



The Greater Philadelphia Stamp & Collectors Club



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American Philatelic Society – Chapter 18

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

***Meeting: September 20th, 7:00
In the Community Rooms of the Willow Grove Giant***

Dinner: For those who would like to join us for dinner beforehand, we will meet at the nearby **Willow Tavern** (formerly the Willow Inn) at 5:00 for cocktails followed by dinner at 5:30. The Willow Tavern is located at 210 York Rd, Willow Grove, about a block from the Giant Supermarket.

***September Program: Barry Elkins
INDEPENDENT POST OFFICES OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PART III***

This presentation will be Part 3 of the Independent Post Offices of Philadelphia County. I will cover Northeast Philadelphia post offices: Bustleton, Byberry, Fox Chase, Frankford, Holmesburg, Orlando, Somerton, Tacony, Torrissdale, as well as West Philadelphia post offices: Blockley, Kingsessing, Overbrook, West Philadelphia .



Free Dues 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 Aug. 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!

Awards and Honors

In the champion-of-champions class at the Great American Stamp Expo in Sacramento in August, two club members had exhibits in the competition: Mark Schwartz with his “The New York Postmaster Provisional” and Vern Morris with “Evolution and Impact of Blood’s Local Post 1842 to 1862.” In the literature section Vern received a large vermeil for his article “Military Fort Myers from 1850.”

At the Balpex show held Labor Day weekend in Hunt Valley, Md., Mark Schwartz had two exhibits entered. His “The Postal History of Gloucester, Mass., and its Environs to 1851” received a large gold. His “Independent Mail and Express Company Operations at Boston 1843-45” also won a large gold along with the Baltimore Philatelic Society’s Ed Ruckle Memorial award for U.S. postal history, emphasizing original research.



Vern Morris



Mark Schwartz

In Memory of Jeff Forster

Club member Jeffrey Mark Forster of Monte Sereno, CA, died August 19 at age 77. Although a west coast resident in recent years Jeff had ties to the old SEPAD and Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition shows. He maintained his membership in the club. Whenever he traveled east, he would meet with some club members.

Jeff specialized in the U.S. 1869 pictorial issues, especially their use in the international mails, and had award-winning exhibits of the material. He was extensively involved with the United States Philatelic Classics Society where he served as a legal consultant. He also served the Society as a regional vice president and director. Jeff was instrumental in arranging classics society member talks at the San Francisco Westpex exhibitions for many years.

In 2015 he was honored by the USPCS with its Tracy Simpson Cup for outstanding service for over thirty years.



Jeff Forster

Minutes of the August 16th, 2022, GPS & CC Meeting

VP Phil Russell started the meeting after some confusion about our reservation to use the Community Room at the Giant Supermarket. The same problem prevented our program speaker from connecting with us and setting up for his presentation. Other technology problems caused a lack of communication with our speaker, so we hope to have Ron Hill back another month for his program.

Secretary's Report: Our newest member, Mike Wilson was written up in the Aug. newsletter.

Our Annual Chapter Report was filed with the APS.

We have received several cards and articles from our member, Kenneth Miller, which were available to share at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Our account has \$4633.81.

Old Business: Since membership renewals for 2023 will come up this fall, a question was asked about how to best use the donation that we received to cover the first year of dues as incentive for 10 new members to join. It was decided that the Club would give the remainder of 2022 free to new members who joined since the donation was made, and that all the new members this year would have the donation applied to their 2023 dues for the full year.

New Business: Paul Miller offered to take informational flyers about our Club to NOJEX for the information table. It will be much appreciated by the Club.

It was pointed out that the 2-year terms of our Club officers will be coming to an end in Dec. and that nominations for officers for the 2023-24 term should be going on from now until elections at the Nov. meeting. We have been without a President for 2 ½ years while our VP has acted as President. When asked which officers were willing to continue in their jobs, Treasurer Bruce Marsden said that he was willing to continue. VP Phil Russell said that he would continue holding that office, which should mostly involve arranging our monthly programs. Secretary Letty Moon said that she would like to step down after 10+ years of doing the job. Anne Gibby was asked if she would want to be Secretary, but she does not feel experience enough yet to be Secretary. Bruce nominated Paul Miller for President, and after some discussion of what the job entailed, Paul accepted the nomination.

Our Sept. program will most likely be Barry Elkins showing us more of his research on the post offices of Philadelphia Co. Ron Hill might be the Oct. speaker.

Show & Tell & Discussion: Rich Brent brought in an old collection/album of worldwide canceled stamps dating from 1850 to 1895. The album had belonged to his brother's wife's father who was from Venezuela.

Ann Gibby showed us a folded letter with "10" cent postage in upper right corner. The letter was recovered from an old trunk found in an abandoned factory building in the 5100 block of Germantown Ave. Philadelphia. The letter came from Brown County, Ohio, on October 17, 1849, to "Ms Jane Moor to the care of John wallows w. corner of brod in ship King street Philadelelf fia. Pa."

The letter was “written” by James Ault to his sister, Jinney. He says it is the last letter he will “rite” since he has not heard from his sister in years. He says, “This is a hard place to live in than illinoise. Rents of land much higher. Plenty of grain for winter.” He sends “blesings” and regrets about a “loss” in their family.

Next meeting: Sept. 20th

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*

Addendum: The representative from the Giant Supermarket apologized for locking us out of our room on the 16th and has now assured us that they are aware of our meeting dates for the remainder of 2022.

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Upcoming Stamp Shows

September 24 – Capital City Philatelic Society fall stamp show and bourse, Lower Swatara Firehouse, 1350

Fulling Mill Rd., Middletown PA

October 1 – MSC Saturday Bourse, Martin Luther Chapel-School Gym, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken NJ, 9 am-3 pm

October 14-16 – NOJEX, Hilton Meadowlands Hotel, 2 Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford NJ

November 4-6 – AEROPHILATELY 2022, APS Building, Bellefonte PA

Upcoming Meetings

2022

Sept 20 – Oct 18 – Nov 15 – Dec 20

2023

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

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November 5 – MSC Saturday Bourse, Martin Luther Chapel-School Gym, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken NJ, 9 am-3 pm

December 8-9 – Blount Postal History Symposium, National Postal Museum (live and via Zoom), “Political Systems, Postal Administrations, and the Mail”

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