



# The Greater Philadelphia Stamp & Collectors Club



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## *June Zoom Meeting*

The GPS & CC will be having its next meeting through ZOOM on [June 15th 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 May 18<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting*

After several glitches, our Zoom meeting began with two guest visitors. Chris Brown, from the Brandywine Valley Stamp Club, joined us at the suggestion of Bob Rufe. Chris collects Puerto Rican stamps and therefore has a particular interest in tonight's program topic. Ann Byerly is the ATA Chapter Coordinator and attends meetings across the country. She said that people are having virtual meetings as well as live meetings at this time, and some stamp shows are now happening. It was also reported that hotels are filling up quickly in Chicago for the Great American Stamp Show taking place on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. There is still room for a few more dealers.

**Secretary's Report:** There are no changes. Tom Geiger contacted us to say that he could not join with us tonight, but still plans to do the June program for us and will send information about the program to Steve Kennedy and Phil Russell. Bruce Marsden offered to work with Tom in a "practice session" if need be to be sure his presentation goes smoothly on Zoom.

**Treasurer's Report:** We had no transactions in the past month and have a bank balance of \$4,236.78.

**Old Business:** Phil again asked for a volunteer to step up and take over as President. At present we have no one in that position.

**New Business:** Members wondered when the Giant Super Market would be opening up their Community Rooms again for the non-profit groups which use them. Letty will contact the people in charge and find out what the future looks like there. Our members seem to miss face-to-face meetings and the dinners beforehand. At the June Zoom meeting we hope to discuss whether we want to resume live meetings, continue with Zoom meetings or schedule some sort of combination of live meeting and Zoom. This would definitely be experimental.

Letty Moon asked those present for clarification as to whether it is okay for members to put ads in the newsletter. The general feeling was that members should be encouraged to place ads in the newsletter for things they want to buy, sell or move in some way. It would add another area of interest to our newsletter.

**May Program:** We watched a video entitled: Unravelling Puerto Rican Philately. It was a very complete history of Puerto Rico from the 1500's to the present, and the many changes in its postal history. After the video, Chris Brown shared what he knew from his collecting experience as well.

**Show & Tell Discussion:** **Bruce Marsden** suggested that we could have more show and tell from our members if tried they tired one of two methods. Here is how he explained it:

Putting material in front of your Zoom camera on your computer usually does not work very well. Here are two methods for people to use:

First, if GPSCC members email scanned images of their show and tell items, then I can put them into a PowerPoint of GPSCC Show & Tell items. Then at the meeting, I can screen share the Show & Tell PowerPoint and each member can speak about their items as they come up.

Alternatively, if a member has a scanned Show & Tell item that they would like to directly screen share on Zoom, that would work fine also. Some people prefer to screen share PDF images because then, during the presentation, they can enlarge the items on the screen on the fly. I don't know how to achieve the same effect using PowerPoint.

**Norm Shachat**, being inspired by our program topic, shared his vacation experiences in Puerto Rico in the 1960's.

**Ann Byerly** had some suggestions for future Show & Tells:

1. If Show & Tell is the program for the evening, require that Board members bring in items which may encourage others to do the same.
2. Propose a theme, such as showing pieces of mail that never should have been delivered (for example, due to Cinderellas use as postage, etc.)
3. Another theme could be going over your collection and looking for cancels that are dated for holidays such as Christmas.

**June Program:** “Ben Franklin 1902 - Part Two - The Private Perforation Story”  
by Tom Geiger.

Tom presented the Ben Franklin 1902 issue at our GPS & CC several years ago. The last slide briefly touched on the private perforations being pioneered by mail automation and vending machine companies during this era. This will be Part Two.



The next meeting will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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. Go to stamps.org for the list and for registration.

### 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**.

## [Smithsonian National Postal Museum Reopening August 27](#)

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.

Special Program - Postmarks & Paperbacks  
Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:NPMPrograms@si.edu) two weeks in advance with requests.

## [Great American Stamp Show, Aug 12th-15<sup>th</sup>, 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 in August.

### Upcoming Stamp Shows

NE Postal History Show – Jul 17 - 18  
Great American Stamp Show – Aug 12 – 15  
BALPEX – Sept 3 – 5  
NOJEX – Oct 15 - 17  
NAPEX – Oct 22 - 24

### Upcoming Zoom Meetings

June 15  
Aug 17  
Sept 21  
Oct 19  
Nov 16  
Dec 21

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The image shows two historical envelopes. The top envelope is light blue and addressed to Mr. J. P. Bradley, Treasurer of the Tenth C. Club, Boston. It features a blue circular cancellation from Philadelphia, PA, dated July 10, and a 5-cent stamp. The bottom envelope is cream-colored and addressed to Dr. William Johnson, Whitehouse, Hunterdon Co., N. J. It features a red circular cancellation from Philadelphia, PA, dated July 25, and a 3-cent stamp. The text in the center of the image reads: "I AM INTERESTED IN BUYING: Correspondence to and from Philadelphia US stamps with Philadelphia cancellations Philadelphia postal cards and postcards WWW.PHILLYSTAMPS.COM Steve Kennedy 301-332-5939 skennedy@paphs.org"