home's occupant to come to the door to accept the mail.

If that wait could be eliminated, it could save a lot of time and money, and would make the delivery of mail more efficient. The problem was how to securely leave the mail at an address without handing it directly to the



Twelve stamps were issued in 1912 and 1913 for use on packages sent by parcel post. They ranged in value from 1¢ to \$1.00 and featured scenes of mail handling and transportation.



Duke Cigarettes included trading cards with stamps and Postmaster General John Wanamaker's likeness in about 1890. The reverse of the cards explained the stamps should appeal to beginning and advanced collectors.

recipient.

Wanamaker commissioned a project in 1890 that solicited designs for something that would solve the problem.

The solution was the invention of the mailbox and door mail slot.

influence to institute the things he believed in.

He continued to fight against the express companies with their monopolistic hold on the system, since his department store business would benefit from a parcel post service.

He also still felt strongly about the benefit the parcel post service would be for people in rural areas.

Finally, on August 24, 1912, Wanamaker's idea for the parcel post was passed by Congress. It became an instant success.



This cover, from 1907, appears to be Wanamaker's personal stationery.

Since you probably went to your mailbox to pick up your mail today, you know that Wanamaker's innovation was indeed effective because even now the letter carrier doesn't have to wait for you to accept your mail at the door.

#### WANAMAKER THE INNOVATOR

Wanamaker brought about so many improvements in the Post Office Department that he is described as one of the best postmasters general in the history of the office.

Though he didn't inaugurate the parcel post service in his administration, he set the stage for the service to be implemented later.

After Wanamaker left office in 1893, he still exerted his

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You may be asking, "What did Wanamaker send to the President of the United States?"

While he had access to so many interesting products from around the world in his department store, he chose instead to have a custom set of enameled gold spoons created. There were 58 spoons representing the states of the union, with our insular possessions and the District of Columbia being the largest spoons. They were housed in a shield-shaped leather case that bore the Great Seal of the United States.

His son, Rodman, sent Postmaster General Hitchcock a silver vase commemorating the opening of the service in New York.

#### THE PRESIDENT WAS PLEASED

In a reply letter to John Wanamaker, President Taft expressed his appreciation of the gift by saying, "I am greatly touched by your beautiful memorial of the beginning of the parcel post, in which you have taken as great an interest ever since we were members of General Harrison's administration. I shall cherish the interesting gift which you have sent me as one of the pleasantest remembrances of my public life."

# RMPL Board Summary

Meeting of November 21, 2012

All members were present except Roe Emery (travel) and Dalene Thomas (snow/ice conditions).

## New Business

### Financial Report

Income through the end of October has amounted to \$103,000 (not including interest income, or the \$20,000 from the Neas estate, or the refund of nearly \$14,000 in property taxes). Expenditures have amounted to \$108,000. A revision to the treatment of the 2048 S. Pontiac Way building as equity should be applied to the financial report.

The financial report was accepted.

### Old Business

- The property tax exemption (beginning with 2012 taxes paid in 2013) was granted by the State of Colorado, and will realize a savings of more than \$14,000 per year in property taxes. The processes and requirements for annual updates and RMPL tracking requirements was reviewed with the board. All volunteer staff members will be asked to provide information on RMPL charitable activities for annual record keeping. The vigilance required to insure continued exemption was stressed with the board. Failure to submit reports by April 15th every year will lead to automatic termination of the property tax exemption without appeal, necessitating reapplication and payment of property taxes.
- The board voted to simplify returns by consolidating the three properties of the RMPL into one property for tax assessment purposes. That process will be underway once information of fees (if any) are confirmed with Arapahoe County, and with the State Department of Local Affairs.
- Final arrangements for the volunteer holiday party were confirmed. It will be held at the Blue Bonnet Restaurant on South Broadway. There will be no music this year, but there will be a special treat in the form of pastries by an RMPL (pastry chef) volunteer.
- The final version of the budgeting priorities document will be emailed to RMPL board members by David Weisberg. A 12th item in the form of movable shelves in the main library was added to the 11 other budgeting priorities that will help govern RMPL finances for the next 3 years, as was agreed in the September 2013 RMPL Board meeting.
- The Victor Neas bequest of slightly more than \$20,000 is anticipated shortly.
- The bulk lot auction realized nearly \$18,000.
- The Rocky Mountain Special Libraries Association held their annual meeting at the RMPL on October 3rd. Supper was provided by the Association. The RMPL donated \$50 to the Association for its activities.

- The preliminary final budget for 2013 and the preliminary initial budget for 2014 were reviewed. Anticipated income for 2013 is projected at \$118,577 with expenditures projected at \$115,811 (not including \$34,000 from the Neas estate and the property tax refund). For 2014, estimated income is \$105,310, and projected expenses are \$91,839. The projection includes roughly \$7,000 for lighting fixtures in both buildings. This expense is necessary because Federal standards are expected to require new energy efficient bulbs soon. The board voted to increase the budget for the following items:
  - » A contribution to the librarian's fund of \$5,000 (which will bring that fund to almost \$110,000).
  - » An increase of \$1,000 to the RMPL Youth Club that will be distributed in two \$500 portions.
  - » A charitable donation to the APS Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship program of \$1,000.
  - » A charitable donation to the Stamps Teach Program of \$1,000.
  - » A grant of \$4,000 for the RMPL's fourth book. It is for the publication of Paul Lee's book about the post offices of all units of the National Park Service. Paul gave his third presentation to the board on cost comparisons involving eight different schemes.
- The board put a hold on the disposition of a projected 2013 surplus of \$30,000. The additional money is a result of the Neas bequest and the property tax exemption refund. Those funds will be allocated beginning in mid-2014.
- The RMPL's fifth video has been released. It is *Jewish National Fund: Labels with a Purpose*. [Ed. note: See page 3 for more information.] The next videos for filming are *Security Aspects of Stamps*, and *Dragons on Stamps*.
- The Olli Program at the University of Denver is in full swing for the winter quarter under Steve Nadler's direction. Seven instructors are lined up. Steve and Tim Heins are also seeking instructors, from the RMPL membership, for the spring quarter. All it takes is a desire to familiarize adult students with the myriad historical aspects of philately, as they relate to individuals and nations.
- An organizational chart of operations at the RMPL was distributed by President Sergio Lugo. Anyone interested should take a look at the bulletin boards located at the entry of the library. The multi-faceted

operations of the library, and individuals responsible, are shown.

- David Weisberg took the opportunity to explain the legacy program he is beginning to design for the RMPL. [Ed. note: Elements of the program are described on page 3 in this issue.] The basic message is that he is developing a legacy program whereby contributors (whether RMPL members or not) can bequeath funds for specific activities at the library.
- Activities of the RMPL and the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show relative to Scouting on Stamps were explained. RMSS President Steve McGill explained the numerous activities being explored to attract youth and their leaders to RMSS, while the Scouting on Stamps Society International (SOSSI) is in attendance. Adult leaders from SOSSI are being recruited to serve as exhibit judges, mentors and tutors for the many hundreds of scouts expected to attend. The RMPL has been doing its part for the past year and a half, encouraging and supporting Frank Leitz' special collection of Scouting on Stamps, a 42+ volume of material that will be unveiled during the show. In addition, Scouting related articles that first appeared in September's *Scribblings*, and which will continue to be written through the May-June issue, are being released to SOSSI and to local Boy Scout districts for reproduction in their newsletters.
- The elements and job duties of the librarian's position at the RMPL were presented by Don Dhonau. This was begun in June/July of 2012, for the express purpose of pinning down the requisite tasks of the librarian that might be needed in the event

that Ellengail Beuthel decides to step down. Don recommended that a study committee be appointed to flesh out many of the unresolved issues that are likely to arise in the event that Ellengail does step down.

- The meeting concluded at roughly 9:55 on the heels of a discussion of what is taking place in the American Philatelic Society. Observations about the Milwaukee Show, the Tiffany Dinner and the problem an increasingly significant membership decline poses for the society were discussed. As a member of one of the APS' committees, Sergio Lugo has been involved in numerous discussions. Regrettably, he explained he cannot share the information because the deliberations of the committee are confidential until its recommendations are presented to the APS board. He did assure the RMPL board that a variety of APS members (both on the board and not associated with it) are spending considerable time grappling with membership revitalization concerns and other matters significant to the hobby's future. Sergio suggested that if RMPL members have suggestions, they should write down their ideas and give their suggestions to the APS "...for the betterment and future growth of our wonderfully myriad aggregation of individuals and collectors."

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. Annual reports from library departments will be given, and all members are invited. .



## A Party for Our Volunteers

"It was a dark and frigid night." (With apologies to Snoopy). But the weather on December 7th didn't slow down nearly a hundred RMPL volunteers and their spouses

who attended the annual party for members who help out on a regular basis during the year. It was held at the Blue Bonnet Café on South Broadway, and what can we say? It was a huge success!



*Left: Chris and Randy Alexander and Mike and Helen Milan chatted under the watchful eye of Santa.*

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*Below: This was just a part of the room. We had a big group!*



*Sergio and his moose hat served up desserts.*



*Webmaster Travis Searls was given a book with a clock and plaque inside to thank him for his service to the library.*

# Philately of Exile and Undercover Scouting

By Frank Leitz

Exile Scouting essentially owes its existence to Joseph Stalin. Scouting started in Russia about the same time it started in the United States and it is reported that Tsar Nicholas II read *Scouting for Boys* and approved translating it into Russian. In 1909, Oleg Pantukhoff founded the first troop in a small village Tsarskoe Selo, now called Pushkin, not far from St. Petersburg. Also in 1909 Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, visited Russia. Scouting rapidly became as popular an activity there as in the U.S.

But everything changed a few years later with the Russian Revolution and World War I.

## SCOUTING VS. STALIN

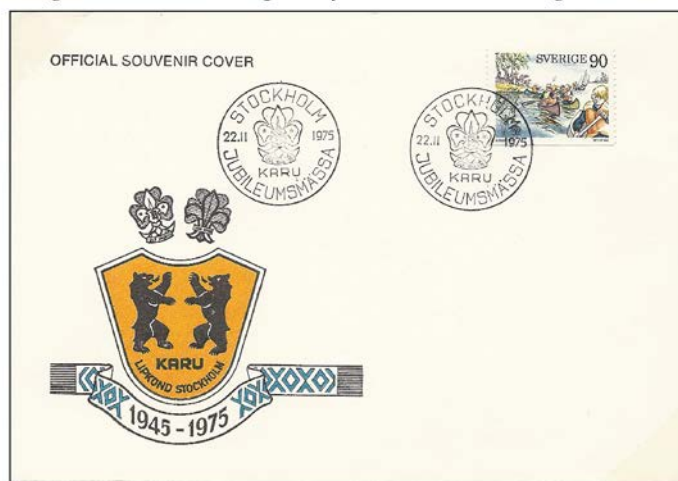
The Communist Party was strongly under the influence of General Secretary Stalin. He recognized that, if the party was to grow, it was necessary to attract young people to it. So in the early 1920s the Young Pioneers was formed for youth aged 8 to 14. That is roughly equivalent in age to the Cub Scouts or Brownies and young Scouts.

The Pioneers did not prosper, perhaps because of its heavy dose of political orientation. It was much less attractive than Scouting. Stalin's solution was to eliminate the competition. Scouting was banned and it went underground. Under Communism, Scouting is usually prohibited.

As many as 1,000 people were sent to concentration camps for the crime against the State of having been a Scout leader. Few returned. At least that is the story told by those who fled.

## A NEW BEGINNING FOR EMIGRES

Many of those who emigrated from Russia or Ukraine for political reasons or persecution wanted to set up a lifestyle in their new countries similar to that which they had before the Communist takeover. Activities they brought with them frequently included Scouting.



A 1975 cover from Sweden commemorating the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Estonian Exile Scout group, Karu (the bear).

A number of philatelic items began to appear relating to Russia and Ukraine, noting their loss of freedom. These included stamps (labels) and cachets produced by the exiles, and slogan cancellations from the host countries.

## SCOUTING VS. NATIONAL SOCIALISM AND FASCISM

The ethics and independence of Scouting seems to offend dictatorial leaders. In 1933, the Nazi government forbade German Scouts from attending the World Jamboree in Hungary and replaced Scouting with the Hitler Youth. Shortly after, the Fascist government in Italy banned Scouting.

## UNDERCOVER SCOUTING

Undercover Scouting is different from exile Scouting. It would be unwise to advertise prohibited activities, so there is little material contemporary with the prohibition. Only later can one tell the true story.

The following is from the insert in a 1972 cover celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Scouting in Modena, Italy:

"On September 12th 1922 Umberto Bandieri and Alfredo Borsari laid the foundations of the Modena Scout Movement. In a few years in the province of Modena Scouts could be counted by the thousands. Because of the refusal to back the Fascist dictatorship, we suffered opposition and devastations and finally the flat prohibition of the activity of the Scout movement. But all the members of our association kept faith to their Promise and endeavored to be the living spirit of the Scout Law, so they went on meeting secretly.

"After the return of peace in 1945, the old centres were opened again and new ones were founded. Along with the formation of clever chiefs, the brotherly life of the Scouts started again.

"Recently, the girl Scouts have joined our association.

"During the summer camps, the Alpine valleys echo our choirs again and we try to make the world a little better than it is.

"Once a Scout, always a Scout."

After World War II, with the Communist takeover of Eastern Europe, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia and Poland were added to the countries where Scouting was



suppressed. It would be a number of years before Scouting could recover in Eastern Europe. Poland is a little different in that there appears to have been a détente of some sort between Scouting and the government, perhaps because of the outstanding role Scouts played in the Warsaw Uprising of 1944.

In Czechoslovakia, the story is more complex. This is told in a descriptive folder from the Association of Scouts and Guides of the Czech Republic, called Junák.

“Before World War II Junák was the third most numerous Scout and Guide association in Europe.

This successful development was ended by the Nazi occupation in 1940. A great many Scouts and Guides joined the resistance movement at home and abroad and seven hundred of them paid for their loyalty to the Scout promise with their lives.

After the war in 1945, new development of Junák began and, in less than a year the number of members increased to almost 250,000.

All this was ended by the Communist Coup in 1948. The movement was disbanded and trials began in 1949 against Scout/Guide Commissioners, a number of whom were sentenced to many years of imprisonment in communist concentration camps.

During the ‘Prague Spring’ of 1968, the Scout lily came into bloom for the third time in Czechoslovakia, however the August invasion of the Soviet Army soon put an end to that. However, a number of Scout/Guide units continued to operate illegally. Following the ‘Velvet Revolution’ of 1989, Junák was one of the first illegally working organizations that started to function freely for the development of young people – for the fourth time.”

#### MAJOR CHANGES SINCE 1990

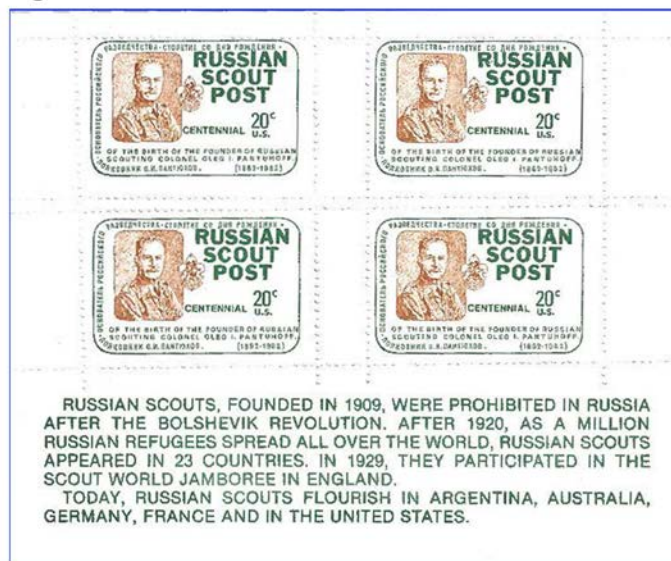
Since the fall of the Iron Curtain, Scouting stamps have appeared from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia (including Czech Republic and Slovakia), Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, and Yugoslavia.

Since the dissolution of Yugoslavia, Scouting stamps have been issued by virtually all of the component parts.

One hopes that the appearance of Scout stamps reflects the development of viable and active Scouting organizations in these countries.

Following the breakup of the Soviet Union, Scouting stamps have appeared from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Georgia, and Moldova. One won't mention the bogus issues that appeared during the breakup.

Curiously, there has never been a Scouting stamp from Russia, although there was a commemorative envelope for Oleg Pantukhoff showing Scouting logos in 1994.



A sheetlet from 1982 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the founder of Russian Scouting, Oleg Pantukhoff.



Latvian exiles have distributed a number of labels commemorating various aspects of Scouting.

The philately of this area shows the strength and validity of the fundamental concepts inherent in Scouting put together by Baden-Powell and the heroism to which it inspired some of its participants.

*Ed. note: This is the second in a series of articles on Scouting by Frank Leitz. The articles are appearing in Scribblings in the months before the Scouting On Stamps Society International (SOSSI) holds its annual meeting at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show in May of 2014. The RMPL's Special Collection on Scouting, which Leitz is assembling, will contain a wide variety of exile Scouting items, and will be available for viewing at the time of the show.*

## Children's Hospital Colorado Postcards for Children Program

By Preston Driggers, President, Denver Postcard Club

Our club was in the process of filling out an application for nonprofit status from the government and we needed to describe our involvement with the community.

It was in this head scratching period when the idea of providing postcards to children recovering at Children's Hospital Colorado came about. We didn't know whether this was a workable idea given that children have access to Internet music, Game Boys, Smart Phones and iPads. And there was a question whether the Volunteer Director at the hospital would even consider it.

We formulated a plan for proceeding. Postally used and unused cards drawn from the club's inventory could be presented to children in a meaningful way. Could packets of postcards have a gift-like appearance?

We searched office supply stores for attractive envelopes and wound up with a perfectly sized see-thru vellum envelope that met the gift-look criteria.

Our focus was to appeal to five to twelve year-olds. Many collectors recall their collecting interests often got sparked between these ages. What type of cards would children like? One obvious answer is animal cards. Others included Native Americans, dolls, horseback riders, airplanes, trains, U.S. Presidents, and famous places. This was a start.

Thinking through how a child in a hospital room or a children's area could use the cards led to writing an insert that says:

### What you can do with Postcards

- Make up stories about the pictures
- Cut out the pictures
- Write notes and send postcards to friends and family
- Trade postcards
- Look at the postage stamp, if any, and find out about it
- Look at the postmark, if any, and locate the city on a Google map
- Plan a trip around the picture on a postcard
- Look at the caption, if any, and read about the picture
- Start a collection of similar postcards
- Request more cards from the Denver Postcard Club
- Use only a 33 cent stamp to send a postcard. It is 46 cents for a letter

The front side of the insert states, "Postcards for Children" and at the bottom "Provided by Denver Postcard Club" along with our Facebook information.

Seven packets of six postcards along with four postcard stamps and the insert were made up as a "show and tell."

A meeting was arranged with Sue Dagg, the director of the volunteers at the hospital. Her reaction when I showed

her the packets was, "What a unique donation." She said 50 - 100 packets would be a good number.

We bought all of the RMPL's 33-cent stamps (postcard postage for 2013) and found more at Arapahoe Stamp and Coin shop. Some had spiders and critters. Perfect.

Besides providing some smiles to children, there are other benefits to this program. We expect that some children will trade their postcards -- an airplane card for a horse card-- to build up a little collection; some will use stamps to write and send postcards to their grandparents or other friends or relatives; others will trade and collect the stamps; others will display the cards in their hospital room; and we expect some of these cards will be taken home when they leave the hospital.



An example of the contents of a packet prepared for youngsters in Children's Hospital Colorado.

Beyond these direct benefits, parents will see postcards that date back to their own youth and trips they took and may share such stories with their children. They may start planning future family trips based on the cards when the child gets well. In-hospital volunteers and nursing and physician staff will be able to ask the children about their postcards or stamps. It's quite possible some of these folks also have, or had, collections of their own that they may choose to discuss. All of these activities indirectly support the hobby of postcarding and can lead to enriching conversations with the children.

The first delivery of 80 packets was made in September. These were turned over to the volunteer office to be given to the in-hospital volunteers who distribute items to children. The club hopes to make at least two deliveries a year, depending upon the number of cards available. We expect to deliver 100 packets in March 2014.

As with any new service program, we will learn as we go along. We will need to find additional donations of cards appropriate for children and we hope to learn more about what works and does not work with the program. In the meantime, we invite donations of postcards that can become part of this worthwhile effort and the club will be buying more stamps at RMPL.

Globe trotting RMPL members...

## A Philatelic Reflection from London

By VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer and John Pfeiffer

### HER STORY:

In August John and I visited Iceland and then London en route to a North Atlantic cruise. John's prize souvenir of Iceland is a T-shirt with an Icelandic 40 aurar stamp.



VeraLouise

The London highlight is the day we spent as guests of the volunteers of the Royal Philatelic Library and Museum.

We were given a tour of parts of the collections. Then after morning tea/coffee break with the volunteers in the main work room, John went off into the back rooms (see below) while I had a great time schmoozing with an ever-changing group of volunteers.

Their library facilities are elegant and charming.

Their bookcases are beautiful with warm wood lining the walls in at least two rooms from floor to ceiling. The room I sat in while I chatted with staff had bound collections of publications differentiated by the color (or colour) of their leather bindings. Also, there were several desks where correspondence and research was ongoing and two conversation areas with comfortable chairs around small tables for our tea/coffee cups. There were telephones, and computers and printers. The camaraderie was warm and free. Most of the volunteers were collectors and retired from a variety of professions.

They wandered in and out throughout the morning and afternoon for coffee, tea, cookies (biscuits), or just conversation. Every one of them was cordial to us and curious about how we did what we do at Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library. Once they understood my oral shorthand ("rumple" for RMPL), they used it too.

The equipment they have is exciting. John got to see more expensive acquisitions than I did, but I think I had more fun. We went to a pub for lunch with a few of the volunteers and promised all we met that we'd be delighted to reciprocate their hospitality if they ever found their way to Denver and environs.

### HIS STORY:

We took the bus from our B&B in Islington, north of London proper, to the Town of Westminster. As we left the bus, VeraLouise asked the driver for directions to 41 Devonshire Place at the corner of Devonshire Street, the intersection where the library is located, and she was interrupted by a kindly gentleman, around our age,

carrying a zippered folio who said "I'm going there; just follow me." So we did.

We were greeted by the designated docent, Mark Copley, who introduced us to the volunteers and members present. I picked up a membership application packet and sorted through its contents, then asked "where's the application?"

Lots of other information was in the packet, though. Apparently the application forms had "gone missing." That was swiftly corrected in all thirty or so packets.



John

After we chatted for a while, we were asked if we'd like a tour of the facility.

VeraLouise was comfortable in the ground floor library lounge, so I went with my guide to see the various work spaces and library stacks, as well as the several items that had been obtained from Perkins Bacon, and an auction of De La Rue and Sons equipment and archives. Have you ever seen a full sheet of the Penny Black? How about a full sheet press plate?

The exhibits include many medals awarded to RPSL members over the past 120 years as well as the garter of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order which was bestowed upon Sir Edward Denny Bacon KCVO. Sir Edward was Philatelic Secretary to King George V and was also President of the RPSL from 1917-23.

For forgery fans, a press used by Jean de Sperati to produce his fakes is on display.

For printing fans, there are dies, plates, transfer rollers, lithographic stones, and casts of the sculptures used to model the Wyon and Machin heads.

My favorite artifact, however, is in the basement and is part of the century-long history of RPSL expertising services.

It's a modern document analyzer purchased from donated funds and used to verify authenticity of security paper such as banknotes, bonds, deeds, wills, etc. The price was about 40 thousand pounds sterling (\$60,400) and it is a thoroughly impressive piece of work.

There is also an extensive "comparison collection" of worldwide fakes and forgeries that is the backbone of the RPSL Experts Committee's function.

For lunch we were accompanied to The King's Head Pub where I was "shouted to a pint of bitter" and the barman provided the regulars with their standing orders.

We chatted, ate and sipped, sharing the stories of our lives and listening to Maurice (pronounced "morris") Flack's impromptu recitation of the benefits of RSPL membership.

After lunch, I spent what seemed to be a short time (all afternoon, actually) in the library stacks reading reference material about early German States issues.

All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable visit for us, and we hope for them as well.

## PERIODICAL PICKIN'S

## Quarterly Circular of the Egypt Study Circle

By Sergio Lugo

The stamps and postal history of one of the oldest kingdoms/nation states of humankind are studied in this journal by its parent society, the Egypt Study Circle.

Egypt's stamps began as provincial issues of the Ottoman Empire in 1866, then gained currency as stamps issued by a British Protectorate until 1922 when the modern Kingdom of Egypt was proclaimed.

A revolution in 1953 led to the establishment of republican Egypt, which for a short time in the late 1950s and 1960s merged with other Middle Eastern nations to form the stamp issuing United Arab Republic. In 1971 it reverted to the singular Arab Republic of Egypt.

This is the second periodical focused on Egypt we have seen at the RMPL.

The first is a publication of the International Egyptian Philatelic Society. The library has only Xerox copies and they are not listed in our computer catalog.

Our holdings of the *Quarterly Circular of the Egypt Study Circle* span the years 1996 to 2003, encompassing whole series numbers 179 to 207. Obviously, our gaps for the periodical are large, dating basically to its first issuance in the 1930s and continuing after 2003.

Just to double check I found that the study circle still exists. Its web page can be found at [www.egyptstudycircle.org.uk](http://www.egyptstudycircle.org.uk).

Egypt has an astonishing and astonishingly widespread philatelic history, and topics still under consideration are many and varied.

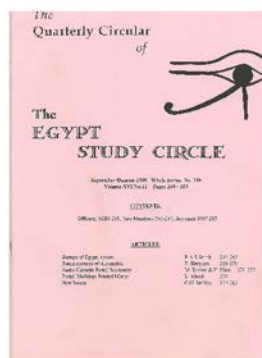
The website of the study circle is outstanding, providing easily identifiable tabs and selections to navigate every spot in the webpage.

The journal itself, based on the examples we have, has straightforward presentations of material in black and white.

Printed on 8 3/4 by 11 1/2 inch paper, each issue contains a variety of articles on Egyptian philately that truly cultivate the mind and plow the furrows of greater knowledge of Egyptian philately.

The articles are generally two or three pages long, and deal with remarkable facets of Egyptian philately.

I happened to grab an issue with a seven page presentation on audio cassette postal stationery envelopes. (Wow. These must make for great difficulty in mounting an exhibit.)



*The Egypt Study Circle journal.*

Other articles are about cancellations, stamps, postal history, perfins, other esoterica, and overland and steamship routes.

The guiding principles of the society, as stated on its internet home page, are that members are to provide complete studies on various aspects of the philately of the Nile. That practice has apparently continued to this day in the form of the journal's articles, with lots of tabular presentations to provide a tremendous amount of detail in small spaces.

I found color reproductions in some of our holdings, suggesting that color has been more extensively used in later issues, and, it might be added, to good effect in illustrating postal history.

Finally, I found little advertising in any of the issues. Ads were reserved for the second page and the last two pages of the journal.

On the whole, a most enjoyable read.

## The annual RMPL "Volunteer Salute" party ...

(More pictures on page 7.)



*Sharon and Paul Albright enjoyed the evening.*



*Ellengail Beuthel, our librarian, was given an attractive glass jar with goodies inside.*



*Elizabeth Albe and her father, Chris, are two of the RMPL's newest volunteers.*

## FAKES

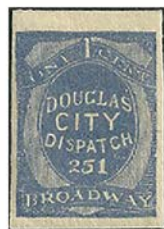
# Now for Some *Real* Fun, Dealing with Locals....

By Joe Lambert

Carrier and local stamps, used by private and commissioned carrier individuals and firms for local mail pickup and delivery, are a source of immense entertainment, in great part, because the vast majority of all that one finds in typical collections are forgeries!

The laws which govern forgeries of postage stamps do not apply to these privately printed stickers, so forgers have had a field day over the years, especially with scarcer items including the Pony Express Stamps.

Fortunately, there is an absolutely outstanding reference book on the subject, with the somewhat cumbersome title *The Identifier for Carriers, Locals, Fakes, Forgeries, and Bogus Posts of the United States*, 3 volumes, by Larry Lyons, 1998. These books, available at the RMPL, detail and illustrate the features of the genuine items as well as those of the then known fakes and forgeries. It is a thrill to find a real item, and sort of a thrill to find an absolutely identifiable, by type, forgery!



**DOUGLAS CITY DESPATCH,  
NEW YORK CITY**

1879      This local post was established by George H. Douglas. When the post ceased to exist the remainders were sold in an imperforate state by the printers.

ORIGINAL  
TYPE 1

ORIGINAL  
TYPE 2

**ORIGINAL    TYPE 1    TYPOGRAPHED**

1.    Inscribed in a circle with "DOUGLAS," at the top and "DESPATCH" at the bottom.
2.    The center reads "CITY"
3.    There is a white circle above the "GL" of "DOUGLAS" and another below the "A" in "DESPATCH".

**ORIGINAL    TYPE 2    TYPOGRAPHED**

1.    The oval reads "DOUGLAS CITY DESPATCH 251".
2.    The top label reads "ONE 1 CENT".
3.    The bottom label reads "BROADWAY".

**FORGERIES**  
There are none.

<u>DOUGLAS CITY DESPATCH</u>	<u>SCOTT CATALOG NUMBERS</u>
<b>ORIGINAL TYPE 1</b>	
Pink on White	59L1
Blue on White	59L2
<b>ORIGINAL TYPE 2</b>	
Vermilion on White	59L3
Orange on White	59L4
Blue on White	59L5
Slate-Blue on White	59L6

Moving along to the Douglas City Despatch which, as one can see from its page of the Lyons reference, has no known forgeries (red arrow, above). We have illustrated two imperforate and, of necessity, genuine examples. Great!

Alas, reading the listing in the *Scott Specialized* catalog, we learn that, "Imperforates are believed to be remainders sold by the printer." Bummer.

There is much history in local issues, and much fun to be had collecting them. There might even be fun to be had in collecting the variety of forgeries. Try to be sure, though, that the difference is clear!

## RMPL STAMP SALE

Third Annual  
**Fixed Price Country Lots Sale**  
**February 15, 2014 10 a.m.**

*By William E. Crabbs, Assistant Auction Manager*



Separating many boxes of stamp collections into separate country lots is an interesting task. Stamps everywhere, some on pages, some at the bottom of the box, some stuck into crevasses of the albums that were being pulled apart and some in envelopes that were stuck between album pages waiting to be "pasted" into place.

The library receives stamp donations every week, and we turn them into cash. It is an ongoing process that raises money to help keep everything up and running. We look for material from the donations to place into the three sales we have every year.

The "Country Lot Sale" comes from the material that is left over from the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show auction, our largest auction of the year. It also comes from material that did not fit our second largest, the "Bulk Lot" sale.

This year's countries are: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bavaria, Belgian Congo, Belgium 1 & 2, Bermuda, Bohemia/Moravia, Bolivia, Brazil, British Colonies 1 & 2, Bulgaria 1 & 2, Burma, Cameroun, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo Republic of, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia 1 & 2, Dahomey, Denmark, Dominica/Dominica Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France & Colonies 1 & 2, German Dem. Rep. 1 & 2, Germany 1 & 2, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras,

Hong Kong, Hungary 1 & 2, India, Indonesia, Iran/Iraq/Persia (one lot), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kenya/Uganda/Tanganyika, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaya & States, Mexico, Mongolia, Monaco, Mozambique, New Zealand, Newfoundland, Nicaragua, Niger/Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland 1 & 2, Portugal, Romania 1 & 2, Ruanda/Rwanda, Russia 1, 2 & 3, Salvador El, San Marino, Siam/Thailand, Singapore, South Africa's, Spain 1 & 2, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey, UAR (multiple countries one lot), UN, Uruguay, USA 1 & 2, Vatican, Vietnam/Laos/Cambodia/Indo-China (all one lot), Yemen and Yugoslavia

There are thousands of stamps from more than a hundred countries.

You be the judge!

Viewing of the sale will be the week of Monday-Friday, February 10-14, during regular library hours.

The sale itself will be Saturday February 15, 2014.

Come, take a look and hopefully add something to your growing collections.

We will have the rules for this year's fixed price sale posted at the library by mid-January along with a list of the lots and their prices.



### 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. email: 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.

**Folks, we have two outstanding programs to begin 2014.  
Make plans now to attend one or both of them.  
They will be a treat for all stamp collectors!**

**JANUARY 11, 9 a.m.**

### *A Second Look at British Strike Mail*

By Sergio Lugo

We're sure this has never happened to any of you - namely, upon closer inspection of a specialized collection the owner/reviewer/purchaser has to revise his/her earlier initial appreciation of the collection. And that's what has happened here.

In the first quarter of 2013, Sergio gave presentations on the British Strike Mail materials he had acquired in a private purchase. Those presentations raised a number of issues that could not be satisfactorily explained or described. Since then, the RMPL has received about twice the original material that Sergio had purchased.

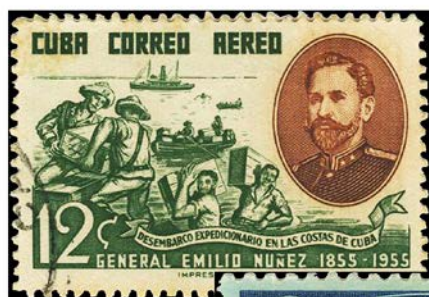
The contents of this donation (which has now been merged with the original purchase and is an RMPL Special Collection) helped clarify a LARGE number of issues raised in the first presentations.

Come and listen to what you can learn as you revisit collections from the past, with new examples and information in tow.

**FEBRUARY 8, 9 a.m.**

### *Cuba: 1868 - 1898 Rebellion Against the Spanish*

By Ronald Hill



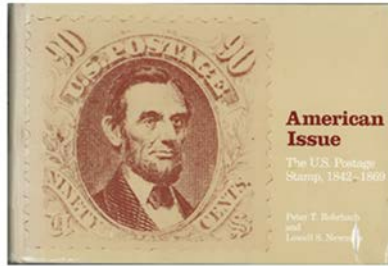
Stamps covering the historic events of the 30 years of the Cuban rebellion against the Spanish will be shown. People included will be Felix Valera, the Cuban-born Roman Catholic priest and Cuban independence leader; General Henry M. Reeve, the American general who fought with the rebels for seven years and was killed in battle in 1868; and the eight Cuban medical students executed in 1871 by the Spanish after being acquitted by the court. And, you'll hear a lot more stories that you never heard before.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES?

UNITED STATES



2000 Catalogue of Errors on U.S. Postage Stamps, by Stephen R. Datz

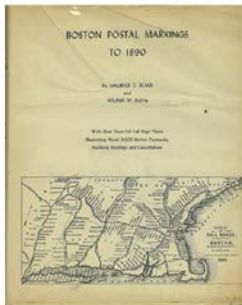


American Issue: The U.S. Postage Stamp, 1842-1869, by Peter T. Rohrbach and Lowell S. Newman

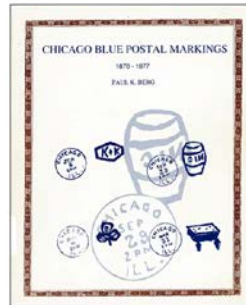
Revenue Stamps of Communist China, 1929-1955 (second edition, 1981), by P.I. Padgett



Second Sales Catalogue of Chinese Revenues 1899-1949, published by the Chinese Revenue Stamp Co. (Hong Kong)



Boston Postal Markings to 1890, by Maurice C. Blake and Wilbur W. Davis



Chicago Blue Postal Markings 1870-1877, by Paul K. Berg

New Jersey's Foreign Mail, by Gerard J. Neulander  
The Pony Express or Blazing the Westward Way, and other sketches and incidents of those stirring times, by William Lightfoot Visscher

AUSTRALIA and OCEANIA

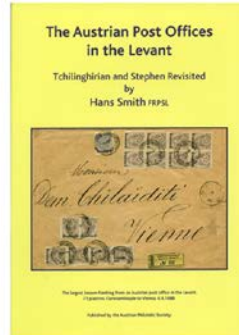
The Impressed Duty Stamps of Victoria, by Dingle Smith and Dave Elsmore

COLORADO

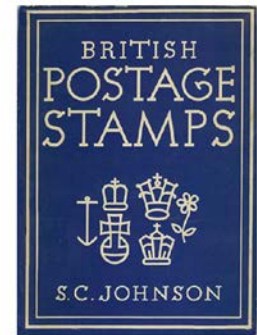
Colorado Poster Stamps, by John H. Bloor

EUROPE

Alsace-Lorraine/Elsass-Lothringen, 1870 to UPU, an exhibit by Stanley J. Luft



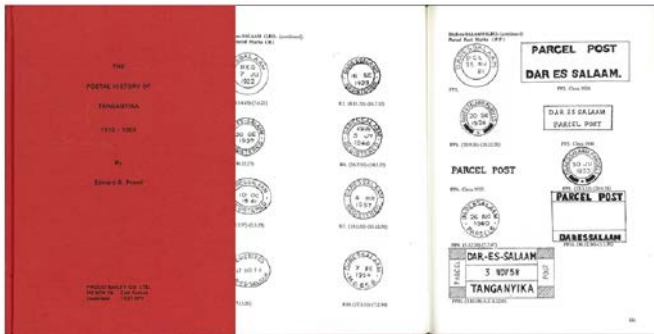
The Austrian Post Offices in the Levant: Tchilinghirian and Stephen Revisited, by Hans Smith



British Postage Stamps, by S.C. Johnson

Catalogus der Apstempeligen van de Duitse Bezetting in Belgie, 1914-1918 [Catalogue of Postmarks in use During the German Occupation in Belgium (1914-1918), by Willy Van Riet

AFRICA



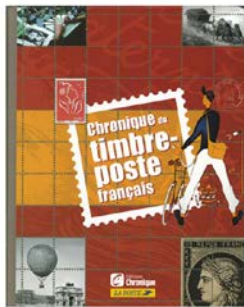
The Postal History of Tanganyika, 1915-1961, by Edward B. Proud

ASIA

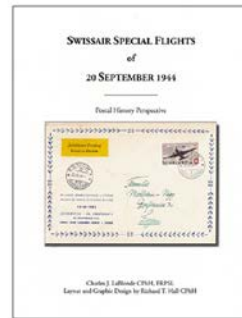
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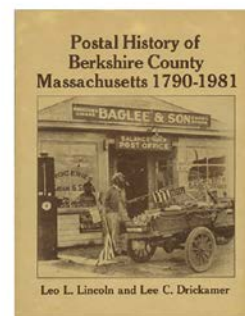
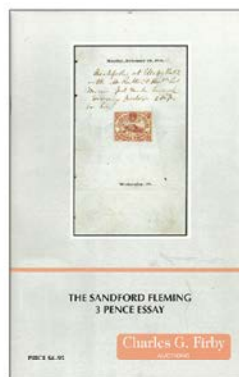
*Chronique du Timbre-Poste Francais*  
*Commonwealth Five Reigns Postage Stamp Catalogue* (1980),  
 published by Bridger & Kay, Ltd.  
*Distinguishing Characteristics of Classic Stamps: Europe 19th*  
*Century (except Old German States)*, by Hermann Schloss



*Swissair Special Flights of 20 September, 1944: Postal History*  
*Perspective*, by Charles J. LaBlonde  
*Waddington End of Duty Playing Card Labels*, by Chris Tennant  
 (bound together with *Great Britain Playing Card ...* by  
 Tanner)

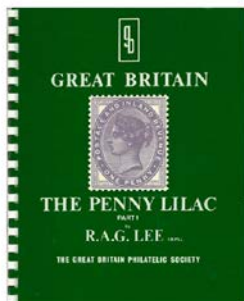


**NORTH AMERICA**



*Fortegnelse over Norske Poststempler Etter 1846-1894*, Oslo  
 Filatelist-Klub  
*Great Britain Playing Card Wrappers 1883-1960*, by M.J. Tanner

*The Sandford Fleming 3 Pence Essay*, published by Charles G.  
 Firby Auctions

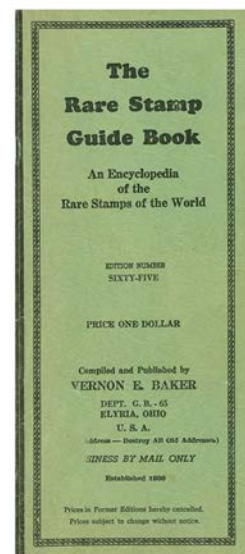
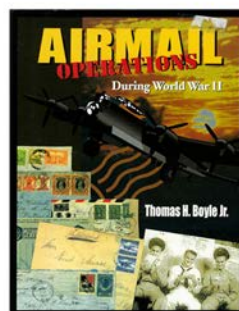


**POSTAL HISTORY**

*Postal History of Berkshire County Massachusetts 1790-1981*,  
 by Leo L. Lincoln and Lee C. Drickamer

**MISCELLANEOUS**

*Queen Victoria: A Specialised Study of the 1881 Penny Lilac;*  
*Part 1: Frame Damage*, by R.A.G. Lee  
*A Second Study of the Imperforate Surface-Printed Stamps*  
*of Great Britain*, by Dr. Douglas Latta  
*Svenska automathäften 1954-1977* [Swedish Slot-Machine  
 Booklets], by Lennart Lagerström



(Information on these books is at the top of the next page.)

New on the Shelves, cont.

*Airmail Operations During World War II*, by Thomas H. Boyle, Jr.

*The Rare Stamp Guide Book: An Encyclopedia of the Rare Stamps of the World*, 65th edition, compiled by Vernon E. Baker  
TASCO [Tatham Stamp and Coin Company], a collection of articles, compiled by Roger S. Cichorz

#### AUCTION CATALOGS

*The Josiah K. Lilly Collection* (separate pamphlets for Intro and parts I, III, V, VII-X; parts II and IV missing), catalogues for Robert A. Siegel auctions held from February 1967-December 1968

*The Merlin Collection: Superb Quality 19th & 20th Century United States Stamps*, catalog for a Robert A. Siegel auction November 2012

*The President's Sale: Featuring the Marcy Chanin Collection of Mint United States Stamps and the "Shakespeare Society" Collection of Gem Quality United States Stamps*, catalog for a Steve Ivy Philatelic Auction November 1989

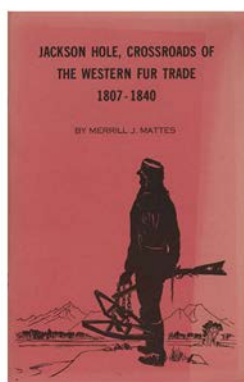
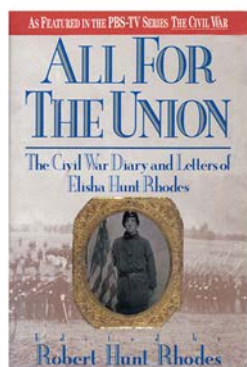
*South Australia: Perkins, Bacon Issues. The Award-Winning Collection Formed by John O. Griffiths*, catalog for a Christie's Robson Lowe auction June 1992

*United States Postal History*, catalog for a Richard C. Frajola auction May 1995

#### NON-PHILATELIC (Railroads)

*Union Pacific Branch Line Depots in Nebraska*, by William F. Rapp

#### NON-PHILATELIC




*All for the Union: the Civil War Diary and Letters of Elisha Hunt Rhodes*, edited by Robert Hunt Rhodes

*Jackson Hole, Crossroads of the Western Fur Trade 1807-1840*, by Merrill J. Mattes

*Prospector, Cowhand, and Sodbuster: Historic Places Associated with the Mining, Ranching, and Farming Frontiers in the Trans-Mississippi West*, edited by Robert G. Ferris



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Another new stamp club? Yes!

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For information contact Steve Schweighofer at 303-755-4528 or [steve.schweighofer@comcast.net](mailto:steve.schweighofer@comcast.net).

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- Jewish National Fund: Labels with a Purpose  
By Dasa Metzler
- Tasmania, Part 1: Pictorial Stamps 1899-1900  
By Ron Hill
- Tasmania, Part 2: Pictorial Stamps 1901-1913  
By Ron Hill
- RMPL Youth Stamp Club  
By Don Dhonau
- U.S./German Seapost  
By Sergio Lugo

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### NEW MEMBERS

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

**Victorano Peña**, Denver, CO

**Christina Reich**, Denver, CO

### Book Reviewers

Your editor would like to include more philatelic book reviews in *Scribblings*.

If you have a particularly favorite book that was published within the past couple of years, please consider writing a review.

The "But I can't write" excuse isn't good enough. If you wish, I'll help! Let me know what book you want to write about and let's get started.

*Ron Mitchell, editor*  
303 759-9921

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 2014  
6:00 PM

All members are welcome!

### 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	Joe Lambert
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Barbara Kean	Robert Werner
Philip Kearney	Martin Wilkinson

### SHOW NEWS

## DENVER POSTCARD & PAPER SHOW



**Friday, January 17**

11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday January 18**

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Friendly atmosphere
  - Door prizes daily
  - Food available on site
  - Plenty of FREE parking
    - Admission \$5
- (good for both days)

Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
Indiana and Highway 6

**Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall,**

15200 W. 6th Ave, Golden Exit Indiana St. from West 6th Ave., 20 minutes west of downtown Denver



Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Thursday 2 - 8 p.m.. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Phone: (303) 759-9921

Meeting times and places sometimes 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 of any changes or updates at (303) 755-9328. All requests to reserve meeting time and space other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled by Don well in advance.

## JANUARY 2014

- Jan 1 - Closed, New Year's Day**  
 Note: there will be no Aurora Stamp Club meeting in January.
- Jan 4 - Meeting - 10 a.m.**  
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Jan 4 - Meeting - 1 p.m.**  
 TOPIC - Topical Philatelists in Colorado
- Jan 8 - Meeting - 7 p.m.**  
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
- Jan 9 - Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**  
 Denver Postcard Club
- Second Saturday at the RMPL**
- Jan 11 - 9 a.m.**  
 Program by Sergio Lugo  
 "A Second Look at British Strike Mail"
- Jan 11 - Meeting - 10 a.m.**  
 Mexico/Latin America Study Group
- Jan 16 - Meeting - 7 p.m.**  
 RMPL Board of Directors  
 All members are welcome!
- Jan 18 - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.**  
 RMPL Young Stamp Collectors Club
- Jan 19 - Meeting - 2 p.m.**  
 Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club
- Jan 20 - Closed, Martin Luther King Day**
- Jan 28 - Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**  
 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

## FEBRUARY 2014

- Feb 1 - Meeting - 10 a.m.**  
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Feb 1 - Meeting - 1 p.m.**  
 TOPIC - Topical Philatelists in Colorado
- Feb 5 - Meeting - Aurora Stamp club**  
 6:30 p.m. trading, 7:30 p.m. meeting
- Second Saturday at the RMPL**
- Feb 8 - Meeting - 9 a.m.**  
 Program by Ronald Hill  
 "Cuba: 1868-1898 Rebellion Against the Spanish"
- Feb 8 - Meeting - 10 a.m.**  
 Mexico/Latin America Study Group
- Feb 8 - Meeting - 11 a.m.**  
 Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists
- Feb 12 - Meeting - 7 p.m.**  
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
- Feb 13 - Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**  
 Denver Postcard Club
- Feb 15 - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.**  
 RMPL Young Stamp Collectors Club
- RMPL Stamp Sale**
- Feb 15 - Net Price Country Lots Sale - 10 a.m.**
- Feb 16 - Meeting - 2 p.m.**  
 Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club
- Feb 17 - Closed, President's Day**
- Feb 22 - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.**  
 Postmark Collectors Club
- Feb 22 - Meeting - 1 p.m.**  
 Colorado Postal History Society
- Feb 25 - Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**  
 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

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