



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: May 17th, 7:00, Live Only
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.

May Program: David Stevenson ***Mint Falkland Island Definitives: 1900 - 2022***

Pages of my collection will be passed around, viewed and discussed, with some emphasis on the identification of scarcer printings. This will involve the use of UV light, gum characteristics, presence or absence of perforated sheet margins, as well as shades.



David Stevenson

Meet Our Three New Members

Bob Eckert

Our new member, Bob Eckert, is a long-time stamp and rare coin dealer. He grew up in and then stayed in the Levittown area.

His interest in collecting began about 1959 when he was 6 years old, and his grandfather, a coin collector, gave him a *Whitman Coin Book* and a bucket of pennies. He was told he could have any single different coin from the bucket. That started him collecting coins and soon he was also collecting stamps. His focus went back and forth between coins and stamps for years. About 1975 or '76 he ran a stamp and coin store part time. By 1999 he opened another store full time. Meanwhile, Bob worked in advertising and later he worked for a printer.

Bob mostly collects stamps now: everything US and Israel. He likes going to stamp shows and auction houses, buying, and selling. Stamps consume a lot of his waking hours. Bob hopes to gain knowledge of the Washington Franklin series.

Bob has enjoyed traveling the United States, and he has been in 47 of the 48 contiguous states.



Paul Miller

Paul Miller grew up in NE Philadelphia and now lives in lower Bucks Co. He started stamp collecting as a child and has been an APS member most of his life. After college he did not have time to work on stamps because other things took his time, but he always wanted to get back to it.

His interest revived when he went through his old collections and attended the World Stamp Show-NY 2016. Paul continues attending large stamp shows to find material and likes the relationships that he established with the dealers, some of whom he has known since those early years.

Paul collects all US stamps starting with US #1 and going up. He especially enjoys his lighthouse collection albums.

Paul works for Cardone Industries which makes remanufactured auto parts.

Harris Rabinovich

Harris Rabinovich grew up in the Washington, D.C., but has lived in the Philadelphia area for over 30 years. He is a retired child psychologist who taught at Jefferson and did research on medications.

His interest in stamps grew from the time that he was seven years old and an aunt gave him his first stamps. From then on, he bought stamps from local stamp store and dealers in downtown Washington. He would also read the stamp column in the *New York Times* and buy from the dealers who advertised there. Like many others, he put aside stamps at some point in high school as he focused on studies, then college, med school and career, resuming his interest years later.

Harris collects mint and canceled stamps from British North America, British Asia, Canada, the French Colonies, the US and US Possessions. One of the more unusual pieces in his collection is a postcard featuring early flight in Willow Grove. Harris sent a picture of his postcard to *The American Philatelist* after an article was published about flight on stamps. The picture of his postcard then appeared in the Letters to the Editor column after which someone contacted him wanting to buy the postcard!

For his collecting needs, Harris has attended some of the larger stamp shows in the greater area, but mostly attends local shows like the Merchantville Stamp Club Saturday Bourses.

Minutes of the April 19th, 2022, GPS & CC Meeting

Phil began the meeting by asking for the Secretary's report.

Secretary's Report: The suggestion was made in Feb. to reach out to all the APS members in the Phila. area and let them know about our local club in hopes of increasing our membership and finding people who might want to get more actively involved in our Club. Letty reported before about getting address labels for these APS members. 180 letters went out April 11th, each with a newsletter, Club information and membership applications forms. It took many hours of work and over \$300 in expense to do the mailing. As of tonight (4/19/22) there have been two responses. Hopefully more will arrive in our P.O. Box soon.

We welcomed our newest member, who received one of these mailings, Paul Miller from Langhorne. See the "Meet Our Newest Member" article to learn more about Paul.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$4717.39 in the account.

Program: Our member, Barry Elkins, presented a program entitled: Independent Post Offices of Philadelphia: Part II. It was very interesting and enjoyed by all. Barry can cover many more old post offices in the future with Part III. Barry thanked Steve Kennedy and Bruce Marsden for their help with technology and doing programs on Power Point.

There was no **Old Business**.

New Business: It was agreed that all future meetings will be live in the Community Rooms at Giant unless some unforeseen circumstances occur. We will not currently be doing hybrid meetings or all Zoom.

Show & Tell and Discussion: A late coming visitor introduced himself as John Hendler, Jr., a former stamp collector. He saw a listing of our meetings on the website for Linn's Stamp News. He brought in a collection of eighteen Lledo Showgard Mounts Vehicles, Series 1 & 2, in original boxes which he wants to sell. Advice was offered by those present.

Anne Gibby showed an old postcard from 1901, an album about the genealogy of the Leonard family beginning with a list of family members born between 1725 and 1744, and continued with letters about their history. She also had many pieces of currency printed by banks in 1862 when coins were scarce due to the Civil War and a group of old checks from 1876-77.

Respectfully submitted by Letty Moon

Registration for 2022 Summer Seminar Online Is Now Open Online Course Descriptions Available

The 2022 Summer Seminar Online will be held from **June 6 - 24**. Descriptions of seven three-session courses and twelve different one-hour featured speaker sessions are now available **online** by going to <https://stamps.org/summer-seminar>. Registration for the 2022 Summer Seminar Online opened on **May 1 and will close on June 1, 2022**. The APS looks forward to (**virtually**) seeing you there!

Recruit a New APS Member and Earn \$5

If you know someone who might appreciate a membership, just send the APS their name and address (be sure to include your name and APS number). They will contact them - and when they are approved for membership, you will receive \$5. And, if you recruit five new members in the same calendar year, you receive **FREE** dues. Send your prospective member information by mail to APS or email membership@stamps.org.

Collect Australian Stamps?

A request as arrived in our mailbox from a collector from Australia who wants to swap Australian stamps for US stamps. Please contact:

D. Scott, 5 Healy Close, Mudgreeraba 4213, Qld Australia

AWARDS

At the Philatelic Show in Boxborough, Mass., in April, Vern Morris won a large gold, the United States Stamp Society's statue of freedom award, and the show Grand Award with his "Evolution and Impact of Blood's Local Post 1842 to 1862."



Vern Morris

The same weekend at the Pipex show in Portland, Oregon, Bob Rufe won a large gold, the APS research award, the United States Stamp Society's W. Wallace Cleland single frame award, and the show one frame Grand Award for his "U.S. 'Special' Booklet Paper Printings of 1928."



W. Wallace Cleland Award



Bob Rufe



Pipex Grand Award

Upcoming Stamp Shows

June 3-5 – NAPEX, McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean, Va.

June 6-24 – APS Summer Seminar, online only

June 18-19 – SCOPEX, APS Building, Bellefonte PA

June 18-22 – APS Volunteer Week, Bellefonte PA

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Upcoming Meetings

May 17 – Jun 21 – Jul – No Meeting – Aug 16

Sept 20 – Oct 18 – Nov 15 – Dec 20

Upcoming Stamp Shows (cont'd)

August 25-28 – Great American Stamp Show (GASS)

Sacramento Convention Center, California

September 2-4 – BALPEX, Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley,

MD

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GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW

August 25-28

LOCATION: SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, Hall C & D

1400 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SUMMER SEMINAR 2022 MOVING ONLINE

