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**POST BOY**

# N.S.S.S.

*Presents*

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N.S.S.S is experiencing a very nice growth, at this time. We now have 55 members and with the prospect of several more. This has been due to the members talking to neighbors, friends and Silver Circle Stamps. We have been having some very fine informative presentations lately and along with our mini-auctions, consignment programs N.S.S.S. will continue to grow.

NEVPEX 99 is still an iffy subject. So far, we have only 10 dealers sign up for the show. Further discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

Our finances are excellent and the show is showing a very positive response, financially. The Junior program is also in good financial straits.

In July, we have elections for President, Treasurer and two directors. There will be spaces printed in the May, June and July issues of Post Boy for nominations. Elections will be held at the last meeting in July. The newly elected members will be sworn in at the first meeting in August. Any one volunteering for these positions, please let Tom Morrissey know. Also, N.S.S.S would like to publish a short history of yourselves.

Larry Scott has the source for Stanley Gibbons catalogues at a %10 discount. Call or contact Larry if you desire one or a set of the SG catalogues.

Due to the overwhelming of items for the mini-auction this last meeting. The number of items to be submitted by any one collector is now limited SIX (6). There were so many items for sale the auctioneer was worn out having to describe each item and many of the last twenty did not have a proper presentation. So, a limit had to be set. Total items now is 60. Too much of a good thing problem. Thank you for your cooperation.

*"To promote and enhance the hobby of Stamp Collecting"*

The answers to the Feb. and Mar. Auction Buck questions are as:

Feb.:

1. Terms of office: 1933-1945.
2. Died At Warm Springs, GA.
3. Birthdate 1882.
4. Pearl Harbor attack.
5. Mother's day stamp and War Defense stamps.

Mar.:

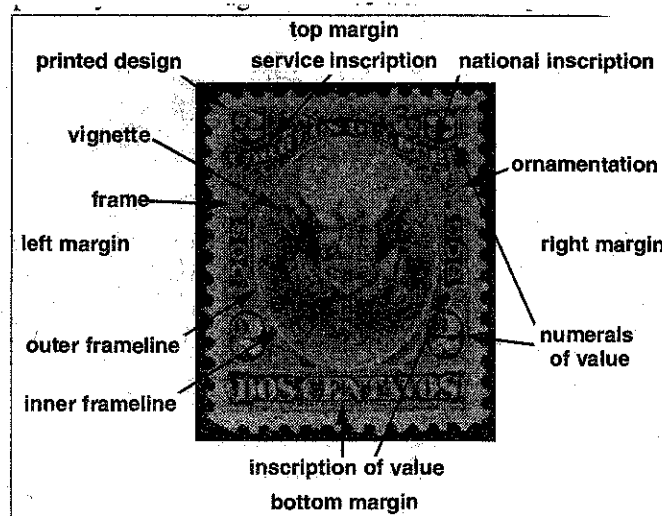
1. 1804 Sept. to Sept 1806
2. Missouri, Columbia
3. St. Louis to Pacific Ocean.
4. Sacajawea.
5. Spencer Tracy.(Northwest Passage) This movie may appear on one of

the AMC TV channels

There was an article in Tuesdays issue of the RGJ about the De Havilland airplanes and the accomplishment of flying over the Sierra Mountains. This led to the development of the U.S.Air Mail transcontinental system. The Air Route was started in Aug. 1920, but Reno's Blance Field did not participate in the complete coast to coast route until Sep. 9, 1920.

Stamp collecting is engaged in modern E-Mail and the internet. In a recent article, E-Mail and the internet, was the subject. A question was asked as to the effect is it having on the our hobby. There were several opinion on this. Les Winick was quoted as saying, "Used postage stamps are dissappearing from the market." Collectors are having a hard time finding them. When this happens, it is only natural the prices of used stamps will be going up. Another result of this form of marketing is the online auctions. There are more buyers participating in this source of stamps. Dealers are finding that their source of income is now increasing from the Internet and over the counter sales are dimminishing. Dealers are using the internet and E-mail to find stamps for their customers. So the hobby is changing again and again. Maybe those old used stamps will provide a little more valuable, when you get ready to sell them.

Below is a copy of a stamp showing all the terminology of the parts of a stamp. The article is too long to print a detailed description of term. I'll leave that up to you to find out what they mean. Some of the terms are obvious. Those pointed out on the stamp are, Top margin, right margin, left margin, bottom margin, printed design, service inscription, national inscription, vignette, ornamentation, frame, number of value, outer frameline, inner frameline, and inscription of value.



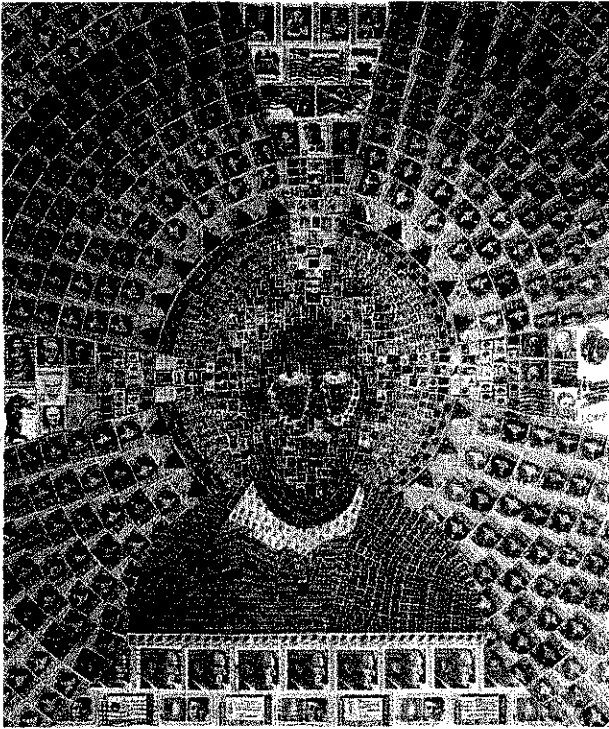
The following letter was received from the Fire and Ice Hermitage in Iceland asking for your old stamps. These stamps are used to create beautiful pictures, in color, and provide funds to run the Retreat Center. TO: Hermit Monk Mikare, Fire & Ice Hermitage, 371 Budardular, in ICELAND.

# **FIRE & ICE HERMITAGE**

March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1999

Nevada Study Group -

## **Contemplative Retreat Center**



Bishop Michael Micari  
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ICELAND

We are a small Community living close to the land. Could you be so kind as to help in our need? Arts & Crafts are our main means of sharing with all humans. Please, share with us your "dead stock" & we'll bring life back to these unwanted stamps.

Thank you, I am....

Hermit-Monk

Micari



Did you know the U.S. Postal System has been using microscoping in the designs of selected stamps? This type of designing is on the increase. Most recently was the Irish Immigration stamp, issued on Feb. 26 of this year. If you look closely, with a magnifying glass, you will find, in the upper right hand corner, just under the yardarm, is the word "Ireland". ]

This procedure is being used both as a novelty and as a security device. It is found on stamps that are printed by offset lithography. With the advancing developing in printing, the process will be in wider use.

Some of the stamps have featured messages, others only have the dates. A take off of the early Canadian stamps.

It was fun looking for those hidden years in the Canadian stamps and now collectors can have the fun of finding the dates and messages in many of the newer issues of the United States stamps.

A great idea for collectors to take a closer look at their stamps.

The above information came from a recent issue of Stamp Collector magazine.

Those members that are interested in collecting First Day Covers, might desire to join the FDC Society. It costs \$20.00 per year, but for those joining at this time there is a special FREE offer. You will receive a membership package consisting of free publications, free first day covers, and the *First Days* magazine. The address is:

American First Day Cover Society  
P.O.. Box 65960,  
Tucson, AZ  
85728

The U.S. Stamp program for the April and May are as follows:

April 6 Sonoran Desert. Second in this subject. Tucson AZ 85726  
10 Fruit Berries, Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
16 33 cent Daffy Duck, Looney Tunes Series. Los Angeles, CA 90001  
Also the postal cards.  
22 Ayn Rand, New York, NY 10199  
27 Cinco de Mayo, San Antonio TX 78284  
n/d North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Washington, D.C. 20066

May 1 Tropical Flowers, Honolulu, HI 96820  
May 14 20 cent Mount Vermin, Mount Vernon, VA 22121.  
18 John & William Bartram, American Botanists. Philadelphia, PA 19104  
26 Celebrate the Century 1950's, Springfield MA 01101  
28 Prostate Cancer Awareness. Austin, TX 78710

At the Mar. 27th General Meeting several items were discussed, including NEVPEX 99. At this time there are only 10 dealers signed up for the show. We need 20. The possible cancellation of the show will be further discussed at the next board meeting. In the meantime there will be a drive to recruit more dealers. More on this later.

There is a Post Card show coming to Reno on April 17th and 18th. at the Lawlor Events center. Also, a coin show on May 22 and 23. The coin show people would like to have NSSS provide two frames of stamp collections. This was agreed by the members present.

The Junior programs operating under Mr. Ho, Dick Dreiling, and Barbara Stanfield reported improvement in a positive direction. Attendance at each of the programs is slowly increasing.

Cindy Scott reported on the Show cachet for NEVPEX 99. It is in its first draft.

Dan Forgues provided an interesting program on Tagging. The following is a copy of the handout distributed by Dan Forgues. Very interesting and informative.

# Tagging

Tagging is a phosphor coating, either on the stamp or on the paper, that is invisible in normal light.

Tagging was applied until recently to the surface of unprecanceled stamps to activate the Postal Service's facer-cancelers. These machines turn the letter so the stamp will be at the upper right and then cancels the stamp. The tagging becomes visible when exposed to short-wave ultraviolet light.

Starting with the 22c Flag Test Stamp the tagging has been applied to the paper. This paper is called pre-phosphored.

## The four types of tagging on US stamps

### Block Tagging

Stamps with phosphor coating applied as a rectangular block over the printed image so that when accurately registered the block does not touch or cover the perforations.

### Overall Tagging

Stamps with phosphor coating applied to their entire surface over the printed image. Tagging is applied to the entire paper web.

### Embedded Phosphor Tagging

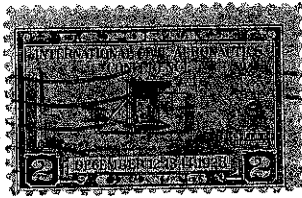
Stamps printed on paper treated with tagging phosphor that penetrates the surface of the paper. Applied prior to the delivery to the printer and has a highly mottled (blotchy) appearance when viewed under short-wave ultraviolet light.

### Surface Phosphor Tagging

Stamps printed on paper treated with tagging phosphor that adheres to the surface of the paper. Applied prior to the delivery to the printer and has a smooth (solid) appearance when viewed under short-wave ultraviolet light.

The two stamps shown were issued in 1928, Scott No's 649 and 650. The following 5 questions are worth 20 Auction Bucks for each correct answer.

1. At what conference were these stamps issued?
2. For what purpose were they issued?
3. In what city were they issued?
4. Whom were the men they commemorated?
5. What plane is depicted on the 2 cent stamp?



This new new item was just announced in the RGJ, a local newspaper, and in the latest issues of all the stamp magazines. The U.S. Post Office is sending a train loaded with U.S. Post Office history, from the last 100 years or more. The name of the train is "*Celebrate The Century Express*". This train will leave Ocala, Fla. on March 28, after a 3 day stay and will travel throughout the United States, stopping at 100 cities in 42 states. The cars will contain multimedia displays covering the use of the Pullman cars, including a historically accurate RPO car. The closest city where we can visit it will be in Sacramento. It will be there from July 29 to August 7. You may want to catch at an earlier location, which is Dunsmuir, CA. It will be there on July 23 to the 25th.

The engine and the first three cars are specially painted for the occasion. Pictures of various issues of stamps are painted on a beige background. You certainly will not miss it if it passes you, on rails, along the highway.

Answers to the Auction Buck Quiz:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Good Luck