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June Zoom Meeting

The GPS & CC will be having its next meeting through ZOOM on [August 17th at 7:30](#). Our treasurer, Bruce Marsden, has set this up for us and it has been enthusiastically endorsed by our Club Officers and Committee Heads. The ZOOM invitation with the address that you'll click on to join the meeting will be resent to you on the day before the meeting as a reminder.

*If you need more information on how to use Zoom, please contact **Bruce Marsden**.*

Minutes from our June 15th Zoom Meeting

VP Phil Russell opened the Zoom meeting with nine members present and two visitors. Our visitors were Ernie Jones, a collector from FL and Macario Sarreal, a member of the Merchantville Stamp Club. Both were invited to join us by our treasurer, Bruce Marsden.

Letty reminded the group that in past years we have not had meetings in July, nor have we put out a newsletter for July due to summer vacations and therefore low attendance. The consensus of the group was that we would stick to that same schedule this year and resume regular meetings in Aug.

Secretary's Report: There was nothing new to report about the membership.

Treasurer's Report: There have been no expenses or income since the last meeting, so our balance remains the same.

Old Business: Last month members expressed an interest in resuming some face-to-face meetings in the future at our former location. Letty contacted the Giant Super Market earlier in June to see if the Community Rooms were open for use yet. After some delay, the Community Center Coordinator did get back to her with updated information and the limitations. The small Community Rooms are now available but limited to twelve people. Also, masks are mandatory if people are **NOT fully vaccinated**. We can work within these limitations.

Discussion followed about having our Aug. meeting by Zoom and our Sept. meeting at the Giant. We may experiment with combining a live meeting together with Zooming at the same time. Delaying our first face-to-face meeting will give us time to experiment with the technology involved.

New Business: Letty read a letter that the Club received from a collector who would like to donate his WW collection to a club but would like someone to pick it up from his home in Center City Phila. Our members were asked for direction on this matter. It was pointed out that we need to talk with the donor to evaluate the collection size, quality, and condition before we proceed. Bruce Marsden volunteered to contact the donor, and possibly arrange to get the collection to us if we would want it. We can decide at a later time what to do with the collection. We might be able to preview the collection at a live meeting at the Giant, or have an auction by Zoom, which we have not been allowed to do at the Giant facility.

Program: Tom Geiger presented a very good program entitled, “Ben Franklin 1902 – Part Two – The Private Perforation Story”, using many examples from his own collection.



Honors and Awards: Bill Schultz received the American Philatelic Society's Ernest Kehr award at the Great American Stamp Show in Rosemont, Ill., in August. The award is bestowed annually upon an individual for enduring contributions that help to guarantee the future of the hobby.

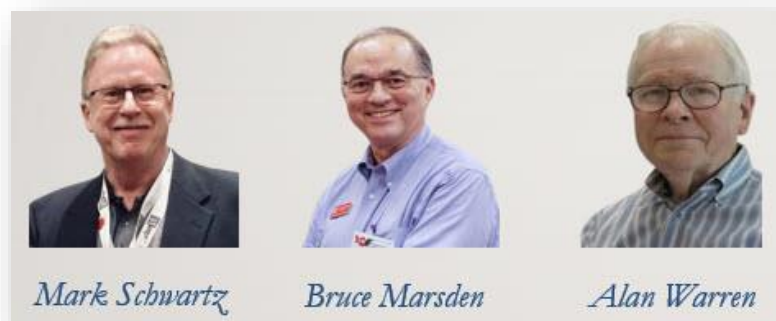
Bill Schultz was also interviewed about stamp collecting in July on closed circuit television at Hershey's Mill in West Chester. Bill is a director of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, where he also serves as Mentor Center Manager. In that role he provides a member service for newer exhibitors, matching them with an experienced exhibitor or judge who can provide support and advice in the early stages of an exhibit before they are ready for the critique service. It can also be for experienced exhibitors who are trying a new type of exhibit they have never done before.



In a Zoom presentation in July for the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County, Mark Schwartz discussed his single frame exhibit of the 1847 issues used in Boston.

At the WESTPEX show in San Francisco in July, Bruce Marsden received a large vermeil and the Women Exhibitors sterling achievement award with his "Switzerland." He also won a large silver for "Switzerland 1932 Disarmament Series Airmail Uses."

At the same show Alan Warren took a gold and the Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle's Best Himalayan Award for his "Tibet: Stamps and Postal History."



News from the Smithsonian:

The Smithsonian is pleased to announce that the National Postal Museum will reopen on Friday, August 27. Initially, the museum will be open Friday to Tuesday, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Go to their [website](#) for more details on visiting.

Show Calendar:

August 12 - 15 - APS Great American Stamp Show - Donald G. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N River Rd., Rosemont, Illinois

September 3 - 5 BALPEX - Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Rd., I-83 Exit 20 East Hunt Valley, Maryland

September 24-26 – Philatelic show, Regency Hotel and Conference Center, Boxborough, MA

October 15-17 – NOJEX, Hilton Meadowlands Hotel, 2 Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford, NJ Jersey

October 22-24 – NAPEX, McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean VA

Show & Tell Discussion: Our visitor, **Macario Sarreal**, use the “share screen” feature of Zoom to show us a page from a *Reader's Digest* showing five stamps, all of which had an error in them. We were challenged to identify the errors which we all did.

1. **Vince Costello** gave us a report on what life in Bellefonte has been like since moving there about 16 months ago. He gave a glowing account on his volunteer work in the archives at the APS, located in Bellefonte.
2. **Bruce Marsden** talked about programs that are available through the APS about running an auction on eBay and others which are interviews with well-known philatelists.
3. **Tom Geiger** suggested that Don Denman could join us for a Zoom program. Tom also recommended a wonderful website for collectors, full of stamp information and postal records: stampsarter.org.
4. Deciding on a program for the Aug. meeting will be put off for now.

The next meeting will be on August 17th. 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**

[APS News and Other Events:](#)

[American Philatelic Center Resumes Operations](#)

The American Philatelic Society and American Philatelic Research Library announced the American Philatelic Center will resume less restrictive operations effective June 1, 2021. It is still not completely back to pre-pandemic operations, but the doors are open, so make plans to visit. The APC will operate on normal business hours between 8:30 am to 5 pm for visitors to use the Circuit Sales area, Gift/Stamp Shop, Expertizing, Headsville Post Office, and the Library.

[APS Stamp Chats](#)

APS hosts series of live Stamp Chats exploring a variety of aspects of the hobby. The APS offers a platform for experts and enthusiasts alike to share their expertise & to build community among members and friends around the world. Go to stamps.org for this Chat, the full list and for registration.

Tuesday, October 5, 6:30-7:30 Stamp Chat: The Doar Ivri First Stamps of Israel: Postal and Commercial Usages of the Three High Value Doar Ivri Stamps. By Ed Kroft, President RPSC; Past President SIP. The 1-hour educational Stamp Chats are Free and there are dozens upon dozens of programs that you can choose from in the archives.

[APS Expertizing](#)

The APS is always seeking top experts to serve on our **Expertizing Committee**. Learn more about the men and women who comprise the 160 expertizers in our column, "**Spotlight on Expertizing.**" To volunteer your services, **email** APS Expertizing Director Ken Martin or call him at 814-933-3817.

[American Philatelic Research Library](#)

Read all about it in the Philatelic Literature Review!

With the second issue of 2021 starting to take shape there's still time to become a subscriber to the library's quarterly journal the ***Philatelic Literature Review***.

Subscribing is easy and only \$18 annually for U.S. residents.

With your subscription you receive four issues of the journal which contains research articles, new literature reviews, new literature announcements, news from the APRL and other philatelic libraries, a forum for subscribers to list literature for sale and much, much more. Find more information, visit the **library's webpage** or contact the **library**.

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Special Program - Postmarks & Paperbacks
Monday, June 21st, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., By Zoom

Postmarks & Paperbacks is an online book club through the National Postal Museum for lovers of postal themed books, letters, and the art and history of communication. This new book club meets quarterly. For questions about accessibility, please email NPMPrograms@si.edu two weeks in advance with requests.

[Great American Stamp Show, Aug 12th-15th, 2021](#)

The largest national stamp and postal history show will be held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois. Co-hosted by the American Philatelic Society, the American Topical Association, and the American First Day Cover Society. The show is FREE!

Whether you are a new or experienced collector, the Great American Stamp Show packs four days of shopping, seminars, exhibits, education, and fun for all ages.

The Show brings together stamp collectors from all over the world to share their ideas on the future of the hobby, the chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones!

[Awards and Honors - June](#)

Club member Bill Schultz will receive the American Philatelic Society's Ernest B. Kehr award., named for the prolific philatelic author and generous supporter of Veterans' hospitals and the program Stamps for the Wounded. Established in 1991, the APS Kehr Award recognizes one living philatelist each year who, for a period of at least five years, has demonstrated one or more of the following:

- Making philately attractive as a hobby to newcomers
- Working directly with newcomers, especially young people
- Developing and administering programs aimed at recruiting newcomers.

The award will be presented during the Great American Stamp Show in Rosemont, Illinois August 12-15.

Upcoming Stamp Shows

Great American Stamp Show – Aug 12 – 15
BALPEX – Sept 3 – 5
Philatelic Show – Sept 24 - 26
NOJEX – Oct 15 - 17
NAPEX – Oct 22 - 24

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Aug 17
Sept 21
Oct 19
Nov 16
Dec 21

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