



Council Shows

Dec 4 - 5 **PENPEX**

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Blvd, Redwood City, CA

up-coming shows

Apr 22 - 24, 2022 **WESTPEX**

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront
1800 Old Bayshore Hwy, Burlingame, CA

Aug 25-28 **Great American Stamp Show**

SAFE Credit Union Convention Center
1400 J Street, Sacramento, CA

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PENPEX 2021 Dec 4 - 5

This excellent show has 14 dealers, exhibits, parking, large silent auction, raffle and snack bar. It is an ideal visit this weekend. Admission is free. Masks are required but the show has free masks for the first 250 attendees.

Hours are 10 am to 5 pm Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm Sunday. There is a show cachet and cancel. The U.S. Postal Service will be present.

The schedule includes on Saturday a judges' feedback at the frames at 3:30 on Saturday and at 5-7 the PENPEX Banquet Party at Harry's Hofbrau 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City. On Sunday the Northern California Council of Philatelic Societies holds a bi-annual meeting and elections. Minutes of the WESTPEX meeting are on page 3 of this Courier.

Western Philatelic Library

The Western Philatelic Library has undergone extensive improvement. Its collection of almost 35,000 items are re-organized and shelved. Space has been opened up with tables for users.



The library is at 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City. Hours are 9 am to 1 pm Mondays and Thursdays but these hours need to be verified because it is run by a volunteer organization, Friends of the Western Philatelic Library. Contact Roger at 650-306-9150 or by email from the website <https://www.fwpl.org> Appointment hours can also be arranged.

Ed Jarvis, Chair of the Library, thanks many for "the big clean up." It was "a very difficult and time consuming task well done."

One frame of color copies of Richard Clever's Mongolian exhibit is displayed. It had been a dream for the library to have an exhibit showing. It's a reality now!

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[[*Editor's apology:* I completely dropped the ball. It mistakenly got stuck in my mind that the issue was a December one. Not so. I apologize to the Council and to the East Bay, Sacramento and Filatelic Fiesta shows which did not get the advanced publicity they deserved. Larry Crain]]

Western Philatelic Library continued
 With the present configuration of tables in the hall, the space can easily be converted to a meeting space for about 50 people. Thus the Library is becoming a philatelic center. Another dream becoming a reality. The WPL is not just a library. Collectors are invited to “drop by and have a cup of coffee/tea.”



was the Grand Champ. CONGRATS!

The club held its annual “auction bucks” in-person auction. It also holds online auctions. Pictures in the newsletter Post Boy showed displays in to cases at the Caron City and Reno Post Offices. Work was done by Dave Gehringer and John Walter.

Sacramento Philatelic Society - A new meeting place has been found. The club’s 2¢ stamp bins are now 5¢. It is accepting applications for a \$1000 college scholarship.

U.S.S. Saginaw Chapter #59 - Meetings continue on Zoom. The latest newsletter, Cover Age, had 13 scans of ship covers.

San Jose Philatelic Society - The club reached out to the Monterey, Fremont and Diablo Valley stamp clubs about Filatelic Fiesta, which was held Nov 13-14. The newsletter listed 26 countries whose mail acceptance by the USPS has been temporarily suspended. Excellent articles, as always, were included in the latest 11-page journal, edited by Jim Steinwinder.

Southern Oregon Philatelic Society - Nancy Swan and Ed Parks filled a display case with stamp collecting information in the Medford library.

from Vesma Grinfelds, Judges Committee Chair. Ralph Nafziger (Albany, OR) has been added to the list of accredited CNCPS judges for NorCal Council shows. He finished his apprenticeship at SACAPEX.

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2021 SACAPEX Palmares

LeRoy D. Armstrong Memorial Award – Best Exhibit by a Sacramento Philatelic Society Member
 Peter Thy Early British Bechuanaland Telegraph Forms

Best Multi Page Exhibit
 Nancy L. Swan Birthstones Gold

Best Single Page Exhibit
 Ed Cahoon The Fipex Triangle Vermeil

Around the Council

[Information is taken from the club newsletters and submissions to larry.crain@gmail.com]

Alameda Stamp Club - Planning was done for the East Bay (EBCC) show and it was held successfully. Buying an LED watermark detector for the club was discussed.

Fremont Stamp Club - Ton Hayes reports membership grew by three over the summer.

Nevada Stamp Study Society - The club’s website received a large gold in the APS competition. There were 29 websites entered.



Among 28 newsletters entered, its Post Boy

Ribbons

Nancy L. Swan	Postcard Views Crater Lake Nat. Park	Vermeil
Peter Thy	Early Bechuanaland Telegraph Forms	Silver
Issac Calderon	Overprints Mexico's Hidalgo 5c Issue	Silver-Bronze
Peter Thy	Rhodesian Rail Stamps Used in Botswana	Sil-Bron
Issac Calderon	Barred Numeral Cancellations Ireland	Bronze

Participation Certificates

Ana Calderon	Color Varieties of the Monarchy of Queen Elizabeth II
Larry Crain	Rate Change Confusion
Larry Crain	Traveled in 5+ Countries
Vesma Grinfelds	Latvia: Postmarks & Routes of the Pre-Stamp Period
Robert N. Pope	First Permanent Definitive Series Used in Ireland
Robert N. Pope	Orville 7 Wilbur Wright's 75th Anniv. of Powered Flight

CNCPS Meeting WESTPEX August 1, 2021

Attendees:

Larry Crain	Kristin Patterson	Robert Pope
Clyde Homen	Randy Turri	Bob Gordon
Nigel Moriarty	Vesma Grinfelds	Tom Hayes
John Walter	Akthem Al Manaseer	Gayle Hamilton

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nigel at 12:04 pm

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the April 28, 2019 and December 8, 2019 meeting were sent by e-mail to everyone on the distribution list. With motion by Vesma and seconded by Clyde, the Minutes were declared approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Pending as on a current search for a new Treasurer. **Action: Kristin and Nigel.**

Council Dues: General discussion on increase of dues. Motion to increase dues to \$15 annually by Clyde and seconded by Randy passed with a YES 7 and NO 4.

Frames: No charges were incurred for frame usage. Discussion on not charging shows for frames. Reno has extra frames. Looking for a cheaper place to store frames. Randy stated delivery charge has increased to \$189 from \$109. Boxes are 5 feet by 8 feet. Side has opening to access the frames. Boxes are falling apart. There needs to be a work day and work through obstacles to clean up, repair and organize the boxes/frames. There are 40 frames. PENPEX uses about 24. Thinking a more affordable or free place to store frames and legs. Kristin will get information from Randy and investigate options. **ACTION: Kristin and Randy.**

Elections: Looking for a new Treasurer. Nigel will continue the role this year. **Action: Nigel and Kristin.**

Holmsten Award: Award for best club member exhibit. It was unanimously agreed to be given at PENPEX 2021. Vesma will secure it from Nigel and have the award engraved for the next recipient. Entries are needed. **Action: Vesma.**

Chaloner Award: A committee of 3 is needed who were previous recipients to recommend to council. Richard had it last. Vesma will secure to get engraved. **Action: Vesma**

Club Flyers: Maintaining the box of club flyer information. Randy and Nigel will bring to Walnut Creek. Robert will pick up to bring to Sacramento show. **Action: Randy, Nigel and Robert**

Judges: Vesma will be assigning judges. **Action: Vesma.**

Council Courier: Send applications and information to Larry.

Webmaster: Contacts are not updated. Robert to contact Go Daddy for updated and accurate information on account status and billing. Robert to work with Nigel, Bob and Kristen as needed on website. **Action: Robert.**

Next meeting: December 5, 2021 at Noon at PENPEX.

The meeting was adjourned 12:55 PM

**Respectfully submitted, Robert N. Pope,
Secretary**

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Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies

Officers - President: Nigel Moriarty
Vice-President: Kristin Patterson
Secretary: Robert Pope
acting Treasurer: Nigel Moriarty
Courier Editor: Larry Crain

Committees: Communications, Council Courier, Web Master, Speakers Bureau, Judges and Chaloner Award.

Elections for all four officers are required on odd-numbered years. At PENPEX this weekend Sunday Dec 5 at noon elections will be held. **Please attend to represent your club.**