



# Stamp Chatter

Sequoia Stamp Club

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## From the President

Dear Sequoia Stamp Club:

I am currently going through a mid-life crisis! For some people, it is related to family, health, or finance. For me it is related to my job. My current workweeks vary between 60 and 80 hours. This leaves me with very little time for myself but the one thing that I have tried to make time for is my stamps. The Sequoia Stamp Club has been a crucial driving force for this motivation. It is refreshing to see others so enthralled with the hobby I love.

The Sequoia Stamp Club has proven to be operating like a well-tuned machine. Most of the active members have taken on responsibilities within the club. It is their help that has made the club function so well even when none of the club officers can attend a meeting. I would like to extend a well deserved thanks to all the members.

Love Stamp Collecting,  
Kristin Patterson  
President

## Virginia's Notes

### April 10

Meeting called to order by Vice President Larry Christiansen at 8:15 PM  
Present: 27 members and 2 guests.

### New Business:

- Henry Washauer suggested we place Ads in the San Mateo Times for the Sequoia Stamp Club for a cost of for a total of \$24.00. Ken Kunz put forth the motion, and it was seconded by Rick Richardson. Ed Bierman suggested we

## July 10th, Old Germany

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Virginia and Sig will do a presentation on the stamps of Old Germany. Germany had a turbulent history even before the World Wars – being made up of a loose alliance of many petty nation states who were often battling each other.

It wasn't until the mid-1800s that a united German Empire was formed under the Prussian leader Bismarck. In 1872, the first issues for the whole of Germany, excluding Bavaria and Wurttemberg, who still continued to issue their own stamps, were printed.

In 1874 the Postmaster of the German Empire, Heinrich von Stephan, became largely responsible for the establishment of the General Postal Union (Universal Postal Union from 1878). The German Empire was one of the first 22 signatories.

We look forward to Virginia and Sig's presentation.



Germany-Bavaria 1858 12kr red

**Invite a Friend to a meeting  
2nd and 4th Tuesday of  
the month, 7:30 p.m.!**

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## Calendar of Events

### July

10 Virginia and Sig  
"The Old Germany"

24 Fritz Gelb  
"Inflation in China :  
1940 - 1949"

### August

14 Vesma &  
Dzintar: "The Coat of  
Arms Issues of  
Latvia"

28 Auction

## Online Philately



*Which is real and which is fake?*

### Philatelic Forgery Site

<http://www.geocities.com/claghorn1p/>

Here is an interesting site to check out this month on stamp forgery. A very simple site with not a lot of graphics and design to get in the way of the serious student of fake stamps. This site compares dozens of issues from around the world of classic stamps that have been contertified. This site is done by a local stamp collector, Bill Claghorn.

### Study Circles

There are dozens of philatelic study circles on the WWW that bring together collectors from around the world. Many of these groups have been online from the early days of the Internet, making

use of e-mail to keep in touch. Sites include journal articles, calendars of events and usually online exhibits of stamps.

### Here are some groups to check out:

Belgian Stamp Society:  
<http://groups.hamptonroads.com/ABPS/>

U.S. Classics:  
<http://www.uspcs.org/>

United Nations:  
<http://www.unpi.com/>

Additional listings can be found on the APS Web site: [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org)

## Focus on a Classic



1909 Lincoln Memorial Issue (Scott #367)

After his assassination in 1865, the portrait of Abraham Lincoln appeared in every new series of stamps until 1902. People became very upset, however, when he didn't appear with the new Washington/Franklin issue. Especially upset were those planning a special 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth in 1809.

By joint resolution the Senate and House encouraged the PMG Frank Hitchcock to design and issue a special commemorative stamp. Although

Hitchcock was not bound by this resolution he commissioned the stamp shown here (Scott #367). Being short on time designer Aubrey Huston used the existing .02 Washington-Franklin frame with the portrait of Lincoln in the center. Small changes were made to include dates in the ribbon but the design meant no new frame would be needed. The right-facing portrait of Lincoln was also a unique feature of this stamp. (adapted from an article in Stamp Collector, January 15, 2001.

## New Issues

In celebration of the British obsession with the weather and to commemorate the first sale of weather charts in 1851, Royal Mail has released a mini-sheet depicting four meteorological conditions often experienced in the UK.



Shown here is the 27p stamp. What is interesting about this stamp is that for the first time thermochromic ink is used on these stamps.

When you touch the purple cloud on or above the 27p, the heat from you hand will cause the ink to change color.

You can see illustrations of this stamp and read more on the Royal Mail Web site at [www.royalmail.co.uk](http://www.royalmail.co.uk). It is a very beautiful and fun site to visit.



## Virginia's Notes (cont. from page 1)

place our e-mail address in the ad. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of the membership.

- Rick Richardson announced that Denver Colorado would be having a stamp show sometime in the middle of May.
- Robin Gorday announced that members would bring in their favorite albums to share at the next meeting on April 24, 2001. The meetings to follow will include the British Commonwealth Revenues on May 8, and an auction on May 22.
- Fritz Gelb announced that on April 27, through the 29, is the WestPex show at Cathedral Hill in San Francisco.
- Paul Swierstra mentioned that the Philatelic Fiesta will not be held this year, and the WSP nomination will take place this year.



Andrew and Holly Bierman, children of Ed Bierman, were special guests at a meeting in May.

### Old Business:

- Henry Washauer announced that Penpex is running smoothly. We are excited about the upcoming Penpex cachet -- Miriam Thurston is working on this. We will have all the elements of a good show this year, including a Premiere Exhibit Chairman. We will need help with the Friday night set up again this year. We will need people to help on Saturday, and Sunday -- particularly for takedown on Sunday.
- Paul Swierstra announced that he will place about one hundred glassine envelopes containing the Niederhoff donation items on the table for bidding over the next several meetings.

### Results of Circuit Book Raffle:

Sig Adler: \$10 certificate

Paul Swierstra: \$5 certificate

The meeting was followed by a presentation on Cachets and Covers, given by Miriam Thurston.

### April 24

Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:05 PM.

29 members present.

### Old Business:

- Henry Washauer gave a Penpex Committee report. He states that every thing is going well. The next Penpex meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday in June. Henry is working on the dealers.
- Vesma Grinfelds wants four page exhibits from members. Suggestions include: Post cards, look alike, and the FFF (Favorite Filatelic Findings) categories.
- There was a discussion on the floor about the advertising of the Sequoia club via ads in the Palo Alto Daily and the Redwood City Daily papers. The recommendation proposed by Henry Washauer was to place two ads totaling \$32. After discussion and debate among the membership, a vote was taken and an overwhelming majority passed the measure.
- Henry made mention that Penpex will need members help on both days ; December 1 and 2. Jim Mosso announced that the minimum bid for any silent auction lot is \$5.00. Robin Gorday is accepting donations for the Penpex 2001 Treasure Chest.

### New Business:

- Henry announced that the City of Redwood City has delayed the work on Roosevelt Avenue to spring of 2002.
- Robin Gorday announced the next upcoming programs: On May 8 is the British Commonwealth Revenues APS Video, and on May 22 we will have a "noisy auction." June 12 will be Cover Mania night where members are asked to bring in their favorite cover, the smallest or biggest cover, or the most traveled cover.
- The set date for the Sequoia Stamp Club Picnic at Fritz's house is July 22.

- Larry Christiansen introduced two guests. Andrew and Holly, welcome to the Club.
- An announcement was made about the late Herb Saylor (**see tribute on the back page**).
- Kristin mentioned that two months ago we received a package from E-stamps. An Internet Stamp company that has since closed its operations. A lady that worked there previously sent us a package of different stamps. The suggestion was made to share the stamps with kids that are interested in collecting.

**Results of Raffle for Circuit Book Certificates:**

Chris Thompson      \$10 Certificate  
 Kristin Patterson      \$5 Certificate

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 PM.



**May 8**

Meeting May 8, 2001

No Officers present, Hank Washauer presided  
 19 members present

- No old or new business. The slide show was "British Commonwealth Revenues" was shown on a new screen and thought to be very good.

**Results of Raffle for Circuit Book Certificates:**

Fritz                  \$10.00  
 Jim Mosso          \$5.00

**May 22**

Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:07 p.m.

There were 24 members and 2 guests present.

- Kristin read excerpts from Dr. Asok's letter. He conveyed his best wishes to members and paid dues for 2 years. He needs a ride to meetings from the Saratoga, Los Gatos area. Contact Larry for the phone number if you can help.
- Bill Dutcher displayed literature from Purely Postage, an Internet auction site, and the Rhode Island US Post Office who is offering specialized US material.
- Ken Kunz introduced two guests: Tony De Angelis; " I collect stamps!" Italy and its' colonies, Russia and World Wide prior to 1940." Kenneth Lau collects almost every thing used and mint, especially cancellations. Both applied for membership and were unanimously approved.
- Paul Swierstra says the Stu Phillips is now able to get up and down stairs without a cane. The Club members wish him well and are looking forward to his return.
- Bill Dutcher is going to start getting this year's catalogs next week. Henry Washauer will be back June 3.
- Virginia Warden has Sequoia Stamp Club flyers for members to post. There is a Penpex meeting on June 12.
  - Herb Nishio has self-adhesive Canadian coil stamps to give away. Kristin Patterson has Switzerland stamps ([http://www.poste.ch/e/news/pr\\_e\\_258.html](http://www.poste.ch/e/news/pr_e_258.html)) depicting chocolate and that smell like chocolate for sale.



**Results of Raffle for Circuit Book Certificates:**

Bill Dutcher      \$10  
 Diane Adler      \$5

The thirty-nine lot were sold in a "noisy" auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM

**Sequoia Officers**

**President:** Kristin Patterson  
**Vice President:** Larry Christiansen  
**Secretary:** Virginia Warden  
**Treasurer:** William Dutcher

**Stamp Chatter Staff**

**Editor:** Ed Bierman  
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## The Caboose News about Penpex

Here are two timely announcements for Penpex:.

**Exhibiting:** Part of this newsletter is the prospectus and application for exhibiting at Penpex which can be returned to Vesma Grinfelds, our exhibit chairperson. Please read it carefully and strongly consider exhibiting, especially in the FFF category. It only takes four pages and it gives you a chance to "show and tell".

**Cachets:** Miriam Thurston is developing cachets along with Leonard Holmsten to give you a good variety – suggested stamps for use this year include the new Veterans and famous baseball stadium issues.

Following are the biographies of the two above people so you can get to know them better.

### Vesma Grinfelds:

Vesma is a native of San Francisco and started collecting stamps at the age of seven and was encouraged by her parents to continue as she grew. As a child she was a competitive ice skater. When she was 14 she took up the sport of bowling and became a professional bowler for almost 25 years with numerous titles -- a member of both the WIBC and Professional Hall of Fame.

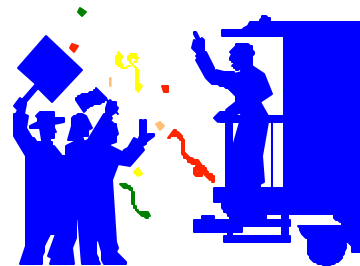
She is a graduate of Lowell High School and the University of California Berkeley. Everyone in her family collects stamps: mother and son both exhibit stamps in the Baltic realm at every level. She is currently manages the family's real estate business.

### Miriam Thurston:

Miriam was born in Brooklyn, New York during the depression years and lived there through WWII. Her father was a working artist who greatly influenced her as she was taught to draw by him as a youngster. When her parents died she moved to Palo Alto to be with her oldest brother. She graduated from Menlo/Atherton High School and became an apricot picker, however, she was accepted at the California School of Fine Arts. She became a Technical Illustrator and during the Vietnam War did secret illustrating.

She married and had twin daughters as well as a third daughter. When her beloved husband passed away, she went to work for Ampex and learned Computer Graphics. She took an interest in philately when her pastor entered an exhibit at a stamp show. She joined Sequoia Stamp Club in 1998, and has enjoyed learning about the hobby through special philatelic teaching programs and presentations. She now exhibits and collects ANYTHING from ANYWHERE!

**PLAN TO ATTEND PENPEX**  
THE FRIENDLIEST SHOW ANYWHERE



### U.S Stamp Issue Schedule for July & August ([www.stamponline.com](http://www.stamponline.com))

Leonard Bernstein  
7/10/2001

Lucille Ball  
8/6/2001

Amish Quilts  
8/9/2001

Carnivorous Plants  
8/23/2001

Four carnivorous plant species and their prey are portrayed on the commemorative stamps below — Venus flytrap, a yellow trumpet, cobra lily, and an English sundew.





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## In Memory of Herb Saylor

At the 2000 SACAPEX, Herb Saylor received, posthumously, the Chaloner Award. Herb was a member and past president of the Sunnyvale Stamp Society and SUNPEX chairman for several years.

He belonged to the San Jose Stamp Club, Fremont Stamp Club and the **Sequoia Stamp Club**. Herb also served as the Director-at-Large of the Western Philatelic Library, where he set up a microscopic digital camera system for use by anyone who needed this ability.

He developed expertise in classifying and photographing the plate flaws of the 1893 Columbian issue through use of the microphotography equipment. Herb was one of a kind. His enthusiasm for whatever he was interested in carried over to promotion of the hobby to young and old alike.

Herb is remembered for the generosity of his time, talents and expertise without expectation for payment.

The Sequoia Stamp Club, along with all philatelic hobbyists in California honor his memory (adapted from the Western Philatelic Library newsletter).

