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Collecting Our National Parks

by Paul Lee

RMPL Recording Secretary

Most people know that Yellowstone was our country's first national park. Established in 1872, it was not only the first national park in the United States, but the first park of its type in the world!



An undated photo shows troops at Yellowstone. Before 1916, the Army was running the parks system, protecting the nation's natural resources.

Initially, the national parks were managed by the U.S. Army, but in 1916 the National Park Service was created within the Department of the Interior.

Today, there are 401 areas of the National Park System, including a wide variety of designations. Each NPS unit protects and preserves special places related to our nation's history, its cultures, and special environments. Many opportunities are also provided for people to visit, enjoy, and learn.

Collecting philatelic material about national park areas can take many different forms.

With stamps, you could begin with the series issued in the 1930s. This was the first set of postage stamps specifically designed to depict national parks.

Actually, the first U.S. postage stamp showing what is now a unit of the NPS was issued in 1869. It illustrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Independence Hall. The Hall is now part of Independence National Historical Park.



Our first national park.



The Lincoln Memorial and Valley Forge are part of the national park system now, but they were on stamps first.



The first stamp to show a national park is from the US 1869 series.

Many other stamps also honored places long before they became units of the national park system. These include the Lincoln Memorial stamp of 1923 and the George Washington at Valley Forge stamp, issued in 1928.

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National park areas are seen in the background of these two stamps.



An example of an event cover with connections to the National Park Service.



This cover was canceled in an area that later became part of the parks system.

Since the creation of the National Park Service, many other parks have been honored by postage stamps. Some, while intended to honor a person or a non-park event, may actually contain background images of NPS areas. The 1954 stamp commemorating the Nebraska Territory centennial also shows Scotts Bluff National Monument in the background. The 1947 three-cent stamp honoring Joseph Pulitzer contains an image of the Statue of Liberty behind the quote.

In 1972, to commemorate the Yellowstone National Park centennial, a special park-related stamp album was published. Copies of this album are still fairly easy to find. Another national park stamp album can be downloaded for free at the American Philatelic Society web site. Or, you can develop your own criteria, and create your own album.

First day covers are another popular field for collecting NPS postal items. There often is a wide variety of plain and cacheted covers to choose from, and you can even get involved in creating your own cachets.

Similar to first day covers, event covers are created to honor a person, an anniversary, a dedication, or some other special activity. Many event covers have been produced for areas of the National Park Service.

The Floyd Bennett Municipal Airport in Brooklyn, NY was dedicated in 1930. The site is now part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Mailed from Letterman Hospital in the Presidio of San Francisco, a 1944 cover honors the Army Nurse Corps. The Presidio has since been transferred to the National Park Service.

Each NPS unit protects and preserves special places related to our nation's history, its cultures, and special environments.

One somewhat unusual National Park Service collecting area involves Navy ships. While the NPS actually owns or helps to manage a number of ships such as the *USS Cassin Young*, the U.S. Navy has named a number of other vessels, like *USS Haleakala*, after NPS units.

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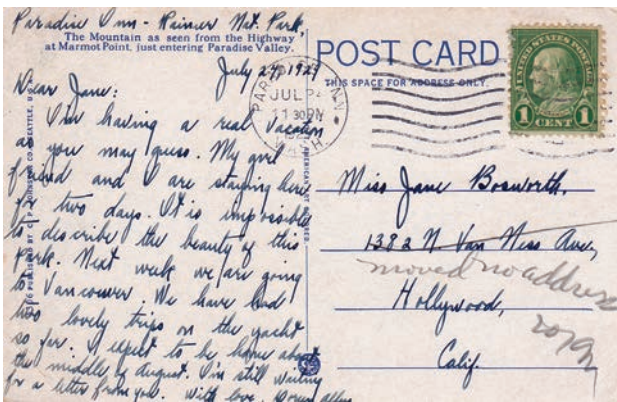
These two ships have connections to the National Park Service. Far left, the *USS Cassin Young*. Left: the *USS Haleakala*.



National Park Service photo by Jim Peaco



The post offices in Yellowstone National Park (top) and in the Paradise Inn in Mount Rainier National Park (bottom).



Mrs. Elizabeth Moulton's house. She was the postmaster of Grovont from 1926 to 1928.



This much-worn postcard was mailed from Grovont in 1907.



Two stamps from the 1934 parks set.



Mount Rainier and Mesa Verde National Parks.

Yet another interesting and challenging way to collect national park material is to focus on postmarked covers from the many post offices that operated, or in some cases continue to operate, within NPS boundaries.

The main post office in Yellowstone National Park operates year round. The Paradise Inn Post Office in Mount Rainier National Park is only open in the summer. For much of the rest of the year the building is buried in snow.

In Grand Teton National Park, the former ranching community of Grovont once thrived within view of the spectacular mountain peaks. From 1899 to 1950, this Mormon settlement had a post office that would move from one ranch to another. Mrs. Elizabeth Moulton was the postmaster from 1926 to 1928.

The industrial community of Jaite, Ohio was developed in the early 1900s to provide housing for workers at the nearby paper mill.

The mill was very successful until shortly after World War II. Unable to compete with larger mills, it eventually closed, but it had a post office from 1917 to 1955.

Jaite is now within Cuyahoga National Park, and the former post office is now part of park headquarters.

During World War II, the U.S. government forced over

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The site of the Manzanar relocation center as it looks today.



Sorting mail at Manzanar.

110,000 Japanese American citizens to live in 10 newly created relocation centers.

One, located in Inyo County, California, was named Manzanar. The people were forced from their homes and could only bring what they could carry. In trying to make a home in the camps, many relied on mail order businesses to supply items they could not get locally. Each center had a post office that was operated by both internees and people hired by the War Relocation Authority. Today the site is managed by the National Park Service as Manzanar National Historic Site.

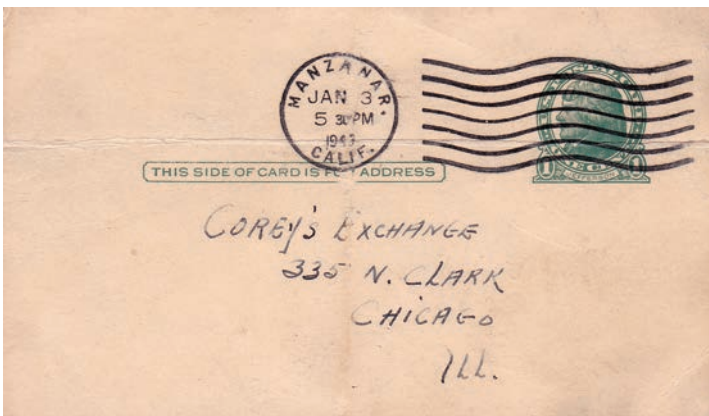


A letter from Harpers Ferry to Washington City, D.C.

Located at the junction of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is probably best known as being the site of John Brown's raid to end slavery in 1859. The town is also famous for the U.S. Army established there in the late 1790s, and for its importance during the Civil War. Its long history also includes a post office that started operating in Virginia in 1799. In 1863, the town became part of the new state of West Virginia, and the post office continues in operation.



A flood in Harpers Ferry.



Much of the shopping by internees was done by mail order.

**Parks, Postmarks & Postmasters
Post Offices within the National Park System**

by Paul Lee
Now available!
See page 18 for details.

Over time, the post office has been in many different locations near the rivers, and subject to frequent flooding. Today, it is located on high ground outside the park.

While collecting postal items related to our national park system can be fun and sometimes challenging, it also uncovers many little known facts about these treasured places.

State of the Library

Achievements That Won't Be Undone.

by Sergio Lugo
RMPL President

So, here I am, surveying the scenery and trying to figure out what words to pen for the sixth time on the topic of The State of the Library. This is an annual ritual, inaugurated by my predecessors many years ago.

I went back in time to review what had been written about this subject since 2009. In that year, Ron's theme was "The Little Library that Could." In 2010 I gave you "Cliff Notes on the Purchase of 2048 S. Pontiac Way," followed in 2011 by the narrative, "Achievements of the Past Year," elaborated further in 2012 by "Numerical Achievements of the Year Gone By." Switching themes in 2013, I focused on "How the Library Serves Collectors," and in 2014, the "RMPL's Health and Future."

If you're getting the feeling that I'm scratching my head concerning what to write about this year, you're right. While one might argue that topics have been exhausted, that's never the case; it's simply a matter of using the creativity and vision we bring to the job, as we attempt to frame the topic.

New leadership is stepping forward to take the Library helm. The new people will go through their bumps and bruises, challenges, victories and defeats, but will, in all probability, be able to take those on as "the little engine that could."

The groundwork has been set in new and innovative ways (particularly the digital) that will blossom and grow as you, our volunteers, manage to contribute in many future ways. The future is, so to speak, spectacular as far as I'm concerned.

Ten years ago many of those working on them were unknown to us.

- The four-year-old *This Was Colorado* internet project is haltingly underway under Deb Armer's one-year-old guidance.
- Special Collections has blossomed under the guidance of John Peters and Russell Powers in the past two years.
- Auction catalog housing, storage and use has been revitalized under Jerry Eggleston.
- OLLI continues to thrive with seminars in West and Central Denver led by Tim Heins and Steve Nadler.
- A spectacular Scouting on Stamps Collection that is the envy of many has been assembled, and continues to grow, with Frank Litz at the helm (as a sea scouter).
- Property tax relief was secured through Sergio

Lugo's and VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer's efforts, and will be overseen in the future by the Board.

- The RMPL webpage was revised, expanded and diversified under the guidance of Travis Searls, but we are now in search of another similarly talented webmaster who can bring it to the next level, as new innovations go whizzing by in technological leaps and bounds.
- The online book lending program continues to reach out through John Bloor, who with Paul Lee has also managed to increase the book selling program on eBay and through the Philatelic Literature Review.
- The book publishing program first promoted by me is now into its fourth book.
- The video program, managed by Joe LaNotte, is now into its tenth video, with well over 1200 visits in the past year.

And this list can go on and on.

- Finances have made huge jumps, and promise to provide a stable foundation for years to come, depending on the huge infusion of cash garnered by our auction volunteers.
- Beginning with membership, Roger Rydberg has overseen considerable growth in that area, and introduced donation options in the renewal process that should serve the library well.
- Roe Emery has kept the donation function working extraordinarily well, as he continues to pound away at letters thanking donors for their many contributions.
- A toe in the water of PayPal was tested, but withdrawn until better mechanisms for oversight can be developed.
- Eric Carlson and Dasa Metzler have made steady strides in their oversight of the stamp program, and thereby continue to ensure that this is a viable funding source for the library
- The investments in the librarian's fund were difficult to imagine a decade ago, and now provides us the luxury of knowing that we can move ahead with trained staff when our longtime librarian Ellengail Beuthel decides that she no longer wants to know about "the Penny Black."

State of the Library, cont.

- Auction realizations have remained level for a number of years, but continue to generate amounts unheard of at other libraries through the many generous donations provided to the RMPL.
- New service extensions remain tantalizingly close, or have been achieved.
- Marc Silberman's son, Jeffrey, has produced thoroughly enjoyable summaries of ancient periodicals that have graced these pages for six months; here's hoping that he can continue despite the distractions of the opposite sex that are now impinging on his time (we're all familiar with that).
- Visitors from throughout the country (seven or eight from out-of-state were at the bulk lot auction, for example) are increasingly stopping in and visiting, telling how the red carpet is always rolled out for visitors.
- Attempts have been made to begin indexing our journals and periodicals, but the seeds have thus far fallen on barren ground.
- Donation processing took a big turn to the left (or right) as Richard Palestro, Bill Crabbs and Bill Plachte took over the reins from me in the past year.
- And youth will be served, as attested by our team of Don Dhonau, Tim Heins, and Dan Nieuwlandt, who continue to work with young people
- Big ideas and plans have been laid before the RMPL Board and membership by Ron Mitchell's New York 2016 initiatives.
- RMPL fame has been spread through the Union Catalog and the Global Philatelic Catalog, from which future successes can be anticipated.
- In the future, so-called apps may expand the reach of the library on mobile devices.
- And there's always the brick and mortar means of expansion, by uniting the two RMPL buildings.

In all, there was something to write about, after all. And I thank you all for your patience and cooperation over the past six years.

[Ed. Note: Sergio Lugo has been president of the RMPL for the last six years. His second, and final, term will end at the board meeting in March. Sergio, we thank you for your service.]

HELP WANTED WEBMASTER

The RMPL is seeking a knowledgeable volunteer who is desirous of serving an organization such as ours. More details are provided below.

The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library (RMPL) of Denver, Colorado seeks a part-time Webmaster who will

- (a) maintain the Library's on-line catalog link to the web and
- (b) maintain liaison with a paid service provider in updating the Library's webpage.

The webmaster reports to the RMPL President, through the RMPL Technology Manager. It is anticipated that the overwhelming majority of work will occur in the first several months of the position, as the new webmaster either

- (1) learns the workings of the on-line catalog programming without modification or
- (2) opts to redesign the programming of the on-line catalog to the web to his/her talents and abilities.

In either case, the webmaster may be asked to introduce new features to the on-line catalog by the Technology Manager. Maintaining liaison with a paid service provider for the Library's webpage consists primarily of discussing issues that crop up with hosting of the webpage by the service provider, introducing new features to the webpage, modifying the webpage on a month-to-month basis, and negotiating prices.

The interested applicant can expect to begin assuming the responsibilities of the position immediately.

CONTACT: Sergio Lugo or Roger Rydberg at 303-759-9921, or e-mail us at www.rmpl@qwestoffice.net

Frank Leitz Award

Frank Leitz has received an award which acknowledges him to be one of the RMPL's top volunteers. It is a "clock book" with an inscription which tells of his work at the library.



Frank spent hundreds of hours in the past two years preparing the *Scout and Guide Stamps and Covers* special exhibit, in addition to other volunteer duties.

The exhibit, one of the largest of its kind in the world, is available to view by an appointment which may be made with a front desk volunteer.

Our congratulations to Frank for a well-deserved honor.

Bulk Lots = \$19,400



There were few empty seats available for the afternoon session of the auction held in the main meeting room of the annex.

The RMPL's Bulk Lot Auction was successfully held on Saturday, October 25th.

The two sessions were well attended, with roughly 96% of all lots sold, either at the auction or in the immediately succeeding post sale.

A total of 26 mail bidders and 52 floor bidders comprised the bidding audience, below last year's record number.

Total realizations netted \$19,900 to the Library's operations, but refunds for misdescribed and damaged shipping boxes reduced the net realization to the \$19,400 range.

The highest draw in terms of a lot was a Jack Willard estate post card lot (featuring lots of railroads) which garnered \$550.

A pleasant surprise was a very attractive wooden chest enclosing plastic sealed U.S. modern

commemoratives, donated by Joe Neri, that garnered \$110.

The largest surprise of the auction were the number of out-of-state attendees, with folks from North Dakota, Connecticut, North Carolina, Kansas, Hawaii and Wyoming.

Thanks to all for making the Bulk Lot Auction a magnificent occasion to get together and raise funds for the RMPL.

As has been the case for the past four years, all lots were paid for and secured within one hour of the closings of the morning and the afternoon sessions.

A new approach has been outlined by President Sergio Lugo to the incoming bulk lot committee to consolidate both auctions in the upper meeting room. That would involve the use of mobile carts/shelves for next year's bulk lot auction.

The third annual ...

Fixed Price Country Lots Auction Coming Soon

After our successful sale in February of 2014, we have decided to hold a similar event again on February 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. We expect that, once again, we will have a number of buyers lined up when we open the door. Last year and again this year we will allow the first eight persons in at one minute intervals, and after the first eight minutes, the sale will be open to all. This process worked well last year, we look forward to using it again this year.

For this sale, many old stamp collections were taken apart for country lots. There are some very nice early & modern stamps from those collections. A "Ships" collection was taken apart and put into respective countries along with a worldwide "Minkus" album collection, which was sorted into the various countries making up the sale. More than 140 countries or combined countries are represented in this sale, and tens of thousands of stamps have been sorted into



individual envelopes. Damaged stamps were not counted, but left on the page.

Along with the stamps, we will have some binders that can be picked up at a very good price.

This year the value estimated in these 130+ lots is well over \$12,000.

For those who cannot make the sale, email or call the library with the lots you want at these fixed prices. At noon on the day of the sale, we will check any lots left and if the ones you want are still available, we will pull them for you.

Like other RMPL auctions, we will accept cash & checks.

~ ~ THE 2015 RMPL ELECTIONS ~ ~

It's that time again! The current three-year term for all RMPL Officers and Board of Directors members expires on March 1, 2015. The next time you visit the Library, please take a minute to thank our present RMPL Officers and Directors for their considerable contributions over the past three years. Their work has certainly contributed to the Library's success, and our enjoyment as Library members.

Now, please take time to read the candidate statements in order to be an informed voter. For members of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, a ballot and return envelope is enclosed with this issue of *Scribblings*. A ballot box will be available at the Library for you to deposit your ballot, or you may return it by mail. In either case, PLEASE seal the ballot envelope before returning it and do not include any other correspondence intended for the Library.

Ballots will not be available at the Library.

**Ballots must be received by 4 p.m. on Saturday,
January 31, 2015 in order to be counted.**

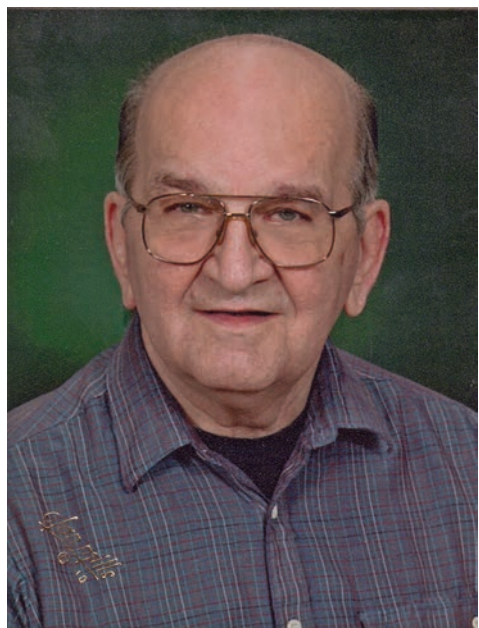
**PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO VOTE IN THE LIBRARY'S ELECTIONS.**

The RMPL Nominating Committee, Brian Kramer (Chairman),
Paul Albright and Bill Douglass, thanks you for your support.

~ ~ CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ~ ~

FOR PRESIDENT ...

JOHN SINISKI



RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 2011
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS POSITIONS AT
THE RMPL INCLUDE:
WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEER, U.S. SORTER AND
ROMPEX VOLUNTEER.

I have previously been an active member and officer in several Stamp Clubs in Nebraska and Missouri. My career in the Air Force included Newfoundland, California, and Thailand. I'm presently a member of the Aurora Stamp Club. I am an APS member.

I have been very impressed with the development and growth of the RMPL.

I'm particularly impressed with our many volunteer workers in a myriad of functions. I want to be more involved with the future growth and development of the RMPL.

I promise to listen and consider any ideas or suggestions submitted by ANY member, and particularly by our many dedicated Volunteers. I believe that, working together, we can continue to improve on the successes of the past twenty years.

~ ~ CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ~ ~

FOR VICE PRESIDENT ...

JIM KILBANE



RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 1993
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS POSITIONS AT
THE RMPL INCLUDE:
INCUMBENT VICE-PRESIDENT, THURSDAY
NIGHT VOLUNTEER AND SECOND
SATURDAY PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

I am currently the Vice-President of the RMPL. My duties at the library include setting up the Second Saturday Program, working on Thursday nights, editing books to be published, member of the Technology committee, member of the book selection committee, helping mail Scribblings and having a booth at the annual APS Stamp Show on behalf of the library.

I have been Vice-President for more than twelve years. I have also been President of: ROMPEX, Denver Stamp Club, Cherrelyn Stamp Club, Aurora Stamp Club, Collectors Club of Denver, Des Moines Stamp Club, Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society and the Colorado Postal History Society.

I have collected stamps for over 35 years. My collecting interests are varied. I focus mostly on Colorado and Iowa Postal History.

FOR CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY ...

ROE EMERY



RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 2012
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS POSITIONS AT
THE RMPL INCLUDE:
INCUMBENT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

I am always amazed at the generosity of the donors to our cause. The donations from junk to gold are truly appreciated by all concerned.

Donations are the life blood of the RMPL, so from my position as the Corresponding Secretary I do fully understand the importance of a small thank you note to our many donors.

I will do my best to keep the letters of appreciation flowing in a timely manner for another three years.

~ ~ CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ~ ~

FOR RECORDING
SECRETARY ...



BRIAN KRAMER

RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 2013
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS
POSITIONS AT THE RMPL INCLUDE:
NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

After visiting RMPL in late 2012, I joined largely because of the Library's resources and member hospitality.

I started collecting stamps as a kid. Each year I looked forward to visiting the James A. Farley Post Office Building (the main Post Office facility of New York City) with my Dad to pick out new stamps for my collection. Now that I am retired, I again collect stamps – primarily airmails. I recently joined the Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists.

Although I consider myself an amateur stamp collector, I have a strong institutional business background that utilized a unique blend of client, operational and compliance management.

In addition, I have served on a non-profit foundation board, professional business council and my community association's financial and legal compliance committees.

I believe this business and community experience may be beneficial to the RMPL Board and to my candidacy for Recording Secretary.

FOR DIRECTOR OF
OPERATIONS ...



HOWARD BENSON

RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 2005
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS POSITIONS AT
THE RMPL INCLUDE:
FRONT DESK VOLUNTEER, STAMP SALES
MANAGER, WORLDWIDE STAMP EVALUATOR,
STAMP SORTER FOR AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA.

My overarching priority will be to sustain the current smooth operation of the RMPL. This includes volunteer scheduling, facility scheduling and working with the president and the librarian on operational matters.

Second, I will locate, consolidate and revise (if needed) functional descriptions for board members, key volunteers and other volunteer tasks.

Third, I will prepare position descriptions for a part-time librarian and web master. We must also seek support for funding these positions.

Non-RMPL experience: various assignments in U.S. Air Force intelligence and computer system engineering. Skills included writing high level data communications specifications, interface design and development and requirement allocation to subsystems and end items.

~ ~ CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ~ ~

FOR TREASURER ...



BOB BLATHERWICK

RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 1993
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS POSITIONS AT
THE RMPL INCLUDE:
INCUMBENT TREASURER

As your long time Treasurer, it has been my responsibility to develop the current procedures for handling our funds, as well as handling our Federal Income taxes and our Colorado Sales Tax requirements.

I am retired from the U. S. Postal Service, after thirty-five years of service. My position at retirement was Retail Marketing Specialist. Among other things, I was responsible for the Postal Service's Philatelic Program.

I was a member of the founding committee of the Library, and have served on various committees since its inception.

For the past thirty years, I have been a seasonal tax preparer for H & R Block, and teach their classes in the off-tax season.

I am a member of the Colorado Postal History Society with interests in Denver County, Harmon, and Montclair. My main stamp interest is Bermuda.

I feel that I am well qualified to be the Library Treasurer.

FOR TREASURER ...



TIMOTHY HEINS

RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 2002
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS POSITIONS
AT THE RMPL INCLUDE:
FOUNDING ADVISOR AND CURRENT TREASURER TO
THE METRO DENVER YOUNG STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB,
(NOW RMPL YOUTH COLLECTORS), VOLUNTEER TO
ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP SHOW, AND FACILITATOR
FOR RMPL PROGRAM AT OLLI since 2012

I have been a stamp collector since my youth, with a period of inactivity during my early adulthood. I am a member of the American Philatelic Society.

Having worked as a CPA for over 33 years, I am currently retired. I hold a CPA license in Colorado. My prior accounting work for non-profit organizations includes my tenures as Treasurer for my church, my Home Owners Association and a Denver Soup Kitchen.

I am very familiar with non-profit accounting software, including QuickBooks. As Treasurer of RMPL, I would maintain the accounting records in an accurate and current manner. I would manage surplus RMPL funds in a manner to provide the highest rates of return, while maintaining the safety of those funds. I would implement the recommendations of the outside auditors.

I am seeking this volunteer position in the RMPL, where my expertise can be utilized.

~ ~ CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ~ ~

FOR DIRECTOR ...



JOHN H. BLOOR

RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 1993
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS POSITIONS AT THE
RMPL INCLUDE:
INCUMBENT DIRECTOR, THURSDAY AFTERNOON
VOLUNTEER AND ON-LINE CATALOG MANAGER.

The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library is one of the premier philatelic libraries in the world, and has become a major resource for collectors in Colorado and around the globe.

I joined the RMPL in 1993, have served one term on the library board, and continue to be an active volunteer.

I am an officer in the Aurora Stamp Club and the Collectors Club of Denver. I have had several positions in the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show, including five years as its president.

For five years I was the new issues editor for the *China Clipper*.

My collecting interests include France, Canada, US, China, United Nations, early world airmail stamps and postal history, and Cinderella stamps. I have published, exhibited, and given talks on several subjects related to these interests. This knowledge and experience will help me guide the ongoing growth of the RMPL over the next three years.

FOR DIRECTOR ...



WILLIAM CRABBS

RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 2001
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS
POSITIONS AT THE RMPL INCLUDE:
MONDAY/WEDNESDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER,
ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE, ASSISTANT
AUCTION MANAGER AND DONATIONS

The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, Queen of the Philatelic West, is a popular resource for collectors here in Colorado and many other places. I want to help the RMPL become even more than it is today.

I currently preside as president of the Collectors Club of Denver, and as secretary of the Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelic Club. I am actively involved with the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show as Publicity Manager, chair the What's in your Attic table, and I exhibit.

My philatelic associations are: American Philatelic Society, American Airmail Society, East African Study Circle, and American Society of Netherlands Philately.

My collecting interests are Netherlands/Netherlands East Indies pioneer airmail, British East African pioneer airmail, National Airmail Week, Cinderellas, Tuberculosis issues and airline Baggage Labels.

~ ~ CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ~ ~

FOR DIRECTOR ...



STEVE MCGILL, FRPSL

RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 2005
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS
POSITIONS AT THE RMPL INCLUDE:
INCUMBENT DIRECTOR

If elected, my objectives as an officer of RMPL would be as follows:

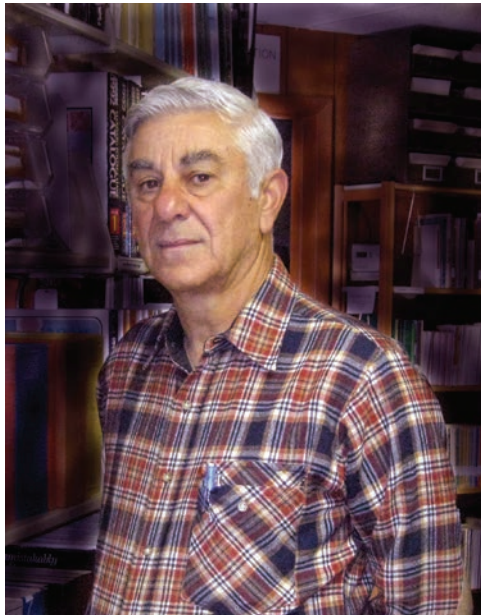
- Continue to develop activities that increase the value and desirability of membership
- Promote reasonable expansion of library philatelic holdings
- Seek opportunities to increase integration into national/global philatelic networks
- Maintain a fiscally responsible approach to budgeting.

I believe that the best opportunity for philately to remain sound occurs when individuals participate at the exhibition, research, publishing and club management levels.

I am Past President & Secretary of the Great Britain Collectors Club with approximately 225 world-wide members, and publisher of the quarterly, *Chronicle*, printed at RMPL.

I am a member of the international organizations RPSL, GBPS, AAPE and APS. I am also the current treasurer of the local Great Britain Commonwealth and Collectors Club of Denver.

FOR DIRECTOR ...



RICHARD PALESTRO

RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 2006
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS
POSITIONS AT THE RMPL INCLUDE:
FRONT DESK, DONATION SORTING AND
EVALUATION, AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE

My experience as a volunteer for RMPL has provided me with a broad insight into the operation and administration of the Library.

My experience at the front desk, donation sorting and evaluation, and building maintenance allows me to be involved in a cross section of duties that impact RMPL. I believe that this experience would make me an asset as a member of the board.

The stamp collecting hobby has undergone changes in the past years. I think RMPL must address and integrate these changes into Library operations, and build a broader base to bring in new members and programs. I believe that I can contribute to that effort.

~ ~ CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ~ ~

FOR DIRECTOR ...

DALENE THOMAS



RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 1993
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS POSITIONS AT
THE RMPL INCLUDE:
INCUMBENT DIRECTOR, HISTORIAN,
VOLUNTEER, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL EVENTS

It has been my pleasure to serve on the board of directors of the RMPL. We are fortunate to have this resource in our philatelic community. From beginner collector to advanced exhibitors and judges, the RMPL provides support to all philatelists. It is important to have well-qualified and dedicated members serve on the board to ensure its future success.

I am a past President of the American Topical Association. I am the founder, president and editor of the Lighthouse Stamp Society. I am also a member of APS and AFDCS. Locally, I am a member of Collector's Club, the Colorado Postal History Society, and TOPIC.

I collect thematics and Trinidad, Colorado postal history.

I am also an exhibitor, having entered numerous exhibits in various shows. I received the AAPE diamond pin for 10 gold awards for my lighthouse exhibit.

FOR DIRECTOR ...

DAVID WEISBERG



RMPL MEMBER SINCE: 1993
CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS POSITIONS AT
THE RMPL INCLUDE:
INCUMBENT DIRECTOR AND
AUCTION MANAGER

I have been a stamp collector for over 60 years with a focus on U.S., Canada, Australia, Switzerland, Japan and the U. N. I have been an APS member for 30 years, and am also a member of other national and local societies and clubs. I am currently treasurer of the Collectors Club of Denver.

The RMPL has had a very positive impact on philately in the Denver area. There is little question that the Library has been successful. I want to help make this library the best it can possibly be, and am willing to do what is necessary to make that happen.

In recent years I have also been president of two local non-profit organizations: Cancer League of Colorado and the Denver Lions Foundation. This experience has already benefitted the Library and I believe will make me a valuable member of the Board of Directors.

YOUR BALLOT IS ENCLOSED VOTE NOW

Again, a ballot box is available at the Library for you to deposit your ballot, or return it by mail. PLEASE seal the ballot envelope before returning it and do not include any other correspondence intended for the Library.

Ballots will not be available at the Library.

**Ballots must be received by 4 p.m. on Saturday,
January 31, 2015 in order to be counted.**

THE PREZ'S OBSERVATIONS

Elsewhere in this issue, you'll find articles about our just released book, and the State of the Library. I'm not going to speak about either here, but rather will focus on the interrelatedness of the two.

In the final analysis, in very general terms, both include factors in common that many of us don't think about, but are ever present. So, what am I alluding to?



Sergio Lugo

- Ideas that gestate in people's minds, and lead them to cooperatively pursue goals and objectives that produced something; in one case a book, and in the other, a library. Beyond the ideas, there was considerable research and struggle that resulted in re-dos, make-overs, and shifts in direction as circumstances dictated.
- In either case, no straight and narrow path existed to guide the author, or RMPL members, on their trails to their objectives. Wrong turns led to dead ends; high expectations were deflated; disappointments abounded.

- Personalities severely impacted both. Whether it was the author having to deal with non-helpful individuals, or the Library having to deal with members who refused to return books, myriad interactions are automatically set up in these pursuits at the individual and organizational level.
- New approaches always intrude on the tried and tested old ways. Whether it might be inserting a disk of all scans, or a new line for member donations on the renewal form, the challenges of such approaches always set up interesting dynamics in the evolution of both book and organization.
- Finally, why is it that money always proves so critical in our endeavors? No, we can't produce that many, sez the Prez, or we're never going to raise that kind of money for the building acquisition, sez the membership. Lucre will always influence outcomes and commonalities.

Sergio



Return books on time...

- Books are on loan for two weeks.
- If you call before the due date, you may renew for two more weeks
- Please print your name and telephone number legibly on the check-out card.

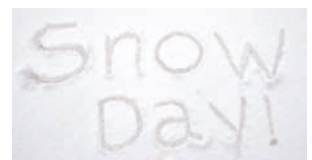
Visit the RMPL on Line

- Use the catalog to find your favorite philatelic area, specific topicals, notable auction catalogs, anything in the Western history room, and much more
- Research regional clubs and dealers
- View our videos
- See how we present ourselves to the stamp collecting world

www.rmpldenver.org

Snowy Days: Will the Library Be Open?

The simple answer is, "Maybe not." Call ahead to the library (303 759-9921) and if no one answers the phone and more than three inches of snow is on the ground, the library may be closed for the safety of our volunteers and patrons.

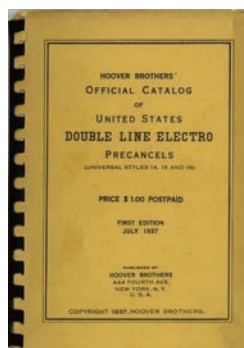


WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES

UNITED STATES

The A.B.C.s of Precancel Collecting, 3rd Edition (1938), published by the Precancel Stamp Society

American Indian Dances (CD), published by the U.S. Postal Service



American Post Offices in New Zealand 1908-1959, by R.M. Startup

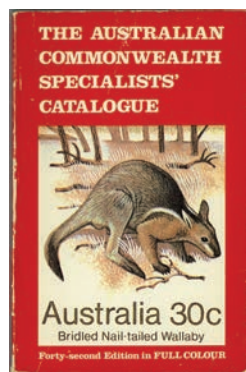
Catalog of United States Perfins, edited by John M. Randall
Hoover Brothers' Official Catalog of United States Double Line Electro Precancels, 1st edition 1937



An Introduction to the Collecting and Study of U.S. Stamps; the Advanced Study of U.S. Stamps, U.S. Precancels Guide & Pricelist, 32nd Anniversary (1957), published by Gunesch Precancel House, Inc.

Warman's U.S. Stamps Field Guide, 2nd edition (2011), by Maurice D. Wozniak

AUSTRALIA and OCEANIA



The Australian Commonwealth Specialists' Catalogue, Forty-Second Edition, published by Seven Seas Stamps

EUROPE



France Spécialisé Catalogue Spécialisé des Timbres de France et Colonies Générales de 1849 à Nos Jours, 28th edition, published by Edouard Berck

Jindra Schmidt: Graphic Artist and Engraver to Max Svabinský, by Ludvík Páleníček (in Czech)

National Philatelic Exhibition, Plzen [Czech Republic] 1295-1995 (in Czech)



Peter Sem's 1975 Bavarian Millwheel Cancel Catalog, by Peter Sem

Sborník článků [Collection of Czechoslovak Stamps], 1987 and 1988 editions, published by the Commission on Czechoslovak Show Catalog, International Exhibition: Brno 1966 (in Czech)
Studie o Filatelických Sbírkách Postovního Musea [Studies about Philatelic Collections in ...], by Ervin Hirsch

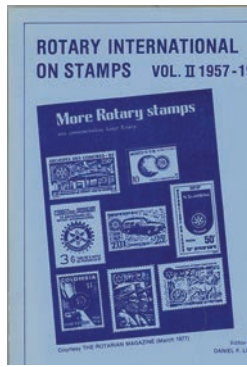
NORTH AMERICA

Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps including [former provinces], 1992 & 1998 editions

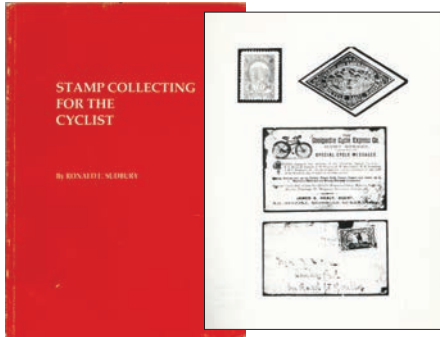
TOPICAL

Europa-Gemeinschaftsausgaben 1956-1971 [list of Europa stamps], published by Michel

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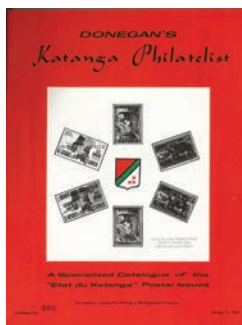


Rotary International on Stamps, Vol. II 1957-1979



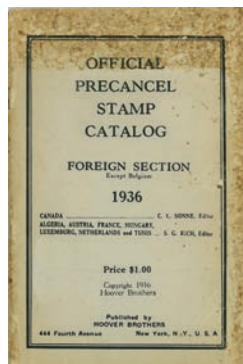
Stamp Collecting for the Cyclist, by Ronald F. Sudbury

CINDERELLAS



Donegan's Katanga Philatelist: A Specialized Catalogue of "Etat du Katanga" Postal Issues, by George J. Donegan Jr.

MISCELLANEOUS



Official Precancel Stamp Catalog: Foreign Section Except Belgium (1936), published by Hoover Brothers

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Dealers in Foreign Stamps, Postage Stamp Albums, Coins, Medals and Paper Money, November 1982

Stamp Collecting: How to Identify Stamps (1986), published by Stanley Gibbons



Stamp Soaking Tips: A Stamp Soakers Bible, by Will Moss, 1982

AUCTION CATALOGS

Auction of Australasia: Featuring Australia King George V Heads, Nauru, Tasmania, catalog for a Grosvenor auction, February 2006

Auction of the John Forrest Collection of Cancellations of the British Empire, catalog for a Grosvenor auction May 2010

The Frederick R. Mayer Collection: Postmasters' Provisional Covers, Gem Quality Used United States Stamps and Revenues, catalog for an Ivy & Mader auction January 2003

The George Schwenk Collection of United States Newspapers and Periodicals Issues, catalog for a Robert A. Siegel auction September 2014

The "Georgian" Collection of United States Postal Cards, catalog for a Robert A. Siegel auction September 2014

The "Goldfarm" Collection of Australian Kangaroo and Map Series Postage Stamps, catalog for a Robert A. Siegel auction October 2014

Great Britain: The "Buccluch" Find, Advertisement for a Spink net price sale

The Robert B. Meyersburg Collection of United States Carriers and Locals, auction for a Robert A. Siegel auction June 1997

United States and Confederate States Postal History [featuring several named collections], catalog for a Robert A. Siegel auction December 2002

United States & Foreign Covers & Postal History, catalog for a David G. Phillips auction January 1999

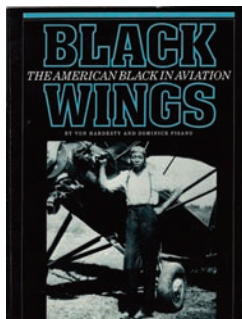
NON-PHILATELIC (Railroads)

Empire State Railway Museum's 34th Annual Guide to Tourist Railroads and Museums, 1999 edition

The Railway Journey: Trains and Travel in the 19th Century, by Wolfgang Schivelbusch



NON-PHILATELIC



Black Wings: The American Black in Aviation, by Von Hardesty and Dominick Pisano

Collins Irish Dictionary, published by HarperCollins publishers
Concise Dutch and English Dictionary, by Peter and Margaretha King

Discovery and Exploration: An Atlas-History of Man's Wanderings, by Frank Debenham

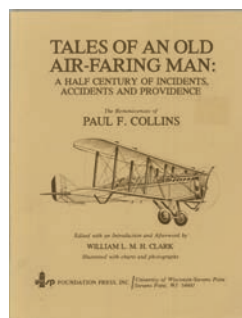
German: How to Speak and Write it, by Joseph Rosenberg

Icelandic-English/English-Icelandic Dictionary, published by Hippocrene Books

Mondadori's Pocket Italian-English English-Italian Dictionary, published by Pocket Books

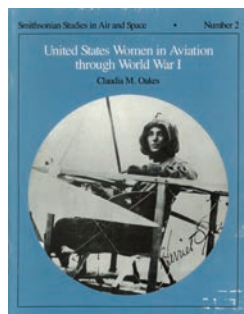
Romanov's Russian-English English-Russian Dictionary, pub. by Washington Square Press

Tales of an Old Air-Faring Man: A Half Century of Incidents,



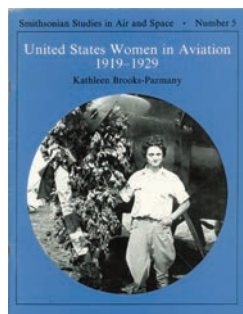
Accidents and Providence, the Reminiscences of Paul F. Collins, edited by William L.M.H. Clark

United States Women in Aviation Through World War I, by Claudia



M. Oakes

United States Women in Aviation 1919-1929, by Kathleen Brooks-Pazmany



Parks, Postmarks & Postmasters

Post Offices within the National Park System

The author of the RMPL's newest book, Paul Lee, is a long-time member of the library and has spent the past several years writing about the more than 300 post offices in 110 parks.

He served with the National Park Service for more than 40 years as a ranger and planner, and found a way to put his knowledge of the parks and his research ability to work with his love of philately. The result is the book, pictured on the right.

There's much more to the 259 page all-color book than postal history. It tells about ghost towns, and former mining, logging, fishing and ranching communities. It is a valuable resource of national park history, regional history and genealogy.

Even though he worked with the Park Service for many years he admits he hasn't seen all 401 of the areas under NPS control. There are still a number of places on his personal "to visit" list: Yosemite, Glacier, Crater Lake, Curecanti, Sequoia and Isle Royale.

Once he visits them one might turn out to be his favorite, but when he has been asked (often) which is at the top of his list, he says the question is impossible to answer because he can't pick just one ... or two ... or three!

As you might expect, Paul and his family have been through some adventures because they've lived in national parks.

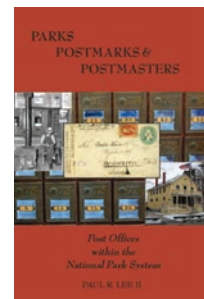
He says his first son was almost born in their home along Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park. Right at the due date the park was hit by a major ice storm, and no vehicles were moving. Fortunately, the boy waited another week so his mother could get to a hospital.

Then there was the day his wife was in the kitchen cooking when she heard a noise at the back door. She turned around to discover a black bear looking inside. They were separated only by a pane of glass. Paul's wife went to the door and yelled at the bear to go away ... and it did!

Those stories aren't in the book, but he understands all too well that real-life drama is the stuff of fun reading. So the book includes tales about marriage, betrayal, politics, murder, fraud, successes, failures and notoriety.

The book is available at the library for \$29.99, softbound, or \$50 hardbound. Add \$3.50 S&H for the softbound edition, or \$4.00 for hardbound if you would like it shipped to you.

Send payment to: Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, c/o National Parks Book, 2038 S. Pontiac Way, Denver, CO 80224.



Paul Lee looking at a book in the stacks at the RMPL.



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. His email is <aurora_80017@yahoo.com>.

The programs begin at 9:00 a.m. and are over by 10:00 a.m.
Doughnuts and coffee are complimentary, and all are welcome.

January 10, 9 a.m.

Afghanistan Revisited 2014

By Steve Nadler

The program will be an update and review of the recent past and current situation in Afghanistan, featuring the stamps and covers of Afghanistan.

An example of a stamp is pictured on the left. It illustrates a map of Pashtunistan to commemorate "Pashtunistan Day." It is for a tribal area that covers eastern and southeastern Afghanistan and the northwest tribal areas of Pakistan.



February 14, 9 a.m.

Number One Stamps, Can You Name Them?

By Glenn Shaw

About 20 to 25 Number One Stamps from countries around the globe will be shown to the audience, and they will be asked to identify the country. Every Number One stamp has a significant history leading up to its issue, including politics, intrigue, personalities, and interesting stories that will be part of the presentation.



RMPL Videos on Line and on DVD

The titles of our videos on the internet:

- The Lore and Legend of Dragons as Told by Postage Stamps, by Lynne Toews
- A History of Scouting, by Frank Leitz
- Scouting Activities, by Frank Leitz
- The Security Elements of Postage Stamps, Part 1, By Steve Dixon
- 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

To view, go to our web page at www.rmpldenver.org, and click on "Videos" in the menu on the left.

All nine of the presentations are available on one DVD. They are available at the library for \$5.00, or by mail for an additional \$2.00 for shipping and handling.

A great addition to any collector's philatelic library!



Coming soon!

A video based on Paul Lee's book on our national parks.

RMPL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

November 20, 2014

All Board members were in attendance, except Steve McGill, who had to attend another meeting.

FOR THE RECORD ITEMS:

- o Annual reports from all RMPL Committees are to be presented at the January 22nd Board meeting. Come and hear the multifaceted operations of the Library!
- o The mortgage holder has been asked about pay-down of the 2048 property mortgage at a reduced price. Discussions are pending, subject to agreement on the remaining balance.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

This Was Colorado

This was Colorado: Deb Armer gave an internet overview of the project. Unfortunately, equipment issues prevented a full showing of the project's accomplishments. Roughly 50 Colorado postcards are presently viewable through the OMEAKA website. More will be added in the coming months, and information on this philatelic/postcard internet project will be forthcoming.

Auction Results

The bulk lot auction realized \$19,400, after a reduction because of damaged shipping boxes. This realization is higher than initially anticipated, but slightly lower than last year's realization.

Country Lots Fixed Price Sale

It will be held at the Library in February. This year's country lots sale (141 lots) is scheduled for February 21st.

RMPL Donations

Cash Donations to Union Catalog and Global Philatelic Library: In furtherance of its charitable mission, the RMPL Board agreed to make a donation of \$1,000 to the American Philatelic Research Library for the operation of the Union Catalog. That donation will be made in February. Relative to the Global Philatelic Library, no action was taken at this time, and the suggestion was tabled. The RMPL Board will reconsider the matter in November of 2015.

National Parks Book

After four years in the making, Paul Lee's book, *National Parks, Post Offices and Postmasters* is being printed

under the auspices of the RMPL. Copies will be available in December. Further information is found in this issue of *Scribblings*

NEW BUSINESS

Webmaster

An RMPL member was considering filling the vacancy, but decided against doing so in light of his familial and employment obligations. An additional solicitation is to be included in the next issue of *Scribblings*, but it is increasingly likely that a service may need to be contacted to maintain our present webpage.

Preliminary Budget Discussion

The 2014 budget status was reviewed, in the handout provided by Sergio Lugo. Tentatively (with two months remaining in the fiscal year), it appears that the RMPL will conclude the year with projected expenses in the vicinity of \$128,000, and income in the vicinity of \$139,000. President Lugo figures the numbers are about 10 percent high.

The one outstanding issue in the projections is whether the cumulative financial report reflects the property tax reimbursement of 2014.

The 2015 projected budget was simultaneously presented. Projected income is in the \$121,000 range, with expenses in the \$101,000 range. All Board members and volunteers responsible for specific operations at the RMPL were asked to review the totals, revise as appropriate, and provide their revisions by January 7th, so as to enable finalization of the budget at the January 22nd RMPL Board meeting.

Bylaws Update

Recent RMPL Board meetings have highlighted the need to revisit the RMPL By-Laws, particularly in the matter of supervision by Board members of responsibilities that have increasingly devolved upon the Presidency.

From his vantage point as President, and a member of the RMPL since its beginning, Sergio Lugo has compiled revisions that he perceives as necessary in a modified bylaws document. That document was distributed, not for review or comment, but simply for retention for the new RMPL Board to be installed next year, as it begins its discussions of issues in the operation of the RMPL.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22. This is the annual meeting, to which all members are invited. Because of the press of business, we will begin at 6 p.m. and continue until 9 p.m. or longer, with a dinner provided by Don Dhonau.

And the very best of the season to you!

The Annual RMPL Volunteer Appreciation Party

Photos by Blain Thomas



Tonny and Geri VanLoij made their name tags at the front door where they were greeted by Pam Lugo. The party was on December 6.



Above: Dasa Metzler (right) accepted one of the RMPL's highest honors for her exceptional work as a volunteer over the years. Her daughter, Karine Drechsel, is standing next to her. .



Left: This photo shows about a quarter of the room where the dinner was held at White Fence Farm. It was a good-sized crowd.



Sergio Lugo (left) and Dalene Thomas (in red, back to camera) gave out awards for service to the Library in 2014. Left to right, John Bloor, Don Beuthel, Jim Kilbane, Steve McGill and Don Dhonau.



And then there was dessert. Pastry chef (and RMPL member) Emmerich Zach prepared goodies for all the volunteers. It was a big, delicious selection!

SHOW NEWS



66th Annual Rocky Mountain Stamp Show May 15-17, 2015

Celebrating Rocky Mountain National Park's 100th Anniversary
World Series of Philately Show with 300 + frames, 35 + dealers

Crowne Plaza Hotel / Denver International Airport 15500 East 40th Ave., Denver, Colorado 80239

Guests for 2015

The Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa • British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group
Bermuda Collectors Society

Attractions for all 3 Days

What's in Your Attic, free collection evaluation • Local societies
Philatelic seminars with a focus on "World History through Stamps"

USPS Post Office station on-site • Show cancels •

On-site silent auction with 700 + lots • Door prizes ("Jenny" panes) all day long • More!

www.rockymountainstampshow.com

The Denver Postcard & Paper Show

January 16-17, 2015

Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
15200 W. 6th Ave. (Exit Indiana St. from W. 6th Ave.)

Hours

Friday 11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission

\$5.00, good for both days.

Mention this ad and get \$1 off!

- Plenty of free parking
- Friendly atmosphere
- Daily door prizes
- Food available on site

For more information, including dealer space availability,
contact Dede Horan at (303) 667-6212 or visit www.DenverPostcardShow.com



Cooking up a postcard show for the Denver area...



May 28-June 4, 2016
Javits Center



NEW MEMBERS

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

- Robert W. Halter**, Denver, CO
- Walter Holak**, New Castle, CO - Collects Poland
- John E. Marquardt**, Columbia, MO - Collects all US, possessions and philatelic literature
- Joe Neri**, Colorado Springs, CO - Dealer with US, China, Worldwide Postal History, and Back of the Book

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 22, 2015
 6:00 p.m.
 Annual meeting (Includes dinner)
 All members are welcome!
 All committee chairmen will report.
 See how your library operates!

It comes just once every three years...

An election for leadership positions at the library.

Please take a few moments to review the candidate statements on pages 8 - 14 in this issue.

We've made it easy to cast your vote one of two ways:



Use the handy ballot and envelope enclosed with this *Scribblings*.

OR



Bring your ballot with you the next time you come to the library. Put it in the box at the front counter.

Ballots must be received by 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2015 in order to be counted.

DONATIONS

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following members made donations to the library in October and November. We thank each and every one who has contributed.

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| Richard Achenbach | Charles Klein |
| Paul Albright | Robert Kroenert |
| Michael Andersen | Joe Lambert |
| Cory Armantrout | Jeff Liedy |
| Herman Axelrod | Rodney Linn |
| Art Barber | Glenn F. Mallory |
| Tim Bartshe | Mrs. Gabriel |
| Fred C. Bauer | Montoya |
| Brad Benson | William Plachte |
| Howard Benson | Thomas Pollard |
| John Bloor | Russell Powers |
| Barbara Carter | David Reitsema |
| Stephen A. Church | Scandinavian |
| Roger Cichorz | Collectors Club |
| Colorado Postal History | Library |
| Society | Gary Shaver |
| Colorado Railroad | Mark Silberman |
| Museum | Robert Silverstein |
| William Crabbs | Dave Smith |
| Tony L. Crumbley | Dewey Smith |
| Joe Ditlow | Michael T. Smith |
| Geoff Dutton | Stewart Smith |
| Robert Easterly | Jonathan Topper |
| John B. Elsey | United Postal |
| Richard Evans | Stationery |
| Erl Fossum | Society |
| Kristen Gentala | David Vanderhoop |
| Gary Gibson | George Volz |
| Daniel Ginsberg | Andrew Wacinski |
| Joan B. Grady | Naioma Walberg |
| Jimmy Irwin | Robert A. Walleen |
| Marcia Johnson | Martin Wilkinson |
| Mark Kelly | Robert C. Wolf |

Donation Schedule

Donations of philatelic materials are accepted on specific days:

Tuesday • Wednesday • Friday

Donations are accepted on these days only, during regular library hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donors who bring material on other days will be asked to please return on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.



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 at the library by the Operations Manager, Howard Benson. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Howard at (303) 521-6216 of any changes or updates. All requests to reserve meeting time and space other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled by Howard well in advance, for philately-related meetings.

JANUARY 2015

- Jan 1** Thurs - **Closed**
New Year's Day
- Jan 3** Sat - Meeting - 10 a.m.
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Jan 7** Wed - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club
 6:30 p.m. trading, 7 p.m. meeting
- Jan 8** Thurs - Meeting - 2 p.m.
 Cherrelyn Stamp Club
- Jan 8** Thurs - Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
 Denver Postcard Club
- Jan 9** Fri - Meeting - 7 p.m.
 Austria-Hungary Club
- Second Saturday at the RMPL**
- Jan 10** - 9 a.m.
 Program by Steve Nadler
Afganistan Revisited 2014
- Jan 10** Sat - Meeting - 10 a.m.
 Mexico/Latin America Study Group
- Jan 14** Wed- Meeting - 7 p.m.
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
- Jan 17** Sat - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
 RMPL Young Stamp Collectors Club
- Jan 18** Sun - Meeting - 2 p.m.
 Great Britain & Commonwealth
 Collectors Club
- Jan 19** Mon - **Closed**
Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 22** Thurs - **RMPL Board meeting - 6:00 p.m.**
All members are welcome!
- Jan 27** Tue - Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee
- Jan 28** - Wed - Meeting - Noon
 Denver Stamp Club

FEBRUARY 2015

- Feb 4** Wed - Meeting - Aurora Stamp club
 6:30 p.m. trading, 7:00 p.m. meeting
- Feb 7** Sat - Meeting - 10 a.m.
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Feb 7** Sat - Meeting - 1 p.m.
 Topical Collectors of Colorado
- Feb 11** Wed - Meeting - 7 p.m.
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
- Feb 12** Thurs - Meeting - 2 p.m.
 Cherrelyn Stamp Club
- Feb 12** Thurs - Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
 Denver Postcard Club
- Feb 13** Fri - Meeting - 7 p.m.
 Austria-Hungary Club
- Second Saturday at the RMPL**
- Feb 14** - Meeting - 9 a.m.
 Program by Glenn Shaw
Number One Stamps: Can You Name Them
- Feb 14** Sat - Meeting - 10 a.m.
 Mexico/Latin America Study Group
- Feb 14** Sat - Meeting - 11:30 a.m.
 Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists
- Feb 15** Sun - Meeting - 2 p.m.
 Great Britain & Commonwealth
 Collectors Club
- Feb 16** Mon - **Closed**
President's Day
- Feb 21** Sat - **Country Lots Fixed Price Sale - 9:00 a.m.**
- Feb 21** Sat - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
 RMPL Young Stamp Collectors Club
- Feb 24** Tue- Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee
- Feb 25** Wed - Meeting - Noon
 Denver Stamp Club
- Feb 28** Sat - Meeting - 1 p.m.
 Colorado Postal History Society

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