



The Greater Philadelphia Stamp & Collectors Club



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

*Hybrid Meeting, Mar. 15th, 7:00 pm....Live at Giant
Or Zoom Participation Available
Link to be sent out on Mon., Mar. 14th*

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.

Program: The Pictorial Stamps of Tasmania 1899
By Ronald Hill, member TPS Tasmanian Philatelic Society

The Dutch explorer Abel Tasman was the first European to land on the shores of Tasmania in 1642. Tasman named the island to honor Anthony van Dieman, the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies. In 1803, the island was colonized by the British as a Penal Colony. In 1836 the colony was granted self-government and the name of the island and colony was officially changed to Tasmania on January 1 1856

J.W. Beattie, a well know photographer, was selected to illustrate the beauty of Tasmania in a new series of self-mailing Letter Cards. In 1899 Tasmanian Post authorized a series of eight pictorial stamps showing the beauty of the island.

In 1900 all 8 stamp values were printed and delivered to Hobart. All but one of the stamps featured Beattie photographs. On January 1, 1901 the British Parliament encouraged by Queen Victoria, formed the new Australia Federation making each of the individual colonies new States of the Federation. This program will show details of the photography, of both the Letter Cards and all eight of the Pictorial Stamps as well as variations and other details.

Awards and Honors

Bob Rufe, co-author with Greg Ajamian and Harry Brittain, received the 2021 Hopkinson Memorial Literature Award from the United States Stamp Society. The award goes to an author(s) for the best article or series in the 2021 issues of the society's journal *The United States Specialist*. The honor recognizes the achievement of the authors in the 6-part series "Scott #C23c – The Whole Story."

At the Rockford (Illinois) Stamp Expo in February, Bill Schultz won a gold and the grand award with his "Dining Cars – Epicurean Pleasure on the Rails." At the London 2022 FIP show in February, Mark Schwartz received a gold for his "The Postal History of Salem, Massachusetts."

Mark Schwartz won the Erani R. Drossos award for the first runner up to the best article in the 2021 American Philatelic Congress Book, with his article "Carrier Service in Boston."

Mark Schwartz



Bob Rufe



Bill Schultz



APS Events/News

USPS Postage Rate Changes

The U.S. Postal Service has recently announced new postage rates which will begin on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Priority rates, International Priority rates and first-class package rates will be the only rates that are increasing. There is **NO** rate increase for First Class Mail letters, large envelopes, or postcards until July 2022.

Celebrating Definitive Postage Stamp Series of 1922-25

This year DELPEX will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Definitive Postage Stamp Series of 1922-25. The show, Sat., April 9th, is sponsored by the Brandywine Valley Stamp Club at the Nur Shrine Center, 198 S. Du Pont Highway, New Castle, DE. The hours are 10-5. For more information, visit the club website at: www.brandywinevalleystampclub.com.

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 12/31/22. Go to the website: stamps.org

APS Virtual Learning Opportunity A Brief Intro into Stanley Gibbons Catalogues (A Three-Session Virtual Learning Event)

Deadline to register is March 11

When: March 15, 22, 29, 2022 (Noon – 1p.m. Eastern Time)

Instructor: Clare de la Feuillade, Editor Stanley Gibbons

Cost: \$25 APS Member/\$50 Non-Member

During this introductory course, learn what Stanley Gibbons catalogues have to offer, features that will help you to decipher a listing, the importance of the glossary, and how to use price listings to help you when buying and selling, plus much more! To register for the event, go to <https://stamps.org/learn/c3a-online-learning> and click Enter C3a >ECommerce in the top menu, and select the event.

43th Annual Summer Seminar Sunday - June 19 – Thursday - 23, 2022

The APS Summer Seminar will take place in Bellefonte, PA.
For a preview go to the APS website, stamps.org.

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All issues of 2020 and 2021, plus more, available to a good home! Email
lettymoon@comcast.net.

Minutes for Feb 15th, 2022, GPS & CC Meeting

The virtual meeting started with 14 people present. One visitor, David Plunkett, from Ohio, has joined us several times before.

Secretary's Report: All the dues are in and we now have 50 members. Four prior members have decided not to renew.

Treasurer's Report: All the dues checks have been deposited in our account, bringing our account total to \$4738.57. The donation of \$100 that we wanted to make to the National Postal Museum has been sent out.

New Business: Several members asked if anything had been heard about the lot that we sent to the Dutch Country Auction. It has been listed as one of the lots to be auctioned off shortly.

Anne Gibby had some questions about the summary that she received from the same auction house.

Old Business: Bruce Marsden confirmed that we will not be able to share a DVD on Zoom in the future, which had caused our problem last month. We will be able to use our DVDs on the equipment when we meet live at the Giant. He consulted with the APS and reported that we can stream APS videos for just \$5 each. We all agreed that this was very affordable for the Club.

February Program: Barry Elkins presented a wonderful program, *Independent Post Offices of Philadelphia County*. Discussion followed. Since we saw only about one third of his collection of these slides, we may see more of this program at a future date.

Show & Tell & Discuss: Kenneth Miller commented that he was disappointed that there apparently will not be a bi-centenary stamp honoring Ulysses S. Grant this spring, since Kenneth has a Civil War Philately collection. However, he was pleased to report that the 10th stamp to be issued in the Music Icons series will be one honoring Pete Seeger.

Bob Rufe mentioned the upcoming Lancaster Club's Bourse, Delpex and Lancopex

Future Meetings: Our March meeting should be a live meeting at Giant. It was questioned why we decided to alternate live meetings with Zoom meetings these past five months. Part of the reason was the uncertainty of how the pandemic would affect our ability to have live meetings and also, when we started having virtual meetings, members who live at a distance appreciated being able to participate them. Phil Russell and Bruce Marsden discussed possible programs: the Confederate Postal History program that was postponed as well as Ron Hill's program. Phil asked about the possibility of both having a live meeting at Giant and Zooming it for those not present. Bruce will look into it.

Next meeting is March 15th.

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

March 18 - 20 – Garfield Perry March Party, Best Western Plus, Strongsville OH

March 26 - 27, 2022 – Springpex, John R. Lewis High School (Formerly R.E. Lee H.S), 6540 Franconia Road (VA Rte 644E), Springfield, Virginia.

April 9 – Delpex, Nur Shrine Temple, 198 South Dupont Hwy (US Routes 13 & 40), New Castle, Delaware

April 30 – Lancopex, Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster. Pa.

Upcoming Meetings

Mar 15 – Live Apr 19 – Zoom May 17 – Live?

Upcoming Stamp Shows (cont'd)

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 19-24 – APS Summer Seminar, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, Pa

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