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The Enduring Legacy of Rowland Hill

By Paul Albright



Fig. 1. The head and shoulders of the full-length statue of Rowland Hill that is located on King Edward Street in London.

Collectors generally are aware of the 19th century postal reforms led by Rowland Hill, the man who initiated the penny post and the use of adhesive postage stamps. Lesser known, however, is another of his legacies that endures two centuries later in the UK.

Background

Great Britain greatly honored Hill (1795-1879) as the founder of the modern postal service. After his death, funds were raised through public subscription to commemorate his contributions to the public good. After a

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A basic membership with the RMPL is \$25 per year and includes checkout privileges and six issues of *Scribblings*. Call for more information.

Knowledge is better when shared. Consider writing an article for *Scribblings* about your favorite philatelic topic.

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President's Message

Looking back since the last issue of *Scribblings*, some of our members' families have been tested. The Suprenant's, Markel's, Frantz's, Rydberg's and my family all need your thoughts and prayers.



The auction at ROMPEX is behind us and, willingly or not, changes will have to be made. Over the last several years, there have been too many problems and complaints. These need to be - and will be - addressed. Failure to do so will result in needlessly tarnishing the RMPL's reputation. I plan to bring this issue up at the next Board meeting and encourage any of our members involved with staging the auction or any who would like to be involved to attend that meeting on July 18th at 5:00 p.m.

On a much more positive note, we received a very large collection from the estate of long-time member Phil Purcell. Several RMPL members and I are working on making a detailed inventory for the family, as well as to meet IRS requirements that will allow us to liquidate the material without having to wait three years. Hopefully, this will be finished in the next weeks and we can use some materials in our upcoming auctions.

As the notice immediately below states, we are in need of volunteers to fill vacant places. Please, if you can and want to volunteer, contact our Operations Manager, Dasa Metzler.

We thank you for your continued support and hope the future will be brighter.

Tonny Van Loij

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need additional help in almost every area of RMPL operations, especially back-ups for publishing and stamp mart operations. If you are interested in getting more active with the RMPL, whether it be helping publish *Scribblings*, sorting donations for our stamp mart, or helping with library maintenance, please contact Tonny Van Loij or Dasa Metzler.

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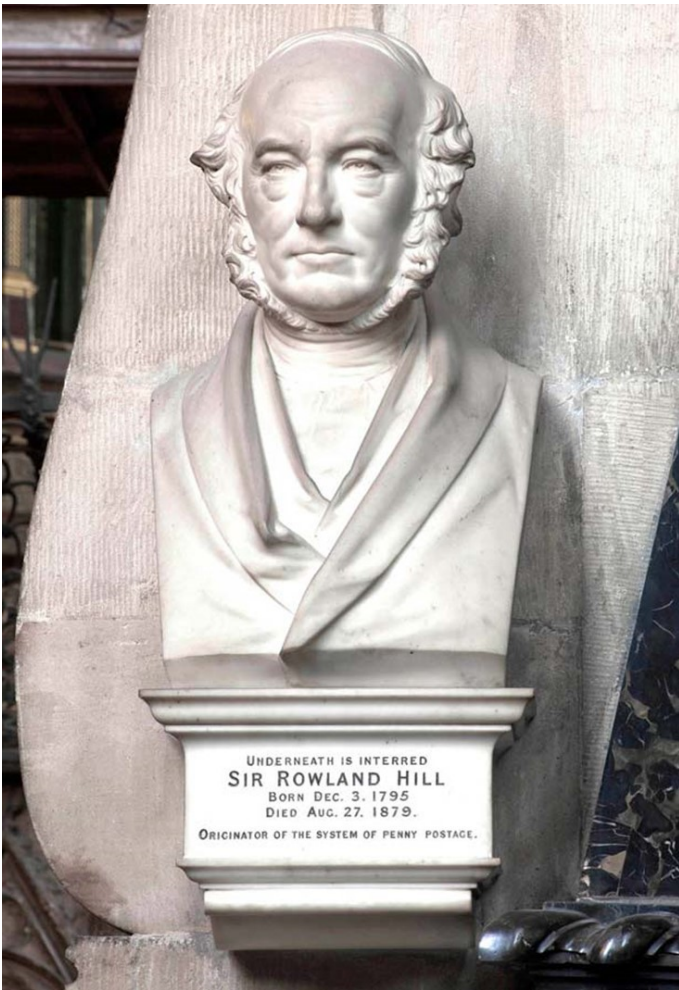


Fig. 2. Rowland Hill's memorial bust at Westminster Abbey. Surplus funds from the cost of this bust and Hill's statue on King Edward Street were used to establish the charitable Rowland Hill Fund.

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bust of Hill was placed in Westminster Abbey and a statue along King Edward Street, there "remained a balance of about £15,000, which became the nucleus of a fund for relieving distress among Post Office employees and their widows and orphans."

The Rowland Hill Fund was established in 1882 and exists today to provide relief "among employees and former employees of the Post Office and their widows and widowers and other dependents throughout the United Kingdom suffering hardship as a result of poverty, age or infirmity."

The Fund Today

From its beginnings in Queen Victoria's reign, the Rowland Hill Fund has provided assistance to thousands of individuals. "In its early days, before the existence of the Welfare State or indeed the introduction of occupational pensions, organizations such as the Fund were often the only place that individuals could turn to when in financial distress."

The fund has grown to the level that it provided



Fig. 3. Online poster advertising the Rowland Hill Fund as the "charity for Royal Mail & Post Office colleagues, pensioners and their dependents." See www.rowlandhillfund.org.

£450,000 (\$594,000) in grants by 2018. These grants went to current or retired employees of the Royal Mail or Post Office Ltd. who had savings of less than £12,000 (\$15,800). One-time grants rose 13 percent from the prior year to cover costs such as utility bills, rent, mortgages, and property taxes. Grants also are made for home adaptations and mobility devices to help the disabled, as well as heating repairs, funeral expenses, essential household items, counseling, bankruptcy fees, and travel costs to and from hospitals.

Funding for the charity comes from contributions from current and retired post office employees and annual donations from the Royal Mail (£30,000) and the Civil Service Insurance Society Charity Fund (£65,000).

More information on the fund is available at www.rolandhillfund.org.

Endnotes

Annual Report for March 31, 2018, at www.rowlandhillfund.org.

RMPL Forgery & Fake Education Program

By Harry H. Pedersen



Fig. 1. Belgium B27 Forgery



Fig. 2. Belgium B27 Genuine

Figure 1 shows a forged Belgium B27 with 3 pearls next to the value tablet. Figure 2 shows a signed genuine example with the required 3½ pearls. The half-pearl can be seen at the bottom. Also the color difference is obvious. Oh, but wait! There are also forgeries with 3½ pearls. As is often the case, there can be several forgers and forgery varieties of a stamp. This stamp is no exception.

If you collect stamps it is highly likely that you have encountered forgeries and fakes. Some collectors are aware of these spurious stamps but many are not. They quietly reside in most collections. The RMPL has had a program in effect for many years to identify these stamps and permanently remove them from circulation. For the past several years I have been doing this work for the RMPL. In this article I will start by defining terminology as it applies to stamps:

Forgery

A stamp produced to defraud collectors. These stamps are sometimes inexpensive and were produced for the packet trade. But of course many are of expensive items.

Counterfeit

A stamp produced to defraud a government. Scott Specialized Catalog has a section devoted to counterfeit United States stamps. Note: Yes, a counterfeit may also defraud a collector, but was produced primarily to defraud a government.

Fake

This term usually refers to overprints and surcharges,

perforations, gum, cancellations and other characteristics that change a genuine stamp to resemble a more expensive variety.

Facsimile

An imitation of a stamp, the purpose of which is dubious. They often resemble genuine stamps but are usually larger and obvious to most collectors. There are exceptions such as the Japanese Wada forgeries which are common and sometimes referred to as facsimiles, but are often sold as genuine.

Bogus

A non-issued stamp or overprint similar to a Cinderella. These are often from imaginary countries such as Discworld.

When I get a suspect stamp to investigate I use reference material to make the determination. The library has many publications on this subject. In addition I have obtained reference books that the library does not own. The Internet is also a useful tool. Once I reach an opinion I scan the item and create and print two pages with a written description with the details of the forgery or fake.

Note: The RMPL does NOT issue certificates for genuine items or fakes/forgeries!

One of the benefits of the RMPL Forgery Program is that detailed descriptions of these forgeries and fakes are made available to members of the library. Binders are lo-

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cated on the shelves in the forgery area. Members can use this information to identify suspicious items in their collections. Some of the countries that are notorious for having forgeries and fakes are Iran, Fiume, Italian States, German States, Indian States and early Japan and Korea. However practically all countries have had forgeries and fakes produced, especially of their classic issues. Cape of Good Hope provides excellent examples (Figs 3 & 4).

Cape of Good Hope forgeries usually lack the Anchor watermark and most are lithographed. Genuine stamps have the watermark and are engraved. Note the scrollwork to the lower left of "POSTAGE". On the forgery it is incorrect, but correct on the genuine one shown in Figure 4. In the Figure 3 forgery note the "bumps" on the left of the "F" of "OF". The Figure 4 genuine does not have these bumps. There are other differences as well. Note that there is one engraved forgery with a watermark that is very deceptive. Consult the Serrane Guide in the library.

If you have stamps that you suspect are forgeries or fakes, please consider donating them to the RMPL and we will study them and if they are forgeries or fakes we will remove them from circulation. Make sure they are delivered to my attention or Eric Carlson's.

Incidentally, if you are an expert in an area of philately and would like to volunteer to help with our program, please contact Eric Carlson or me at RMPL.

I encourage all collectors to study their stamps and be suspicious especially when purchasing expensive material. Certificates from respected organizations are recommended for expensive items. The area of forgeries and fakes can be very interesting and educational. The knowledge gained may help you avoid philatelic pitfalls in the future. Forgers continue their trade even today. Their products can often be found on eBay and other online sites.



Fig. 3. Forgery of Cape of Good Hope (#4)



Fig. 4. Genuine Cape of Good Hope (#4)

Closed Albums

Mary Ellen Markel: A 20-year volunteer at the RMPL, Mary Ellen was a quiet, unobtrusive member of the library who first began her volunteer work under the tutelage of Bill Dunn, continued through Ron Mitchell, Sergio Lugo and recent presidents of the RMPL. She toiled away at her delight - sorting and arranging stamps of every kind for the enjoyment of RMPL members who purchased those stamps for their collections at remarkably low prices. A medical records secretary for nearly four decades, Mary Ellen balanced that work-life with her volunteer participation at her Home Owner's Association and the RMPL. She rarely participated in RMPL social activities, and until half a decade ago, always visited with nieces in Nebraska over the Christmas and Easter holidays. She always enjoyed reminiscing about her extended family and friends, the formative teen and early adult decades of the 1930s and 1940s, and the evolution of Western America, and in particular the rangelands of the west. A particular delight as she grew older was her close relationship with Jack Sweigert, her cousin, and world famous Apollo 13 astronaut and his untimely short service as a U.S. Congressman from Colorado. A gentle, and qui-

et soul who passed through our ranks as a stamp collector and thoroughly knowledgeable worldwide philatelist will be missed.

Tom Surprenant: One of the regular Thursday afternoon volunteers at the RMPL, Tom passed away in May, 2019. He collected United States stamps and precancels and had recently become interested in Wells Fargo covers. Most Thursday afternoons he could be found at the library sorting United States stamps into the sales books or helping to get the current issue of *Scribblings* ready to mail. Tom was a retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant, who (like Mary Ellen Markel above) had begun his volunteer services at the RMPL under Bill Dunn, over 22 years ago. In addition to sorting, Tom's expertise in U.S. issues led him to become a strong participant in the inhouse expertization service initiated by Sergio Lugo in 2002. He will be remembered for his good spirits and helpfulness. We will miss him.

Sergio Lugo and Paul Albright.

A Serendipitous Meeting

By Charlie Freise

Over the past year or so I have had the chance to become acquainted with a most fascinating lady, Joyce Franke, through her stamp collection. This opportunity came about as a result of both of my dogs requiring surgery and physical therapy. The therapist, Stephan, happened to comment on one of my many stamp collecting-themed T-shirts and asked if I collected stamps.

Stephan and I had many interesting conversations about stamp collecting. I learned he collected stamps as a child-his father helped him-and he inherited his father's collection. He mentioned that some out-of-state relations had a collection left over from the estate of his aunt, Joyce Franke. They were interested in learning more about it. He asked if I could take a look at the material.

While going through the material a number of mysteries were presented. One collection was a beautiful album of old British Colonies with material from the Queen Victoria era to Queen Elizabeth. There were a number of empty spaces, with visible hinge and mount marks, as well as missing, ripped out pages, clear evidence the collection was cherry picked in the past. Despite the past treatment of the collection it still had some value. The stamps, used, mint-hinged, and mint never-hinged, were well centered for the issues and retained their color. Stephan was advised on the proper care and storage of the collection (Fig. 1).

There were two binders of topical stamps featuring various breeds of dogs. One binder contained a number of stock sheets with sets of stamps; however, a number of stamps were missing. The second binder contained a number of pages in protective sleeves. Each page was carefully prepared with a number of mounted topical stamps of dog breeds. This second binder held all of the stamps missing from the stock sheets in the first binder. Stephan was ad-

vised this was actually an exhibit. Each page had a short-typewritten narrative and description of the featured stamps, as well as a hand written number on the reverse.

I was curious, who was Joyce Franke? When did she start collecting and exhibiting stamps? Stephan said he

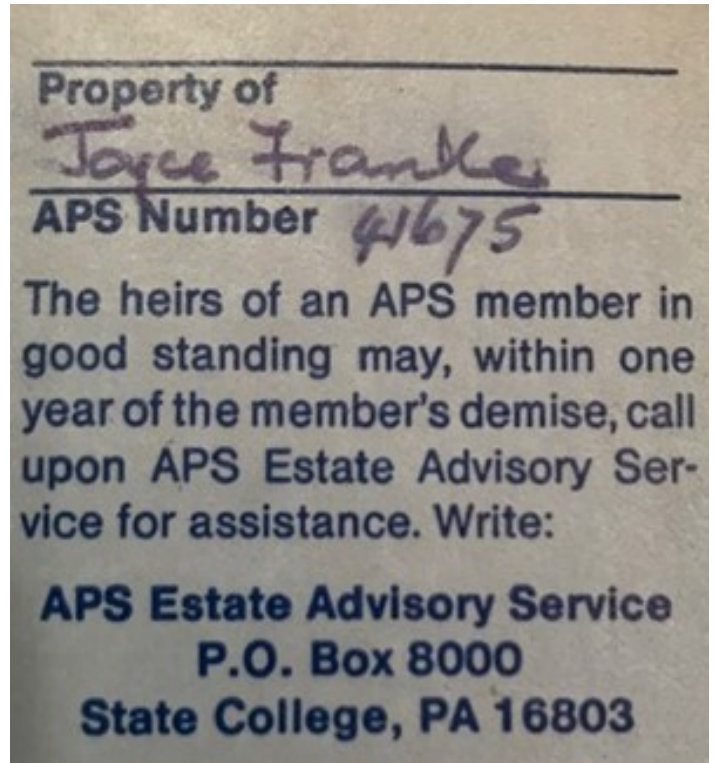


Fig. 2. APS Label found on the inside front cover of the British Colonies Album.

would check in with the relations and see if he could find out more information about his aunt. Flash forward a number of months-Stephan sent an e-mail with an autobiography written by his aunt, prior to her death.

Joyce (Goodliffe) Franke was born in Nottingham, England in 1912. She was the youngest of four children. Her older brothers were stamp collectors. When they were sent to boarding school, she inherited their stamp collection. She was fascinated with the stamps and began corresponding with girls around the world. This explains the origins of the British Colony collection still in possession of the family in New Mexico (Fig. 2).

In 1934, with a little money she inherited from her grandmother, Joyce traveled to the United States and stayed with friends in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She returned to England in 1934 to care for her ailing mother. She relocated to Santa Fe in the fall of 1935 after the death of her mother. One day she went to the newspaper office to place an ad. While she was at the counter, she opened her purse to pay for the ad and a small packet of stamps fell out. An acquaintance of hers, Armin Franke, happened to be in line and asked her if she was a stamp collector.

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Fig. 1. Zululand Overprints

Philatelists Elect Officers, Give Awards

Armin W. Franke of Santa Fe was re-elected president of the New Mexico Philatelic Assn. at the annual convention in Botts Memorial Hall, Public Library, Saturday.

The convention closed Saturday night with presentation of awards for prize exhibits at a dinner held in La Cocina at which Dr. J. Irving Wolf of Tucson, Ariz., was guest speaker.

El Paso was selected as the site for the 1953 convention and stamp exhibits. The El Paso Stamp Club is a charter member of the New Mexico Assn.

Other officers named at the convention were J. Lloyd Ambrose and Joseph H. Toulouse of Albuquerque and Miss Lillis M. Fisher of Roswell, vice-presidents, and Mrs. Joyce Franke of Santa Fe, secretary-treasurer.

Clarence Maguire of Santa Fe won the grand award for a five-frame exhibit on the first issues of Israel. E. J. Boffin of Albuquerque, who showed Canada booklet panes, won the second-place trophy, and Mrs. Franke

won third trophy for a frame on Switzerland's National Fete.

Susan Maguire of Santa Fe won the junior trophy for the best exhibit by an exhibitor under 16.

First award ribbons and certificates were won by Jesse L. Bogard of Briggs, Tex.; Lillis M. Fisher, Roswell; Mrs. Clarence Maguire and Susan Maguire of Santa Fe; Clarence E. Poster, Duane C. Rosselot and Vernon E. White of Albuquerque.

Second award ribbons and certificates were won by Philip T. Manly of Crawfordsville, Ind.; Gladys Webb of Roswell; Virginia M. Legge of Carlsbad; Mrs. Clarence Maguire, Santa Fe; Francis Haas, Armando Pagliai, Robert G. Norfleet and Mrs. T. J. Denny of Albuquerque.

Third places were won by J. Robert Jones, Los Alamos; C. G. Finke, Artesia; Francis Haas, Everett Miller, Vernon E. White, Edna Johnson, Ward F. Bark, William J. Cooke, Isabelle Boffin and Guido Nizzi, all of Albuquerque. Judges were Dr. Wolf, Fred E. Gage of Alamogordo and Joseph Toulouse of Albuquerque.

Fig. 3. Copy of an article from the Albuquerque Journal, October 26, 1952, Page 9.

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In 1942, Armin Franke obtained a divorce from his wife and began seeing Joyce. He had relocated to Albuquerque. On the weekends, Joyce would travel from Santa Fe to visit him. They were married in August 1943. Armin worked for the OPA (Office of Price Administration), a government agency created to watch prices and rationing during World War II. His job required him to travel extensively. By 1948, Armin had quit the job and through many contacts generated by his employment with the OPA, he became a stamp dealer. Armin and Joyce were some of the first stamp dealers in the Santa Fe area. They helped organize the New Mexico Philatelic Association in 1948 and were active members in the Santa Fe Stamp Club. Armin Franke served as the President of the New Mexico Philatelic Association and was re-elected to that office in 1952. Joyce served as the Secretary-Treasurer and was also re-elected to that office in 1952 (Fig. 3).

Unfortunately, Armin passed away unexpectedly in 1955, Joyce was only 42 and found herself left alone with a stamp business. She continued to operate the stamp business on a part-time basis and worked as a secretary full time. In her auto-biography, she mentioned that she had one good break while Armin was in the hospital. She remembered to order the 10th Anniversary United Nations Souvenir Sheet. In her haste, she ordered more than re-

Stamp Collectors

Los Alamos Stamp Collectors Association will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the AARP Room, Fuller Lodge.

Guest speaker will be Joyce Franke, stamp dealer and NMPA member.

All interested persons are invited.

Fig. 4. An article from the Los Alamos Monitor, September 7, 1975, Page 4.

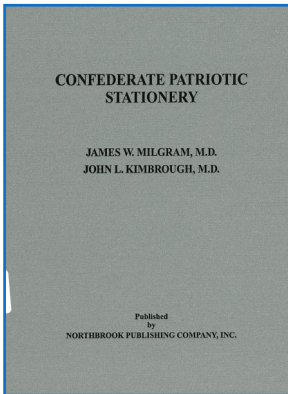
quired to fulfill the needs of her customers and was able to sell the excess material later for a good profit.

Joyce Franke continued to remain active for many years in the New Mexico Philatelic Association as well as the Santa Fe Stamp Club. She served as the secretary of the New Mexico Philatelic Association for 18 years as well as president. She had many good friends and mentioned Lois Herrmann, Fred Spalding, Phil Manly, and Bill and Jean Davis by name in her auto-biography.

Joyce Franke passed away in June 1993. A Google search turned up an article, from 1975 mentioning Joyce Franke as a guest speaker for the Los Alamos Stamp Collector Association. A column in the September 22, 2008, issue of Linn's Stamp Magazine by Janet Klug titled "Aliens and Spaceships Offer out of this World Collecting," mentions a cover addressed to Armin Franke. There is also a note in the 1993 fall issue of *Scribblings* concerning a donation made to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library in the name of Joyce Franke.

Going through the British Colony collection and the two binders of topical dog stamps introduced me to a fascinating woman who was a founding member and an important figure in the New Mexico Philatelic Association, as well as an active member of the Santa Fe Stamp Club (Fig.4). This serendipitous introduction came about due to my two dogs who required surgery and therapy; meeting the therapist who was a childhood stamp collector; and his relation to an amazing lady who collected dogs on stamps.

NEW ON THE SHELVES

**UNITED STATES**

Confederate Patriotic Stationery, by James W. Milgram and John L. Kimbrough

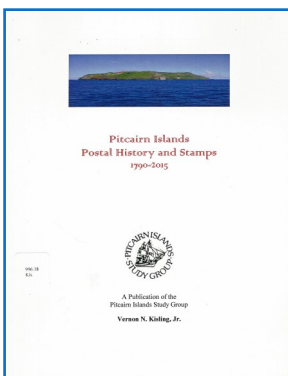
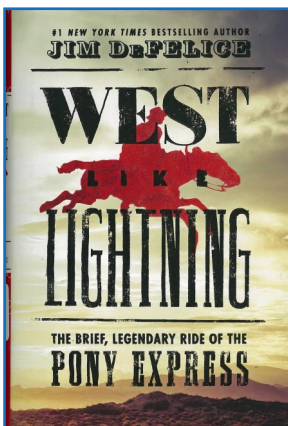
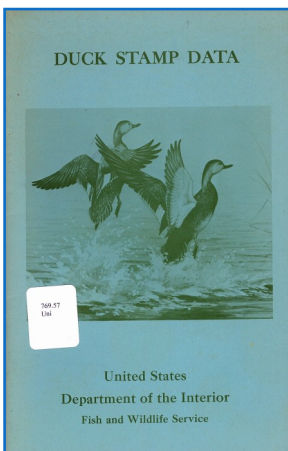
Confederate Use of Patriotic Covers During the Civil War, 1861-1865, by John H. Walker

Duck Stamp Data (1967), published by the United States Dept. of the Interior

Historical Catalog of U.S. Postal Card Essays and Proofs, 8th Edition, edited by Bill Falberg

The Texas Frontier and the Butterfield Overland Mail 1858-1861, by Glen Sample Ely

West Like Lightning: The Brief, Legendary Ride of the Pony Express, by Jim DeFelice

**AFRICA**

Michel Afrika 1977/78, Übersee Band 3

ASIA

Russia Foreign Letter Postal Rates 1916-1924

AUSTRALIA and OCEANIA

Michel Australien-Malaiischer Archipel: Ozeanien 1978/79: Übersee Band 4

Pitcairn Islands Postal History and Stamps, 1790-2015, by Vernon N. Kisting Jr.

Study of the Cancellations, Censor and Registration Handstamps of Nauru, by Keith de Vere Buckingham

EUROPE

Collect British Stamps (2018), published by Stanley Gibbons

Early Routing of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company 1842-1879, by Phil J. Kenton and Harry G. Parsons

Festschrift zum 40-Jährigen Bestehen: 1978-2018, published by the Great Britain & Commonwealth Philatelic Society (Switzerland)

The German Occupation of the Channel Islands 1940-1945, by Ron Brown

Great Britain Specialised Stamp Catalogue, Volume 5: Queen Elizabeth II Decimal Special Issues, published by Stanley Gibbons

Holocaust Postal History: Harrowing Journeys Revealed Through the Letters and Cards of the Victims, by Justin Gordon

Ilustrowany Katalog Znaczków Polskich 1860-1956 (in Polish, with illustrations)

Kraus-Minkus Standard Catalog of Great Britain Stamps

Michel Deutschland-Spezial 1977

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Michel Ganzsachen-Katalog Deutschland 1979

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Neues Handbuch der Briefmarken Kunde: B0 (1910-1921) and B4 (1935-1945), by Hermann Wetzl

The Postal History of Sicily: From its Beginnings to the introduction of the Postage Stamp, by Paolo Vollmeir (translated into English by Roy A. Dehn)

Postal History of the Spanish Civil War, by Ronald D. Shelley

Die Postmarken von Lubeck [The Postage Stamps of Lubeck]: Ein Historischer Abriss, by Josef Herzog

Royal Mail Special Stamps Book 1987, published by The Post Office, UK

Stamps of Germany Third Reich, by A. Harper and W. Scheck

MIDDLE EAST

Sosyal Yardim Pullari [Social Aid Stamps], by Atom Damali

Stamps of Israel, published by the Jordan Marsh Company

NORTH AMERICA

Japanese Canadians in World War II: Censored Mail from the Uprooting of British Columbia, by Louis Fiset

The Large Queen Stamps of Canada and their Use, 1868-1872, by H.E. Duckworth and H.W. Duckworth

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Catalog of Sanitary Service Stamps, Veterinary Inspection Stamps and Tuberculinization Stamps Issued by the City of Rosario de Santa Fe, Argentina, by Benedict A. Termini

A Catalogue of the Stamps of Mexico 1856-1910, by Nicholas Follansbee

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Notes on the Stamps of the Colombian States, by Gene Scott

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Disney on Stamps, parts 1 & 2, by William Silvester

The Equipment Register of the Philatelic Railroad, by H.D. Page

Freedom Just Around the Corner: Black America from Civil War to Civil Rights, by Daniel Piazza

Johann Sebastian Bach: Marken und Stempel aus allen Teilen der Welt, by Paul Gomon

Kong Long Jua Shi You Piao [Dinosaur Fossil Stamps], by Zhang Banghui (in Chinese)

Opera Checklist: 1968 Supplement, published by Fine Arts Philatelist

Music and Musicians Checklist, published by the Fine Arts Philatelist

CINDERELLAS

A General Illustrated Catalogue of Exhibition and Event Poster Stamps, compiled by Stewart Gardiner

Poster Stamp and Cinderella Collecting, by Ewald van Elkan

World War II Patriotic Labels, by Richard Goldberg

MISCELLANEOUS

Boy Scouts of America: Stamp Collecting [merit badge]

Catalog of Private Express Covers, Labels, and Stamps: United States 1839-1918, Canada 1841-1926, Mexico 1860-1918; Second Edition, by Bruce H. Mosher

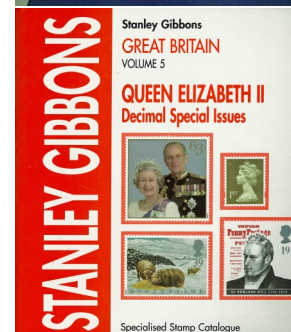
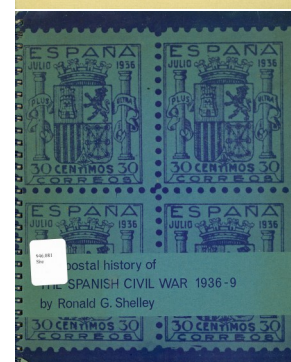
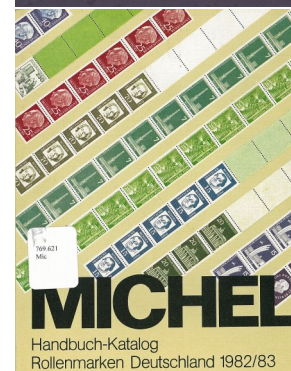
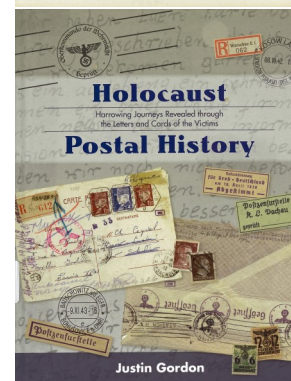
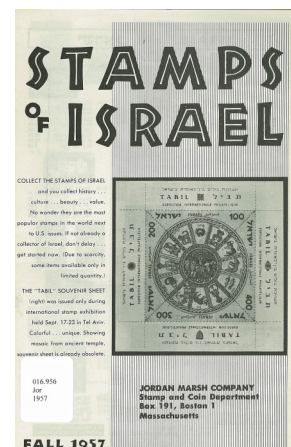
The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Stamps & Coins, by James MacKay

Jusqu'a Hand Stamps and Other Route Indications: 2nd and Revised Edition, by Jan C. ter Welle

The One-Cent Magenta: Inside the Quest to Own the Most Valuable Stamp in the World, by James Barron

Philatelic Terms Illustrated, published by Stanley Gibbons

Stamp and Coin News, Spring 1958, published by the Jordan Marsh Company



Stamp Collector's Guide, by Harry Zarchy

The Stamp Identifier, published by H.E. Harris

Stamps of the United States, Confederate States, United Nations, published by Lee's Stamp & Coin Shop, Phoenix, Arizona

United States, U.S. Possessions and BR. North America (about 1941), published by H.E. Harris & Co.

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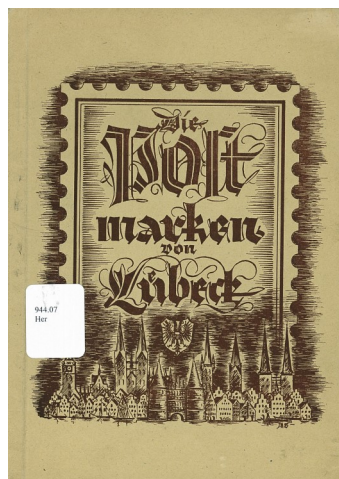
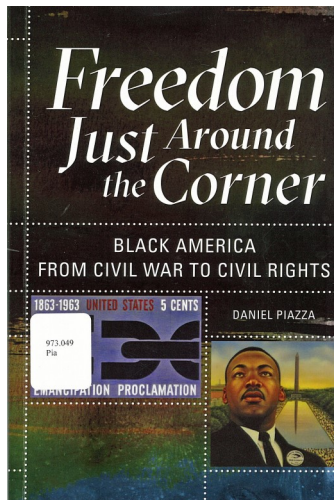
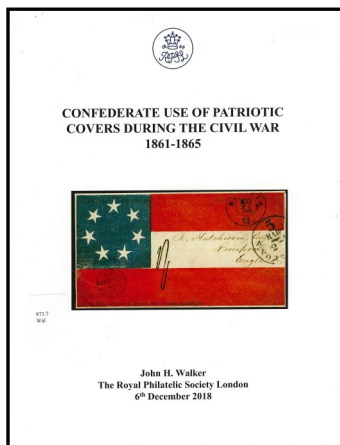
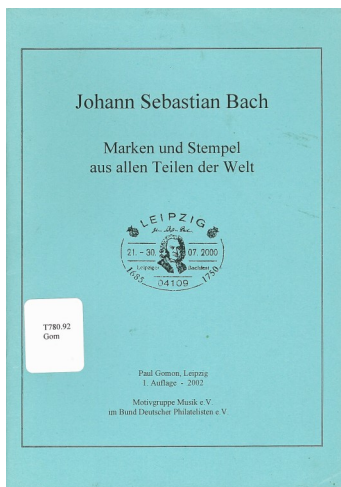
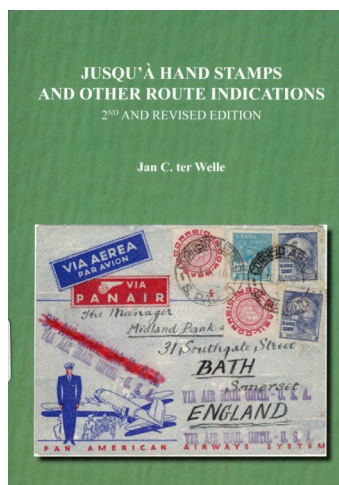
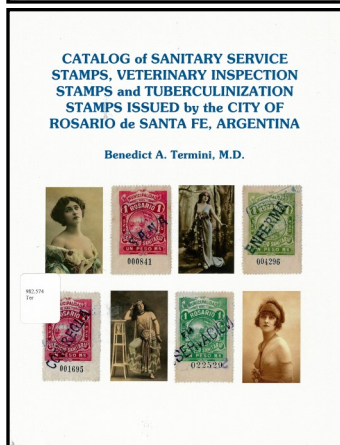
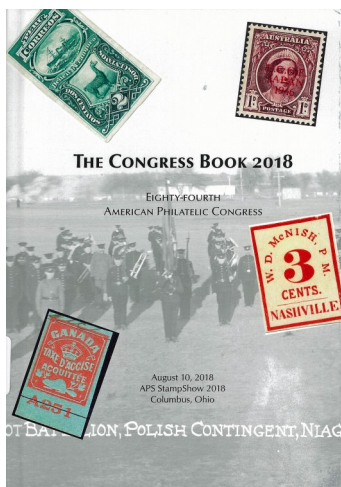
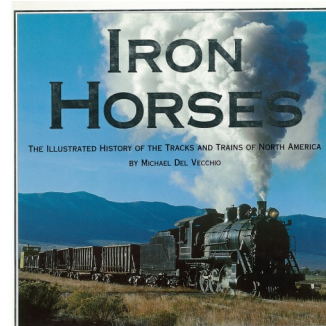
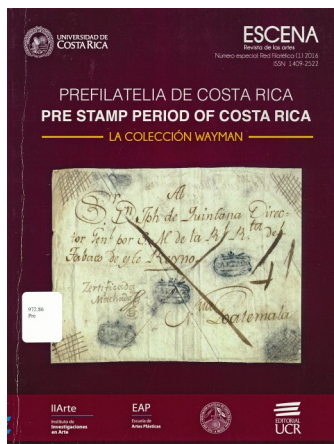
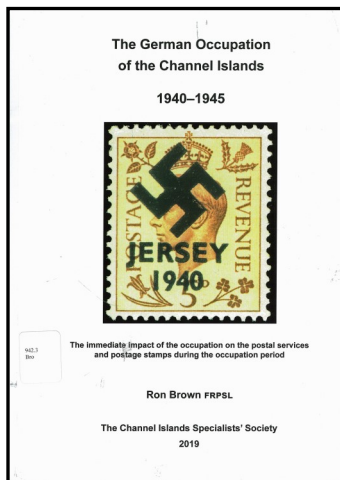
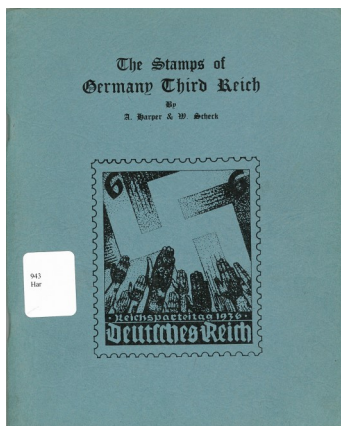
and Trains of North America, by Michael Del Vecchio

Legends of Steam, by Colin Garratt

NON-PHILATELIC

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie, by Alan Bradley

Warman's Paper, by Norman A. Martinus and Harry L. Rinker



ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP SHOW 2019

DENVER YOUNG COLLECTORS

By Charlie Freise

Here we are, a few weeks after the closing of the 2019 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show. The dust has settled and we have had a chance to relax, recharge our batteries, and now we begin planning for next year's show.



Fig. 1. Don Dhonau inspects the Youth Booth on Thursday afternoon

ents stop by the Youth Booth. This year, more than 40 children, parents, and grandparents stopped by our tables (Fig. 1). We recognized some children from years past and welcomed a number of new children to the wonderful hobby of stamp collecting. Besides our usual volunteers manning the Youth Booth (Don Dhonau, Dan Nieuwlandt), we welcomed a new addition to the crew, Regina Domenici, the spouse of Paul Domenici. Paul is a regular volunteer at the RMPL and worked at the "What's in Your Attic" booth this year.

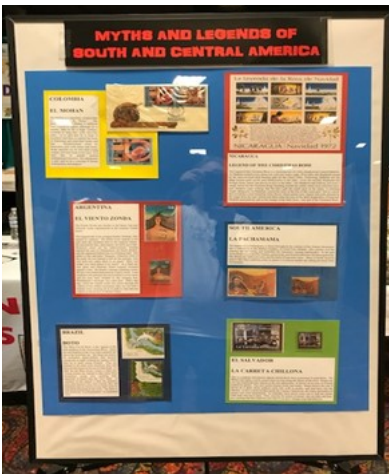


Fig. 2. Myths and Legends Poster

South and Central America (Fig. 2). The posters included commemorative stamps and covers depicting the many legendary and mythical figures. Additionally, a "Day of the Dead" diorama was made by Alan Freise, another volunteer working with the Denver Young Collectors. The diorama, with the exception of the foam core board and figurines, was made entirely out of recycled material and placed on a rotating base.

Also, a special one-frame exhibit was prepared by the children featuring a variety of topical interests from South and Central America. Each child was given the task of se-

lecting a topical subject and completing a single page displaying stamps focusing on that topic. The children, ages 7 through 14, prepared a total of 16 pages and created a wonderful exhibit. This project, for many of the children, was their first introduction in the research, planning, and preparation required to complete a competitive exhibit. Next year, we hope to have more children enter single-frame competitive exhibits.

Three members of the Denver Young Collectors entered competitive exhibits this year. Seth Martin entered a topical exhibit titled, "Central and South American Birds." His brother, Tristin Martin, prepared a topical exhibit titled "Bats of the World."

Tyler Kelley, submitted an exhibit titled "Penguin Species and Popular Culture." All three boys won a number of different awards for their exhibits. Two years ago, Seth and Tristin won the AAPE Youth Grand Award for their exhibit on marine life. This year Tyler won the AAPE Youth Grand Award. These are major accomplishments (Figs. 4 & 5) for a group of novice exhibitors and we wish them continued success in their future exhibiting endeavors. Don Dhonau, an institutional fixture of the Denver Young Collectors, was busy working with the children participating in Stamp Camp. Each child was presented with a binder holding a number of instructional pages, and activities, designed to educate children on many aspects of stamp collecting and stamps from South and Central America. One of the many activities was to select a cover from the region and then write a short story about the cover and stamp(s). Children were presented with colorful maps of South and Central America and Caribbean Islands. They were also given mounted flags and a list of principal exports from the various countries.



Fig. 3. Dia de los Muertos diorama with Sergio Lugo and MEPSI representative



Fig. 4. Tyler Kelley's Exhibit
Fig. 5. Seth and Tristin's Exhibits

Also, a special one-frame exhibit was prepared by the children featuring a variety of topical interests from South and Central America. Each child was given the task of se-

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They were directed to locate the appropriate country and place the flags and exports on the maps.

We also tried something new this year. Each child was given a small amount of money and introduced to several



Fig. 6. Dave Blackhurst and four of the children: Left to right: Alexa, Mia, Tomer, and Liam looking for stamps for Show and Tell.

dealers with topical material. The children were instructed to purchase some interesting stamps and return to the Youth Booth, for a “Show and Tell.” Our apologies to Dave Blackhurst of Worldwide Stamps (30-cent stamps).

The children swamped his booth late Sunday afternoon and we hope they did not disrupt

his business too much (Fig. 6). The young collectors appreciated Dave Blackhurst’s patience and generous discounts. All told, the children left the show with a wonderful souvenir binder filled with many stamps from South and Central America and memories of the show.

In addition to the organized Stamp Camp, and the many displays and exhibits prepared by the children, the Youth Booth featured a number of individual activities for visiting children. We had several “treasure tubs” available to look through for stamps to add to their collections. A trio from Germany stopped by to see what the show was



Fig. 7. From Germany, Max and Leo search for stamps with their father assisting.



Fig. 8. Our Czechoslovakian visitors enjoyed the show and took home a few souvenirs.

about (Fig. 7). Ivo and Hana, from Czechoslovakia, also took the opportunity to search for stamps to add to their collection (Fig. 8).

Children were encouraged to complete the Scavenger Hunt, Wildlife Safari, and Greetings from America activities while visiting the Youth Booth. This year, we introduced the older children to a new Exhibit Challenge. Several different questionnaires were created, each with a number of questions addressing a specific item in an exhibit at the show. The worksheets identified a specific frame number. The children had to find the frame and answer the question. Some questions required the name of the addressee, sender, or destination on a specific cover. The purpose of this exercise was to have older children go out on the exhibit floor, examine the material, and learn about the different exhibits, as well as the variety of collectible material from around the world. This proved to be a successful activity for the older children. It was necessary for an older child to accompany younger children due to the required reading.



Top left – William, his grandfather, and Dan Nieuwlandt going through topical stamps

Top right – Last children of the day with their mothers picking up stamps and supplies

Center left – Avery, a young lady who spent the entire Sunday morning and afternoon at our booth

Center right – Alexa and Mia, two young ladies who returned this year



Bottom left – Liam and his grandfather who was introducing Liam to the hobby

Bottom right – Kaylee Flaharty is one of the newest members of the Denver Young Collectors



The Denver Young Collectors thank all the volunteers from the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library and Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee for the success of this year’s show. The success is a direct result of the countless hours of time, planning, preparation, and organization by the many volunteers involved: Bob Miller - Show Committee Chairman; Ron Lampo - Bourse and Floor Layout; Steve Schweighofer - Arrangements and Hotel Coordinator; Jerry Eggleston - Exhibit Manager; Marc Silberman - The Letterpress Depot and Show Souvenir Sheets; Andy Murin and crew - Frame Set-up; Jeff Modesitt - Editor of the Show Program and *Scribblings*; Sergio Lugo - for the cover and stamp donations to the Denver Young Collectors; and countless others too numerous to mention.

SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Second Saturday programs are sponsored by the RMPL 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 address is: aurora_80017@yahoo.com

July 13, 2019--9:00 a.m.

Presenter: Dave Reitsema

Guatemala:

Forged Stamps Help the International Society of Guatemala Collectors Grow

The program will present a variety of Guatemala stamp forgeries together with the means to identify the forgeries. These are a popular collecting specialty and many collectors will want to be able to identify them. The program will also show how articles about the forgeries have contributed to the 30% growth of the International Society of Guatemala Collectors in just nine months.



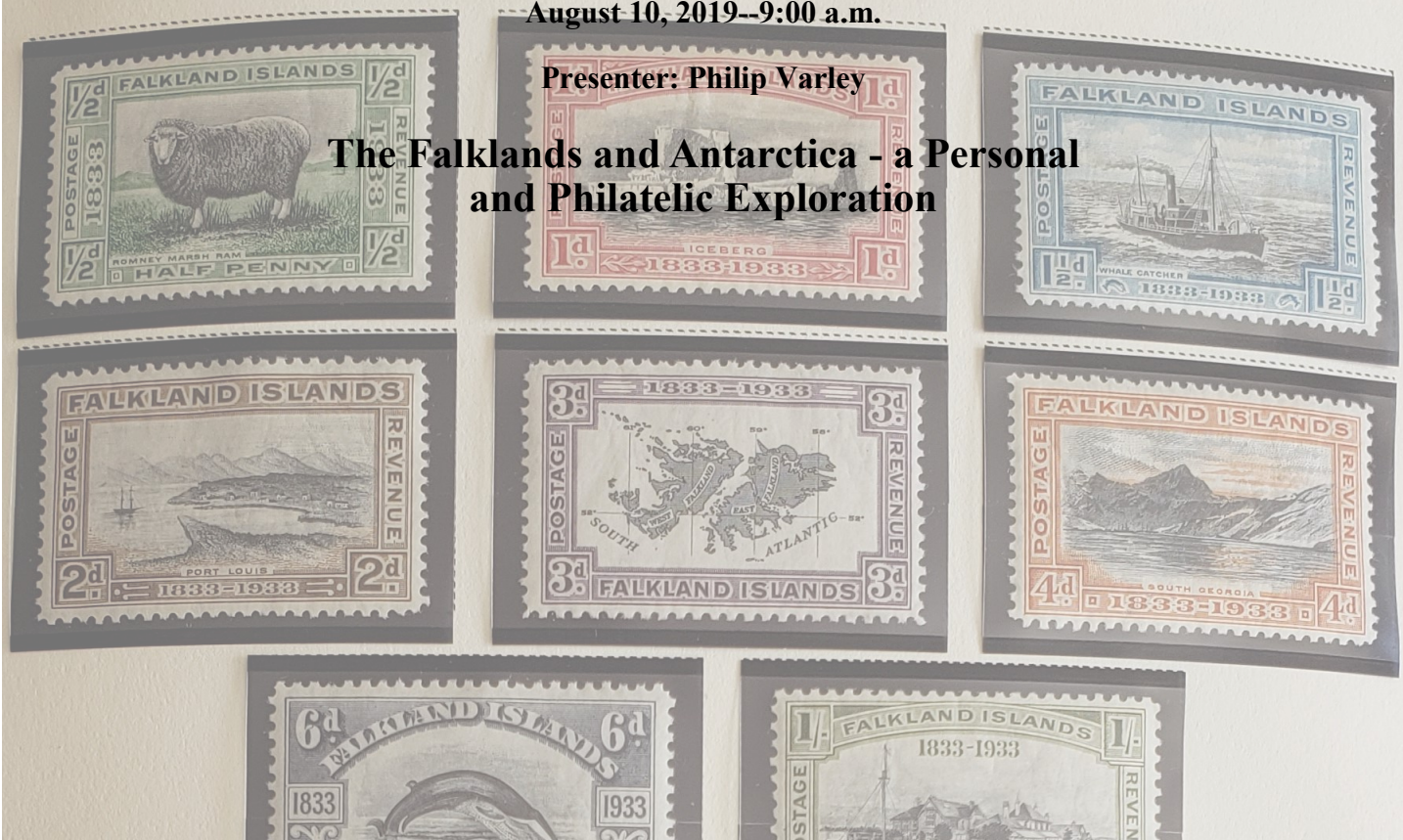
Which is the forgery ?



August 10, 2019--9:00 a.m.

Presenter: Philip Varley

The Falklands and Antarctica - a Personal and Philatelic Exploration



RMPL Board of Directors Meeting—March 21, 2019 (Slightly Summarized)

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. All board members were present, including our new librarian Sherri Soraci-Jennings. There were no guests.

As Vice President, Jim Kilbane conducted the meeting, although Tony Van Loij briefly attended.

Jim asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the recent passing of Geri Van Loij and Tom Surprenant. Jim also asked that we keep Ellengail Beuthel and Roger Rydberg in our thoughts. The library has donated \$100 to the American Cancer Society in Geri Van Loij's name.

It was moved and seconded that upon the death of a person associated with the library, the board authorizes making a donation of \$100 to a charity of the family's choice. If the family does not have a preference, the choice will be made by the board and the donation made in the deceased's name. The motion passed.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Financial Reports

Treasurer Tim Heins discussed several financial reports that were included in the meeting handouts. The individual reports included:

- ◆ **UBS Account**
- ◆ **Transaction List by Vendor March through April 2019**
- ◆ **Revenues and Expenses for January through April 2019**
- ◆ **Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2019**

Old Business

By-Laws Changes

Discussion of any changes will be postponed until the July 2019 meeting when Eric Carlson can attend.

Results of Mailings to Non-members

Tim Heins reported that he sent out 200 additional solicitations to people within the region who are members of APS but not members of RMPL.

As of this board meeting, it was thought that seven to nine new members have joined as a result of this effort. Tim feels that we should repeat this procedure every few years, and that it should be a duty of the membership chair. Tim also feels that we should follow up with members who have left the library, unless this is due to death or perhaps moving out of the area. This might simply involve including a postcard with an issue of *Scribblings* asking them to tell us why they decided to drop their membership.

Concrete Steps in Rear of 7070 East Asbury Ave.

The steps have been completed, but it is felt that, due to the age of many of our members, a railing should be added. Rich Palestro will look into options for doing this.

ISBN Numbers

After a failed search to locate any old ISBN numbers, John Bloor purchased a set of 10 @ \$25 each. At least one number will be used for the upcoming RPO book. The RPO book will soon be ready to print in loose-leaf format.

Since the printing and binding will be done in-house, it was suggested that we consider using a print-on-demand process to fill orders after the initial printing.

John noted that he was asked by an author whose book was purchased for our library (but not published by the RMPL) if we could place an advertisement for it in *Scribblings*. The board declined this request, but a flier about the book will be placed on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Property Tax Exemption Forms

Our property tax exemption forms were submitted and marked "received" on April 3, 2019.

Amazon Smile Program

Members have been encouraged to use this program when making purchases from Amazon. By designating RMPL as their charity of choice, the library will receive 1/2 of 1% of all purchases. This can add up over time.

Vacuum Cleaner

As requested at the last board meeting, a new vacuum cleaner has been purchased.

Audit

Tim stated that he hopes to have the completed audit by the next board meeting.

New Business

Librarian

Sherri Soraci-Jennings was officially welcomed to the librarian position. Much of her time has been spent on working on the backlog of books and other matters.

Sherri requested that the librarian's office be designated the Ellengail Beuthel Room by a sign over the door. It was moved and seconded that this be done, and the motion passed.

It was suggested and agreed that the duty of "shelf reading" be added to the librarian's duties described in the formal position agreement. It was also suggested that the librarian be in charge of managing a program that deals with the return of overdue books.

It also was suggested and agreed that the librarian be part of the group that recommends the acquisition of new books.

Purcell Donation

Tonny said that he will be working on this large donation over the next several days, including talking with dealers, etc. at the auction. He further stated, that as long as we have a detailed inventory of the collection, we do not need to wait three years before we can begin selling it. Actually, Tonny has learned that the three-year hold is not required for any donation as long as it is sufficiently documented.

Website

The RMPL website has been having some internal problems, and will be "migrated" to another server.

Roger Rydberg's health has been improving and he has been able to resume some of his duties as technology and membership chairman. As with many library positions, it was felt that we still need to find and train people

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DONATIONS

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following people made donations to the library during the last two months. We thank every one who has contributed (alphabetized by last name).

Walter Abel	Robert E Lamb
David Arend	Richard Laskey
Malcolm Barton	Clark Lyda
John Bloor	Dan Mackey
Jeff Brandes	Thomas Marrs
Lewis Bussey	Carol Mobley
Roger Cichorz	Jeff Modesitt
Scandinavian CC	Diana Murphy
Peter Colwell	David New
Kathy Crabbs	Stephen Pero
Anthony Crepeau	Jon Raese
Paul Domenici	Charles Reed
David Durbin	Owen Robb
Donna Eversole	Caroline Scannell
Nolan Flowers	Paul Schulz
Briana Gartner	Rebecca Siler
Nancy Gensch	Ludvik Svoboda
Wes Goff	Julie Swarsen
Neil W Hamilton	Jack Van Ens
Kathryn Harhai	Andrew Wacinski
Isabel Heller	Alan Warren
Robert Herk	Kathleen Williams
Harriet Holmes	Robert Working
	Mary Zinn

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who can serve as a backup for Roger and others when necessary. Given the ages of many library officials, this is simply a good management practice.

Online Book Sales

Gary Withrow and Paul Domenici will be renewing the online book sales program. They plan to sell RMPL surplus books through eBay, Amazon, and the APRL (Literature Review). Once the operation is up and running for 2-3 months, the board requested that Gary and Paul give a progress report.

Summer Picnic

It was moved and seconded that we not hold a summer picnic this year. The motion passed.

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (RMSS)

David Weisberg asked to have some additional copies of the auction catalog and bid sheets printed for use at the auction. He also stated that while this auction will proba-

NEW MEMBERS

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

- ◆ Adrienne Welsh, Centennial, CO – Collects stamps
- ◆ Richard Marshall, Littleton, CO – Collects U.S., Canada, Butterfly Stamps
- ◆ Richard Achenbach, Denver, CO – Collects U.S. Mint and Used, Russia, Germany
- ◆ Vic Goldberg, Louisville, CO – Collects U.S., U.N., Israel
- ◆ John R. Buttler, Peyton, CO – Collects U.S. and World Postal History
- ◆ Harl Hargett, Golden, CO – Collects Back of the Book, Stamp Oddities
- ◆ Gilbert Verbit, Greenwood Village, CO – Collects used British Africa
- ◆ Alex McKinnon, Englewood, CO – Collects Portuguese Africa
- ◆ Juan A. Diaz, Grand Junction, CO – Collects Mexico
- ◆ Richard Hilty, Loveland, CO – Collects Postal History of U.S.A, U.S. Classics, British Classics, Penny Blacks
- ◆ Larry Van Vleet, Aurora, CO – Collects U.S. Mint and Rarities
- ◆ Ann Wood, Vita, CA – British Covers

bly not break any records, it will put some nice material in the hand of attendees. David also requested more volunteers at the auction table during the show.

During the show, MEPSI will be holding a dinner at the library on May 24. Library members will provide tours and information (including membership applications).

Ten of the eleven programs scheduled for Thursday during the show will be recorded on video. Joe Lanotte and Sergio Lugo are working on this. The programs will then be made available via several online venues, including our website.

It was further suggested that when we learn of other members who have given programs that were recorded on video, that we look into creating links to them on our website. An example would be the program Paul Lee gave to the National Postal Museum in Washington in 2016.

Steve McGill's Summer Seminar on Philately

Steve mentioned that he will be repeating the seminar he conducted on the Machin stamp series last year in Portland, Oregon. He has learned that last year's program was recorded on video. He will try to find out if a link to this seminar can be provided to our website. Steve said that this summer's program is already sold out.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Paul Lee, Recording Secretary

For the Record: Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, July 18, 2019
at 5:00 p.m.



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, Dasa Metzler. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Dasa at (303) 322-1231 of any changes or updates. All requests to reserve meeting time and space for philatelically related meetings other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled with Dasa well in advance.

****** July 2019******

- July 3 Wed-Meeting 2:00 p.m.**
Aurora Stamp Club
- July 6 Sat- No Meeting**
Scandinavian Collectors Club
- July 6 Sat-No Meeting**
TOpical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
- July 10 Wed-Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
Denver Germany Stamp Club-Joint Meeting with
Austria-Hungary Stamp Club
- July 11 Thu-Meeting 2:00 p.m.**
Cherrelyn Stamp Club
- July 11 Thu-7:00 p.m. (New Day and Time)**
Denver Postcard Club
- Second Saturday at the RMPL**
July 13 Sat 9:00 a.m.
Program by Dave Reitsem a
“Guatemala: Forged Stamps Help the
International Society of Guatemala Collectors
Grow”
- July 13 Sat-Meeting 10:00 a.m.**
Mexico/Latin America Club
- July 18 Thu-5:00 p.m. RMPL Board Meeting**
Open to all
- July 20 Sat-Meeting 9:30 a.m.**
Denver Young Collectors
- July 21 Sun-No Meeting**
Great Britain and Commonwealth Collectors Club
- July 23 Tue-No Meeting**
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

**Summer schedules often change with-
out notice to *Scribblings*! Please check
times with your organization to confirm
meetings and events.**

****** Aug 2019******

- Aug 3 Sat-No Meeting**
Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Aug 3 Sat-No Meeting**
TOpical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
- Aug 7 Wed-Meeting 2:00 p.m.**
Aurora Stamp Club
- Second Saturday at the RMPL**
Aug 10 9:00 a.m.
Program by Philip Varley
“The Falklands and Antarctica - a Personal and
Philatelic Exploration”
- Aug 10 Sat-Meeting 10:00 a.m.**
Mexico/Latin America Club
- Aug 10 Sat-Meeting 11:30 a.m.**
Rocky Mountain Aero/Astro Philatelic Club
- Aug 14 Wed-Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
Denver Germany Stamp Club-Joint Meeting with
Austria-Hungary Stamp Club
- Aug 15 Thu-Meeting 2:00 p.m.**
Cherrelyn Stamp Club
- Aug 15 Thu-Meeting 7:00 p.m. (New Day and Time)**
Denver Postcard Club
- Aug 17 Sat-Meeting 9:30 a.m.**
Denver Young Collectors
- Aug 17 Sat-Meeting 1:00 p.m.**
Colorado Postal History Society
- Aug 18 Sun-No Meeting**
Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club
- Aug 27 Tue-No Meeting**
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee
- Aug 28 Wed-Meeting 11:00 a.m.**
Denver Stamp Club

Have a wonderful Summer!