



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 Face-to-Face Meeting - ?

## Our ZOOM Meeting

The GPS & CC will be having its next meeting through ZOOM on **Feb. 16th 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 connect to our meetings via Zoom, contact **Bruce Marsden**, our treasurer.*

## February's Program Via Zoom

### "The World of Chemistry on Postage Stamps" by Dr. Dan Rabinovich.

Dr. Dan Rabinovich of UNC, Charlotte discussed postage stamps and other philatelic material pertaining to the history of chemistry, the discovery and sources of several chemical elements, the development of the periodic table, chemical structures and formulas, laboratory equipment, biochemistry, and various aspects of the chemical industry.

**NEEDED: A NOMINEE TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT FOR THE 2021/2022 TERM**

**CONTACT PHIL RUSSELL, NORM SHACHAT OR ALAN WARREN**

## Awards & Recognition



Although the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition was not held in January due to the pandemic, their annual literature competition did take place because the judges can evaluate the entries remotely. The competition is for the best article submitted that was published in 2020. This year a large gold and the Grand Award went to **Vern Morris** for his article "The Birth of New Jersey's Post" that appeared in the Journal of the New Jersey Postal History Society. In addition, Sarasota did hold a virtually judged philatelic exhibition. Alan Warren was chief judge with two other panelists. Organizations like the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and the American Philatelic Society's Committee on the Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges are developing guidelines for virtual exhibits and judging. Many other national and international "exhibitions" are being handled this way due to the pandemic.

**Mark Schwartz** again won the Single Frame Champion or Champions competition for the 2020 AAPE Ameri-Stamp Expo activities held in conjunction with Chicagopex 2020. Chicagopex was actually canceled, but the completion went on virtually. The jury chose Mark's "Boston's Use of the 1847 Issue" exhibit. Mark is a three-time winner of this award, having previously won in 2013 and 2014. He also won the multi-frame C of C in 2015. Congratulations Mark!

## Up-Coming ZOOM Meeting Dates

Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, Jun. 15,  
No meeting in July, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19,  
Nov. 16, Dec. 21 Holiday Dinner?

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## APS News and Other Events

### 2021 Summer Seminar to Be Virtual

After careful consideration and consultation with instructors and members, the APS will hold its Summer Seminar online in 2021. As was the case in 2020, Summer Seminar sessions will be offered virtually. A calendar of events and course offerings will be published by March 1, 2021.

Questions or Comments? Call: 814-933-3810 or Email: [education@stamps.org](mailto:education@stamps.org).

### The Collectors Club of Chicago

On Wednesday February 17, at 5:30pm EST, the Collectors Club will be hosting "Embossed Stamped Revenue Paper – American Colonial Taxation" presented by Roger Brody, Somerset, NJ.

Roger's presentation will discuss the origins of Embossed Revenue Stamped Paper and their use in America during the British Colonial period prior to the establishment of the U.S. Federal Constitutional government.

*Also from The Collectors Club*

On February 18th at 8PM EST/7PM CST, Mr.

Sandeep Jaiswal will be presenting for "Some of my Favorite Indian States Items". Meetings are open to non-members. To register and for more information send an email. Collectors Club of Chicago is also listed on the APS website for clubs hosting online meetings.

### United Postal Stationery Society

The United Postal Stationery Society is inviting you to Persia Postal Stationery 1876-1925 presented by Mr. Behruz Nassre, on Thursday, February 18th at 8-10 PM EST/5-7 PM PST.

### Coming up on APS Stamp Chat:

Feb. 18th, 3-3:30 PM: Gary Hogben, Stamp Artist

Feb. 23rd, 3-4 PM: C. Ganz, T. Kaufmann, and M. Sente on Social and Historical Research through Postal History

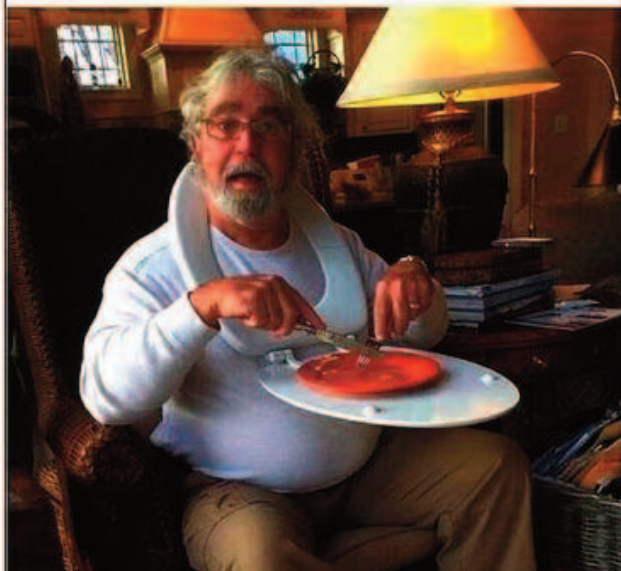
For more information and registration on any of the above, go to the APS website at [stamps.org](http://stamps.org).

### TV Tray for Seniors

Don't laugh. Patent pending

You're just upset that you didn't think of this great invention.

And you know that you are going to forward this on...



## Club & Member News

### Volunteers Needed!

After 14 years of putting together our excellent Club newsletter, our editor, Ed Weisberg, would like to pass the job onto someone else in the Club. Ed can give you lots of tips on how to do the job. Contact Ed Weisberg or Letty Moon if you could help out.

We are also looking for a volunteer to guide our Club as President for the 2021-22 term. The President generally introduces our speakers and moves us along the meeting agenda. The other officers and committee heads lend lots of support. Anyone interested in helping out? Contact Phil Russell, Norm Shachat or Alan Warren.

### Show Calendar

(subject to change)

- April 9-11 **Garfield Perry March Party**, Holiday Inn, Strongsville, Ohio
- April 23-24 **Lancopex, Farm and Home Center**, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

## Minutes From Our January Zoom Meetings

**Phil Russell** opened the meeting with ten members present on Zoom.

**PROGRAM:** **Bruce Marsden** presented the video Pan Am Clippers Conquer the Pacific by Jon Krupnick.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The annual bill for our PO Box at the Willow Grove Post Office has been paid for another year.

A new membership list will be sent out by the end of Jan. with any updates which members have given to **Letty**.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** We now have a new account and checkbook for the Club with Santander Bank.

**OLD BUSINESS:** **Phil** brought up our continuing search for a new President and for a new newsletter editor. Anyone interest, please contact a Board member.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

**SHOW & TELL:** **Vince Costello** brought up a collectors Club webinar on cross border mail between Canada and the US which is to take place on Jan. 20th.

**Bruce Marsden** showed us several 1949 Swizz definitive postage stamps with pictures of engineering, landscape, a train and a snowplow. He had needed help from a friend in Switzerland to define some of the images.

**Noah Beitler** said that he had identified within his collection stamps from 150 countries.

**Tom Geiger** showed us how he has recored a data base in Excel for his large collection of NJ post offices. He now has 43% of all the possible PO that existed in NJ and continues to scan all of this collection.

**Ed Weisberg** showed us "Pan Am Clippers" items from his postcard collection.

*Respectfully submitted by Letty Moon*

**BREAKING NEWS... swimming pools to re-open from the 4th July, but due to continued social distancing regulations there will be no water in lanes 1, 3 and 5.....**

**Had I known in March that it was the last time I would be in a restaurant, I would have ordered the dessert**

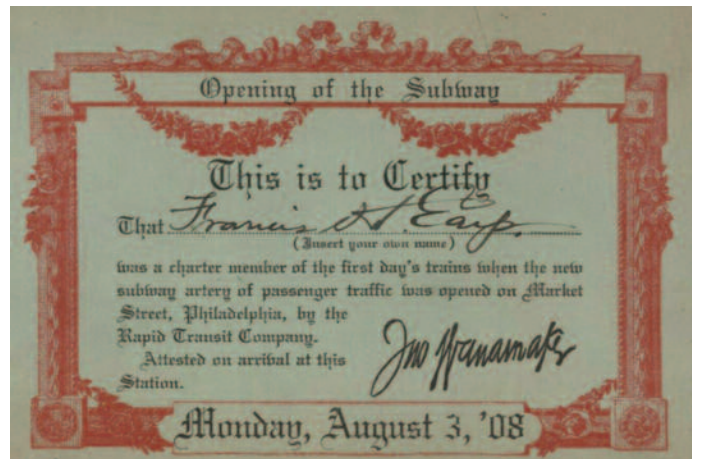
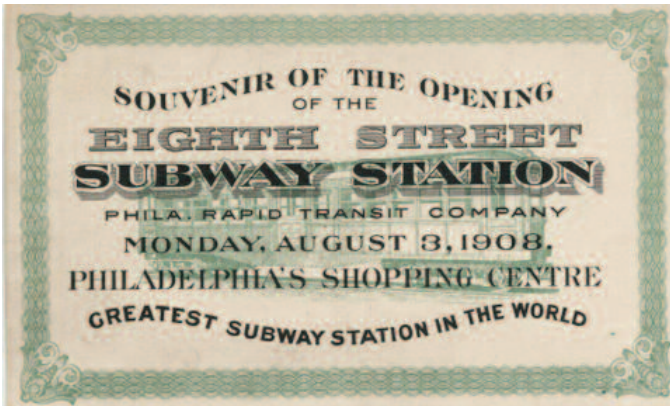
The awkward moment when you thought they tested with a nasal swab.



Remember When Mail Delivery Didn't Burn Gas



Neat Certificates



## *Gone, But Not Forgotten...*

**Two “local” postal historians died recently. Although they were not members of our club, they were major contributors to the field of postal history.**

### **Chester M. Smith**

Chester M. Smith, Jr. died December 4 at age 85 in Pine Grove Mills, Pa. He wrote about the postal history not only of Pennsylvania but also New Jersey, New Hampshire, Vermont, Illinois, Maryland, and New York. He compiled the list of subject headings used by the American Philatelic Research Library.

As a computer scientist he compiled indexes of postal history journals. Smith coauthored with John Kay the definitive work on Pennsylvania postal history on the post offices and first postmasters 1775 to 1994.

Born in Vermont, Smith obtained degrees in geology, mineralogy, and petrology and taught at Penn State University for 37 years.

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### **Sidney Fingerhood**

Sidney Fingerhood of Bryn Mawr died December 20 at age 94. He was a clerk on the New York & Washington Railroad and contributed articles on railway post offices, especially in the journal of the Mobile Post Office Society. He also served as mail-bid director for MPOS. Sid was a life member of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society and received the local merit award of the Pennsylvania National Stamp Exhibition in 1999.

He was a founding member of the Pennsylvania Postal History Society. In addition to RPOs he collected naval covers and Judaica.