

Stamp Chatter

Sequoia Stamp Club

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From the President

Dear Sequoia Stamp Club:

It is the knowledge that others have that makes learning from them so exciting. We have been fortunate to have very knowledgeable people both members and guests, present at our club meetings. Keep the ideas and presenters coming to us.

I personally am a big internet user. I use it to correspondence with friends and coworkers to purchasing stamps on online auctions. I have been thinking that the internet might do away with stamp shows. But, yet every other weekend I look forward to going to a show, so that I can talk with friends and sometimes I even find a stamp or two.

Happy stamp hunting,
Kristin Patterson

Virginia's Notes

Meeting on February 27

Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:11 PM. Present: **23 members.**

Kristin Patterson President asked members to speak about how they discovered the Sequoia Stamp Club. Here are some of the answers:

- A friend introduced Ken Kunz to the club. He didn't join at that time because of his work. He joined in 1992 when he retired.
- Ciro Borghi joined after attending a meeting when he was not working.
- John Inglis states that he found out

What are your favorites ? Share by snail-mail or E-mail

At the end of April, club members got to share their favorite stamps with everyone at the regular meeting. Sharing your finds, interests and knowledge with others makes collecting fun! The new editor of the *Chatter* invites you to share your favorites here in these pages. Send me a note or e-mail (address on the back page) of your favorite find, new Web site, or anything that you recently learned about the hobby that you would like to share with others in our newsletter.

E-mail Newsletter

If you would like to receive a monthly e-mail newsletter please send your name and e-mail address to ed@biermans.com.

Once a month you will be sent a reminder of upcoming meetings, an interesting stamping fact and a link to a Web site. It is also a good way to get out information quickly about the club. So send your e-mail today and get connected with your stamp club.

Invite a Friend to a meeting
2nd and 4th
Tuesday of the month!

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Calendar of Events

May

8 APS Video

22 Auction

June

12 TBA

26 Bill Dutcher /
philatelic quiz



Name that stamp?



Philatelic Atlas is an excellent tool for research.



Interesting Hawaiian Stamp Web site -- <http://www.aloha.net/~rodne/>



Online Philately

You can learn a lot about the history and culture of the people by stamp collecting but have you ever considered the hobbies value for teaching about geography? For instance, you're at an auction and pick up a beautiful stamp from Malawi. But where is Malawi? Is it a) a Pacific Island; b) a country in Asia; or c) a country in Africa? The answer is that Malawi is a country in Africa whose former name was NYASALAND. It became an independent commonwealth nation of Great Britain in 1964.

Where can you go to find out such valuable information about a stamps place of origin? A philatelic atlas is

a good place to learn a lot about stamps. Scott Publishing prints a fine atlas and you can check it out at the local library.

There is also a very nice online atlas at the Sandafayre Auction site. The atlas is divided up by continent and then by country. Each page contains country maps (current and historical) as well as concise information about the culture and societal history of the nation. The atlas also traces the philatelic development of that country. Sometimes this is very important especially if the nation has changed its name or was controlled by some other nation during its history. I use it often to learn more about countries that interest me. The atlas can be found at <http://www.sandafayre.com/atlas/contents.htm>

Focus on a Classic

In March the club had a great presentation by Professor Alan Goldberg on the history of Hawaiian stamps. One of the interesting topics from the discussion surrounded the numerical stamps (one is pictured here). In 1859, inter-island mail was free but King Kamehameha IV decided to charge for local delivery. Stamps were ordered to be printed from Boston but could not arrive in time so the publisher of the 'Pacific Commercial Advertiser' and former postmaster of

Honolulu, was contracted to provide a temporary 1 and 2 cent stamps. These stamps are very fragile, rare and costly. Professor Goldberg warned in the presentation that many forgeries exist and a person should be very knowledgeable of the printing styles before purchasing.

New Issues

Israel in February issued a sheet featuring the Hebrew alphabet. It is a large pane of 22 stamps with different designs side-by-side, or setenant, showing the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The letters are in the contemporary square Hebrew script with the early forms of the letters pictured on the tabs. Pictured here is the last the letter of alphabet. You will also notice that an ancient

scroll is featured as the background of the page. The letters are printed from right to left because that is the way Hebrew is written. The first letter, aleph, is in the lower-right corner of the pane going to the to left row -- kehaph. The full sheet can be seen on the Israeli Stamp Post Website at <http://www.postil.com/postunit.nsf/def2/index>



Virginia's Notes (cont. from page 1)

about our club through a flyer that he picked up in the Library. He read about the club in the flyer and decided to check it out about 2 years later.

- Rick Richardson said that he discovered the club 8 years ago. There was a wreck out front and he came inside the Community Activities Building to get warm. He realized that there was a stamp meeting in progress and has been a member ever since.
- Jose Lopez said he joined as a result of an ad that Ed Rosen had placed in the Redwood City Tribune. Others stated that they found the club through ads in papers as well.
- Herb Nishio mentioned that anyone who is an active collector would come and find the stamp club.
- Kristin Patterson discovered the Sequoia Club after first moving to San Carlos. She attended Penpex in December of that year, and found out about the Sequoia Club during the show.

New Member: The club voted by a unanimous decision to accept John Michelin into membership.

Miriam Thurston announced that she would have the Library showcase in about a month. Miriam suggested this would be a good way to advertise Penpex. There will be two more showcases, one in July and one in September.

Other Business:

- Ken Kunz announced that Bernie Abrams has closed up his stamp shop on Third Ave. in San Mateo. Fritz Gelb said that Bernie sold all his stamps to a dealer in Half Moon Bay.
- Paul Ortega announced that the Peninsula Stamp Club had their meeting at Houlahan's Restaurant. The dinner was very good. Ed Laverone (?SP) spoke to the club about the Imperial Russian Railroad. Next meeting will be a thematic presentation on the Harp. There were about nine in the group.
- Paul Ortega raised a question about who has a specialty of counterfeits in stamp collecting. Sig has a few in his collection. Ciro also has some in his collection. Rick Richardson has a lot of them, but he did not mean to collect them. Bill Claghorn was mentioned as a collector also.

Results of Circuit Book Raffle:

- Ed Bierman: \$10 certificate and Miriam Thurston: \$5 certificate

The meeting was followed by a presentation on the Marshall Islands, given by Ed Bierman.

Meeting on March 13, 2001

Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:05 PM. Present: **29 members, and 3 guests.**

Guests: Gary Morris from the Pacific Mid West Stamp Co., a dealer at Penpex. He was accompanied by Professor Alan Goldberg who was our presenter on Hawaiian stamps. Also with them was Rick Chang, he is a dealer (primarily Hong Kong), and belongs to the American Stamp Dealer's Association. Howard Branchand also attended. Howard found out about our club meeting and presentation in the San Mateo Times. Robert Patterson, Kristin Patterson's father was also a guest.

New Business:

- Robin Gorday announced the upcoming programs for the March and April calendar: **see front page for up-coming meetings.**
- Robin announced that there are a few remaining slots for presenters. If you have a topic and want to give a presentation talk to Robin.
- Paul Swierstra announced that we still have quite a few lots left from the Niederhoff donation. There are about 200 glassine's from all over the world. They will be available for viewing at the auction next month.

There are many Italian stamps.

- William Dutcher made an announcement that member Ed Morey had serious surgery and he will not be at the meetings.
- Kristin thanked Ed Bierman for the presentation he gave on the Marshall Islands during the last meeting. She presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Drawing for Circuit Book Certificates:

- Paul Michelin: \$10 certificate and Jose Lopez: \$5 certificate

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

The meeting was followed by a presentation on Hawaiian Stamps by Professor Alan Goldberg. Professor Goldberg gave an enlightening presentation on the History of Hawaiian postage stamps. He and Gary Morris brought in a number of references on the subject and some Hawaiian stamps from their collections for members to view.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Virginia Warden, Club Secretary.

Meeting on March 27

Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:05 PM. Present: **21 members, and 2 guests.**

Guests were Ed Rodriguez who collects the world and frankables and Pat Dunphy who collects the world and is a member of the San Leandro Stamp Club.

Everybody signed a card for Ed Morey

New Business

- Leroy Harbaugh has many items other than Scott Albums such as other Club newsletters and Manual Of Judging, etc. you may reach him at his sister, Dolly at 650 364 0468.
- Herb Nishio offered Canadian Coils to those who wanted them.
- Paul Swierstra announced there would be a full yearbook in 2001.
- Henry Washauer expounded on Penpex and said all systems were go.
- Kristin said the Sunnyvale Show had playing card stamps.
- Robin Gorday is spearheading publicity to the local newspapers.
- Ed Rodriguez turned in application for membership S/D/P

Drawing:

- \$10.00 Ciro Borghi and \$ 5.00 Robin Gorday

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

The meeting was followed by an Auction of 21 lots

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Henry A Washauer, Acting Club Secretary.

Sequoia Officers

President: Kristin Patterson
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 Secretary: Virginia Warden

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The Peninsula Page

News Release of the Peninsula Stamp Club



The USPS is honoring Mexican artist Frida Kahlo (1907-1954). While the subject of Kahlo's art was primarily autobiographical, her style was influenced by pre-Colombian art and Mexican folk art. Her work has significantly influenced Chicana artists in the United States, and since the mid-1970s she has been a role model for women in the Mexican-American and feminist communities. (Source USPS Online)



Back of the Book

Interesting odds and ends about the exciting world of stamp collecting.

The Caboose News about Penpex

The Penpex Committee met on January 16, 2001 to elect the Board of Directors and to critique last years show.

The Penpex Committee met on March 20, 2001 to formulate the show for the year 2001. There was agreement and we are pressing forward to present the show on December 1 and 2, 2001.

To get to know each other we will present brief biographies of the members of the committee as space permits.

Chairman: Henry Washauer, born in the Richmond District of San Francisco and never left it, went to Lowell High School where he should have joined the Stamp and Photography Clubs (but did not). After 30 years of television in 1976 he purchased a TRS80 4K Computer, joined the San Carlos Camera Club, Sequoia Stamp Club and San Mateo Astronomical Society. He has worked his way through the chairs of Sequoia Stamp Club.

Vice Chairman: Paul Ortega, born in San Francisco and raised in Berkeley, Graduated from UC Berkeley and joined the US Public Health Service in 1951, with a specialty in pathology. His office practice is now limited to cytology. Recently remarried with 4 children and 5 stepchildren. He lives in San Mateo.

Treasurer: Bill Dutcher, born in France to an American father. Family returned to US in 1941 after the German occupation of France. Has lived in the Bay Area since then. Attended Commerce High School in San Francisco. Retired from Bank of America after 35 years in 1987. Was pioneer in business computer programming. Bill was married 49 years before his wife passed away. In 1991 was fortunate to receive the "gift of life" (heart transplant).

Secretary: Virginia Warden, she is the daughter of Leonard Dimminger a long time member of Sequoia stamp Club and a 5^h generation Californian. She started collecting as a youngster when her father gave her a Liberty album. She is a RN at Stanford Hospital and had 4 years pre-med. She specializes in German Shepard dog (and cat) training and climbing mountains, for example Mt. Fuji in 1997. She collects German, Greece, Israel, Brit. Col. USA and FDC

Graphic and Program: Ed Bierman, new member. He works as a Web master for the Palo Alto Medical Foundation and has a Masters in Library Science. Ed also maintains the Sequoia Web site. He collects Pacific Trust Islands and various Topicals.



U.S Stamp Issue Schedule for May & June (www.stamponline.com)

University of Portland (Stamped Car)	5/1/2001
Peanuts	5/17/2001
Honoring Veterans	5/23/2001
Frida Kahlo	6/21/2001
Baseballs Legendary Playing Fields	6/30/2001

Current ideas for themes for this years Penpex would include a cache featuring the veterans' stamp or baseball fields.



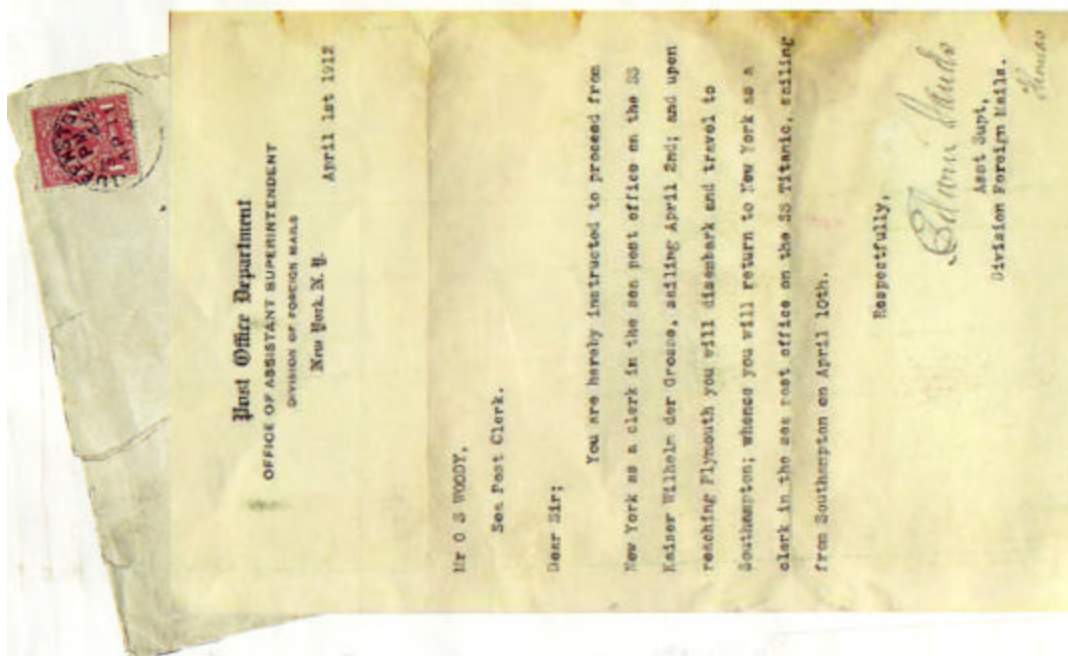


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Invite a friend to a meeting!

Check out the Web site
at:
[www.biermans.com/
sequoia](http://www.biermans.com/sequoia)

Untimely Letter



This interesting philatelic item is a letter sent to a sea postal clerk instructing him to first travel to Plymouth on the SS Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and then go to Southampton where he will be the sea post clerk on the maiden voyage of the **SS Titanic!**

Philatelic material dealing with the Titanic tragedy has seen an increase in value since the Academy Award winning picture, *Titanic*, came out in 1998.