

## SSC Auction Online Item Photos

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The Sequoia Stamp Club uses online photo albums to allow members to promote items available for sale in club auctions. A Google Photos album is created for each upcoming SSC Silent Auction and Members' Live Auction. Members who plan to offer items for sale at these auctions can take photos of their items and upload the photos to the online album in advance of the auction.

All members can view the album of photos, which can help them determine in advance if there are items that they will want to bid on (e.g. by checking to see if they own the stamps already).

**There are a lot of instructions below, but they are just detailed - the process is actually very simple!**

### **VIEWING PHOTOS:**

The link for the photos for each auction will be distributed in the meeting announcement email prior to each meeting. It is also available via a "click for photos" link in the Calendar on [penpex.org](http://penpex.org). Everyone should be able to view the photos in the albums, from a web browser or mobile phone, without needing a Google account.

#### Viewing on a mobile device:

Note: When viewing on a mobile device, Google may encourage you to install the Google Photos App (e.g. "It's better in the app"). Some members have found that the app is more complicated than the web browser interface, so if prompted to install the app, you may want to just click "Go back to web" to view the album using the mobile browser.

- 1) Tap on the photo album link (e.g. in the SSC meeting announcement email or in the [penpex.org](http://penpex.org) Calendar). This will display the current photos in the album.
- 2) Swipe up/down to scroll through the photos.
- 3) To zoom in on a photo, tap on the photo, then use 2 fingers to pinch out/in to zoom in/out.
- 4) Tap the  (back-arrow) icon to go back to the main scrolling view.

#### Viewing with a PC web browser:

- 1) Use a browser like Chrome, Edge or Safari to navigate to the photo album (e.g. click the link in the SSC meeting announcement email or in the [penpex.org](http://penpex.org) Calendar). This will display "thumbnail" pictures of all items in the album.
- 2) Click on a "thumbnail" picture to see a larger view of that item
- 3) Click the  and  buttons on the left/right sides to move to the previous/next item.
- 4) Click the  (back-arrow) button to go back to the main album "thumbnails" view.

## ADDING PHOTOS:

Members who want to add photos to an album must have a Google account. It is easiest to add photos using a mobile phone, but also straightforward to add them via a web browser on a PC.

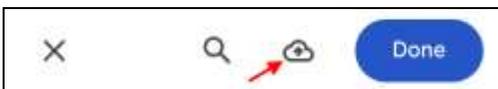
Usually, adding a single photo of each item will be sufficient, but you can also add multiple photos of a single auction item if needed (e.g. a 2-sided stock page, or a multi-page album).

### From a mobile phone (or tablet):

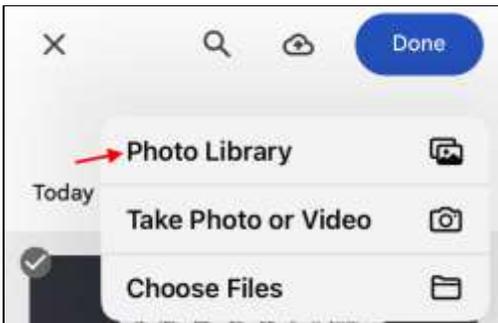
- 1) Take photos of each of the auction items that you want to add to the SSC auction photo album.
- 2) Tap on the auction photo album link (e.g. in the SSC meeting announcement email or in the [penpex.org](http://penpex.org) Calendar). This will display the current photos in the album.
- 3) Tap the  (Add Photos) icon at the top of the screen:



- 4) You must be signed in to a Google account to add photos. If you are not already signed in, when prompted to do so, sign in with your Google account and password. If you don't have an account, go through the steps to create one (and remember your account name and password for the next time!).
- 5) Tap the  icon at the top of the screen:



This will display a list of 3 choices:



- 6) Tap **Photo Library**. This displays all of the photos on your phone.
- 7) Tap on the photos of the auction items that you want to add to the SSC auction photo album. You can select multiple photos; each selected photo will have a blue check mark. If you accidentally select a photo you don't want to add, tap it again to un-select it.
- 8) When done selecting the photos to add to the album, tap **Add** (top-right).
- 9) Examine the images of photos in the photo album main page – you should see the ones you just added. Tap on any of them to see a larger version.
- 10) That's it – you've added your photos to the album! Happing selling/bidding!
- 11) If you are encountering issues, email Kevin Kraemer at [kevinstamps@kraemersw.com](mailto:kevinstamps@kraemersw.com) and he can try to help.

From a PC web browser:

- 1) Take photos (or scans) of each of the auction items that you want to add to the SSC auction photo album, and store them in a known location on your computer (e.g. in a folder or on your desktop).
- 2) Use a browser like Chrome, Edge or Safari to navigate to the photo album (e.g. click the link in the SSC meeting announcement email or in the [penpex.org](https://penpex.org) Calendar).
- 3) You must be logged in to a Google account to add photos. If you are not already signed in, click the **Sign in** button (at the top-right of the album page) and sign in with your Google account and password. If you don't have an account, go through the steps to create one (and remember your account name and password for the next time!).
- 4) Be sure you are viewing the main photo album page (it should show the date of the auction at the top, and “thumbnail” pictures of multiple auction items). If you are viewing a single item photo, click the  (back-arrow) button to go back to the main album page.
- 5) Click the  (Add Photos) icon, located at the top-right of the page.
- 6) Click **Select from computer** (also at the top-right of the page).
- 7) In the pop-up window that appears, navigate to the location of your item photos on your computer, then select them and click the “Open” button. It will say it is “backing up” the items, which means it is adding them to the photo album.
- 8) Examine the “thumbnail” images of photos in the photo album main page – you should see the ones you just added. Click on any of them to see a larger version.
- 9) That’s it – you’ve added your photos to the album! Happing selling/bidding!
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