



The Greater Philadelphia Stamp & Collectors Club



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

October 19th Program: Stamp Auction! Virtual Meeting Only at 7:30 - By Zoom

We will be having our first virtual auction run by Bruce Marsden as our program this month! The three donated collections that we previewed at last month's meeting will now be auctioned off. A **Lot List** and the “**terms & conditions**” for participating are included near the end of this newsletter. Please **pre-register** to participate. All GPS & CC members and pre-registered non-members will receive the **Zoom link** to take part in both the meeting and the auction about **Monday, Oct. 18th**.

Announcement: NOJEX scheduled for Oct. 14-16, 2021, and UNEXPO scheduled for Oct. 29-30, 2021 have been cancelled. Look for these shows to return in 2022.

Awards and Honors: Mark Schwartz took a large gold, the APS pre-1900 medal of excellence, and the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society award with his “The New York Postmaster Provisional” at the Philatelic Show in Boxborough, Mass., in September. He won another large gold for his “The First U.S. International (UPU) Postal Card and Its Forerunners.” Bob Rufe also received a large gold for “U.S. ‘Special’ Booklet Paper Printings of 1928.” A large vermeil went to Bill Schultz with his “U.S. ‘Big City’ 2-Cent Carrier Rate 1863-1879.”





At the British North America Philatelic Society BNAPEX, held virtually in September, Ron Majors received a gold and the Herbert McNaught best one-frame exhibit award for his “Mail between Canada and the Confederate States during the U.S. Civil War.”

Paul J. Kelly (1940-2021)



Paul Kelly of Philadelphia died June 3, 2021, at age 81 due to cancer. He had several health issues in recent years and was hospitalized quite a number of times.

In 2007 the Philadelphia Stamp Club and the Collectors Club of Philadelphia had been meeting together for some time as both clubs experienced declining attendance. Paul attended the joint meetings. His collecting interests included United States mint singles and first day covers, United Nations, Vatican City, and Ireland.

A committee from both clubs compiled bylaws for a new combined club, which were approved in June 2007. The new club was named the Greater Philadelphia Stamp & Collectors Club. Beginning in 2008 Paul was named Editor of the club newsletter, replacing Lou Calzi who had prepared it using a typewriter. Paul used a computer resulting in a much-improved appearance. He also added a supplement listing forthcoming philatelic events for several months such as area club meeting dates and local bourses and shows.

Paul continued to edit the newsletter until he resigned the position as well as his club membership in 2012. Ed Weisberg took over as Editor of the club newsletter early in 2013. Paul was also active in the Havertown Stamp Club and the Springfield-Delco

Stamp Club. He helped at the registration table of the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibitions.

He obtained his master's degree in education at St. Joseph's University. Paul then taught for four years at Cardinal Dougherty High School followed by 38 years at Archbishop Wood High School, teaching government economics and computers, retiring in 2006. He was a major contributor to the American Philatelic Society.

September Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report: There has been no activity in the past month.

Secretary's Report: The fall is the usual time for invoices to be sent out for dues for the upcoming year. We agreed that members would resume paying \$12/yr., offering the "Early Bird" discounted payment of \$10 if paid by Nov. 30th.

New Business: Tonight was our first live Club meeting in 19 months. The experimental hybrid format – live meeting + Zoom – worked well. We will stick to an all-virtual Zoom meeting in Oct. and live meeting again in Nov. The format for the December meeting is yet to be decided. The Community room has been reserved through Dec. but can be easily canceled when not needed.

A third stamp collection, picked by Ed Weisberg, was recently donated to the Club, adding to two other collections donated over the past year. We will auction all of the items at our Oct. meeting on Zoom.

Old Business: The possibility of a stamp auction brought up several Club issues:

- Where can we hold an auction? (Sales are not allowed at Giant.)
- How would changing our meeting place and hours affect the Club?
- How to get newer collectors interested in stamp collecting?

Some of the points made by members were:

- Hold some meetings at Giant, but auctions at a separate location where sales are permitted. Alternate types of meetings.
- Some members don't drive at night, so would M-F daytime hours would work or weekends?
- Daytime hours would cause the death of the Club because younger, working collectors could not attend and would lose interest. Our members would only be retired seniors.
- We need to find other ways to make our Club more appealing to younger collectors. Auctions and auction previews raise interest and get attention from others. At auctions offer \$10 tables, offer food, invite spouses. We also need to mentor newer collectors.

- Other clubs combine auctions, programs, and business meetings all into one meeting OR separate these activities into two separate monthly meetings.

The Search:

- Letty researched public libraries within a few miles of where we meet which have community rooms. Some possible restrictions for use were monthly fees for usage, requirements of insurance, early evening closure, no sales events allowed, and the need for township residency. Abington Library seemed like a possibility for the future, but currently the space is not open due to the pandemic.
- Ed W. suggested churches, fire stations and senior centers with an available room. He will be checking on a senior center. He also suggested offering a commission on our auction sales as a donation to the organization that rents us space.
- A search committee needs to do a more thorough look at spaces to rent.

The Proposed Zoom Auction:

- Bruce Marsden will run the auction of all of the material at our Zoom meeting on Oct. 19th. The lots of donated philatelic materials were briefly viewed. The organization, descriptions of the lots and identification of stamps were discussed.
- Bruce will write up the descriptions of the lots for distribution to our members and other clubs.
- One lot of mint foreign stamps, 120-145 yr. old, appeared to be of greater value and further expertise will be sought for these.
- Buyers will pay by PayPal or check.
- Material will be sent out to auction winners afterward. One thought was: if the auction were on an earlier night, could buyers come to a live meeting to pick up their purchase? Other details also have to be worked out.

Show & Tell: Ed Weisberg showed us his album of old covers which reflect a variety of his interests. Some were marked “Censored” or “Examined”. Others were zeppelin covers. Several were sent from Nazi Germany in 1936-40 to suppliers of parts and materials located in the US prior to the US involvement in WWII. One cover was addressed to a person named Weisberg, piquing Ed’s curiosity.

Next meeting: October 19th, 2021. 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**

GREATER PHILADELPHIA STAMP AND COLLECTORS CLUB

DONATION AUCTION

OCTOBER 19, 2021, at 7:30

“Terms and Conditions”

1. The auction will be held via Zoom as part of the GPSCC’s regular monthly meeting. GPSCC members and members of other local clubs and APS members are welcome to participate.
2. For everyone’s convenience, **please register to bid in advance** by sending an email with GPSCC AUCTION in the email title and providing your name, mailing address, best contact phone number, email address, and Club affiliation (GPSCC or other local club or APS) to the volunteer auctioneer/treasurer at bmarsden@verizon.net. (This will save time on the Zoom meeting) For anyone who doesn’t have email, register with the Club Secretary, Letty Moon, by phone (267-615-9024) or by letter at PO Box 446, Willow Grove, PA 19090.
3. All lots are sold “as is”. However, if you feel that a purchased lot is grossly misdescribed, you may return it within 14 days for a refund of the purchase price only.
4. Buyer will pay postage (minimum \$4) for shipment of the lots to their address and is expected to send payment to GPSCC Treasurer within 5 days of receipt of invoice.
5. Bids can be submitted to the auctioneer in advance of the auction until midnight, October 18th by email with GPSCC AUCTION BIDS in the email heading to bmarsden@verizon.net. Bids will be sold at one advance over the second highest bona fide bid. For those without email, submit your bids to the Club Secretary, Letty Moon, acting as your agent, by phone (267-615-9024) or by letter at PO Box 446, Willow Grove, PA 19001.
6. Bid advances will be at the discretion of the auctioneer, the minimum advance is \$0.25 and generally will not exceed 20% of the current bid amount (e.g. a \$5 bid may not be advanced beyond \$6 for the next valid bid)
7. Let’s have FUN!
8. Bid HIGH and bid OFTEN – Remember 100% of the proceeds benefit the work of the Club in supporting philately in the greater Philadelphia area.

Lot listings are on the following two pages. SOME IMAGES as well as a .pdf file of the auction listing can be downloaded from:

<http://alpenstamp.com/GPSCC.pdf>

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DONATION AUCTION
OCTOBER 19, 2021

Lot Listing

Lot	Description
1	Philippines, Canada, WW – Dozens of MNH modern Philippines stamps in multiples and blocks, some additional stuck together, 3 novelty “real photo” Canadian Fishing promotional postcards with exaggerated man-sized fish, handful of miscellaneous common worldwide stamps. Opening bid \$1.
2	US – 1995 USPS Commemorative Stamp Collection book including Civil War and Comic Book sheets plus 6 Postal Commemorate Society FDCs. Face > \$33. Opening bid \$16
3	US 32¢ commemoratives in sheets, blocks, etc. Face >\$30. Opening bid \$15.
4	US 18¢ Flowers Sheet, faults including face scrapes, disturbed gum, Face \$8.64. Opening bid \$3.
5	US Face lot in a scrapbook. Mostly 3¢ and 4¢ sheets and part sheets, some stuck down. Bonus sheet of 100x “A” stamps. Face >\$80 but a lot of work to use. Opening bid \$20
6	Australia stock page with 5 MNH commemorative sets from 1989. Scott cv ~\$25. (photo in pdf.) Opening bid \$3
7	Russia – Wenden L9 and L12, specialized selection mounted on four vintage crusty dusty pages with German notations. Printing and color varieties, imperfs, proof, double impression, miscentering. (photo in pdf.) Opening bid \$40
8	Ukraine, Russia, possible revenues, hinged on 47 vintage scrapbook pages. 100’s of stamps, heavy duplication. (photo in pdf.) Opening bid \$5
9	Approx 140 Scott International pages from the 1940’s, A-V, very little British Commonwealth (Canada was present). Hundreds (maybe a thousand or so) mostly used, mostly common stamps, noted Belgium C8-11, Czechoslovakia 239, French West Africa C2, C4, C9. Useful for worldwide collector. Opening bid \$5
10	Over 70 quadrille pages with hundreds of highly duplicated mostly common, mostly used stamps from Europe and Colonies, Algeria through Greece. Possibly 2,000 +/- stamps. (Photo in pdf.) Opening bid \$5
11	Over 110 quadrille pages with hundreds of highly duplicated mostly common, mostly used stamps from Europe and Colonies and Asia, Hungary through Viet Nam. Possibly 2,000 +/- stamps. (Photo in pdf.) Opening bid \$5
12	Over 60 quadrille pages with hundreds of highly duplicated mostly common, mostly used stamps from British Commonwealth, Jamaica through Zanzibar. Possibly 1,000 +/- stamps. Opening bid \$5

- 13 Pitcairn Islands 1-8, 9-10, 13-16, mint, hinged on pages. Scott 2012 cat. \$108. Opening bid \$10 (photo in pdf.)
- 14 Over 90 quadrille pages with hundreds of highly duplicated mostly common, mostly used stamps from British Commonwealth, Antigua through Iraq. Lots of Dollar value Hong Kong Definitives. Possibly 1,000 +/-stamps. (photo in pdf.) Opening bid \$5
- 15 Small shoe box (Size 2-1/2) stuffed with dozens of old glassines filled with probably 1,000's of worldwide stamps, many glassines sorted by country. Useful for worldwide collector. (I will remove glassines from the box for mailing) Opening bid \$1
- 16 Vintage 24-page stockbook containing hundreds of mostly used GERMANY stamps. Some common "art supplies" stamps. Some better. (photo in pdf.) Opening bid \$5
- 17 Minkus American Plate Block Album Volume III: "1951 to date". Contents through 6 cent commems but not complete. Liberty Series to 40¢ (Sc. 1050). ~140 plate blocks inc. Sc. 1345-54 historic flags. Some MNH, some gum faults. A few extra mint stamps. Opening bid \$17
- 18 Book: Stamp Collecting by Barry Krause c.1989 152 pp. B&W, Like new. Opening bid \$.01 (plus postage)
- 19 USPS 1977 mint set of commemorative stamps in a folder with stamps on a stock page. Most are stuck down. Face \$2.90. Opening bid \$1
- 20 BEP Souvenir Cards, 1994 ANA convention unfinished \$10 bill, 1994 APS convention postage dues. Like new in original envelopes. Opening bid \$2
- 21 Premier World Stamp Album published 1964 by Grossman Stamp Co. (NY). Vintage beginner's album with maybe a couple hundred stamps – mostly very common. Highlight is a MNH US #2592 with \$5 face value. Opening bid \$5
- 22 Scotts American Stamp Album – 1968 Edition – in a two-post vinyl binder. Album like new, partially filled with mint 1960's stamps in need of remounting. A couple dollars of face value. Opening bid \$1
- 23 40 +/- envelopes containing on and off paper stamps (from 1 to dozens per envelope) sorted by country. 1 envelope contains a couple dollars of mint US face, some stuck down. A good soaking practice lot for a new collector. Opening bid \$1
- 24 22 pieces of unused, modern, postal stationery, mostly postal cards. Opening bid \$1
- 25 Roughly 25 covers, mostly uncached 1994 self-addressed US FDCs. Highlight is US #2592 \$5 stamp. Opening bid \$1
- 26 Australia 1972 FDC for 10th International Accountancy Congress. (Picture in .pdf) Opening bid \$0.25

NOTE: A .pdf file of the auction listing including some images can be downloaded from:

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Upcoming Stamp Shows

Reading Stamp Club - Oct.17– Leesport, PA
NAPEX – Oct 22-24, McLean, VA
EPASS – Oct 30, Allentown, PA

Upcoming Meetings

For 2021
Oct 19 - Zoom
Nov 16 - Live
Dec 21 - TBD

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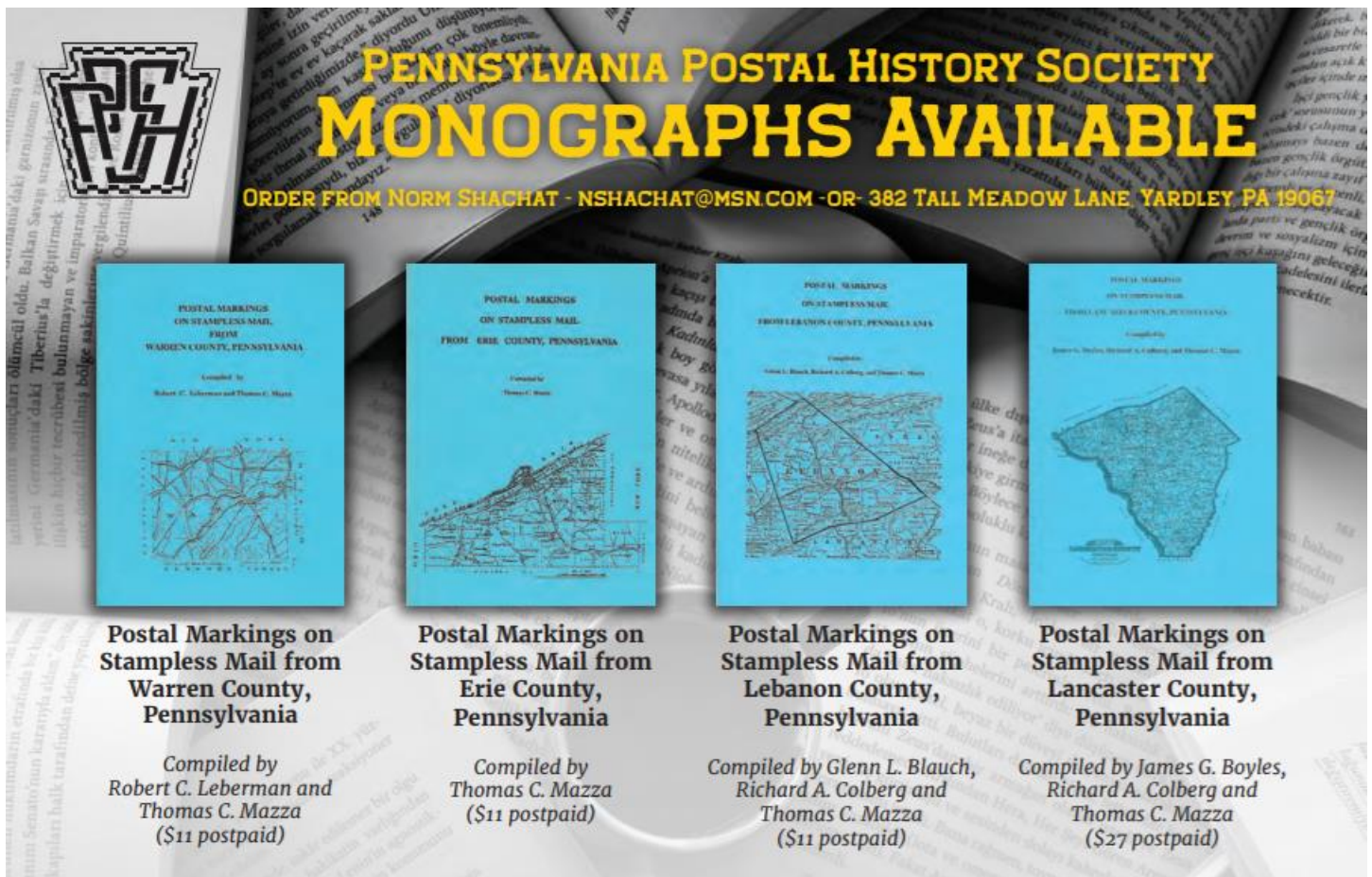
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