



The Greater

Philadelphia Stamp & Collector's Club

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American Philatelic Society - Chapter 18 * American Air Mail Society - Chapter 18
Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club and The Collector's Club of Philadelphia

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Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Our Featured Topic

for March



SHOW and TELL

Everyone should bring one or more items for discussion that illustrate their collecting interests. Your talk should be about 5 minutes long.



and

Alan Warren and Vince Costello will show videos from the APS and/or the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library.



Awards & Recognition

Mark Schwartz received a prix d'honneur for each of three exhibits in the single frame champion-of-champions competition at the AmeriStamp Expo show in Birmingham, Alabama in February. His three entries were: "Boston's Use of the 1947 Issue," "The Postal Markings of Newbury & Newburyport, Mass., during the Stampless Period 1755-1855," and "The 'Special Arrangement' between Liverpool and the U.S. 1843-1848."

Alan Warren talked about "Early Mail and Postal Markings of Sweden" in February at the Chester County Historical Society as part of Bill Schultz's symposium series.

Message from the Pres.

Interim President Needed

I'm very sorry to tell our membership that I need to step down for the remaining nine months of my term as president of the GPS & CC. My health problems have become overwhelming and I don't feel comfortable being in the position where I can't be sure that I can make any meetings. It would be helpful if someone would take over the position until the end of the year. In the summer a committee will be appointed to search for new candidates for the office for the 2019-2020 term of office and elections will be held in the fall.



Rich

"The above statement was dictated to me by Rich so I could inform the members via our newsletter."

Letty

2018 Meeting Dates

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

MAR. 20TH APR. 17TH MAY 15TH JUN. 19TH
JULY 17TH AUG. 21ST SEPT. 18TH OCT. 16TH

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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Well Deserved Praise

A man who stands out this season is Bill Schultz, who guest curated "You've Got Mail," an exhibit unique in America other than displays at the National Postal Museum. Bill has reached out to the international philatelic community and given daily tours of the



exhibit; he recruited and coordinated the eight-speaker Saturday series and raised underwriting funds, lent from his collection and generated notable outside loans. He created a buzz about the postal history collection and CCHS among people who did not know us. Bill now defines the

volunteer who goes above and beyond, providing assistance we didn't even know we needed. A special thank you to Bill and all of our wonderful volunteers—we appreciate your caring about the success of CCHS.

From the President of the Chester County Historical Society—March 2018

An Invitation from the Allentown Philatelic Soc.

“Your club members are cordially invited to attend our Spring Social that will feature Scott English, the APS CEO, as our guest speaker.”

Here are the details:

Time and location: Saturday, April 21, 6-9 pm (cocktails at 6, dinner at 7), Northampton Country Club, 5049 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045.

Cost: \$33 per person.

Menu: Buffet featuring Chicken Francaise, Portabella Beef Tenderloin.

Payment: Please make your checks payable to: William Harris, and mail them to me at 3238 Altonah Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

I must receive payment by April 7.

Bill Harris (610-217-3511)
President, Allentown Philatelic Society

Minutes From February's Meeting

Rich Majerick opened the meeting at 7:30 with 10 members present. He reminded everyone that he needs to step down as President and asked for a volunteer to replace him. A request will be placed in the next newsletter.

Alan Warren, reporting for Letty Moon, said there were 47 members. Walter and Susan Jacob dropped their memberships. The January meeting was canceled due to weather reports.

Vince Costello reported \$4,140.98 in the treasury.

Ron Majors was the speaker who presented a program on “A Princely Tour: The 1860 Royal Visit of the Prince of Wales to British North America and the United States.” The program was based on his 2-part article that appeared in BNATopics, the journal of the British North America Philatelic Society.

There was no old business or new business to report.

Alan Warren won the 50-50 and donated it to the club treasury while retaining the \$2 in invested. Two more drawings were held. Vince Costello won a book on German machine cancellations and Phil Russell a copy of the American Philatelic Congress book that contained an article by **Mark Schwartz**. The books were donated by Alan.

Joe Gudonis had two show-and-tell items. One was a copy of a cover that appeared to carry one of the post-master provisionals known as the St. Louis bears. However, it seemed to be larger in size than the genuine. He also circulated a 1913 advertisement for a burlesque troop known as “The Parcels Post” (!)

The meeting ended at 8:45.

Alan Warren
Secretary pro tem

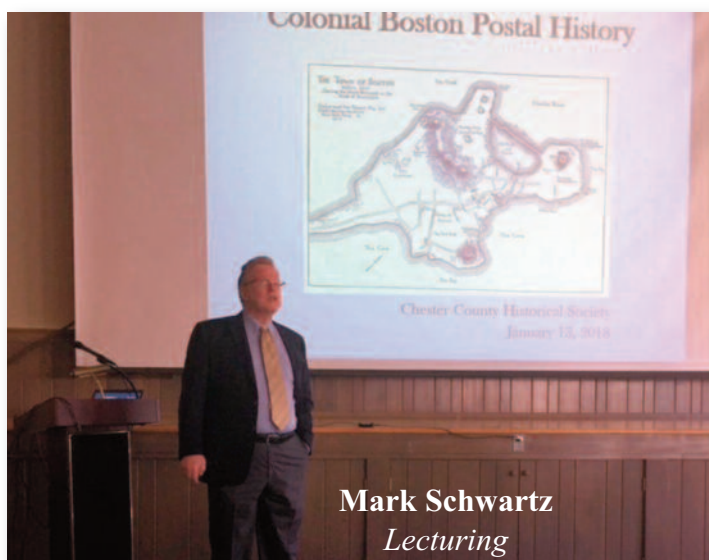
You've Got Mail...

"You've Got Mail" Exhibit Continuing Lecture Schedule

- Sat., Mar. 17 Canada/British North America (BNA) - Union and Confederate Postal Cross-Border Correspondence during the U.S. Civil War, by Ron Majors
- Sat., Mar. 24 United States Mail: Its First 80 Years Without Stamps, by Robert Rose
- Sat., Apr. 14 The Rise and Fall of Philadelphia Area's Pre-eminence as a Postal communication Center, by John Barwis

The Exhibit continues until April 14th at the Chester Co. Historical Society in West Chester. Additional details of the exhibition, the speakers, their topics and directions can be found at <http://www.chestercohistorical.org/exhibit/youve-got-mail>.

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



Mark Schwartz
Lecturing



Speaker Alan Warren with Bill Schultz

Up Coming Shows & Times

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- April 21 **DELPEX**, Nur Shrine Center Temple, Newcastle, Delaware
- April 27-28 **LANCOPEX**, Farm & Home Center of Co., Lancaster, PA
- 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

Club Member to Teach at Summer Seminar

Bill Schultz will be teach two 2-day courses at Summer Seminar on Philately offer by the APS from June 24th -29th in Bellefonte, PA.

Intermediate Exhibiting with Bill Schultz: What makes an exhibit's title and synopsis pages exceptional? Explore new techniques and receive expert advice as you develop your exhibiting expertise.

Advanced Exhibiting Seminar with Bill Schultz: Delve deeply into exhibit organization, storytelling strategies, and methods for demonstrating and displaying essential philatelic information. Learn from fellow exhibitors and apply new ideas to improve an exhibit.

For more complete descriptions of these and all the other courses offered, go to www.stamps.org.

Thoughts from Mr. Ed

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs'.



The 1910 1 Cent Single Line USPS Watermark Sheet Stamp - Perf 12 - Scott 374



This was the first stamp to use single line USPS watermark paper, an innovation that was intended to strengthen the paper. The previous "double line" watermark (USPS letters in outline form) covered a larger space than the smaller USPS single line letters (which appear 400 times to a sheet instead of the 360 watermarks on the double line sheets). The double line watermark not only made the watermarked area quite a bit thinner than surrounding areas, but also caused a significant variation in paper shrinkage.

First day of issue of this 1c sheet stamp was November 23, 1910; earliest known usage is February 21, 1911.

Because of its modest value, fakes of this stamp are rare, and it is more likely to be used to manufacture the more valuable coil stamps, Scott 385 and 387.

These stamps were made from the new "A" plates that had 2 3/4 mm spacing between each stamp as well as from those "star plate" sheets that had 3 mm spacing, and were therefore rejected for use in vending machines. Multiples with 2mm spacing and "A" plate blocks (in which the A is a prefix before the plate number) are slightly more valuable than the 3 mm spaced multiples and Star Plates.

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THE MEKEEL'S REFERENCE MANUAL

Flower Show Funny

TWO LITTLE OLD LADIES, CONNIE & EVELYN WERE SITTING ON A PARK BENCH OUTSIDE THE LOCAL TOWN HALL WHERE A FLOWER SHOW WAS IN PROGRESS. THE SHORT ONE, CONNIE, LEANED OVER AND SAID, 'LIFE IS SO BORING. WE NEVER HAVE ANY FUN ANYMORE. FOR \$10.00 I'D TAKE MY CLOTHES OFF AND STREAK THROUGH THAT STUPID, BORING FLOWER SHOW!'

'YOU'RE ON!' SAID EVELYN, HOLDING UP A \$10.00 BILL.

SO CONNIE SLOWLY FUMBLERED HER WAY OUT OF HER CLOTHES AND, COMPLETELY NAKED, STREAKED (AS FAST AS AN OLD LADY CAN) THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR OF THE FLOWER SHOW.

WAITING OUTSIDE, HER FRIEND SOON HEARD A HUGE COMMOTION INSIDE THE HALL, FOLLOWED BY LOUD APPLAUSE AND SHRILL WHISTLING. FINALLY, THE SMILING CONNIE CAME THROUGH THE EXIT DOOR SURROUNDED BY A CHEERING, CLAPPING CROWD.

'WHAT HAPPENED?' ASKED EVELYN.

'I WON \$1,000 AS 1ST PRIZE FOR 'BEST DRIED ARRANGEMENT.. !'



LIFE IS SHORT! BREAK THE RULES! FORGIVE QUICKLY, KISS SLOWLY! LOVE TRULY, LAUGH UNCONTROLLABLY AND NEVER REGRET ANYTHING THAT MADE YOU SMILE!

That Was Funny
And You Know It!

