



# Stamp Chatter

Sequoia Stamp Club

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## From the President

Dear Sequoia Stamp Club:

I will soon be wrapping up my third and final year as President of the Sequoia Stamp Club. I will definitely miss my reserved seat at each meeting! Through the years, I have received great pleasure from working with dedicated, energetic people who also appreciate each other's efforts. I learned something new at just about every meeting. I got to know a little bit more about each club member. And they probably learned a little bit more about me at the same time.

I look forward to many more years with this fine group of people. I will also enjoy being involved in the annual stamp show in first week of December and in special programs that the club holds at their regular meetings.

Soon to be sitting next to you,

Kristin Patterson

## Virginia's Notes

**Date: August 14, 2001**

Meeting called to order 8:05 PM

Present: 33 members and 1 guest

- Larry Christiansen then announced he would have knee surgery on September 25 and would probably be inactive for several months. He then thanked Fritz Gelb on the behalf of the Stamp Club for hosting the picnic at his house.
- Ed Bierman said he was going to try to start a club at Roy Cloud Elementary School in Redwood City. The Club said they would try to help in ways they could.
- Henry Washauer said Penpex is going well

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## Buying Stamps Online

On November 13th Tony DeAngelis will do a special presentation on online selling and buying of stamps, "Buy High, Sell Low." Hunting for that "special" philatelic item is one of the most exciting parts of the hobby. There is nothing like discovering that special stamp missing in your stock book and then getting a good deal on it! But connecting with many dealers might be difficult because of geographic location.

The Internet has literally opened the world to collectors for finding those special items. Your editor often buys from dealers in Australasian countries whose stocks are generally more complete for my interests. Online auctions make that possible.

Of course there are risks to online auctions - for instance, you might know nothing about the seller's reputation and the most you get to see of the stamp you want is a photo. "Buyer Beware" is a key watch word. While there are risks, there is also a lot of fun to be had with online auctions. Come hear Tony on November 13th about how to make the most out of your online experience.



2000 Fiji Christmas Issue

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## Calendar of Events

### November

13 Tony DeAngelis, "Buy High, Sell Low" - Online Auctions

27 Auction, election of officers

### December

1 & 2 Penpex

11 Holiday Party

25 No meeting

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

## Online Philately



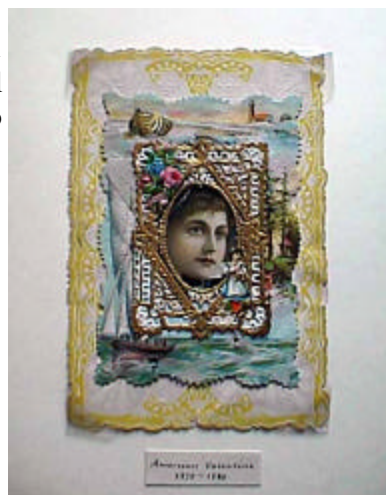
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### Philitec Museum Directory

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If you are taking a trip around the United States or internationally, you might want to take a look at this Web site to see if there is a philatelic museum in the area. This Web site is very basic with little or no graphics but is full of information listing libraries around the world and in the U.S.A. Each listing has the museum's location, phone number and a brief description of their holdings. The site seems to be well maintained and links verified so that you don't get a lot dead links that go to no existent Web sites.

There are also links to a number of museums that have their own Web site. There is a nice site for the stamp museum in Bath, England, for instance, which houses an exhibit of English postal boxes. (<http://www.bathpostalmuseum.org/>). One of the many distinctive mailboxes is shown here. The museum also has a collection of early valentine cards. Even if you can't make it to England anytime soon, please check out the site and learn a little of the history of British postal service.



## Focus on a Classic

### 1898 Cuban Overprint



In 1898 America acquired two new territories, Cuba and Porto Rico. Fearing that the Spain and Cuban conflict threatened American citizens and property, President McKinley sent the U.S. battleship "Maine" to Cuba. The Maine exploded under questionable circumstances and the U.S. declared war on Spain thus beginning the Spanish-American War.

Victory was quickly attained and the U.S. government moved into Cuba and Porto Rico to restore order. During this period, U.S. postage and currency were issued to be used on the islands. Pictured here are examples of the "Cuban" overprints which made U.S. stamps legal inside the territory. U.S. stamps were used as revenue stamps as well as regular issues until new stamps could be printed in 1899.

## New Issues



### Joint Swiss and Singapore Issue

Featured here is a joint issue between Singapore—Switzerland. You may wonder what the connection is? The Swiss Post have a tradition of joint issues with other countries which it has friendly relationships with and economic ties. Singapore is known as the "Switzerland of the South-East Asia" because it is so clean and tidy, and look to the Swiss as a positive cultural role model. Flowers were chosen for this issue because Singapore is also known as the "Garden City" – Switzerland is represented by the edelweiss and gentian, while the saraca and rhododendron represent Singapore.



## Virginia's Notes

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- and that our Exhibit Chairman who is presenting the program has become an international exhibitor.
- There was a letter from Dr. K.S. Asok (# 572). Dr. Asok is in India, and wishes us all well. He is interested in corresponding with members who are interested in exchanging stamps. His collecting interests are: US, UN and Europas, GB, Channel Islands, Germany, Switzerland, Western European Countries, New Zealand, Australia, PNG, Nauru, Cook and Christmas Islands, Aland, Faroes etc. and Ireland. If you would like his address for correspondence, contact the Club Secretary.
  - Jim Mosso reiterated on the subject of the "rigged auctions" at the large auction houses. He brought up the question as to whether or not these big auction companies would be censored by the American Philatelic Society. Since these big auction houses conspired to rig the auctions, the dealers involved conspired to limit their bids. William Dutcher commented that these big auction houses had not yet been tried for the crime, and that time will tell as to what the repercussions will be.
  - Guest was Don Rennie. He was introduced by Ken Kunz.
  - Leroy Harbaugh has the first 3 volumes of the Scott 2002 catalogs. The volumes are Vol 2 (C-F), and Vol 3 (G-I). The meeting was followed by a wonderful presentation on exhibiting by Vesma and Dzintars Grinfeld.
  - Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 PM

### **Date: August 28, 2001**

Meeting called to order 8:04 PM

Present: 31 members and 2 guests.

Welcome guests: Robert Patterson (Kritsin's dad), and Ryszard Brusito. Ryszard collects Polish Stamps, Germany and Austria. He lives in Redwood City, and tonight he brings his daughter Sonia with him.

#### New Business:

- Henry Washauer announced that Penpex would be coming around the end of this year. It will be held on the first weekend in December. The event is put on by the Peninsula and Sequoia Stamp Clubs. Each year Larry Christiansen sends around a sign up sheet for setting up and taking down of the show. The cashiers' office, snack bar and beginner's table is also open for volunteers sign up. The Friday night set up crew will be provided with refreshments. The set up will begin around 5 to 5:30 PM. Jim Mosso announced that he is responsible for the silent auction. The minimum price for auction lots is \$5. Jim Mosso has forms for submitting auction items. Henry Washauer voiced his appreciation for all those who volunteer for jobs associated with Penpex. He said this makes his job easier as Chairman.
- Paul Swierstra announced that he attended the American Philatelic Society show over the weekend. It is a four-day show with 170 dealers. The entry is free. He spoke of the twelve dollar tables, with boxes full of envelopes and covers. He spotted two of our members there (Ed Rosen, and Linda). The Jenny Biplane was on display there, as well as the 2 cent blue Z grill.
- Kristin Patterson's dad shared a severely damaged envelope that he had received through the mail. It looked as if it were run over by a truck.
- Larry Christiansen mentioned that there was a dispute over a bid at the last silent auction. The concern was over placing a bid on an item at the last minute when the auction was about to close. Suggestions included getting a timer with a bell that rings when the allotted time had gone by.
- The winners of the circuit book certificates: Kelly Navarro \$10 certificate; Dolly Sither \$5 certificate
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.
- The meeting was followed by a "Noisy Auction"

### **September 11, 2001**

Meeting called to order at 8:06 PM

Present: 21 members.

#### New Business:

- Richard Ryszard submitted membership card to join the Sequoia Stamp Club. Members voted unanimously to accept his membership.

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### Old Business:

- Kristin visited the Philatelic Library last Friday. She came across an old flyer for the 30-year anniversary dinner of the Sequoia Stamp Club dated November 12, 1977. The History of the Sequoia and Peninsula Stamp Clubs is mentioned in the flyer. In January of 1967, the Clubs moved to the "just completed" Community Activities Building in Redwood City.
- Paul Ortega learned of the "Platinum Award" last month. At the Peninsula Club Meeting last month Ed Jarvis showed covers of the numbers one and two from Luxembourg. It was a thrilling presentation. The next Peninsula Stamp Club meeting will be the forth Thursday 7 PM at Houlahan's. The topic is how to properly receive tax benefits for charitable contributions, given by Mike Hart.
- Jose Lopez announced that he recognized Kristin sitting on the stage at the Great American Stamp Show about a week ago. Kristin was attending the Northern California Revenuer's Society meeting.
- Henry Washauer commented that Penpex 2001 is moving right along. There is a dealer table open. The table is a smaller one, and the price is \$150.00. If any one knows of some dealer that may be interested please inform Henry.
- Kristin announced that we have the "New Member Information Sheet" available for those who would like this information.
- Henry's agent "Paul Swierstra" is pictured on the front of the Stamp Collector. He was quoted about what he enjoyed most at the 2001 APS show in Chicago. He answered that he was able to see the 1c Blue Z grill stamp and the Inverted Jenny Airmail Issue.
- Virginia Warden introduced her father Len Dimminger who has been a long time member. He was happy to see all the old and new faces at the meeting tonight. He is now collecting coins. He mentioned that the US mint is now releasing First Day Covers with the new quarters attached, and encouraged members to start collecting them.
- Results of Raffle for Circuit Books: Jose Lopez \$10 Certificate; Robin Gorday \$5 Certificate
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

### September 26, 2001

Meeting called to order at 8:08.

23 members attended guest George Condas ( talk on Olympic games stamps)

### New business:

- Stu - welcome back looking great and chipper.
- Paul S. talked about nominate new officers next meeting etc. Kristin said she will step down because of her busy schedule with her job and is out of town alot...etc. open are President, Vice President, treasurer and secretary.
- Bierman is having stamp club starting at his kids grammar school "Roy Cloud Elementary School" in RWC and is starting a meeting for the kids soon and ask for any ideas or help.
- Condra's lecture of the old Olympia stamp was quite enjoyable and educational. Gave a slide presentation of the history of Olympia games, its forgery and the high value and how it started and how the stamp revolved from 1896 thru 1906.



#### Sequoia Officers

**President:** Kristin Patterson

**Vice President:** Larry Christiansen

**Secretary:** Virginia Warden

**Treasurer:** William Dutcher

#### Stamp Chatter Staff

**Editor:** Ed Bierman

**Graphics and Production:** Paul Swierstra and Miriam Thurston







## The Caboose News about Penpex

### Awards Banquet

The Penpex Committee invites you to the Awards Banquet and Recognition Dinner on Saturday, December 1 at 6:00 P.M.

#### Located at The Sequoia Club

1695 Broadway  
Redwood City, CA

Appetizers and wine service 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Dinner served @ 7:00 P.M.

#### DELUXE HOT BUFFET

##### Menu:

- Main Entrée: Oven Roast Baron of Beef, Carved Turkey or Baked Halibut
- Includes: Tossed green salad with choice of dressings, Rice or Potato, Pasta, Rolls and Butter, dessert, and coffee

Price for members of Stamp Clubs, Dealers, Exhibitors and their guests is \$15.00. (Actual price is \$28.00)

Please RSVP by November 16 to Virginia Warden (650-365-1450) or  
E-mail: virginiaadwarden@cs.com or mail payment to:

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Penpex Banquet Chairman  
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#### Penpex 2001 Leadership

**Judges** — Martin Feibush  
**Frames** — Paul Swierstra  
**Exhibits** — Vesma Grinfeld  
**Silent Bid Sale** — Jim Mosso  
**Circulation** — Paul Swierstra  
**Bourse** — Henry Washauer,  
**Set Up** — Larry Christiansen  
**Show Coordinators** — Paul Ortega/  
Fritz Gelb  
**Flyers/Program/Caboose** — Ed  
Bierman  
**Snack Bar** — Tom Klein  
**Covers/Cancel/Post Office** —  
Miriam Thurston  
**Public Relations** — Virginia Warden/  
Henry Washauer

**Nomination/By Laws** — Virginia  
Warden  
**Beginners/Activities** — Kristin  
Patterson  
**Dealer Requirements** — Robin Gorday  
**Banquet** — Virginia Warden  
**Chairman General** — Henry Washauer  
**Vice Chairman** — Paul Ortega  
**Secretary** — Virginia Warden  
**Treasurer** — Bill Dutcher  
**Controller** — Fritz Gelb  
**Sequoia President** — Kristin Patterson  
**Peninsula President** — Paul Ortega



#### U.S Stamp Issue Schedule for October (www.stamponline.com)

We Give Thanks 10/18  
Santas 10/10  
Holiday Virgin and Child 10/10  
That's All Folks 10/1

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a Proclamation of Thanksgiving, the fourth Thursday of every November has been set aside as a special day for families in the United States to give thanks.

The U.S. Postal Service this year issued a stamp to honor this tradition by issuing the Thanksgiving stamp as part of its Holiday Celebrations series on Oct. 19 at a ceremony in Dallas, Texas.

The stamp, depicting a cornucopia overflowing with fruits and vegetables was issued at in Thanksgiving Square in a town in Connecticut. The stamp is pictured below.





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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)

## Penpex and Nominations of Officers



In memory of those who tragically lost their lives on September 11, 2001 the USPS will be issuing a special stamp (pictured left) on November 5th. One of the most recognized symbols of freedom in the world, the United States flag, graces a definitive postage stamp was unveiled by the Board of Governors and Postmaster General John E. Potter at a ceremony outside Post Office headquarters today in Washington, D.C.

The 34-cent self-adhesive stamp features a stirring image of "Old Glory" with the words 'United We Stand' below it. A fitting tribute to the invigorated patriotic spirit of our nation, the stamp will be available nationwide following a First Day of Issue Ceremony to take place later this year. Preorders can be made on [www.usps.gov](http://www.usps.gov)

**Issue:** United We Stand  
**Type of Issue:** Definitive  
**Denomination:** \$0.34  
**Issue Date:** 11/5/2001  
**Format:** Coil (Roll) of 100  
**Gum Type:** Self-Adhesive