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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

From the President

It's 'PENPEX TIME' again! The PENPEX Committee had its meeting last week getting everything ready for the Show on the 4 - 5th of December. Under Bill Dutcher's leadership the team is bringing the event together on schedule. As I sat as a member of the committee, I reflected on how much of the Show's success depended on the volunteers from both the Peninsula and the Sequoia Clubs. Without volunteers there would be no Show.

This is the once a year major fund raising opportunity for both clubs, and volunteers are always needed. Everybody's help can be used in the following areas:

- 1) Setting up tables and exhibit stands
- 2) Aid in security
- 3) Greet visitors
- 4) Assist at the Silent Auction
- 5) Work with kids at the beginners table
- 6) Donate a unique philatelic item to the raffle
- 7) Work in the kitchen making lunches
- 8) Lend a hand in the take-down process on Sunday after the closing.

Exhibitors are always being sought after voluntarily display some part of their collection, so if you have some thematic material you've been itching to show at an exhibition, this is your big chance. The committee is continually seeking exhibits.

Let's all have a great time at the Show - see you there!



Happy memories of lights, tinsel and other favorite Christmas-tree decorations are warmly evoked in the upcoming **Holiday Ornaments** commemorative postage stamps. Each of the four stamps features a richly colored painted glass Santa ornament.

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Upcoming Meetings

Event Calendar:

- Nov 9th My Travels and Wanderings with stamps - Fritz Gelb. Nominations of Officers
- Nov 23rd Open - Election of officers
- Dec 4 - 5 PENPEX
- Dec 15 (Wednesday) Christmas Party
- Dec 29th (Wednesday) No Meeting
- Jan. 12 2005 (Wednesday) Installation of Officers - Past Presidents Exhibit
- Jan 25 (Wednesday) OPEN

Meeting Place Change December Through February

During the months of December, January and February the club will meet at the Veteran's Memorial Building in the Sequoia Room Wellness Center (Old 49er Bldg)

Directions: On Valota Road and Madison Avenue proceed to St. Francis Street which is a one way street proceed around until you approach 711 Nevada Street. The Sequoia Room is located at the far end next to the park.

Meetings will be the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of the month: 12/15, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23.

The Sequoia Stamp Club wishes to thank the Redwood Recreation Department and the staff at the Community Activities Building and the Madison Ave. Memorial Senior Center for their generous cooperation in helping us continue our meetings.

Court of Honor at Penpex

STAMPS THAT CAUSED THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

At Penpex this year we will have a very special Court of Honor featuring revenue stamps that were a spark to the American Revolution.

After Great Britain won the French and Indian War in 1763, it kept troops in America and Canada. To raise money for expenses of £130,000,000, Parliament and King George III decided to tax its colonies by requiring the use of documentary revenue stamps. They were to be used in 1765 on legal papers, playing cards, almanacs, and newspapers. Colonies in America protested and rioted, declaring that only colonial legislatures could impose internal taxes.



Stamped paper from Britain was not permitted to land in America, and was returned to Great Britain. It was the first organized resistance to overseas rule. The Stamp Act resulted in a great British financial loss and was repealed in 1766. Other taxes were then imposed by Parliament, but resistance to the Stamp Act united the colonies and 10 years later led directly to the American Revolution.

Check out this special exhibit at Penpex this year. In the collection are five stamps (including a 2 shilling 6 pence, pictured in history books), and two proofs.

The Stamp Act. London, 1765, p.
2. London: printed by Mark
Baskett, 1766.

Stamp Meeting Note Summary

Meeting on August 24, 2004

- The Executive Board met on August 24th and discussed the rules and the problems occurring with the silent auction. It was decided to change #5 and #8 of the rules.
- Kristin Patterson reported on the APS National Stamp Show in Sacramento. She exhibited "Funding the Civil War with First Issue Playing Cards Stamps" and won a Gold Award. She is also entering the Milwaukee Show. Kristin also entered her book "It's a Wrap" in the literature competition and won the Vermeil Award. Her seminar on "How an Idea Becomes a Book" was attended by over 20 people.
- Bill Dutcher said that he visited the youth area in the APS Stamp Show in Sacramento which had a computerized area for game playing, etc.
- Hank mentioned that the California Council of Philatelic Society Meeting at the show was attended by over 21 people.
- Paul Swierstra distributed a directory of members to all in attendance at tonight's meeting.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates: Fritz Gelb: \$10 certificate, Jack Drach: \$5 certificate
- Rich Griffone gave us his financial report. We are still ahead and almost at the \$5,000 net worth bracket.
- Ernie Lee started his presentation on "Making your Own Stamp Albums". Another exclusive by a Sequoia Stamp Club member. Very impressive and a great presentation Ernie!

Meeting on 9/14/2004

- Corrections from July 27 Notes -- Herb Nishio subscribes to the Stamp Collector and said that Amos Press, Inc. bought them out. Someone also mentioned that Linn's is going back to a color magazine style. Page 8 box mentions \$3 dues. Note that the dues are for Sequoia Stamp Club and not Penpex.
- Bill Dutcher handed out the revised auction rules dated August 25, 2004 for both silent auction and regular (live) club auctions.exhibiting.
- Hank Washauer wants to have a separate mailing to include flyers about Penpex general meeting on October 13, 2004 and to mention the

temporary change in the meeting place for Sequoia Stamp Club. It was motioned and seconded that the mentions be put in the Chatter and not a separate mailing. PENPEX may send out the flyers and not the Club.

- Hank Washauer mentioned that he will send around a signup sheet soon for members to volunteer their time at PENPEX.
- Ed Rodriguez said that there are openings on the Presentation Calendar for January.
- Bill Dutcher told us that someone contacted him and wants to donate approx 2500 US and UN First Day Covers to the Club. We are inclined to turn down this offer because he wants a letter that claims they are worth fair market value for IRS. There are legal implications that will be hard for the club to monitor. Jim Mosso motioned that we do not accept the donation and Ken Kunz seconded that motion. Club voted unanimously in favor of not accepting the donation.
- Jim Giacomazzi arrived back home safely from his trip to China. He explained some of his trip and sounds like he had a great time.
- Jim Giacomazzi also mentioned that there is a Sequoia Gem and Mineral Show in the Parks and Recreation Building this weekend – September 18th and 19th.
- Paul Swierstra told us that San Carlos and Belmont are installing automated stamp machines where you can buy postage using a credit card. He passed around an article about it.
- Ken Kunz welcomed Griff Coleman and Bob Ruff as guests this evening.
- Ken Kunz also brought in an article from the S.F.Chronicle about how stamp collecting is growing rare. Yikes, we really need to get on the ball and start recruiting.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates: Tom Whittemore: \$10 certificate, Ken Kunz: \$5 certificate
- Pam Vogt started her presentation on "Buying and Selling Stamps". She had a large audience with over 32 members and guests. Very informative and a great presentation.

Meeting on September 28, 2004

- Bill Dutcher said that he mailed a letter to Mr. Robinson declining his offer for a donation to our club.
- Hank Washauer said that he thought we might be misinterpreting the law about non-profit

organizations and donations. He also stated that he downloaded Form 526 from the government about this, which he will read over.

- Before renovations in December we must clean out our closet and Paul Swierstra will be doing that. At the same time he will help the Youth Center by doing some inventory for them.
- Griff Coleman has been voted in as a new member. Welcome to the Club Griff.
- Jim Mosso said that he now has new forms for the PENPEX auction. If you have entries please see him to get the proper forms. Remember that the minimum bid is \$5.00.
- Bill Dutcher will lead a group session at the Senior Center in San Mateo. This is a good opportunity to recruit new members. Talk to Bill if you would like to participate.
- Pam Vogt is in the hospital getting an operation. The Secretary will purchase a card and flowers for her.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates: \$10 certificate = Ken Kunz (again Ken???), \$ 5 certificate = Ernie Lee

Meeting on October 12, 2004

- Huge discussion on minimum bid for auctions. A few comments that I was able to distinguish was that Dean Mawdsley thought the bids would start out at a minimum and get bid up. Hank Washauer said that the minimum bid slows down the bidding process. The auction manager should have some say-so about the minimum bid. There was a motion on the floor to accept the minimum bid that the seller put in. Herb Nishio seconded that motion. Voted down by members so no minimum bid.
- PENPEX Meeting tomorrow, October 13th 6:30pm. Refreshments will be available.
- No SUNPEX this year.
- Bill Dutcher said that the senior presentation at the San Mateo Senior Center is on hold due to renovations.
- Kristin Patterson commented on the youth program and brought up the fact that we should concentrate our efforts for youth at PENPEX since that is where the seed is planted for interest in collecting.
- Frank Ng is our guest tonight. Welcome Frank!
- Fritz is traveling again.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates: \$10 certificate = Hank Washauer, \$ 5 certificate = Tom Whittemore

- Live Auction ended
- Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Hickok, Secretary



Some of the 2005 U.S. Issues

- Lunar New Year souvenir sheet
- Black Heritage: Marian Anderson
- Love Bouquet
- Ronald Reagan
- Jim Henson & The Muppets
- Spring Flowers
- Nature of America: Northeast Deciduous Forest
- American Scientists

Sequoia Officers

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Penpex Stamp Show

December 4-5, 2004
FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING



Show Hours:

Saturday 10-6

Sunday 10-5

- 17 Stamp Dealers
- 65 Frame Exhibits
- Seminars
- Beginners/Youth Section
- Silent Auction
- Show Covers

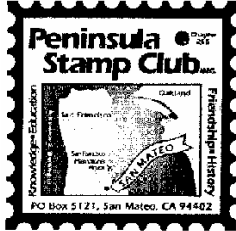
Location:

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94061

Directions: From Highways 280 or 101 exit at Woodside Road, turn onto Valota Road, headed north. Continue north (approx 1 ½ miles to Roosevelt Avenue then turn right for two blocks.

Sponsored by: Peninsula Stamp Club, Sequoia Stamp Club, and the Recreation Dept. of Redwood City, CA: Info: 650-341-7114 or 650-593-7012, email: penpexredwoodcity@yahoo.com

Peninsula Club Page



The Peninsula Stamp Club meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM , with the exception of one month off for summer and one month off for Christmas. We meet at the Villa Cafe, 4000 S. El Camino, San Mateo. This is a dinner meeting with a charge of \$15, and is followed by an invited speaker. The topics are selected to include as many aspects of philately as possible. The meeting is open to all whether or not the person is a member of the club. However, membership is encouraged.

It is helpful to have information as to who will be attending. For contacting or additional information use 650 343-5195 or e-mail at labpath@aol.com. Paul Ortega and Vesma Grinfelds are officers who are available for assistance. Our club has been a member of the American Philatelic Society for over 50 years, and we are most interested in its success.

NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL POSTAGE STAMP TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED

The Penpex cancellation will feature the new National World War II Memorial dedicated this year in Washington D.C. to honor the service of the men and women who served their country in World War II.

On the day of the dedication of the Memorial, May 29, 2004, the U.S. Postal Service issued a postage stamp depicting the National World War II Memorial. The stamp image features a computer-generated design by stamp artist Tom Engeman depicting the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. The memorial itself was designed by Providence, RI, architect Friedrich St. Florian. The stamp image highlights one of two 43-foot memorial arches and shows a section of a curving row of 56 pillars, each representing one of the states, territories and District of Columbia that comprised the U.S. in the World War II era.

"This commemorative stamp, like the memorial itself, is a beautiful tribute to the service and sacrifice of America's World War II generation," said ABMC Secretary Maj. Gen. John Herrling, USA (ret). "We all are looking forward to greeting tens of thousands of World War II veterans and their families at the dedication celebration."



The Caboose

Penpex Award Banquet

Our Penpex 2004 banquet will be held once again at the Waterfront Restaurant, 1 Uccelli Blvd., Redwood City (the former Pete's Harbor Restaurant), on Saturday, December 4th. A no-host bar will start at 5:30 PM, with the banquet starting at 6:00 PM.

The choices for entrée are:

Chicken Cordon Bleu or, Filet of Salmon or, London Broil in Mushroom Sauce (a vegetarian plate will also be available).

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and must be purchased on or before Friday, November 26th (entrée choice must be specified at time of purchase).

You may purchase your tickets at any Sequoia Stamp Club meeting between now and November 25th. Peninsula Stamp Club members may purchase tickets at that club's October or November meetings.

Alternatively, you may call Dave Hodgson or Mary Thomason, at **650-345-1204**, to make arrangements for tickets.

Silent Auction Items Needed

Silent auction lots are to be turned in by the first Sequoia meeting on November 9. There is still plenty of room for you to place your "treasures" for sale at Penpex. The minimum bid for any lot must be at least \$5. You may want to combine smaller priced items into larger lots to attract bidding. If you need more information please contact Jim Mosso at 650-369-8979.

Still Time to Enter a Penpex Exhibit

There are still a number of frames open for exhibits at Penpex this year. Entries must be turned in by the middle of November but there is still plenty of room for you to show off your collection. If you don't want to do a full frame exhibit, how about trying your hand at a 4 page philatelic favorites. Entry forms are included in this issue.



Officers	
Co-Chair	Bill Dutcher
Co-Chair	Ed Rodriguez
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Silent Auction	Jim Mosso
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Snack Bar	Tom Klein/ Fritz Gelb
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Help advertise Penpex with others!

On **page 5** is a full page flier that can be copied and posted in your local place of worship, at school or libraries, or at other clubs that you belong to.

Help make Penpex a success by letting other people know when the show takes place.