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

May Zoom Meeting

The GPS & CC will be having its next meeting through ZOOM on **May 18th 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 April 20th Zoom Meeting

VP Phil Russell opened the Zoom meeting at 7:30 pm.

Secretary's Report: Letty reported that we have 51 members with no change from last month. We were all glad to see that Alan Warren was home and able to join us Zooming.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce reported that there have been no transactions since last month, so the balance also remains the same as last month.

Old Business: Ed Weisberg again told us that he wanted to step down from his job as Newsletter Editor which he has had for many years. The April newsletter was the last one that he plans to do for a while. Steve Kennedy said that he puts together other newsletters and was willing to help out. Ed discussed various points of how the newsletter is put together and will pass on more information to Steve as needed. Thank you Ed for many years of hard work and thank you Steve for stepping up!

New Business: Scott English, Executive Director of the APS and one of our members, mentioned the details of the upcoming Great American Stamp Show on Aug. 12th-15th

to be held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois. As of the date of our meeting, there are 50 dealers and 27 Societies committed to attending, and 500 frames expected for exhibition.

Scott also gave us an update on operations at the APS Center in Bellefonte since the pandemic. More restrictions will be relaxed on May 3rd so that more people can use the facility and enjoy the resources. However, visitors should make appointments before visiting.

Program: We saw an APS StampChat video entitled: Patriotic Covers and History, Part 2: Culture and Homefront in the Civil War, by Leon Reed. Part 1 was our program in March.

Show & Tell Discussion: Norm Shachat reported getting a rather odd, cryptic letter from an unknown source with photocopies of pages from old books claiming that Abraham Lincoln was not the son of the man otherwise recognized as his father, Thomas Lincoln. The cover was sent from Champaign, IL., with no return address. Another member also reported getting the same letter and not knowing who the sender was or what they hoped to accomplish by sending this out.

Next month's program will be a video entitled: Unravelling Puerto Rican Philately.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*

Thank You Ed Weisberg for your many years as Newsletter Editor. We appreciate all the work that you put into our award-winning newsletter!!



Welcome Steve Kennedy as our new volunteer Newsletter Editor!

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

Be sure to check out the APS sponsored [Conversations with Philatelists](#) podcast on YouTube.

Upcoming Stamp Chats

May 13 – 6:30 pm – Judaism on the Ice – A Philatelic Perspective

May 25 – 3:00 pm – Postmarked West Point – A U.S. Postal History of the USMA and its Graduates

May 27 – 6:30 pm – How to Organize Your Hockey Topical Collection

2021 Summer Seminar is Online This Year!

Online **June 7-25**, 2021

Registration is now open.

This year's Summer Seminar Online will offer eight 3-session courses exclusively for APS members. **Six different "Free Friday" sessions will be open to both members and non-members.** Registration is open until June 1.

To learn more about each course, call: 814-933-3810, Email: education@stamps.org

Monday Courses:

Building Blocks of Stamp Production

Introduction to U.S. Postal History

Tuesday Courses:

The British Machins-Their Origins, Technical Aspects & Varieties

U.S. Stamp Design, Engraving and Printing: 1894-1950

Wednesday Courses:

Precancels

Series of 1917 Documentary Stamps and Their Overprints

Thursday Courses:

Introduction to Competitive Philatelic Exhibiting

Washington/Franklin

Free Fridays:

APS – Discover Circuit Sales & StampStore with Carol Hoffman, Director of Sales

APS – How to Write Philatelic Articles That Get Published with Gary Loew, Editor in Chief and Susanna Mills, Associate Editor

APS – Linking Past, Present & Future - Scott English, Executive Director & Directors

APS – Membership in a Nutshell! With Wendy Masorti, Director of Membership
APS – Remotely Speaking: Getting the Most Out of the APRL’s New Online Catalog and Digital Collection Database with Scott Tiffney, Director of Information Services
Smithsonian National Postal Museum – Researching Postal History in Washington, DC with Susan Smith, Winton M. Blount Research Chair

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!

Results from PIPEX

Congratulations to Mark Schwartz for receiving a Gold Medal for his exhibit on the 5-cent Virginia Dare Stamp of 1937 – a “Traditional” First Day Exhibit. It included pre-production, first day cachets, and postal use materials. Bruce Marsden received a Vermeil Medal for his Swiss Fondue – Switzerland through Philately exhibit. It was a thematic exhibit which used a variety of philatelic elements to tell the story of Switzerland as an independent nation and global diplomatic center.

Records from the Philadelphia Stamp Club

Early records of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, a component of the Greater Philadelphia Stamp and Collectors Club, have been turned over to the American Philatelic Research Library. The Club dates to the early 1900s and included such philatelic luminaries as Percy McGraw Mann and Eugene Klein. I inherited these files when I was secretary of the Collectors Club of Philadelphia. Herb Trenchard, former APS Historian, gave a talk about the club’s history some years ago at a club meeting, and the notes from that talk were also turned over to APRL. Thanks Alan Warren!

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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Club Meeting Address

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The image shows two historical envelopes. The top envelope is light blue and addressed to "Mr. J. P. Bradley, Treasurer B. T. Co., Boston." It features a circular blue cancellation from Philadelphia, PA, dated "31 Dec 10" and a blue "PAID" 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 "JUL 25 1853" and a red "PAID" stamp. A small blue rectangular stamp is also visible on the bottom envelope.

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Philadelphia postal cards and postcards

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