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

Virtual Meeting on Feb. 15th, 7:30 pm, on Zoom
Zoom link will be sent out on Monday, Feb 14th

Program:

INDEPENDENT POST OFFICES OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

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 Elkins

News from the APS

Virtual Learning Event - First Day Cover Exhibiting 2-Session Course

When: Mondays, February 21 and 28, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Cost: \$15 APS Member/\$30 Non-Member

Instructor: Charles J. O'Brien III

During this two-session course, learn from an accomplished, master FDC exhibitor. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance and expand your exhibiting expertise (and to find out the answer to "Which cover would be best to include in a FDC exhibit?"). To register for the event, go to <https://stamps.org/learn/c3a-online-learning> > Enter C3a > eCommerece (in the left menu) and select the event.

Register for Meet the Candidates Event

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

We invite you to our Meet the Candidates event on Tuesday, February 15th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM EST. Click here to register for the event. This is a chance for APS members to meet and hear from the candidates running for the APS Board. Ballots will be sent in the May 2022 issue of [the American Philatelist](#). For more information, visit the [APS Election Page](#) on the APS website.

Summer Seminar June 19 – 23, 2022

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

Awards and Honors

At the Chicagopex show held in Itasca, Illinois in November, Alan Warren served as chairman of the literature jury. At the awards banquet, Mike Ley, president of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, announced that the latest judge to receive the Bernard Hennig Award was Alan. Alan was the most surprised person in the audience. The award is presented from time to time to a judge for service in the judging corps. He was cited for his involvement with the APS Committee on the Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges, presenting seminars on judging first

day covers, and mentoring exhibitors. He was the 11th recipient of the award that honors Bud Hennig, the first recipient.

At the Southeastern Stamp Expo held near Atlanta in January, Alan Warren received a vermeil for “Denmark: The Christian X Definitive Issues of the 1940s on First Day Covers.”

Alan Warren



At the Sarasota National Stamp Expo in Florida in January, Vern Morris won a large gold, the United States Stamp Society’s statue of freedom award, the United States Philatelic Classics Society award, and the show reserve grand award for his “Evolution of Blood’s Local Post: 1842 to 1862.”

At the same show Mark Schwartz won a large gold and the single frame grand award with his “Boston Paid in Grid.” He also took a large gold for “Newburyport, Mass. during the Stampless Period 1755-1855,” and a third large gold for “The Postal History of Salem, Mass: Domestic Mail through September 1883 – Foreign up to UPU.” Ron Majors won a large gold for his “Mail Between Canada/BNA and Confederate States during the U.S. Civil War.”

This show also had a philatelic articles literature competition. Steve Kennedy took a large silver with his “Military Assistant Surgeon’s Ft. Lauderdale East Florida Letter” which appeared in the *Florida Postal History Journal*.

Mark Schwartz



Vern Morris



Steve Kennedy



Secretary’s Report: 45 members have paid their dues for 2022 as of today, one has dropped out and Letty will remind the remaining 7 to get their dues in. An updated membership list will be emailed to members by the end of Jan.

We have received a request for a donation from the National Postal Museum.

Treasurer's Report: Our account remains the same and Bruce has a number of dues checks to deposit now. Bruce made a motion to make a donation of \$100 to the National Postal Museum in response to their request. The motion was seconded and passed.

January Program: The originally scheduled program, entitled *Confederate Postal History: The Harrie Mueller Collection*, on a CD, could not be successfully shown as Zoom seemed to disable the images on the CD while letting the audio go through. Bruce will do a little more research to see if there is a way to show CDs using Zoom.

Steve Kennedy offered, on the spur of the moment, to share with us parts of the program that he is presently working on. Steve has been exploring a vast number of covers with contents sent to the Hagerstown Bank in Maryland, between 1807 and 1859. The correspondence was found and saved when the old bank building was to be cleared out and torn down. Most covers were directed to Elie Beatty, a cashier and later bank president of Hagerstown Bank. Steve found the correspondence to be an interesting source of banking history during this period, and the covers to be a good source of postal rate history. Thank you, Steve!

Old Business: We are still looking for someone to volunteer to take the position of Club President. Steve Kennedy said that he would do it if he did not live in Florida, therefore being unable to attend meetings.

Steve also encouraged us to ask the APS for the names of all APS members living in the greater Phila area to solicit for membership. Maybe some new, younger members would be interested in holding office in our club.

New Business: We will decide by Feb. 1st whether our Feb. meeting will be live or by Zoom, but it is looking more like it will be Zoom, as previously scheduled. Tentatively, Ron Hill will be presenting his program next month.

Letty reported that the Willow Inn is finished its renovations and is fully ready for us to return there for dinner before in person meetings at the Giant.

Vince Costello brought to our attention that the APS has not shown any interest in our old philatelic library collection which we had hoped to donate to them. No one has picked up the collection since he moved to Bellefonte two years ago. Steve Kennedy was the only member who reported that he might be interested in a few items if Vince would send him a list of the volumes and catalogs. Members are welcome to have any

items that they want from the collection. It was suggested that some of the collection could be taken to a stamp show to be sold at nominal prices. Whatever is left will be taken to Dutch Country Auctions to be sold.

Next meeting is February 15th.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*.

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BARRY ELKINS

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

For 2022

Feb 15 - Zoom

Mar 15 – Live?

Apr 19 - Zoom

May 17 – Live?

Jun 21 - Zoom

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