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Gems and Oddities of the Portuguese Colonies Part III

by Steve Bonowski

I hope you have enjoyed the first two installments of this series. For the third and final installment, I elected to pass on presenting the 1945-1974 time period covering the end of World War II until de-colonization for all territories (except Macau, which went to 1999). Rather, I will present and discuss some interesting items from my primary albums, duplicates and not-yet-mounted files.

The first items presented are a pair of early native issues from Portuguese India. The early issues were generally created by hand with the denominations applied by a hand-stamp, one stamp at a time (See Figure 1, left). Needless to say, this handstamping process resulted in the creation of numerous varieties, double printings and misaligned numerals in the denominations. On the right (See Figure 2, right) is an example of a denomination double-print variety. The stamp has an ISPP certificate (International Society for Portuguese Philately) indicating the stamp has a thin. This stamp is unvalued in the Scott Catalog. The Mundifil Catalog lists the stamp at €3100 (about \$3450). Having an example of this stamp, even with a thin, is better than having none.



Figure 1, left, 1872, Portuguese India, Scott Catalog #20, unused value \$70.

Figure 2, right, 1872, Portuguese India, Scott Catalog #20A, doubleprinted denomination variety.



Sometime around 1957 many of the postage stamps of Portuguese India were "delisted" from the Scott Catalog (See Figure 3, left). This action accounts for many of the missing numbers for Portuguese India from #260C-#407. The Mundifil Catalog has an expanded listing, without pricing, of the



missing stamps and makes use of the term "local clandestina (local forgery)" when referring to the stamps. The local clandestina stamps are attributed to the staff of the Casa de Moeda (the Portuguese mint and national press responsible for printing stamps and currency). While the Scott Catalog no longer lists these stamps, they do exist and are actively collected.

Figure 3, left, 1872, Portuguese India, previous Scott Catalog #395.

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

Officers and Directors may be contacted through the RMPL.

From the Desk of the President by Tonny Van Loij



It is hard to believe that a quarter of the year is gone. I hope that everyone has made it without sickness or other problems. The days are getting longer and as the weather gets better its time to attend stamp shows and expand our collections.

We just had another successful auction at the end of February and with this mailing of *Scribblings*, the newest auction

catalog will be enclosed. This auction will be held at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show at the end of May. The people in charge did a fantastic job with the catalog, scanning pictures and layout.

Dasa Metzler, the Library Stamp Manager and volunteer recruiter, will be absent from the Library for an extended period of time due to illness. Rich Palestro has been working hard to step in and take care of donations. We continue to receive good material that needs to be sorted, checked and placed into the stock books or selected for inclusion in future auctions.

I am sorry to report that Mike Milam, another member of the volunteer staff, passed away in December 2021. Mike was a long time member of the Library and volunteered his time recording incoming periodicals and stamp club information. He was involved with the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show for many years and was a member of several local stamp clubs. Mike was an accredited philatelic judge and worked many of the local shows as well as a number of national stamp shows.

Our regular group of volunteers has been working very hard to provide the level of support you have come to expect. We recently had to reduce the hours of operation at the Library due to the shortage of volunteer staff. A number of new members have pledged to help but we can always use more. With Dasa's unexpected illness and the death of Mike the core Library volunteer staff is hard pressed to continue providing all the regular services to our membership.

This week we had new air conditioner/heating units installed on the 2048 building thanks to Dennis Nyberg, Steve Schweighofer's son-in-law. We will be saving enormously on material and labor costs. So when you visit the RMPL and see these people, please say thank you for all they do.

I hope to see everyone at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show.

Tonny



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGE TO HOURS OF OPERATION

A gentle reminder, the Library hours of operation have changed due to the shortage of volunteer staff.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1st, 2022 THE NEW HOURS OF OPERATION ARE: Monday - Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Closed: Sundays and Holidays

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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 becoming more active with the RMPL, whether it is helping publish *Scribblings*, sorting donations for our stamp mart, or helping with library maintenance please contact the Library at 303-759-9921.

BOOKKEEPER WANTED

The Library is searching for a new bookkeeper. The position requires an individual with good computer skills and familiarity with QuickBooks for non-profits. If you are interested, or know of someone, interested in the position please call 303-759-9921.

2022 ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP SHOW

This is the last call for volunteers to step up to the plate and commit a few hours of their time to help at the upcoming stamp show. We have had a number of individuals come forward and this is greatly appreciated. However, additional volunteers are needed to manage the registration desk, assist with floor management, help with cachet sales and we need a hearty team to set up and take down the exhibit display Please contact Ron frames. Lampo at chairman@rockymountainstampshow.com for more information on volunteering.

SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS NEEDED

Sponsored by the RMPL, the Second Saturday programs are generally about an hour long and focus on a specific subject. The subject matter is not limited to philately. Attendance is open to anyone who has a desire to learn something new about a specific subject, or enjoys discovering something new about an area of philately unfamiliar to them. Please contact Jim Kilbane at: <u>aurora_80017@yahoo.com</u> for more information.



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Figure 4, *left*).

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Between 1891 and 1929, the Nyassa Company, mostly British owned, had a concession in the two northern provinces of Mozambique, Cabo Delgado and Niassa. In 1901, Waterlow & Sons, London, England, printed the third stamp issue in sheets of fifty stamps for the Nyassa Company. The stamps are pictorial issues featuring various animals and a portrait of King Carlos. Soon after the release of the stamps one sheet of

each

1922,



Figure 4, 1901, Nyassa, Scott Catalog #27

Catalog values each invert at €110 (about \$120) in unused, hinged condition. ISPP expertizers are able to determine if an invert is an original issue or one of the reprints.



The majority of the República overprints from 1911-1915 are inexpensive and readily available to collectors. Due to low demand and quantity some issues are quite expensive *(See Figure 5, left).*

Figure 5, 1902, St. Thomas and Prince Islands, Scott Catalog

#163, valued in unused condition at \$900. The Mundifil Catalog lists the stamp in the same condition for $\in 1,000$ (about \$1,100).

The ubiquitous Ceres issues of 1913-1933 are well known for printing varieties, plate flaws and errors (*See Figure 6, right*). The Ceres stamps required two passes through the printing press - one to print the basic stamp image and color, the second to add the denomination and country name.

Figure 6, 1919, Macau, Scott Catalog #226a, inverted country and denomination. Scott Catalog values the unused stamp at \$50.



Many plates were used to print the Ceres issues and sometimes mishaps occurred. This variety shows what happened when a letter broke on a printing plate. The broken "M" in Moçambique becomes an "X" changing the country name to "Xoçambique." The Scott Catalog does not list this variety but it is found in the Mundifil Catalog (See Figure 7, below). The four different broken plate varieties are listed at \notin 20 each (about \$22) in the Mundifil Catalog.



In the 1920s, as a plate wore out individual pieces on the plate were replaced or repaired. This pair of stamps from Angola is an example of the Die Type I and Die Type II *(See Figure 8, below)*. The differences are subtle with the most obvious being the incomplete black line at the bottom of the right-hand shield resulting in a white space. The stamp on the left is a Die Type II, the stamp on the right is a Die Type I with the added bonus of a missing "C" in the right hand shield.



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Examples of Ceres stamps with "socked on the nose" (SON) cancellations (See Figure 9, left) are uncommon due to the stamp design and the size of cancellations. This example is a cherished prize.

Figure 9, 1913, Macau, Scott Catalog #224.



The last oddity presented (See Figure 10, left) is a "no-stars" forgery of Portuguese Guiné.

genuine stamp has two The stars in the country tablet, the stars are missing on the forgeries.

Figure 10, 1925, Portuguese Guiné, Scott Catalog #179K forgery.

The accent over the letter "E" in Portuguese Guiné is noticeably different on the forgeries (See Figure 11, top right).





Figure 11, 1925, Portuguese Guiné, Scott Catalog #179K. Genuine stamp on the left, forged stamp on the right.

These forgeries are also noteworthy for having noticeable horizontal gum ridges on the reverse (See Figure 12, right).

Figure 12, 1925, Portuguese *Guiné, reverse of forged, Scott* Catalog #179K, showing horizontal gum ridges.

In conclusion, I would be happy to try and help answer any questions about the fascinating philatelic world of the Portuguese colonies. You can reach me in care of the RMPL.

Happy stamping.

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2020 Scott Classic Specialized Catalog 2019. 2019 Mundifil Catalog, 8th edition, for former



The auction consists of 761 lots featuring better United States and worldwide single stamps, sets and covers. Truly, there is something for every collector. Items of particular note found in this auction are:

- United States, Scott Catalog #C13-15.
- White Plains souvenir sheet, Scott Catalog #630.
- Two Washington-Franklin coil pairs with A.P.S. certificates.
- More than a dozen individual worldwide stamps with certificates.
- Many interesting covers.

Bids may be submitted anytime, but they must be received by noon (MDT), May 29th, 2022. View catalog and scanned images of the lots anytime at: www.rmplauctions.org

WE Fest VII

Registration is open for the Women Exhibitors semi-annual WE Fest, a series of exhibiting workshops. This year's four-day event will be held in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2022, May 27-29, 2022, in Aurora, CO. (www.rockymountainstampshow.com).

WE Fest VII has four dynamic speakers who will provide educational, informative and entertaining presentations on Thursday May 26, 2022.

- Dawn Hamman shares her expertise in "Competitive Postcard Exhibiting."
- Marjorie Sente presents "Tips for Researching Covers on the Internet."
- Elizabeth Hisey conducts an interactive program in which attendees become a "Judge for a Day."
- Sherri Soraci-Jennings will introduce participants to "Thematic/Topical Exhibiting."

There are multiple opportunities for socializing and networking throughout the show to include: a Pizza Party on Wednesday evening, May 25th, a Farewell Breakfast on Sunday, May 29th, and the WE Hospitality Room.

Women Exhibitors and WE Fest VII is open to everyone. Men and women are invited to join and participate. Registration forms are available at: American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors - WE - Women Exhibitors (aape.org).

For additional information please contact: womenexhibitors@gmail.com.

Denver Postcard & Paper Ephemera Show Arapahoe County Fairgrounds 25690 E Quincy Ave, Aurora, CO 80016 Friday-Saturday May 27-28, 2022 Friday 11AM-6 PM, Saturday 9:30 AM-4 PM Admission \$5.00 (Discount available on the website: www.denverpostcardshow.com)





World's First Postage Due Stamp

Many consider this to be the world's first postage due stamp, it was issued by France in 1859. A postage stamp shows that payment was made for the delivery of the mail. A postage due stamp shows that full payment was not made for the delivery of the mail. The problem of



France, 1859, Scott Catalog #J1

what to do with letters not paying the correct postage fee has existed since the beginning of regular postal systems. Many countries returned short-paid mail to the sender, some delivered the mail and attempted to collect the fee from the recipient. In 1874 the Universal Postal Union addressed the issue of short-paid foreign mail. The UPU decided a letter "T" (Taxe=Due) would mark short-paid foreign mail with the short-paid amount written in black. On October 1, 1907, the rules changed. The amount to be charged, usually double the short paid amount instead of the missing amount, would be indicated.



Interesting covers from around the world.

by John Bloor

French and Russian Post Offices in the Ottoman Empire



This registered cover was mailed in 1913 from Kerassunde, a city in the Ottoman Empire with a Russian overseas post office, to Denver. Postage was paid using stamps of the French post offices in the Ottoman Empire. The French and Russian post offices are in a part of the Ottoman Empire known as the Levant, most of which is in present-day Turkey. A French Levant postal card is also shown here, sent from Kerassunde to Denver to the same addressee but by a different writer. Why were stamps and a postal card, issued by France, used for mailings from a Russian post office?

Before and during WWI, six countries, including France and Russia, established their own post offices in cities in the Levant. This was done at least partly because the postal system in the Levant was considered to be slow

and unreliable. France had post offices in 23 cities (but not Kerassunde) from 1812-1923 while Russia had 12 post offices from 1863-1914.

Initially, the French post offices used the postage stamps of France. Starting in 1902, stamps of three French designs were reissued with the inscription "LEVANT". Denominations of the low values were in francs and centimes; high values were surcharged in piastres. The stamps on this cover and on the card reflect the changes made in 1902. Both the French and Russian post offices closed on October 13, 1914 due to World War I.

The letter was mailed in Kerassunde in 1913; the postmark is illegible. From transit and registration marks on the back, it traveled via Constantinople (August 19), to New York City (August 30), arriving in Denver on September 21, 1913.

The franking is 3 piastres (0.75 francs) + 10 centimes(0.1 francs) for a total of 0.85 francs. If one assumes that the rates are the same as those from France to the US, then postage is 0.25 francs per 15g and the registration fee is 0.25 francs. If the letter weighed 15-30 grams, then postage + registration would be 0.75 francs. The stamps overpay the fee by 0.1 francs (the two 5 centime stamps appear to be unnecessary). However, it seems odd that these two stamps would have been added unless they served a purpose. Perhaps they paid an internal fee for mail from Kerassunde, on the southern edge of the Black Sea, to Constantinople on the western end of the Levant.

However, this does not address the original question regarding usage of French (Levant) postage on mail from a city with a Russian overseas office. Perhaps the letter and card were mailed at a local post office in Kerassunde, not the Russian overseas office. This might have been possible if the stamps issued for the French Levant were valid anywhere in the Levant, not just at French overseas post offices. Can one of our readers provide more information? Likewise, there was no information available about the Denver addressee.

Send images and a description of your interesting covers for future issues of this column.

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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, aurora 80017@yahoo.com, if you are interested in presenting a program.

May 14, 2022 - 9:00 AM

This program is presented via Zoom **Presenter: Frank Scheer Railway Post Office Research**



Frank Scheer has been the Curator of the Railway Mail Service Library since 1980. The RMSL was established in 1952 and is located in Boyce, Virginia. Frank will host a Zoom presentation summarizing the Railway Post Office history and discuss techniques supporting postal history research. During the program Frank will review route listings, schedules, sample postmarks and equipment information. Handouts will be downloaded to attendees via WeTransfer.

June 11, 2022 - 9:00 AM

This program is presented via Zoom **Presenter: Paul Holland Svdney Views and Laureates of New South Wales**



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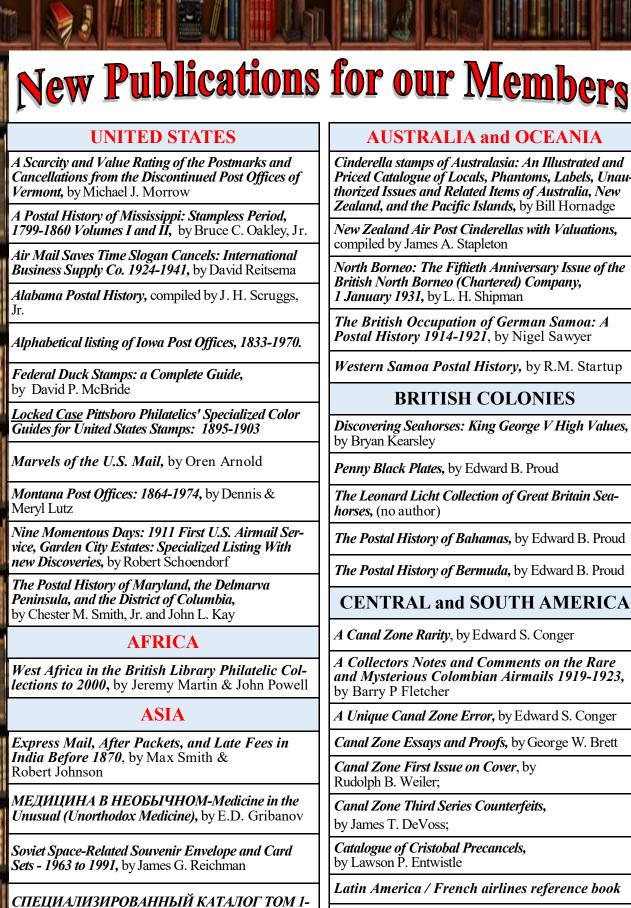
Sydney Views are interesting classic stamps and favorites of many famous early stamp collectors. Issued on January 1, 1850, and designed by Robert Clayton, each value was hand-engraved on copper plates of 24-25 positions by separate local engravers. With hundreds of different plate positions, various shades and paper types, the Sydney Views and Laureates of New South Wales offer an enticing area of philatelic complexity for collectors.

The Legend of Xocomil (Guatemala)



Guatemala, 2013, Scott Catalog #677

The legend of Xocomil is actually quite lengthy. This is a small portion of a greater story. Lake Atitlan, located in the western highlands of Guatemala, is surrounded by three majestic volcanoes. The water on the lake is usually clear and calm in the morning. However, every afternoon white caps roll over the entire lake. From this, the legend of Xocomil was born. Two kingdoms lived in the region. They were ruled by kings, queens, princes, and princesses and were at constant war with each other. One day, a prince from one kingdom and princess from the other, met and fell in love. When the two opposing kings found out, they condemned the prince and princess and prevented their seeing each other. The two lovers refused to accept this and met secretly on the lake. The kings found out about the secret meetings and sent warriors to bring them back. Tragedy struck and the boat the prince and princess were in sank and they drowned. Legend says their two souls have lived in the water since that time. Each afternoon their souls come out to dance and make love causing the winds and heavy white caps stirring up the calm waters of the lake. The lake is hard to navigate during this period and most ferry trips and pleasure sight-seeing trips are scheduled for the morning or after 4:00 PM.



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Spezial Katalog, Amsterdam - Anchorage - Tokio 1-11-58 Polarfluge der KLM: Erstfluge uber die Polarroute Amsterdam - Tokio - Amsterdam uber Anchorage / Alaska (no author)

The Postal History of British Air Mails, by Edward B. Proud

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MISCELLANEOUS

2021 US/BNA Catalog, published by H.E. Harris

Air Transport Label Catalog: Volume 1-Europe, Section 2-France, Section 3–Belgium, compiled and edited by W. Donald Thomas

Aircraft Movements on Imperial Airways' Eastern Route: Vol. 1, by Peter Wingent

Aviation's Quiet Pioneer: John Leslie, by Peter Leslie

Beginner's Guide to Stamp Collecting, by Ted Schwarz

Coils. Roulettes. Rollenmarken: A Worldwide *Catalog*, by Hans Jaffe and R.E. Kunz

Die Briefmarke und das Papier [subject is paper making]

I inherited a Stamp Collection, now What?, by Charles F. Myers

MISCELLANEOUS (continued)

Inspector Oldfield and the Black Hand Society: America's Original Gangsters and the U.S. Postal Detective who Brought Them to Justice, by William Oldfield and Victoria Bruce

Introductory Guide to United Nations Stamps

Jusqu'a Airmail Markings: A Study, by Ian McQueen

Jusqu'a Airmail Markings: A Study; 1995 Supplement, by Ian McQueen

Operation Deepfreeze 1954-1970 (Die Stempel der **Polargebiete)**, **Postmarks of the Polar Regions**, by Gerhard Trögel

Philatelic Exhibiting Guidelines and Regulations

South Atlantic Airmail

Stamp Collecting: Why and how; Riding a Hobby, by Prescott Holden Thorp

CONGRESS BOOKS

Eighty-sixth American Philatelic Congress: August 2020, APS Stamp Show. The Congress Book.

Eighty-seventh American Philatelic Congress: August 2021, APS Stamp Show. The Congress Book.

NON-PHILATELIC

DVD-Colorado & Southern Narrow Gauge Railroad

DVD-The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Narrow Gauge Railroad: Like You've Never Seen Before!

United States Women in Aviation, 1930-1939, by Claudia M. Oakes

United States Women in Aviation, 1940-1985, by Deborah G. Douglas

Airmail Labels of

South Africa

Postal Rates in Greenland 1851-1999



Kim Widén + Bendy Knudsen





RMPL Board of Directors Meeting

RMPL Board of Directors Meeting February 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:59 p.m. All board members were present: Tonny VanLoij, Jim Kilbane, Steve Schweighofer, Bill Douglass, Rod Haenni, Rich Palestro, Eric Carlson, Gary Withrow, Paul Domenici and Regina Domenici. Visitor: Sherri Soraci-Jennings.

Financial Report:

- 1) Bill Douglass provided a detailed statement of Y.T.D income and expenses.
- 2) Vanguard investments totaled \$ 248,638.18.
- 3) As of January 31, 2022, First Bank savings account balance \$34,307.90.
- 4) Balance in the checking account is \$101,106.12.
- 5) Calvin Timpe remembered RMPL in his estate with a bequest of \$76,000.
- 6) Bill recommended combining this bequest with \$24,000 from the checking account and placing \$100,000 into the Vanguard account.
- 7) A motion was passed to transfer these funds to Vanguard.

OLD BUSINESS

Integrated register/bookkeeping system: Current bookkeeper Eddie Hackstaff is working on a different bookkeeping platform that can align with our current cash register system.

Upgrading library Internet to Xfinity: This project is tabled since conversion to Xfinity would cost \$11,000.

Change in Library hours:

- 1) Due to declining membership, the potential pool of volunteers has diminished.
- 2) Additionally, volunteer availability for closing shifts is challenging because people don't want to be caught in afternoon traffic.
- 3) Library attendance (including volunteers) between the hours of 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM from November. 19, 2021 through January. 8, 2022 was 3% of total attendance.
- 4) Decreasing hours of operation would save on energy costs and allow 2 volunteers for one shift a day instead of 2 shifts.
- 5) A motion was passed to change hours of operation to 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday-Saturday starting March 1, 2022.

6) The change in hours will be published in the next edition of *Scribblings*.

NEW BUSINESS

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (RMSS)

- 1) Steve suggested the possibility of the library being a sponsor for the RMSS.
- 2) This suggestion was tabled until the next meeting when Ron Lampo (president of the RMSS committee) will attend and discuss the need for our sponsorship.
- 3) A motion was passed to use \$1350 for three tables for the silent auction at RMSS.

Roger Rydberg:

- 1) Roger purchased a computer and programs for use related to his duties as membership chairman and asked to be reimbursed for some of these expenses.
- 2) A motion was passed to grant him \$600.

Meeting room rental:

- 1) A non philatelic club has expressed interest in renting the meeting room on ongoing basis.
- 2) Since there are security and liability issues, Steve will get more information and report at the next meeting.

Guatemalan stamp collection:

- 1) A specialized Guatemalan collection of 250 volumes is owned by a collector in Great Britain who is willing to pay all expenses to transport the collection to RMPL if we agree to store the volumes.
- 2) Rod Haenni and Dave Reitsema will handle the transaction.

Policy and Procedure manual:

- 1) To provide consistency in process and practice without changing bylaws, a motion was passed to create a RMPL policy and procedure manual.
- 2) Eric Carlson will spearhead this project.

Closing remarks: To free up shelf space in the library, Steve will be moving older periodicals to the annex.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The next Board meeting is March 24, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Domenici, Recording Secretary

RMPL Board of Directors Meeting

RMPL Board of Directors Meeting March 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:58 p.m. Board members present: Tonny Van Loij, Jim Kilbane, Bill Douglass, Rod Haenni, Rich Palestro, Eric Carlson, Gary Withrow, Paul Domenici, and Regina Domenici. Absent: Steve Schweighofer. Visitors: Charlie Freise Sherri Soraci-Jennings.

Financial Report: All information needed for financial reports was not available so Bill Douglass was unable to provide an update.

OLD BUSINESS

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (RMSS)

- 1) Ron Lampo, RMSS committee president, is on vacation but will be able to attend the next RMSS meeting to explain the need for our sponsorship.
- 2) Following an approved motion from the prior meeting, \$1350 was given for three tables for the silent auction at RMSS.
- 3) \$115 was used to pay for RMPL advertising on the back cover of the show program.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance:

- 1) Only scheduled volunteers are allowed in the library outside of operating hours due to insurance liability.
- 2) Compliance with this rule could result in a reduction in our annual liability insurance premium.
- 3) Tonny mentioned dealers who participate in any RMPL bourse must be a Library member to be covered by our insurance.

Building Repairs:

1) The heating and air conditioning company that

Steve Schweighofer's son-in-law is employed by has agreed to replace annex building's AC units at cost, which will be within the \$15,000 approved by the Board.

2) A motion was passed to set up a quarterly service contract to prolong the life of the equipment.

Auctions:

- 1) February Auction: Due to nonpayment of some auction lots, Paul Domenici was unable to report costs and net earnings from the recent February auction, however, he will do so at the next meeting.
- 2) Online bidding for the upcoming silent auction at the RMSS is available at: www.rmplauctions.org.

Suspension for non-payment: Due to non-payment for auction lots within the required time frame a motion was passed to suspend Gary Liggett from all RMPL auctions for 5 years.

Volunteer appreciation luncheon:

- 1) A motion was passed to resume the volunteer appreciation luncheon by having a BBQ on a Saturday sometime late summer.
- 2) Paul Domenici will be organizing the event.

ZOOM RMPL meetings: Gary Withrow is creating a process for clubs to hold ZOOM meetings here at the library.

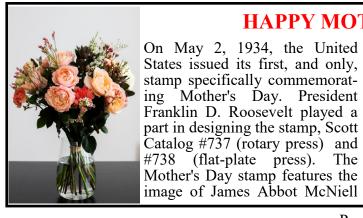
Closing remarks: Tonny thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm

The next Board meeting is May 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Domenici, Recording Secretary



On May 2, 1934, the United Whistler's Arrangement in States issued its first, and only, Grey and Black #1, better stamp specifically commemorat- known as Whistler's Mother. ing Mother's Day. President Over 193 million stamps Franklin D. Roosevelt played a part in designing the stamp, Scott rotary press, more than 15 Catalog #737 (rotary press) and #738 (flat-plate press). The Mother's Day stamp features the

were printed on the Bureau's million stamps were printed



Scott Catalog #738

on the flat-plate press. We have to mention these stamps were also part of the "Farley's Follies" released in 1935, Scott Catalog #754.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Thanks to Don Beuthel and Web Stickney, we have expanded our Western History section of the library. That's right, we have an entire *room* of Western History in the library. The room covers everything from railroads to mining to the governor's mansion. From the most esoteric to the most general we probably have it. We also have books relating to many other western states from California to Montana. If you need to find some information about Western history, you now know where to look.

Sherri Soraci-Jennings

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following societies, clubs, and individuals made donations to the Library since the last donation listing. These donations were made from January 20 through March 24, 2022. Thank you!

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SOCIETY AND CLUB DONATIONS

International Cuban Philatelic Society

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Janis Anderson George Anema Ralph Barocas Jonathan Bennett John Bloor Stephen Bonowski Jess Braun Thomas Cantrall Roger Cichorz Kathy Crabbs William Douglass Diane Eason Roe Emery Nolan Flowers Erling Fossum Cheryl Ganz Robert Gibson David Goss Edward Hackstaff Ronald Hill Charlie Johns Michele Lahance Thomas Linton

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of *Scribblings* is the last before the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show, the first show after a two-year hiatus. Planning and coordinating for the show is a monumental task and is in the final stages of preparation. Ron Lampo, Chairman of the Show, has provided a few details: 25 dealers are committed to attending, over 350 exhibit frames are reserved, there are six visiting societies, we are hosting the George Brett Cup competition, the Library is conducting its 28th Silent Auction featuring over 750 individual lots and the ever popular "What's in Your Attic?" is returning. I hope to see you at the show. You can find me at the Youth Booth. While visiting the show, take a few moments from your fervent treasure hunting and thank the volunteers and staff who have made this show possible.

Charlie Freise

RMSS 2022 Volunteer Committee Members

Tim Bartshe John Bloor *Steve Bonowski Don Dhonau Jerry Eggleston Charlie Freise *Eddie Hackstaff *Andrew Kelley Jim Kilbane Ron Lampo Steve McGill Bob Miller Jeff Modesitt Rusty Morse Rich Palestro Roger Rydberg Steve Schweighofer Marc Silberman Sherri Soraci-Jennings Tonny Van Loij

*New Volunteer Committee Members

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to new members who have joined the library from January 15, 2022 through March 15, 2022.

Joe Gschwendtner, Castle Rock, CO - collects BNA

Gary Houghton, Littleton, CO

Paul Ledbetter, Brighton CO – collects United States

Lazaro Munoz, Baskins Ridge, NJ – collects Scandinavia and Far East

Daryl Schmitt, Englewood, CO

Henry York Steiner, Apex, NC – collects Astrophilately, Guam, EFOs and United States mint

Please Note: New members and membership renewals received after March 15, 2022 will be acknowledged in the next issue of *Scribblings*.







The RMPL Operations Manager, Steve Schweighofer, maintains a calendar of reserved club times. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Steve (<u>steve.schweighofer@comcast.net</u>) of any updates or changes. Requests to reserve meeting space and time for philatelically related meetings other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled with Steve well in advance. Call the Library or the appropriate club to confirm the place and time.

Hours of Operation: Mon - Sat: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Closed Sundays and Holidays Phone: (303) 759-9921 Email: rmpl@qwestoffice.net

MAY 2022	***JUNE 2022***		
May 7 Sat - meeting 10 AM	Jun 4 Sat - meeting 10 AM		
Scandinavian Collectors Club	Scandinavian Collectors Club		
 May 7 Sat - meeting 1PM	 Jun 4 Sat - meeting 1 PM		
<u>TOpical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)</u> May 8 Sun - meeting 1 PM	<u>TOpical Philatelists In C</u> olorado (TOPIC) Jun 8 Wed - meeting 7 PM		
Denver Postcard Club May 10 Tue - meeting 7:30 PM	Denver Germany Stamp Club Jun 9 Thu - meeting 2 PM		
Collectors Club of Denver May 11 Wed - meeting 7 PM	Cherrelyn Stamp Club		
Denver Germany Stamp Club	Jun 11 Sat - 9AM		
May 12 Thu - meeting 2 PM	Second Saturday at the RMPL		
Cherrelyn Stamp Club	Presenter: Paul Holland		
May 14 Sat - 9AM Second Saturday at the RMPL	Title: Sydney Views and Laureates of New South Wales		
Presenter: Frank Scheer	Jun 11 Sat - meeting 10 AM		
Title: Railway Post Office Research	Mexico/Latin America Club		
May 14 Sat - meeting 10 AM	Jun 11 Sat - meeting 11:30 AM		
Mexico/Latin America Club	Rocky Mountain Aero and Astrophilately Club		
May 15 Sun - meeting 1 PM Great Britain and Commonwealth Collectors Club May 19 Thu - meeting 4 PM	Jun 12 Sun - meeting 1 PM Denver Postcard Club		
RMPL Board of Directors Meeting May 21 Sat - meeting 9:30 AM Denver Young Collectors	Jun 14 Tue - meeting 7:30 PM Collectors' Club of Denver		
May 23-25 Mon-Wed - 10 AM - 2 PM	Jun 18 Sat - meeting 9:30 AM		
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show silent auction lot view-	Metro Denver Young Collectors		
ing	Jun 19 Sun - meeting 1 PM		
May 24 Tue - meeting 7 PM	Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club		
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show committee	Jun 22 Wed - Meeting 2 PM		
May 25 Wed - meeting 2 PM	Denver Stamp Club		
Denver Stamp Club May 27-29 Fri-Sun - 10 AM - 5:30 PM Rocky Mountain Stamp Show silent auction lot view- ing during show hours	Jun 25 Sat - Bourse 10 AM Local Dealers Bourse		
MARK VOUR CALENDAR			

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Saturday, June 25th, 2022 Local Dealers Bourse 10 AM - 4 PM