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Our Featured Topic

for February

A PRINCELY TOUR

THE 1860 ROYAL VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO BRITISH NORTH AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES

In the late 1850's and early 1860's, pre-Confederation British No. America (BNA) was considered to be the "brightest gem in the British Crown". No member of the Royal Family had ever officially visited BNA and the Canadians wanted Queen Victoria to come to show her their great "country". She refused and decided to send her oldest son, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales (POW), who would eventually become King Edward VII. This presentation partially historical, partially philatelic, partially festive will trace his historic visit through present day Canada and then to the United States where he was received enthusiastically (mostly!) in both places. The young prince, only 18 years old and a student at Oxford, took advantage of his celebrity and was treated with all sorts of honors, dedications, balls/dances and civic/cultural events. Although photographs were in their infancy, a series of detailed sketches, along with postal history supporting materials, illustrate elements of POW's journey.

See you soon. Ron

Message from the Pres.

SEE You at THE MEETING.

Richard



Awards & Recognition



At the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition the first weekend in February, the following GPS&CC members won awards:
Steve Washburne – Uses of the "Mou-chon" Issue 1895-1910, large gold
Mark Schwartz – Boston's "PAID in Grid" Cancels on the U.S. Imperforate Issues of 1847-1856, large gold, United States Philatelic Classics Society medal
Mark Schwartz – The 5¢ Virginia Dare Stamp of 1937, A Traditional First Day Exhibit, gold
Alan Warren – Denmark Birth Certificates: Commemorative First Day Covers 1920-1949, gold

The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors introduced a new award January 1st, the **Sapphire** award. It is presented to an exhibitor who has shown any multiframe exhibits (not just the same one) at 20 different World Series of Philately shows over a period of ten years, beginning with 2012. **Alan Warren** did that between 2013 and 2017 and thus received the new Sapphire award at the AAPE meeting in Sarasota—the first exhibitor to win it.

2018 Meeting Dates

All Tuesdays - All start at 7:30 pm - All at the Giant

Feb. 20th MAR. 20th

Apr. 17th May 15th JUN. 19th

If you are interested in coming to a meeting, or finding out more about Philadelphia Stamp & Collector's Club, contact our secretary, Letty Moon.

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Highlights Of Our 2017 Holiday Dinner

The Holiday Dinner was lots of fun this year with a nice turnout of 18 members and spouses. The weather this year did not interfere. The food was good and the company was even better. Those who attended got a refund on their dues and the Club picked up the tip for our dinners.

Ed W. arranged for us to have another delicious cake (actually a grouping of cupcakes) with our GPS & CC logo on the icing.

Ed also ran a game of knowledge after dinner and then the all-important drawings for the door prizes. Thank you's for the donated door prizes go to Alan Faden, Alan Warren, Letty Moon and Ed Weisberg.



You've Got Mail...

Club member Bob Rufe was the first speaker in the lecture series arranged by Bill Schultz, curator of the special exhibit at the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester. Seven other speakers are scheduled to present talks between January and April while the exhibit is on display.

As described in the November issue of the GPS&CC Newsletter, the exhibit, entitled "You've Got Mail!" focuses on U.S. mails during the period 1790-1890.



Bob's program, entitled "You've Got...A Package!", described the handling of packages before, during, and after this period.

Photos courtesy of Ken Martin.



In January Mark Schwartz talked about Boston postal history at the Chester County Historical Society in conjunction with the postal history exhibit curated by Bill Schultz.

Postal History Exhibition at Chester Co. Historical Society

On November 24th, a new exhibit opened at the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester, Pa., entitled "You've Got Mail!" The exhibit is based on the society's Robert Brinton collection of correspondence with many other postal and philatelic items on loan from collectors in the U.S. and Canada. Bill Schultz is guest curator and the exhibition was his concept, realized in conjunction with the society's staff. The focus is the handling of mail during the early 18th century.

The exhibit will be open until April 14, 2018. A series of postal history talks have been presented by noted collectors on Sat. afternoons, and will continue through Mar. Our club member Bob Rufe was the first speaker in the lecture series. His program in Dec. was entitled, "You've Got...A Package!", and described the handling of packages before, during, and after this period. In Jan. Mark Schwartz spoke on Colonial Postal History and Tim O'Connor spoke on Postal History as a Primary Source: America Begins 1675-1782. Four more lectures are scheduled.

Schedule of CCHS Philatelic Lectures, all at 1:00:

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| Feb. 17th | Postal Markings Prior to Adhesive Postage, by Alan Warren |
| Feb. 24th | Delaware Postal History 1790-1865, by Robert Swed |
| Mar. 17th | Canada/British North America (BNA) - Union and Confederate Postal Cross-Border Correspondence during the U.S. Civil War, by Ron Majors |
| Mar. 24th | United States Mail: Its First 80 Years Without Stamps, by Robert Rose |

Additional details of the exhibition, the speakers, their topics and directions can be found at <http://www.chestercohistorical.org/exhibit/youve-got-mail>

Up Coming Shows & Times

MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse

Marlton Elementary School

190 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton NJ 08053

Bourse Hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

March 3, 2018



- Feb. 23-25 **APS AmeriStamp Expo**, Sheraton Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama
- March 3 **Westfield Stamp Show**, Municipal Building, Westfield, N.J.
- March 17-18 **Springpex**, Robert E. Lee High School, Springfield, Virginia
- March 22-24 **Garfield-Perry March Party**, La Villa Conference Center, Cleveland, Ohio
- April 21 **DELPEX**, Nur Shrine Center Temple, Newcastle, Delaware
- May 4-6 **Philatelic Show**, Regency Hotel and Conference Center, Boxborough, Mass.
- May 18-19 **ROPEX**, Civic Center, Canandaigua, New York
- June 8-10 **NAPEX**, McLean Hilton Hote, Tyson's Corner, Virginia

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Puns of Fun

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger, then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

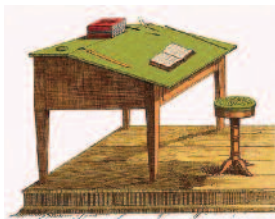
When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards an airplane. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, 'Dam!'

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.



A Learning Experience

Four Freedoms Postage Stamp Issue of 1943 (Scott 908)



This stamp was issued to impress upon the public the necessity of spreading the Four Freedoms throughout the world, and to replace the 1-cent National Defense stamp.

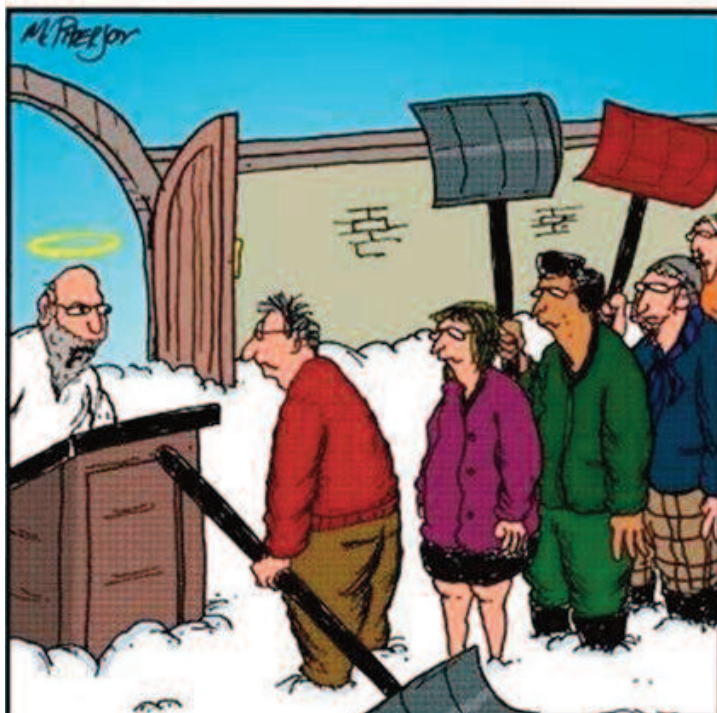
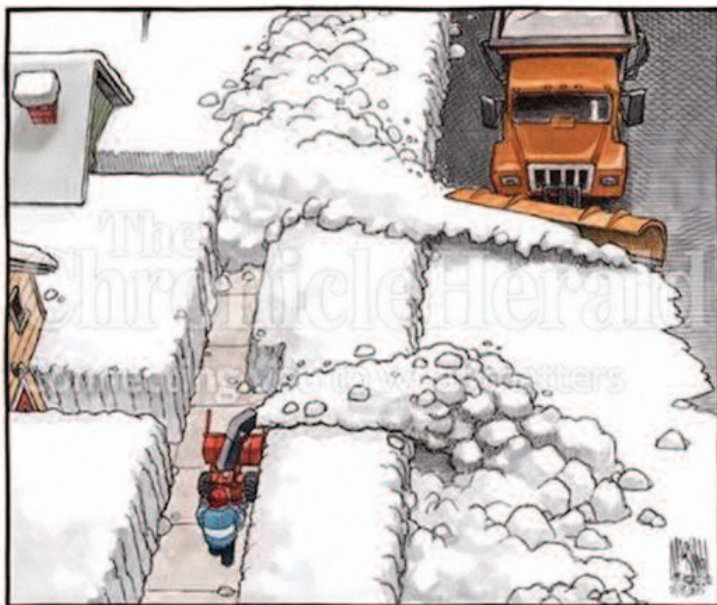
The stamp is .75" by .85", arranged vertically. It was printed in green in sheets of 400 on the rotary press and issued in panes of 100 with one corner margin five digit plate number on each pane. Total printing was 1,227,334,200.

The stamp was designed by Paul Manship. Its central subject, enclosed in an oval-shaped panel, is a reproduction in bas-relief of Liberty holding the lighted Torch of Freedom and Enlightenment.

Across the top of the stamp is the inscription reading "U.S. Postage". Underneath this inscription, at the left, is the denomination designation "1c" and in corresponding position but reversed order at the right "c1".

The stamp was first placed on sale in Washington, D.C., on February 12, 1943, Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Presiding Postmaster General Frank C. Walker said, "It was deemed particularly fitting that a stamp fostering the great principles of freedom should appear on the day when the nation annually pays tribute to the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. I hope that the new stamp will be helpful in impressing on the public the necessity for spreading the Four Freedoms to more and more of the world, so that the lot of the common man may be improved and a soundly based, enduring peace may be established after the present war."

Jokes to Live By!



"Oh brother, not another one! When are you middle-aged guys going to wise up and stop shoveling your driveways?"

**If You Want To Advertise An Item For Sale or
Donate a Philatelic Item To Our Club, Let Mr. Ed Know**