



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

December Meeting by ZOOM Only Tuesday, Dec 21st at 7:30 PM

The program for our virtual Dec. meeting will be an APS video entitled: “What Are Christmas Seals?” The Zoom link for the meeting will be sent to members approximately Monday, Dec. 20th. Please note that virtual meetings start at 7:30.

Awards and Honors

Vernon Morris was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London. The SESCAL 2021 show in October California was cancelled. However, their literature competition of articles took place remotely.

Steve Kennedy won a vermeil and the novice award for his article “Military Assistant Surgeon’s Fort Lauderdale, East Florida letter.”

At the Chicagopex show in Itasca, Ill., in November, Mark Schwartz took a large vermeil with his “The Postal Markings of Gloucester and Rockport, Mass., to 1851.”

Vern Morris won a large gold, the APS pre-1900 medal of excellence, and the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society award for his “Evolution of Blood’s Local Post 1842 to 1862” at the Florex show in Kissimmee, Fla., in December.

Mark Schwartz



Vern Morris



Steve Kennedy



Meet Our Newest Member

If you were not at the Nov. meeting, you have not had a chance to meet our new member, Anne Gibby. She arrived with several samples to show us from the collection which has fallen into her hands and seeking information. Originally the collection/accumulation belonged to her husband's Great Uncle and it passed through others and on down to her.

Great Uncle Len was a banker and an independent broker in NYC. He held onto letters, postal cards, ledgers and advertising booklets which he collected from the 1870's to early 1900's. Anne's interest has been growing as she sorts, organizes and identifies stamps in the collection with a lot of help from an 1840-1940 Classic Scott Catalog. She has discovered more and more interesting items such as advertising covers, Confederate currency, telegrams, fancy cancels and has also enjoyed reading the contents of some letters. One group of letters give a detailed description of what it was like to live through WWII. In addition to Uncle Len's collection, Anne enjoyed discovering several years ago some old ledgers and a collection of valentines from 1907 while snooping around a building in Germantown slated to be torn down.

Anne is always interested in learning more about what is in her collection and very much enjoyed talking to our knowledgeable members at the meeting. She is now retired, but worked most of her life in various aspects of publishing, which may account for her high interest in paper, printing and ephemera. Ultimately, she wants to keep only what she is most interested in and sell the rest of Uncle Len's collection.

Dues Are Now Due

GPS & CC membership renewals for 2022 are now due. You should have received your invoice in the mail by now. Please fill out the bottom and mail your check before Dec. 31st to: P.O. Box 446, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Renewals received after this are \$15 for reinstatement.

November Meeting Minutes

We had several visitors tonight: Sharon Erskine and her sister, Linda Light, brought in a collection that they inherited for our members to look at. They wanted suggestions about the value of the collection and what they should do with it. They consulted with our members before the meeting got underway. Another visitor, Anne Gibby, also came with samples of her uncle's stamp collection and was seeking information. She received feedback and will keep coming to our meetings to show us more of the

collection.

Secretary's Report: The Life Membership of our Club to the APS has been renewed. We are now collecting dues for renewing memberships for 2022. Twenty-eight renewals have already been received.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$4233.14 in our account. Bruce repeated his report on the success of the auction held in Oct. See the Nov. newsletter for that complete report.

Old Business: No one has come up with more suggestions for another meeting place for the future.

New Business: We have a schedule of meeting dates for the next 7 months, but we needed to decide on the types of meetings that they should be: live meetings, ZOOM meetings or hybrid ones? It was decided that we would continue alternating live and Zoom meetings each month for an indefinite period of time, and probably not do hybrid meetings due to the difficulty in setting up the equipment. This would be the ideal way to have live previews one month of stamps coming up for auction and then having the actual auction by Zoom the following month. Also, in the case of bad winter weather, we can easily switch a live meeting to Zoom by emailing the membership in advance.

For the Dec. meeting some wondered if we were going to have a Holiday Dinner, but no one volunteered to look for a venue where we could have it. Also, the Willow Inn still is not open for indoor seating or larger events, since their renovations aren't finished. Due to all of these considerations it was decided that the Dec. meeting will be by Zoom and the Jan. meeting will be live. For our program, Bruce will be looking into an APS video which got our attention last year which may have been called, *What Are Christmas Seals?*

November Program: Mike Epstein presented a program on Philadelphia Manuscript Cancels on Independent Post Offices of Philadelphia County showing us many stampless covers and covers with early stamps from his collection.

Show & Tell & Discuss: Steve Washburne brought in a book from the Military Postal History Society which he wanted to give away. He also mentioned a number of other things to give away such as two exhibit easels, old copies of philatelic magazines, and a case with glass shelves for displaying awards which he has at home. Contact Steve if interested in any of these.

Next meeting Nov. 16th. 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 26 - 27, 2022 Springpex 2022, John R. Lewis High School (Formerly R.E. Lee H.S), 6540 Franconia Road (VA Rte 644E), Springfield, VA
April 9, 2022, Delpex, Nur Shrine Temple, 198 South Dupont Hwy (US Routes 13 & 40), New Castle, DE
April 30, 2022, Lancopex, Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, PA

Upcoming Meetings

For 2021

Dec 21 – Zoom

For 2022

Jan 18 - Live Feb 15 - Zoom
Mar 15 - Live Apr 19 - Zoom
May 17 - Live Jun 21 - Zoom

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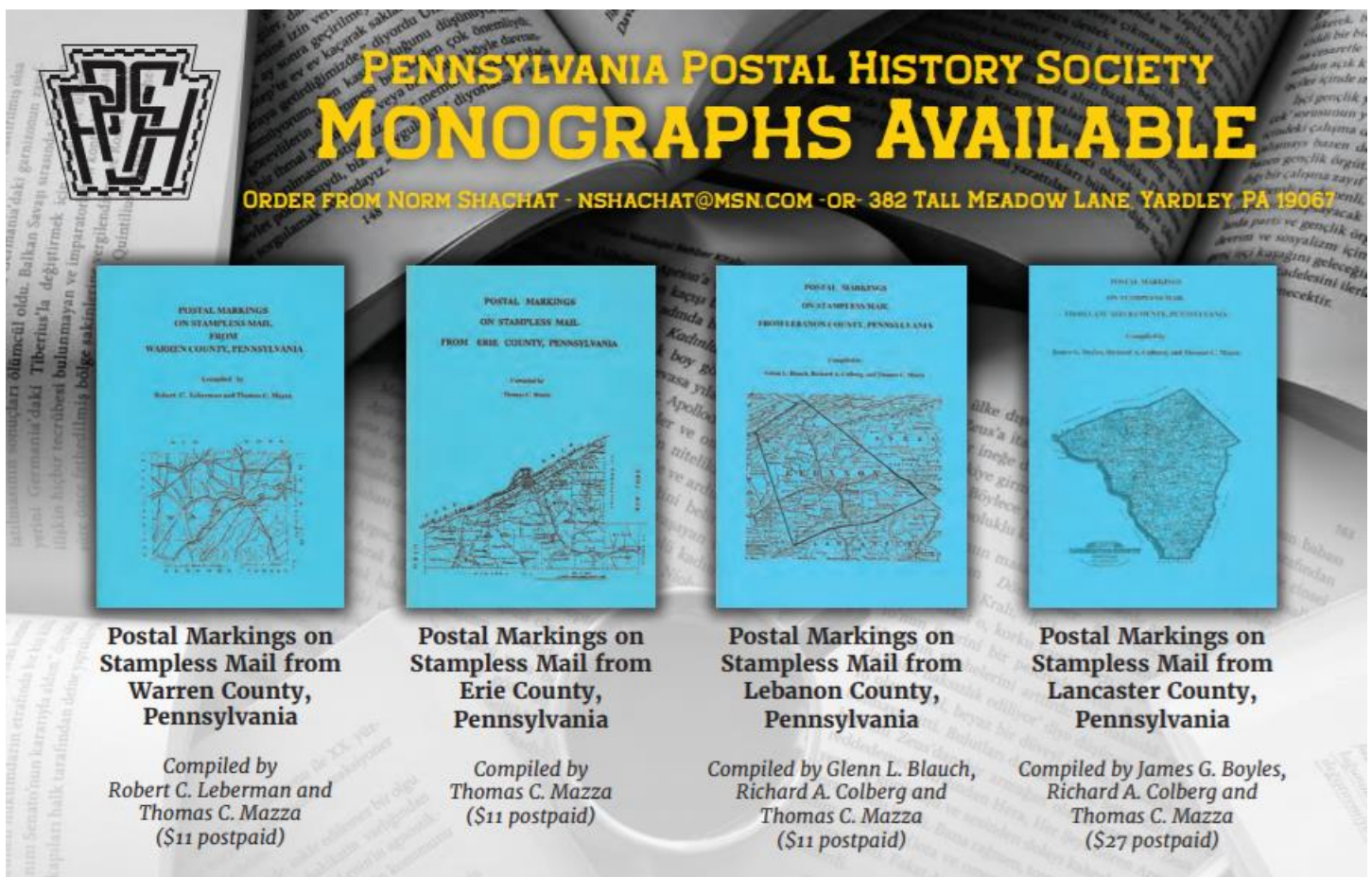
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