



# The Greater Philadelphia Stamp & Collectors Club



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Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club and The Collectors Club of Philadelphia Founded 1885

## *November Meeting LIVE ONLY at Giant Supermarket Tuesday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM*

Michael Epstein will be our speaker for the Nov. meeting to be held in the Community Rooms at the Giant Supermarket in Willow Grove. His topic will be: Philadelphia Manuscript Cancels on Independent Post Offices of Philadelphia County.

Masks are required in the Community Rooms if you are not fully vaccinated.

**Dinner:** For those who would like to join us for dinner beforehand, we will meet at the nearby Bonefish Grill at 5:00 for cocktails followed by dinner at 5:30. Our previous favorite spot, the Willow Inn, is still undergoing renovations. The Bonefish Grill is at 1015 Easton Rd., in the Regency Tower Shopping Center near Staples.

**Zoom Auction Results:** The GPSCC had a fun Zoom meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> featuring a live “in Zoom person” auction of philatelic material that had been donated to the Club. A total of 26 lots were offered and 73% of the lots sold with total hammer price proceeds of \$161 for the benefit of the Club’s programming. Thanks to the donors, bidders, and all participants in the meeting.

The Club officers decided to donate the unsold lots to the Westfield (NJ) Stamp Club to be sold at their live in-person donation auction to be held at their holiday party meeting in December. A reminder, because of the Giant’s meeting room use rules, we cannot hold physically in person auctions at the Giant and so are limited, for now, to the Zoom format that was successful in October.

**Dues are now due:** GPS & CC membership renewals for 2022 are now due. You should have received your invoice in the mail by now. Please fill out the bottom and cut off to return with your check at the next meeting or by mail before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to: P.O. Box 446, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Renewals received by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> are discounted to \$10.

**Looking for a new meeting location:** We are looking for ideas for another place to hold our monthly meetings or to use occasionally when we would like to have an auction or let members sell their extra material. At present sales of any type are not permitted in the Community rooms of the Giant Super Market, although otherwise the rooms are the right size and have the equipment that we need.

Do you know of any place with a room to rent out which is easy to get to, has equipment to which we can attach a laptop computer for programs, holds 15-20 people, and is available in evenings or even days and weekends? Suggestions have been libraries, churches, community centers and other places in the City and the suburban counties. What places do you know of that other groups use? Please give your information to any Board member.

**Awards and Honors:** At the NAPEX show in Virginia in October, Ron Majors received a large gold and the Postal History Society award for his “Canada/British No. America (BNA)-Union & Confederate Postal History Correspondence in U.S. Civil War Era (1859-1867).” At the same show Vern Morris also took a large gold with his “World’s Third Producer of Stamps: Philadelphia Local Posts 1842-1861.”

**Ron Majors**



**Vern Morris**



## October Meeting Minutes

The meeting was conducted on ZOOM and we began with the business meeting while waiting for everyone to join us for the virtual auction.

**Secretary's Report:** The invoices for 2022 Club dues are ready to be sent out by the end of the month. As in past years, dues are \$12 annually, but the "Early Bird" discount for dues paid by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> brings the dues to \$10. After Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, it costs \$15 for reinstatement.

We are still planning on have the Nov. meeting live at the Giant Super Market on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We will see if the Willow Inn is again available for those who would like to dine together beforehand.

We had two visitors joining our meeting: Dave Plunkett and Vitaly Geyfman. Vitaly is a member of the Wyoming Valley Stamp Club in the Wilkes-Barre area and heard about our auction when his club sent our auction information out to its members. He would like to join our Zoom meetings and offered to do a program in the future.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bruce paid one bill for \$40.52 from the Secretary for office supplies and copies made from Aug. through Oct., primarily for the dues renewal mailing.

**Old Business:** Was any progress made on finding a new location to meet? We are looking for a location for either monthly meetings or for occasional use where we would be free to hold auctions or other fund raisers. At the Giant Community Rooms, we are not allowed to hold sales of any type. Ed checked out a local Senior Center that seemed promising but found that it closes by 3:00 on weekdays and is closed on weekends. Phil said that he would look into the church in Washington's Crossing that is used for meetings by another stamp club. Letty offered to put a notice in the next newsletter asking members for ideas of other places that have a room with appropriate equipment that could be rented. Others asked if there were any other thoughts about daytime vs evening meetings. No decisions have been made.

**New Business:** Phil has two possibilities for speakers for the Nov. meeting and will call them. There is also the possibility of having another APS Stamp Chat as a Nov. program

**Oct. Program:** Our First Virtual Auction! See the article on the page one with the Zoom Auction Results by Bruce Marsden for details.

Next meeting Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*.

**NEEDED: A NOMINEE TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT FOR THE 2021/2022 TERM  
PLEASE CONTACT PHIL RUSSELL, NORM SHACHAT OR ALAN WARREN**

## Upcoming Stamp Shows

March 18-20, 2022, Garfield-Perry March Party, Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, Ohio  
March 26 - 27, 2022 SPRINGPEX 2022, John R. Lewis High School (Formerly R.E. Lee H.S), 6540 Franconia Road (VA Rte 644E), Springfield, Virginia  
April 9, 2022, DELPEX 2022, Brandywine Valley Stamp Club, Nur Shrine Temple, 198 South Dupont Hwy (US Routes 13 & 40), New Castle, Delaware

## Upcoming Meetings

For 2021

Nov 16 – Live      Dec 21 – TBD

For 2022

Jan 18      Feb 15

Mar 15      Apr 19

May 17      Jun 21

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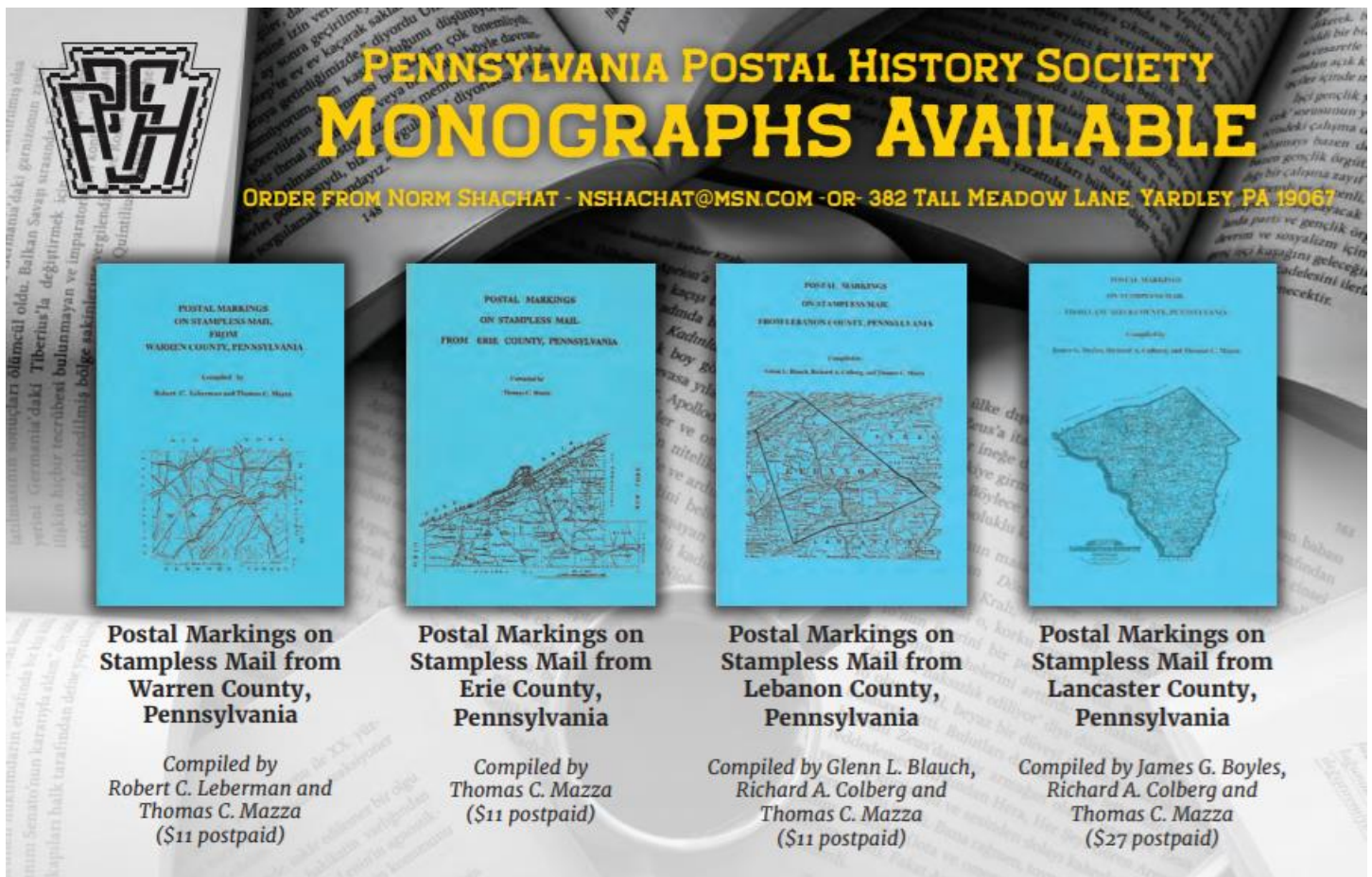
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