

THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA STAMP & COLLECTORS CLUB



Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club
and The Collectors Club of Philadelphia, Founded 1885
American Philatelic Society – Chapter 18

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NEXT MEETING

November 15, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Community Rooms
GIANT Supermarket

315 N. York Rd.
Willow Grove, PA

Dinner:

For those who would like to join us
for dinner beforehand, we will meet
at Willow Tavern, about a block from
GIANT, at 5:00 p.m. for cocktails
followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m.

210 York Rd
Willow Grove, PA

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Animals on Stamps in Space Programs

Our member, Richard Brent (Figure 1), will be sharing
his collection on Scott album pages of animals on
stamps in the US and Russian space programs.

Figure 2 is a USSR stamp depicting “Chernushka” who
did one orbit of the Earth in 1961 and survived to bark
about it!

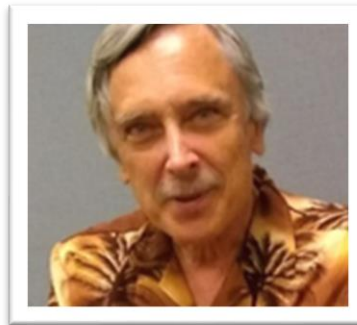


Figure 1



Figure 2

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DUES ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED!

You should have received your 2023 Dues Invoice in your
mailbox by now.

Membership dues are \$12 per year if paid by December 31. If
paid **early, by November 30**, you get the “**Early Bird
Discount**” of \$2 off, or just \$10 for your 2023 membership!
After January 1 dues are \$15 for reinstatement.

Dues can be paid at a meeting or by check to PO Box 446,
Willow Grove, PA 19002.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Howard Shockett: Howard is from Baltimore and collects all US stamps, plate blocks and tax stamps. He connected with our Club when he attended BALPEX.

James Devers: James lives in Maple Glen and collects Fancy Cancels and revenues. He connected with our Club when he attended NOJEX.

Welcome Howard and James!

FREE DUES FOR 2023 OFFERED FOR NEW MEMBERS!

An anonymous Club member came up with a "Pay It Forward" concept to attract new members to join us in the coming year and the idea was approved at the May meeting and further refined at the August meeting.

Membership for several more new members for the remainder of 2022 will be free and the donation will cover their dues for all of 2023.

Several of these membership slots are still available if you know of interested individuals who love stamps. And many thanks go to our donor!

CALL FOR AUTHORS!

Have something philatelic that you would like to share? Know of an article from another publication that you think others would like to read? Have a "Letter to the Editor" – stamp-related, of course. Send Mike Wilson a note at mwilson34407@gmail.com, and he'll include it in an upcoming newsletter.

PHILATELIC GATHERINGS TO START UP AGAIN

Bill Schultz has let us know that the wonderful "Philatelic Gathering" Group, which meets March through November is starting up after a hiatus due to COVID.

The group generally meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, usually with two wonderful speakers. Afterwards the group adjourns for a lunch at a nearby restaurant in West Chester. All the meetings have been and will continue to be held at the Chester County Historical Center (CCHC) at 225 N. High Street in West Chester. The phone at CCHC is (610) 692-4800.

The group has more than 40 members, charges no dues, but does appreciate donations to the CCHC.

Coffee and donuts are provided free at the "Gatherings." The first two years have been extremely successful, and the group would welcome and enjoy your participation! Speakers have come from as far away as Boston, Northern NJ, and Michigan, as well as Philadelphia, Delaware, and Lancaster County, PA.

If you would like to add your name and email to their mailing list to be notified of the next "Gathering", contact Bill Schultz at bill@patriciaschultz.com.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Mark Schwartz (Figure 3) won a large gold at NOJEX in East Rutherford, N.J., in October with his “The New York Postmaster Provisional.” Vern Morris (Figure 4) also won a large gold, the Postal History Society’s postal history medal, and the APS pre-1900 medal of excellence for his “Evolution & Impact of Blood’s Local Post 1842 to 1862.” At the same show Bruce Marsden (Figure 5) received a gold and the APS 1940-1980 medal of excellence for “Switzerland Engineering Landscapes Definitive Issue of 1949.”

Another gold and the ATA best single frame award went to Bill Schultz (Figure 6) with his “Pennsylvania Bridges and Trolleys” – the first time the exhibit was shown. Paul Schumacher (Figure 7) received a large silver, the APS post-1980 medal of excellence, and the Errors, Freaks & Oddities Club award for “U.S. Scott #1874a.”

Alan Warren (not pictured) served on the jury of the Polar Salon at the international Liberec 2022 exhibition in the Czech Republic in October.



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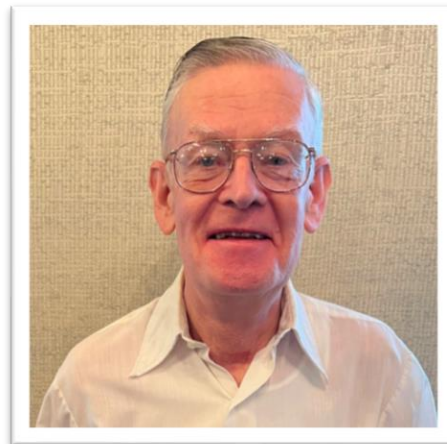


Figure 7

MINUTES FOR THE OCT. 18TH GPS & CC MEETING

VP Phil Russell welcomed our new member, Mike Wilson, and our guest, Louis Gotlib.

Secretary's Report: We have a new member: Howard Shockett from Baltimore.

Membership renewal invoices will be sent out just after Nov. 1st.

The Giant Community Rooms have been reserved and confirmed for our use through 2023.

There was no **Treasurer's Report**.

Program: Our member, Ron Hill, presented a program entitled: Sydney Harbor Bridge. The history of the Sydney Harbor Bridge, which opened in 1932, was featured in numerous stamps from Australia and around the world since.

Old Business: Elections will be held at the Nov. meeting. Paul Miller previously accepted a nomination to be president.

New Business: Steve Kennedy, our newsletter editor, will not be able to continue in this position in the future because he is starting a new job and will have to curtail some of his outside commitments. We thank Steve for his work on the newsletter in the past months. Good luck on everything!

We are looking for a newsletter editor to replace Steve and Mike Wilson has volunteered to help out in this regard. Thank you, Mike, for stepping up and welcome as our new Newsletter Editor! Mike also told us that he has several programs which he would be happy to present to us at future meetings. One may be presented in Jan.

Paul gave a report on his visit to NOJEX. He had previously outlined a plan to mail our Club brochures to the NOJEX show chairman to be placed on the information table and to take extras with him when he attended the show. This seems to be helping us to acquire new members. Paul took these same steps when he attended BALPEX.

For our Dec. meeting, we may have a dinner at the Willow Tavern in Willow Grove, somewhat like we had in prior years. We would need a head count of those interested in attending.

Richard Brent will be our Nov. speaker.

Show & Tell & Discuss: Our guest Louis Gotlib talked about the collection he is obtaining from someone in New York. He brought in four volumes to show us. There were thousands of stamps, all nicely mounted. So far, he doesn't have any US or British stamps.

Respectfully submitted by Letty Moon.

PHILADELPHIA MERCHANT'S PROMISSORY NOTE FROM 1798 WITH EMBOSSED REVENUE STAMP

By Mike Wilson

As tensions with France escalated in the late 1700s, the US Congress passed a revenue measure that levied taxes on a variety of legal and financial documents. Although this was a federal tax, it was collected by the states and then remitted to the federal government. Payment of the tax was shown by an embossed stamp, not unlike a notary seal today. The embossed stamp pictured an eagle and included the denomination and state name.

One example is this 60-day, \$3,050 promissory note from Philadelphia dated November 10, 1798 (Figure 8). Per the Act, any promissory note above \$1,000 was taxed 75-cents, unless it had a maturity of 60 days or less, in which case the tax was two-fifths of the stated rate, or 30-cents in this instance. The embossed revenue stamp on this promissory note is number RM179 in the US Scott Specialized Catalog (Figure 9).

By the terms of the note, Nottnagel, Montmollin & Company, a merchant firm that did business in Philadelphia during the late 1790s and early 1800s, was indebted to Louis Marie Clapier, a wealthy Philadelphia merchant, trading with France, China, the East Indies, and Spanish America.

Information on the principals of Nottnagel, Montmollin & Company is somewhat elusive, but Louis Marie Clapier left behind a rich legacy in Philadelphia. In *The Lives of Eminent Philadelphians, Now Deceased* from 1859, he is described as “a gentleman of great enterprise and perseverance...His public spirit was liberal and laudable, and his integrity and uprightness, in all the transactions of life, honorable and exemplary. His sincere friendship and attachment to his adopted country, and the principles of its government, were truly patriotic. ... He was always a friend of the poor and distressed.”

Mr. Clapier owned a large farm in the neighborhood of Germantown, which today is the 39-acre Fernhill Park. The park still has trees that were planted by Mr. Clapier. Mr. Clapier, born in Marseilles, France around 1765, passed away in 1837 and is buried in Saint Peter's Episcopal Churchyard in Philadelphia.

This item was purchased in June 2022 from Richard Friedberg Stamps.

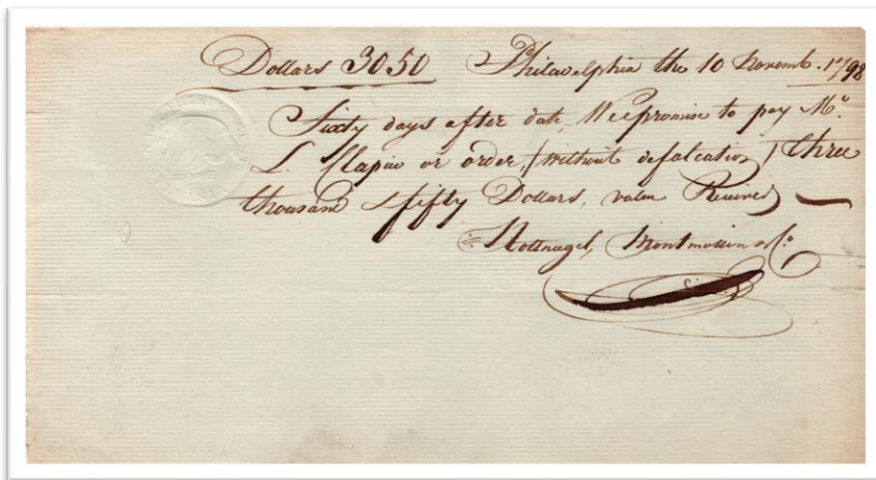


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UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

2022

Nov 15 – Dec 20

2023

Jan 17 – Feb 21 – Mar 21 – Apr 18 –
May 16 – Jun 20

UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS

December 3

Merchantville Monthly Bourse
Martin Luther Chapel School Gym
4100 Terrace Ave.
Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

CLUB MEETING ADDRESS

Giant Supermarket Community Room
315 York Rd. Willow Grove, PA

CLUB MAILING ADDRESS

Greater Philadelphia Stamp &
Collectors Club
P.O. Box 446
Willow Grove, PA 19090-0446

OTHER EVENTS

December 8-9

Blount Postal History Symposium,
National Postal Museum (live and via
Zoom), “Political Systems, Postal
Administrations, and the Mail”

Click [here](#) for more information
and registration form.

EVER WONDER WHAT THE CLUB’S LOGO IS ALL ABOUT?

Then check out this excerpt from the Philadelphia Stamp Club Bulletin of October 1, 1910. The editor was Edgar Lee Green (1882-1936). Edgar was the son of Robert M. Green, the originator of the “ice cream soda.” See US Scott #15L3 through 15L6.

The heading of our title page was designed by the Editor. It is an adaptation of one of Philadelphia's most distinctive local stamps issued by D. O. Blood & Co. The stamp “with the man stepping over houses” was much sought after in the early days of philately in this city. Those who are familiar with the east end of Walnut Street will readily recognize the building in the background.

