

# Stamp



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## SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB

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Club meetings are held every **second** and **fourth Tuesday** of each month at the Community Activities Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA at 7:15 pm. Refreshments are served and visitors are always welcome.

More info at:  
[www.penpex.org](http://www.penpex.org)

### Past President's Message:

This is my final message as Sequoia Stamp Club president. I will be passing the leadership torch to our newly elected President Hank Shoolman, but I will continue my duties with publicity, donations/sales, and publication of the Chatter newsletter. I want to thank my fellow officers and all Sequoia Club members for their support throughout my two years as president. We have accomplished a lot, including expanding membership and maintaining a solid financial base. We have had excellent programs, exciting stamp auctions, and lively social events, highlighted by our 65th anniversary party. The Sequoia Stamp Club is fortunate to have both older members who provide valuable experience and newer members who bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas. With everyone working together for the good of the club, I anticipate that our club will continue to thrive in the years ahead.

### Incoming President's Message:

It is with great hope and optimism that I welcome Vice President Steve Sexton, the remaining Governing Board and members to Sequoia-2013. 2012 saw an increase in membership of the Club, more Youths, the modernization of our bylaws and a good stamp show (PENPEX) despite inclement weather. My goal is two-fold: Growth of the Club and More Money in Members' Pockets! As VP, for two years I just listened while Treasurer Richard Griffone exhorted us to spend more, but nothing was done directly for Sequoia or Sequoians. Well, ladies and gentlemen, the talk is ceasing and action is commencing January 8 at our first meeting. I hope one and all had a fine and safe Holiday Season. Remember: Every day is a gift. Use it wisely!

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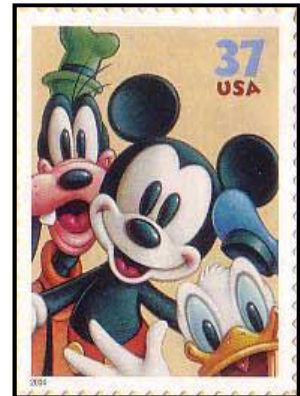
### 2012 Stamp Calendar

Jan. 8: Installation of Officers — Past Presidents' Exhibits  
 Jan. 22: Novice Collector Series: "How to be a Satisfied Collector" (6:30-7:00)  
 Jan. 22: Live Auction (Members)  
 Jan. 26-7: Great American Stamp Show (Napedak Hall—San Jose)  
 Feb. 12: Postage Stamps of Tannu Tuva (Hank Shoolman)  
 Feb. 26: Governing Board Meeting (6:00)  
 Feb. 26: Swap Meet (Gil Goodrich)  
 Mar. 12: TBA  
 Mar. 26: Novice Collector Series: "Using the Scott Specialized Catalogue" (6:30-7:00)  
 Mar.26: Live Auction (Anonymous Donation)  
 Apr. 9 – How to Get the Most from WESTPEX Stamp Show – Kristin Patterson



## Fountain of Youth....By Hank Shoolman, Co-Chair....

One of my greatest pleasures on the Youth Committee is watching parent and child bond philatelically at PENPEX. This year, the average time of those I observed was 2 ½ hours each, so much more educational than watching violent videos! Going into 2013, we have 45 members (none having “aged out” in 2012). The Boy Scouts thronged our room with 39 and prior members. Darlene Hickok, Co-Chair had numerous stamp projects for the mothers/fathers who brought children, whether or not they enrolled. Her Philatelic Educational Programs (PEP’s) serve an example for other stamp clubs to engage the young who represent the future of the hobby. Hope you all had wonderful Holiday Seasons. The Youth Committee will be meeting in January to schedule the 2013 program and get the first mailing ready to go. Renewal notices will be included in the package.



## Membership Sidecar by Hank Washauer

Did you know that Sequoia Stamp Club is not only an adult stamp club, but it has over 40 Junior members. The purpose of the youth group to instill in these young people the joy of stamp collecting. Think of the first time you thought of stamps and then put it aside until later when you had more time. The following is an email message sent to Darlene Hickok and Richard Coleman by Jill Burns, mother of Youth Club members Annika and Connor Burns:

I just wanted to tell you thank you for all the stamps and other goodies you have sent my children. They are absolutely thrilled to get your packages in the mail. They love looking at the stamps and placing them in their stamp books. What a great organization you are! Thank you!

What a wonderful tribute to Darlene and Richard and the rest of the members of Sequoia’s Youth Committee in their efforts to promote philately among young people!

As of December 31, 2012, the club membership stands at 118 Adult members. Dues are now due and payable for 2013. Send 3.00 or more for additional years to: Treasurer, Sequoia Stamp Club, PO Box 235, San Carlos, CA 94070, or pay at meeting.

## PENPEX Appreciation Brunch

All PENPEX 2012 volunteers are invited to attend the PENPEX Appreciation Brunch on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Sizzler, 1011 Veterans Blvd, Redwood City. We will hold a show summary meeting starting at 10:00 am followed by brunch, compliments of PENPEX. Please RSVP to Kristin Patterson at 408-267-6643 or [penpexredwoodcity@yahoo.com](mailto:penpexredwoodcity@yahoo.com) by January 24.



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# PENPEX CABOOSE

Thanks to all PENPEX 2012 volunteers and participants,

We always hope for perfect weather but in the fall it does rain in California and this December 1 and 2 had its fair share. All the dealers who responded to a follow-up email were happy with the show and are looking forward to coming back next year. The show had 66 exhibit frames, the most we have had since moving from 12-page to 16-page frames. The Awards Banquet was again held at Harry's Hofbrau, a location that is only two minutes from the Community Activities Building. The awards were presented quickly and everyone enjoyed the hardy German meal with chocolate cake and ice cream for dessert. Congrats to Joe Ross for winning the Grand Award with his Bangladesh



Jan Reilly (left) and Ed Bierman welcome show visitors.



At left, dealers: Herb Volin (front) and David Coleman.

Revenue Stamps exhibit.

Once again the youth area was packed with many fun activities for young collectors and free give-aways. Some returning from the year before and registering again for the Sequoia Stamps R Us youth program. The silent auction had lots of activity as people watched their lots as the clock struck 2:30 pm on Sunday. Winners were able to pick up their lots at 3:45 pm.

Many thanks to Joan Doherty, Kjell Enander, Wally Jolliff, and Ken Lewetzow for stepping up to run the snack bar on Saturday and Sunday. The snack bar again supplied patrons with tasty sandwiches along with the long-time favorites; donuts and cookies.

The show's success could only be accomplished by a hardworking team of philatelists and friends. The setup team lead by Eduardo Martino was on their game as we were ready for dealer move-in and exhibit mounting by 4:30 pm. I commend everyone involved for a job well done!

As a thank you, PENPEX is inviting all show volunteers to a January Wrap-up Meeting followed by brunch at Fresh Choice, 1091 El Camino Real, Redwood City. The date will be announced later. For more information, contact Kristin Patterson, PENPEX Chair, at [penpexredwoodcity@yahoo.com](mailto:penpexredwoodcity@yahoo.com) or 408-267-6643. Mark your calendars for **PENPEX 2013** on **December 7 and 8.**



Over 500 Silent auction lots for attendees to bid on.



PENPEX attendees enjoying their hobby by looking through Ed Dimmick's huge selection of stamps.

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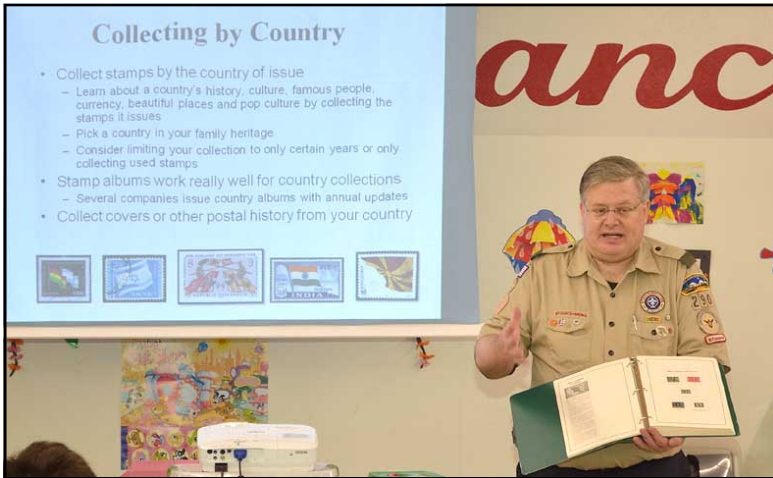
The success of PENPEX is due to the volunteers that run the show. Shown on this page are some of volunteers who are hard at work.



Give Miriam Thurston a big hand for drawing the show cachets and selling them with PENPEX show cancels.



Chair Kristin Patterson (left) and Cathy Phalen assembling dealer sandwiches.



Brian Jones instructing 28 attendees in the Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge workshop on Saturday.



PENPEX jury (1 to r) apprentice Nigel Moriarty, Bill Barlow, and jury chair Tim Burgess.



Happy setup workers moving in the frames: (left to right) Alain Ridard, Jeff Rogers, and Franz Kemper.



L to r: Chris Thompson, Alain Ridard, Eduardo Martino, and Franz Kemper assembling one of the 66 exhibit frames.

## George Washington

by Marsha Brandsdorfer



George Washington, who was born on February 22, 1732 in Virginia to a tobacco farmer, is memorialized on dozens of U.S. and international postage stamps. In public school, I learned that Washington never told a lie, exemplified by his famous “confession” to his father that he had cut down a cherry tree. Yet this tale was fabricated after his death to make him appear perfect, but Washington was not perfect. For instance, he owned hundreds of slaves when he was a farmer. Although it was the norm at the time for farmers to use slaves to work their land, it wasn’t until late in his life that Washington gave any serious thought to how wrong this was. However, he is notable for his importance in the course of American history. He first became famous for his bravery when Washington published a journal of his dangerous adventures when he was sent to deliver a message to the French to abandon forts they built near the Ohio River Valley. He was a member of the militia which consisted of part-time soldiers who were not part of the regular army. Of course, the French did not comply, but Washington’s journal was inspiring to readers. Washington would later serve alongside the British army at the Ohio River Valley where they would fight against the French troops and hostile Indians in what became known as the French and Indian War.

After the war, Washington lived in Mount Vernon, Virginia with his new bride Martha and her two children from a previous marriage. There, he peacefully would work as a farmer for 15 years. During this time, there was serious thought about the colonists wanting their independence from England. In particular, colonists did not like their hard earned American dollars being taxed for British advantages. There was a protest in Boston against tax placed on tea, where rebels disguised as Indians tossed the tea off the import ship into the water, refusing to pay the tax. At 43 years old, Washington was asked to lead the brand new Continental Army in helping to fight against the British



in what would become the War of Independence. Since most of the battles were fought in the north, conditions were often cold, snowy and wet. Food was scarce. Disease was rampant. However, the long struggling war was eventually won by the Americans partly due to Washington’s organization of surprise attacks against the British. It was at the Battle of Yorktown in Virginia where the British finally surrendered. It took another two years for a treaty to be agreed upon by both parties and signed.

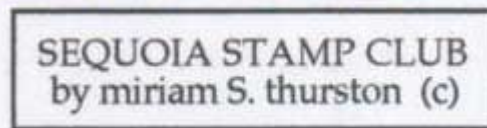
Washington was elected as the first President of the United States. He was sworn in at the temporary capitol in New York City. He helped plan for a new capital entitled Washington, D.C., which would capture his namesake. By the time his second term ended eight years later, he chose to leave office, stating that he felt two terms was long enough to serve as president. He lived his remaining life peacefully in Mount Vernon and died on December 14, 1799 at the age of 67 from a bad throat infection.







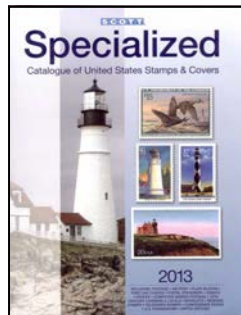
**PHIL WISHES YOU A HAPPY 2013!**  
 Snail Mail "Forever" wishes you the best..  
 See you in our next Chatter News in April  
 Phil will lecture on covers, cachets, & FDC's.



### Seminars for Novice Stamp Collectors

Starting **Tuesday, January 22, 2013**, Kristin Patterson will be starting a 30-minute Introduction to Stamp Collectors Series on a variety of topics. In the small forum, you can get quick answers on a specific topic. On January 22, the topic will be "How to be a Satisfied Stamp Collector." It will discuss commonly felt frustrations with being overwhelmed, too much to do but not enough time, missing the perfect item, and more.

On **Tuesday, March 26**, Kristin will present on "How to Get the Most From the Scott's Specialized Catalogue." The forum will discuss many overlooked details in the Scott's U.S. Specialized Catalogue. If you have any past year Scott's Specialized Cat. bring it with you to the seminar.



The meetings will be held from 6:30 to 7:00 pm at the Community Activities Building in the Conference Room. Make sure to be on-time, as latecomers will be welcomed to attend the next meeting. At 7:05 pm Sequoia Stamp Club will open the doors for their meetings which run until 9:30 pm. If you have any questions, contact Kristin Patterson at [Kristin\\_email@yahoo.com](mailto:Kristin_email@yahoo.com) or call her at 408-267-6643.

### Western Philatelic Library Seeks New Home

The Friends of the Western Philatelic Library (FWPL) has informed local collectors that the library is looking for a new site. Regrettably, the WPL must move in the next few months as the City of Sunnyvale is selling the Raynor facility that the library has occupied for over thirty years, and the city has no other space available for them. FWPL needs a space of 4,000 to 10,000 square feet, located within 20 miles of the current site; i.e., Redwood City to San Jose. FWPL would like to buy a small building so as to assure permanency of location. A building that "is not good for much else" with seller financing would be preferable.

Many members of the Sequoia Stamp Club are active as volunteers in the operation of the Western Philatelic Library. It is a tremendous resource that is available for local collectors as they seek to expand their philatelic knowledge and do research for their collections and exhibits. If you can assist the FWPL in any way, please call with your ideas; Stu Levin at the library, 408-733-0336; or Gil Goodrich, 650-941-4616. Thanks for your help.



### Western Philatelic Library Open Access to Knowledge

Benjamin Franklin: First Postmaster in North America; Originator of the Lending Library; First Person on a United States Stamp.