



The Greater Philadelphia Stamp & Collectors Club



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

Founded 1885

**Meeting: August 16th, 7:00, Live Only
In the Community Rooms of the Willow Grove Giant**

Dinner: For those who would like to join us for dinner beforehand, we will meet at the nearby **Willow Tavern** (formerly the Willow Inn) at 5:00 for cocktails followed by dinner at 5:30. The Willow Tavern is located at 210 York Rd, Willow Grove, about a block from the Giant Supermarket.

August Program: Ronald Hill Sydney Harbour Bridge

The history of the Sydney Harbor Bridge opened in 1932 and was featured in numerous stamps from Australia and around the world since. A program on this topic will be presented on September 16 by member, Ronald Hill. Besides numerous stamps and postal history items in the projected program, a few other related historical items will be shown and passed around during Show & Tell.



Free Dues Offered for New Members!

An anonymous Club member came up with a “Pay It Forward” concept to attract new members to join us in the coming year and the idea was approved at the May meeting. The donor will pay the full years dues for the next 10 new people to join our Club as an incentive to grow our membership! So let your stamp loving friends know! And many thanks go to the donor!

Awards and Honors

At the PIPEX show held in Portland, Oregon in April, a new exhibit award was introduced, called the George Struble Innovation Award. The first-time winner was Club member Paul Schumacher. He was recognized for his unusual exhibit titled "1874a." That is the Scott catalogue number for the color-omitted error of the Everett Dirksen commemorative.

Paul's unusual exhibit focuses on the stamp error and his research into it that resulted in its acceptance by Scott. George Struble, who has done many innovative things himself including arranging for the virtual Pipex show exhibition held this year, is exhibits chairman for the show. The photo shows Paul with his award, which itself has an innovative design.

Vernon Morris won a large gold, the United States Philatelic Classics Society medal, and the single frame first place award at Minnesota Stamp Expo in July with his "World's Third Entity to Issue Stamps: Philadelphia Local Posts, 1842-1861." Paul Schumacher received a large silver for his "1874a."

Mark Schwartz was named Corporate Director of the next U.S. international exhibition, Boston 2026. He replaces Yamil Kouri who has moved up to be President of the show.



Paul Schumacher



Vern Morris



Mark Schwartz

Meet our newest member

Mike Wilson was born and raised in Milwaukee, WI. He moved to Doylestown, PA from Des Moines, IA in late 2021. Both his father and grandfather were into stamp collecting and got him started in it, too. He enjoyed the hobby, but eventually put it aside when his time became devoted to work and raising a family, but he took it up again when he retired.

Mike is a member of the APS, the US Stamp Society and the US Philatelic Classics Society. In addition, he also belongs to the American First Day Cover Society and American Topical Association, his topics of interest being the FDCs of Wisconsin and the history of the State. Of particular interest are the US pre-1990s, FDCs for Scott #739 and #957, and postal history.

Mike recently started a blog on his postal history items: www.mypostalhistory.com. He also is in the process of completing, "A Stamp for Every Country" album. He has particularly enjoyed collecting some stampless covers, taking an interest in the markings on the outside, and the contents of the letter on the inside.

Before Mike retired, he ran banks in Des Moines, IA and Seattle, WA. He is married, has three children and one grandchild (the reason for his move to Doylestown). He also enjoys bicycling and fishing in his spare time.



Mike Wilson

Minutes of the June 21st, 2022, GPS & CC Meeting

Secretary's Report: Our membership remains the same.

Last month we received an email from a member of another stamp club looking for stamp trading events, as opposed to stamp buying and selling events. We put a notice of his interest in our newsletter, which reaches the members of several other stamp collecting clubs due to our Inter-Club Newsletter Exchange. The collector said that he got "a bite" from another interested person, probably due to our newsletter notice. He also recommended the website, tradingstamps.com, which appears to be a very active stamp trading website through which he has completed four stamp trades so far in the first two weeks since enrolling.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$4513.81 in our account.

The was no **New or Old Business**.

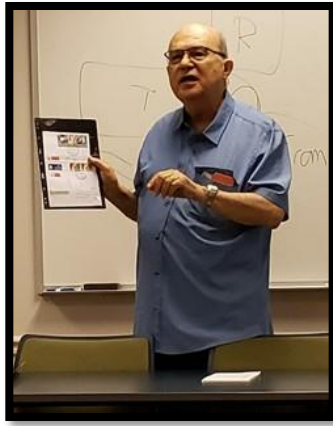
Program: Jack Dakessian presented a program entitled: Stamps of Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh. He covered the history of Armenia and his own family's history before showing us his collection of Armenian stamps.

Show & Tell & Discussion: Ron Hill told us of his history of publishing for the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy. The conference became so large that it could not be held in Pittsburgh anymore, therefore moving to other cities. Ron published trade show publications for the conference. He showed us souvenir covers with cachets on them which were given out every year and he collected.

Anne Gibby showed us a map of the world published during WWII by a meat products company. It was interesting to compare the population figures for certain cities then and what they are today. Due to the period when it was published, it also included on it air raid instructions.

The question was asked about whether the Tri-State Monthly Coin Show still exists, which used to also feature stamp dealers. Information was volunteered that it is now held every 3rd Sunday of the month near Oxford Valley Mall, but has hardly any stamp dealers anymore.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*.



Jack Dakessian, June speaker



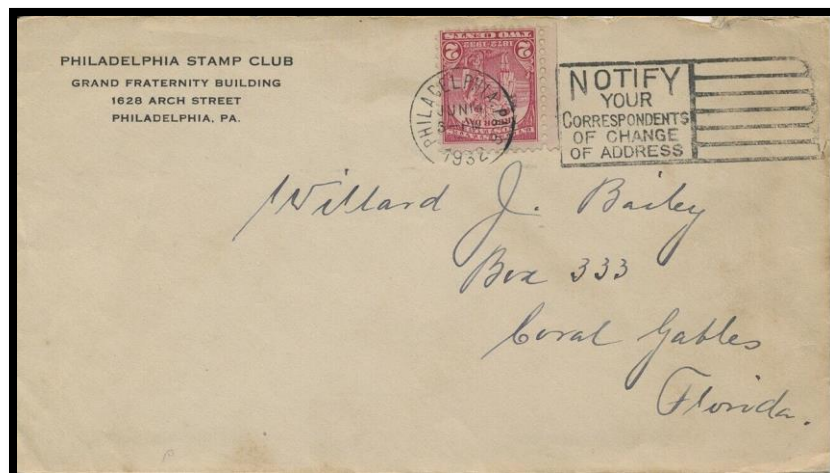
Russia's 1991 stamp commemorating Armenian-American novelist, William Saroyan

Summer APS Membership Special

Join the APS today for 15 months for only \$45! Membership in the APS comes with benefits designed to help you better enjoy the hobby. These include a subscription to the APS monthly magazine, *The American Philatelist*, buying and selling opportunities, access to the American Philatelic Research Library, discounts on services and more. This offer is valid until Sept. 30th.

Summer Seminar Courses Now Available Online

Courses from Summer Seminar were downloaded this summer and can be accessed by APS members at: <https://stamps.org/learn/c3a-online-learning> -> Enter C3a -> eCommerce and select the course.



Philadelphia Stamp Club Cover from 1932

Upcoming Stamp Shows

August 25-28 – Great American Stamp Show (GASS)
Sacramento Convention Center, California

September 2-4 – BALPEX, Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD

September 3 – Merchantville Stamp Club Saturday Bourse, Martin Luther Chapel-School Gym, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken NJ, 9 am-3 pm

September 24 – Capital City Philatelic Society fall stamp show and bourse, Lower Swatara Firehouse, 1350 Fulling Mill Rd., Middletown PA

Upcoming Meetings

Aug 16 - Sept 20 – Oct 18 – Nov 15 – Dec 20

Upcoming Stamp Shows (cont'd)

October 1 – MSC Saturday Bourse, Martin Luther Chapel-School Gym, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken NJ, 9 am-3 pm

October 14-16 – NOJEX, Hilton Meadowlands Hotel, 2 Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford NJ

November 4-6 – AEROPHILATELY 2022, APS Building, Bellefonte PA

November 5 – MSC Saturday Bourse, Martin Luther Chapel-School Gym, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken NJ, 9 am-3 pm



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