



Stamp Chatter

Sequoia Stamp Club

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From the President

Dear Sequoia Stamp Club:

Someone once said that change is good. This year the club will have a new President. Paul Swierstra has willingly taken on the role of the president. Or was it more to do with the entire club voting him in? Paul has served as past President during 5 different years. He will have the backing of Ed Rodriguez, VP, Virginia Warden, Secretary, and John Ingles, Treasurer.

I would like to thank Larry Christiansen, VP, for his continuous availability to fill-in when I was out of town on business. Virginia Warden, Secretary, has served with me for 3 years and still always greets me with a smile on her face. I would also like to thank Bill Dutcher for not just keeping the accounting records but for immediately emailing me the answers to my questions. He always knew the answer or knew where to point me to find it. It was great working with all of them.

All members of the club that have been invaluable to the running of this

Virginia's Notes

October 9, 2001

Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:06 PM
Present: 24 members.

Old Business:

- Virginia Warden announced that the flyers for the Penpex 2001 Banquet are completed.
- Henry Washauer commented that we are getting things completed for Penpex.
- Jim Mosso is looking for good lots for the Penpex Silent Auctions.

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organization like Ed Bierman, the Newsletter Editor and Website designer. I believe our programs have been a big draw to bringing people together every other week. Special thanks goes to Robin Gorday, Program Chair, for always having a unique activity ready each and every meeting. Three years ago, I asked her if she would take on the roll. She asked me what was required and my expectations of her? I knew with the first question from her lips that I had found the right person for the job. Robin filled it better than I could have imaged and always went beyond the call of duty.

I am both proud and honored to have had the opportunity to serve this fine club.

Thank you all.

Kristin Patterson

U.S. 2002 Stamp Program

The U.S. 2002 commemorative stamp program will recognize many of the people, places and things that have had the greatest influence on Americans.

A block of four Winter Sports stamps will jump-start the year with designs saluting athletic events showcased at the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake

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Andy Warhol stamp for 2002

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Calendar of Events

January

- 8 Kristin Patterson, Past President's Presentation
- 22 Ed Bierman, Christmas Issues of Australasia

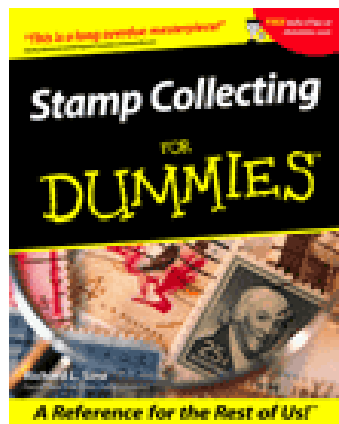
February

- 12 Auction
- 26 Expert Panel

Remember 2002 Dues Are Up and Should be Sent to the Treasurer. Thanks.

Online Philately

Stamp Collecting For Dummies



Alright this isn't really about something online but you can order it online! The book holds everything a new collector needs to know -- how to start a collection; how to handle, protect, store, and display stamps; plus how to diversify or specialize a collection. The book also alerts you to pitfalls to avoid when buying stamps online and through auction houses, and features a "Collectors Resource Section" that includes websites, magazines, chat rooms and more! This is a great resource for your library or a gift to interest someone in the hobby.

Stamp Information for Exhibits

If you are working on an exhibit and need background information on stamps, the Internet is a good place to start. Most national postal Web sites feature background information on all their new issues as well as those of the recent past. Stamp collectors as well make their own Web sites based on their own particular interests and provide the philatelic browser with valuable information about issues they own. Of course, when doing research on the Internet make sure you check the creditability of your resource. Check out Finland's Web site for information on the last 3 years of stamp issues there. http://www.pmk.posti.fi/emerkitt2002/e_julk02.htm

Focus on a Classic

1869 Pictorial Stamps



The 1869 Pictorial Stamps were the first U.S. stamps to feature something other than a bust or head. Never before had stamps featured paintings, horses, locomotives, and attempted such artistic creativity. These were also the first 2 color stamps. The stamps are distinctive on the back of the stamp with the "G" grill pattern. These stamps were revolutionary and a precursor of the commemoratives of the future.



But they were also a flop with the philatelic community of the time who were not ready for such revolutionary changes. They were withdrawn after only a year of sale. Today, the 1869 pictorials are one of the most sought-after classic stamps and command some of the highest prices on the market.



New Issues

Lord of the Rings Stamps



New Zealand recently released a series of stamps based on the hit movie, "Lord of the Rings." The movie trilogy was based on J.R.R. Tolkien's books and was filmed entirely in New Zealand over 15 months. Using over 150 locations filming stretched from T Anau to Matamata. The 2000 strong cast and crew consisted of 95% Kiwis. The shoot endured snow, hail, floods, ferocious winds and unrelenting sunshine on New Zealand's picturesque mountains, rivers, valleys, lakes and hill country.



Virginia's Notes

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- Miriam Thurston put together a nice greeting card to wish Larry Christiansen well. It contains a picture postcard of Boy Scouts by Norman Rockwell placed on a patriotic background. The card will be passed around for members to sign. William Dutcher talked with Larry Christiansen and said he felt better than he expected, but he was still having some soreness in his leg (knee).
- Kristin Patterson commented on how she had found a Canadian Coil stamp that Herb Nishio was missing from his collection. She located it on the Internet Auction house "Ebay". She purchased it from an auction, and presented the stamp to Herb.
- Jim Mosso recently had visited Europe, and took a side trip to an "evil" castle in Germany. Jim brought a post card of the Kehlsteinhaus which he had hand stamped by himself.
- Miriam Thurston announced that she may possibly have another showcase from the Redwood City Library next month. She will be able to dedicate this to Penpex.
- Henry Washauer announced that there is a nominating committee of three people.
- This meeting Henry Washauer will give a presentation the History of Cachets, and Selective Issues of Penpex.
- At the next meeting on October 23, 2001, we will have a slide show on West Germany during the French Occupation.

Drawing for Circuit Book Certificates: \$10 Certificate: Ed Lopez; \$5 Certificate: Paul Ortega

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

October, 23 2001

Meeting called to order by Henry Washauer at 8:05 PM

Present: 25 members.

Announcements:

- President Kristin Patterson is away on a business trip. Larry Christiansen (Vice President) is recuperating after having knee surgery.
- Henry announced there is going to be road/sidewalk construction on Roosevelt Street, which will affect our meetings. He presented a letter outlining the reconstruction project. The project is slated to begin early 2002. There will be a meeting this coming Thursday night. Henry asked a volunteer to attend on the Sequoia Stamp Club's behalf. Leroy Harbaugh has agreed to attend the meeting.
- Virginia Warden Club secretary read off the list of Nominees submitted by the Nominating committee, they are as follows:
- President: Paul Swierstra, Vice President: Ed Rodriguez, Secretary: Virginia Warden, and Treasurer: John Inglis. These names will be read again at the next meeting, and any one can come forward with the name(s) of any nominee they wish to add. This will be official at the next meeting..
- Fritz commented that there is no listing for Penpex in Linns yet. Henry said he sent an article into Linns to list the show.
- Leonard Dimminger announced that there is a good investment in coins right now. The State Quarters program is an excellent way to get started. You can call the mint at 1-800-USA-MINT. He also admitted that post cards are very desirable right now. He noticed this at a recent coin and stamp show that he attended in Santa Rosa.
- The Dimminger family is interested in post cards, and Flag cancels on post cards. Len attends the Redwood Empire Coin and Stamp Club. There are approximately 85 members that show up each meeting. . The auctions include stamps, coins, and memorabilia.

Results of the Circuit Book Raffle: Bernie Abrams \$10; Chris Thompson \$5

Tonight's program will include a slide show from the American Philatelic Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM

November 13, 2001

Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:07 PM

Present: 31 members, one guest.

Old Business:

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- Henry Washauer Penpex 2001 Chairman gave a committee report. He said that things are coming together.
- Larry Christiansen thanked members for the nice "Get Well" card that members signed and sent him. He is in charge of the Setup and "Take down". Any one interested in setting things up should arrive around 4:30 PM on Friday November 30. There will be a break for snacks at 5:45 PM. Larry circulated a sign up sheet for Set up and Take down.
- Jim Mosso announced that there will be over 300 lots at the Silent Auction. He will be able to receive more lots if members have them by the next meeting. He has auction lot sheets available.

New Business:

Nominations for next year:

- The nominating committee nominated the following people. These are their positions and names:
 - President: Paul Swierstra
 - Vice President: Edward Rodriguez
 - Secretary: Virginia Warden
 - Treasurer: John Inglis
- Kristin asked if there were other nominations from the floor. No one came forward. There will be a vote for the nominees at the next meeting.
- Robin Gorday announced what the upcoming programs will be. Tonight Tony De Angeles will give a presentation on "Buy High, Sell Low" How to Make Money in Philately.
- Leroy Harbaugh announced that he attended the City of Redwood City meeting about the construction project slated for early 2002. He said that the construction on Roosevelt should not impact us at all. All the driveways should be free for us. They, the road crews, are working during daylight hours Monday through Friday.

Results of the Circuit Book Raffle: Tony De Angeles \$10 certificate; Bill Dutcher \$5 certificate

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 PM

The meeting was followed by an enlightening presentation on "Buy High and Sell Low", How to Make Money in Philately.

November 27, 2001

Meeting called to order by Vice President Larry Christiansen at 8:02 PM

Present: 28 members and one guest.

New Business:

- Tonight we will have election of officers.
- Tonight Ken Kunz announced a Guest. Her name is Darlene Hickok. She has been collecting stamps for many years, and was the winner of the Treasure Chest at last year's Penpex.
- Rick Richardson announced that he attended the Seattle Stamp Show.
- Robin Gorday announced that we would have our Club Holiday Party at the first meeting in December.
- Election (see slate of nominations from last meeting): Nominations were put forth and the slate of officers was elected by acclamation of the membership present.

Results of the circuit book raffle: \$10 certificate John Inglis; \$5 certificate Don Larke

There will be 44 lots in the "noisy" auction tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

2002 Sequoia Officers

President: Paul Swierstra

Vice President: Edward Rodriguez

Secretary: Virginia Warden

Treasurer: John Inglis

Stamp Chatter Staff

Editor: Ed Bierman

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Penpex Photo Gallery

On this and the next page are featured some photos from the 2002 Penpex. Thanks to everyone who helped and made it a really great show!



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City. A stamp honoring the important and often life-changing act of mentoring a child, and the latest stamp in the Lunar New Year series - with a design depicting the Year of the Horse - will also be issued in January.

Feb. 1 will mark the beginning of Black History Month and the issuance of a stamp featuring writer Langston Hughes. This stamp will be the 25th in the Black Heritage series. Other notable Americans in the series include last year's honoree Roy Wilkins, Malcolm X (1999), Bessie Coleman (1995) and Martin Luther King, Jr. (1979).

Other stamps to appear in 2002:

- Irving Berlin (expected to be issued May 11)
- Harry Houdini (July 3)
- Andy Warhol (Aug. 6)
- poet Ogden Nash (Aug. 19)
- Duke Kahanamoku, the Olympic Games gold medalist and "father of international surfing" (August).
- 200th anniversary of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.
- Greetings From America stamps: Based on "large letter" postcards popular in the 1930s and 1940s, they will be issued in April, marking the first issuance of a pane of 50 stamps in 10 years.
- Nature of America series. The fourth souvenir sheet of 10 stamps in the series will shed light on the longleaf pine forest.
- Masters of American Photography pane of 20 stamps American Treasures series showcases the artwork of John James Audubon.
- Teddy Bears.
- Neuter or Spay stamps.
- Four Women in Journalism stamps.
- American Bats stamps, which will take flight just in time for the beginning of National Stamp Collecting Month in October.
- Reproductions of classic Hawaiian Missionaries stamps.
- Four "Snowmen" ornaments will close out the 2002 program.

More Photos



The Caboose News about Penpex

Awards at the 2002 Penpex

GRAND:

- Pro Juventute -- Leonard Holmsten

RESERVE GRANDS:

- **Single Frame:** Corgis: Little Dogs with Big Attitude -- Ed Bierman
- **Multi-Frame:** Focus on the Holes: Perfins on Tasmanian Stamps -- David McNamee
- **Youth:** Latvian Machine Cancels: 1920-1944 -- Dzintars Grinfelds
- **Favorite Filatelic Findings:** Women Pictured on U.S. Commemorative Stamps -- Dorothy Katz

NON-COMPETITIVE:

- Ceylon Pence Issues 1857-72 -- Tom Whittemore
- The Snoopy First Day Ceremony -- Leonard Holmsten
- BUZZZZZZZZZZZ -- Jim Sauer
- Commercial Air Mail Rates From Palestine to the Americas -- Leslie A. Bard
- The "3-Star" Coat of Arms Issue of Latvia -- Dzintars Grinfelds

GOLD:

- Ethiopia Revenues: 1930-1998 Joe Ross Focus on the Holes: Perfins on Tasmanian Stamps -- David McNamee
- An Overview of Postal Censorship in British India 1939-1946 -- Richard G. Harrison
- Pro-Juventute -- Leonard Holmsten
- *Latvian Machine Cancels: 1920-1944 -- Dzintars Grinfelds

VERMEIL:

- Fancy Cancellations on Postal Cards Henry Fisher Third Federal Issue -- Henry Fisher
- Christmas in Australasia -- Ed Bierman

- Flags of the United States -- Tom Klein

SILVER:

- *Postal History of California to 1900 -- Kent Kuran
- Mare Island Built Submarines -- Steve Shay

SILVER BRONZE:

- Corgis: Little Dogs with Big Attitude -- Ed Bierman
- *Conservation -- Jesse Robinson

BRONZE:

- Roots of Literacy -- Ruth Caswell
- Marinsip Tankers Named for California Oilfields -- Alvin L. Eckert
- 1901-2001: U.S. Presidents who Served in the Armed Forces -- Miriam S. Thurston

FAVORITIE FILATELIC FINDINGS:

- **1st Place:** Women Pictured on U.S. Commemorative Stamps -- Dorothy Katz
- **2nd Place:** Classical Composers & Conductors on Stamps -- Fritz Gelb
- **3rd Place:** Star Spangled Banner on Stamps -- Rolf Hermansen

SPECIAL AWARDS:

- **APS CERTIFICATE:** Pro Juventute -- Leonard Holmsten
- **AAPE SILVER PIN:**
- Christmas in Australasia -- Ed Bierman
- Flags of the United States -- Tom Klein
- **ATA AWARDS:**
- Christmas in Australasia -- Ed Bierman
- *Conservation -- Jesse Robinson
- **APFELBAUM NOVICE AWARD:**
- An Overview of Postal Censorship in British India 1939-1946 -- Richard G. Harrison

Note: * denotes Youth Exhibit



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

In tribute to the thousands of volunteers who offer friendship, guidance and support to young people through mentoring, the U. S. Postal Service will issue the Mentoring a Child commemorative stamp in January 2002. T

The Harvard Mentoring Project and The National Mentoring Partnership are working together to launch the first annual National Mentoring Month. The Mentoring a Child stamp and National Mentoring Month honor the volunteers and organizations that sponsor or participate in mentoring programs.





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site at:
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The Euro On Stamps



If you collect new issues from Europe, you will notice that many countries this year will be denominated in 2002 with the Euro instead of that countries national currency.

Some countries have already been showing stamp values in Euros since 1999 along with the countries own currency on the stamp. France, for instance, was the first to show both Euro and Franc amounts on their stamps.

Starting in 2002, however, 24 countries in the European community will now only have the euro values on their new issues. Finland is one of those countries, a sample issue is shown here. This beautiful commemorative featuring swans is one of 19 news issues from Finland that will feature aspects of their national resources and culture.

Not all countries will make the switch, in particular, Great Britain, Sweden, Denmark and a few others in the European community. These countries have chosen to remain with their national currency and not use the new Euro dollar.