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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

Live Only Meeting, Apr. 19th, 7:00 pm

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

Program: Independent Post Offices of Philadelphia
Presented by Barry Elkins

In 1790 the City of Philadelphia comprised a two square mile area within Philadelphia County and the entire county of 129 square miles was served by the one post office. More than half the population of the county lived within the city limits. As population of the County increased, independent post offices were established to serve the postal needs of the local communities. In 1854, the Pennsylvania Assembly consolidated Philadelphia County with the city.

The Post Office Department followed in the 1860's and by 1867, all independent post offices except Overbrook had either been closed or incorporated into the Philadelphia Post Office system as stations. Barry will illustrate the development of the postal service of the outlying areas by showing covers from the various independent post offices. Barry presented Part I in Feb., covering the Northwestern Philadelphia post offices. In Part II, he will cover North Philadelphia post offices: Bridesburg, Falls of Schuylkill, Kensington, Penn Township, Port Richmond, Rising Sun, and Spring Garden.

Barry Elkins



Awards and Honors

Mark Schwartz continues to pile up the awards. At the Garfield-Perry show in Cleveland in March he won a large gold, the show's Best U.S. Exhibit award, the APS research medal, the United States Philatelic Classics Society medal, AND the show Grand Award with his "The New York Postmaster Provisional." He also took a gold for "Packet Mail sent from Essex County, Mass.: 1840 up to UPU."

Mark Schwartz



APS Events/News

APS Membership Special for Our Club Members

Because our Club is a chapter of the American Philatelic Society, a benefit is being offered to us of \$10 off first time membership for joining the APS. (Sorry, it is not good for renewing!) Go to the APS website, stamps.org, and fill out an application, remembering to put our Club name in the highlighted Sponsor area of the form.

\$5 StampStore Coupon for All APS Members

The APS would like to show its appreciation for our continued support by offering a \$5 coupon that can be used towards a purchase in the APS Shops on StampStore purchases, hobby supplies or a purchase from their publication shop. Use the coupon code 5club, good for one per member valid through 12/3122. Go to the website: stamps.org

43rd Annual Summer Seminar All Virtual

The 2022 APS Summer Seminar will be held online. Registration will open on May 1, 2022. For more information go to <https://stamps.org/learn/on-the-road-courses/summer-seminar>.

Introduction to First Day Covers A Three-Session Live, Virtual Learning Event

About this Course:

This three-session course will provide basic information on first day cover collecting. Learn the history of first covers and cachet and cancellation types. Discover ways to collect first day covers, including by issue, topic and cachet maker. Expand your knowledge with ways of storing, valuing and researching your first day cover collection. No prior knowledge is needed for this course.

Instructor: Foster Miller

Dates: Tuesdays, May 10, 17, 24, 2022 from 7 - 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Cost: \$25 APS Member

Course Instructor: Foster Miller has been collecting first day covers since he was ten years old. He is a Director of the American First Day Cover Society and chair of their Membership and Sales Departments.

\$50.00 APS members get 50% off. To join the APS, go to: <https://stamps.org/join-now>

Donate Philatelic Items for Charity

The Princeton Child Development Institute is looking for groups or individuals to make donations for a worthy cause. The Institute is a non-profit organization for autism intervention, serving both children and adults with autism. They will be holding their spring gala on May 14th with a live auction, and all profits go directly to funding our research and individualized programs for autism intervention. If any club members would like to donate philatelic items for the auction, their web site is: <http://pcdi.org>. The donations are tax deductible.

GPS & CC Meeting Minutes for Mar. 15th, 2022

VP Phil Russell started the meeting.

Secretary's Report: We received a thank you note from the Smithsonian National Postal Museum for our recent donation of \$100.

We received a package from the APS with 210 mailing labels for all the APS members in the greater Phila. area whose zip codes begin with 19001-19154. It was a suggestion from one of our members that we send membership

applications and info about our club to all the APS members in the area who are not already members. It is our hope to increase our membership and find more of active stamp collectors who might want to get involved in helping to run our chapter.

An announcement was made for DELPEX which will be held on April 9th at the Nur Shrine Center in New Castle, DE. See the show calendar on the last page.

Treasurer's Report: There has been no activity and we continue to have over \$4000 in our account.

New Business: As in previous months, we needed to determine whether each upcoming meeting would be live or virtual. Since it seems to be safe now to have live meetings in the Giant Community Rooms, we decided to continue going hybrid, with live meetings and offering the optional Zoom connection for those who live at a distance. Phil suggested asking David Stevenson to be our April speaker. Since David prefers to supplement his presentation with hardcopy examples which he passes around, the live meeting will work well for him.

Program: Ron Hill presented, The Pictorial Stamps of Tasmania 1899. Ron is a member of the Tasmanian Philatelic Society and has traveled there seven times. His program covered the history of Tasmania and both the stamps and letter cards created for the first time in the early 1900s when Queen Victoria made Tasmania a State of the Australia Federation. The stamps were based on the landscape and waterfall photographs of J. W. Beattie. Ron also showed us a book on *Tasmanian Postal Stationery* by Malcolm Groom and Allen Shatten.

Show & Tell & Discussion: Alan Warren brought in a First Day Cover from 1944 being sent from Denmark to Finland. The address was covered over with a label saying, "Return to Sender." WWII was still going on. Finland had just broken off relations with Germany but would no longer receive mail from Denmark, which was still occupied by Germany. Hence the FDC was returned, and never left Denmark.

Anne Gibby was happy to report that the red album which held some of the best stamps that she inherited from her uncle, was sold by Dutch Country Auctions for \$1,100, far more than the estimated price.

Alan Warren gave us feedback on our first dinner back at the Willow Tavern (previously the Willow Inn,) now that it is reopened and under new ownership. A small group of us ate there prior to tonight's meeting, for the first time in two years. We found the service good, the décor much improved, and the food to be very good, even though there are no longer "early bird specials".

Letty asked if members wanted to continue getting notices by group emails, after two years, about virtual programs presented by other philatelic organizations, such as the Collectors Club. Those present seemed to enjoy getting the announcements rather than finding them a nuisance.

Next meeting is April 19th at the Giant.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*.

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



Upcoming Stamp Shows

April 29 – May 1 – Philatelic Show, Boxboro Regency Hotel & Conference Center

April 30 – Lancopex, CANCELED

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

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

June 18-22 – APS Volunteer Week, Bellefonte PA

Upcoming Meetings

Apr 19 - 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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