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N.S.S.S. meets on the 2nd and 4th Sat. of each month at 10:00 a.m.
in the Spark Railroad Museum, at Pyramid and Victorian Ave.



POST BOY

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Presents
The Post Boy

April, 2001

Dick Dreiling sent a very nice promotional letter to the Northern California Council concerning the upcoming show in June. It was well received and other clubs are looking forward to the show. It's unique format in regards to the rules of the show received nice reviews and everyone thought it would be a great idea. Those that would like to have the show as in the past, with all of its formal rules, would have to wait to a later date.

It was announced there will be 4 dealers signed up for GRSCA and three of them will be new to area. This is what we need.

Dick Dreiling presented a program on the rules of formal presentations of exhibits at the APS level of exhibiting. Covered the subject very well. There will be a class on the mechanics of formal exhibiting at a later date. William Oliver would like to present this program to those individuals who deeply interested in exhibiting. It would be conducted at the same time, off to other room, as our regular programs. Looking forward to it.

Nadiah provided those in attendance with samples of the new coloring book being released to the public, for the juniors. A fine program to bring in new Junior stamp collectors.

Barbara Stanfield reported on the Junior program at the Bernice Mathews School. 14 students attended and the program may well be on the upswing thanks to efforts of **Barbara, Jerry, Mr Ho and Jim Ringer**. The program can use more volunteers to help them. Please step forward and lend a hand to increase the membership of our Juniors.

NSSS wants to welcome a new member, **Richard J. Calvet**. Richard collects the area of the world wide classical period. Welcome aboard.

It is noted with deep regrets **Laura Inis** passed away this month. She was a very active member and will be missed.

The show does need a show cancel and a show cover. **Anyone** with an idea, please submit to the board. Even better send a sample along with it.

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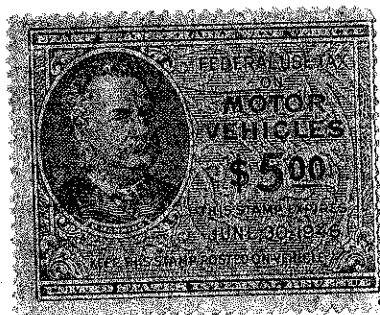
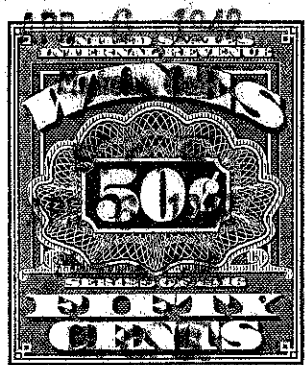
"To promote and enhance the hobby of Stamp Collecting"

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This is the month of April and the month of income taxes. How does philately relate to taxes? Well, the term of "Philately" was invented by the French to describe the hobby of stamp collecting. Mr. George Herpin suggested "Philatelic" was derived from the two Greek words "Philo" meaning friend or amateur and "Atelia" meaning free, exempt from any charge or tax, franked. In other words prepaid cost of sending a letter by mail delivery. He defines it more clearly as 'Philately therefore signifies love of the study of everything relating to franking'.

Stamps became the way of prepaying the postal fee or tax, thus freeing the letter from taxes. However, as the use of stamps become more prevalent they became useful in signifying the payment of taxes and fees. So, we develop, not only the regular and commemorative stamps, but the 'Back of the Book' category. This includes revenues, tax stamps and fee stamps.

Below are a number of stamps that are related to tax and fee usage.



News

The USPS has announced the press sheets of the Pan-American Inverts commemorative panel, to be issued on March 29, has been revised, in size and as in numbers printed. The press sheets will consist of 4 seven-stamp panes. There will only 1.598 million panes printed. The face value of the pane will be \$13.08. I'm afraid by the time you will received this Post Boy a lot of the panes will have been sold. Good Luck.

The old red barn post card has been reinstated due to the fact the rate of the post card was not increased. A new post card had been printed but they are on hold for the time being.

Those collectors using the Commemorative Stamp Club program will now be paying \$10.00 more in the subscription price. It was \$39.95 in 2000, but the cost has jumped to \$49.95. this is due to the change in the rates of postage. The minimum deposit will remain at \$75.00. There are seven shipments per year, beginning in April. A good way to keep up to date on the many, many, many issues of U.S. stamps. You can enroll by calling a toll free number. 1-800-STAMP-24. Or you can e-mail at sfs@email.usps.gov.

The Stamp Advisory committee announced requested for subjects of little known Great Americans. How about Thaddeus Fairbanks, my suggestion, who was the inventor of the leverage system of weights, used today in Doctors' office scales, truck scales, etc. He designed this mechanical method over 160 years ago. The scales are known as the Fairbanks-Morse scales. Who do you know that would make a good subject for a stamp? Send it to the Stamp Advisory Committee and put in a little word for Thaddeus.

For those members who did not attend the last meeting in March, here are the procedures participating in the NSSF Auctions:

NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY **PROCEDURES FOR NSSF AUCTIONS**

1. Auction lots may be submitted only by members in good standing of the Nevada Stamp Study Society, however, anyone attending a meeting may bid on auction lots. Auction lots shall be submitted to the Auction Chairman prior to the opening of the meeting and must be accompanied by the official club sales sheet. Sales sheets will be identified with an auction lot number when submitted. The same sales sheet can be used only twice. If the material does not sell after two exposures, it is either overpriced, damaged, or consists of unpopular stamps and may be re-offered for subsequent sale on a new sales sheet at a reduced price, or should be reworked. All auction lots sold will be subject to a 10% seller's fee to be retained by NSSF.
2. Owners may submit up to six lots for sale at each auction. All lots shall be accurately described by the owner. Give catalog number, price (identify catalog year), whether complete or broken sets, mint, unused, used, and description of condition (good, fine, very fine, etc.) based on accepted philatelic standards. All material must be guaranteed by the owner as being genuine except when specifically noted otherwise on the face of the sales sheet. All defects must be clearly noted.
3. When a seller has incorrectly described a lot, or where there is an error or omission in the description, he will be required to fully refund the full sales price to the buyer who must return the entire lot and the sales sheet within two weeks. NSSF will refund the 10% seller's fee. Any controversy shall be resolved by the Board of Directors and their decision shall be final and binding on both the seller and the buyer.
4. An owner entering lots may place a reserve bid (minimum selling price) on any or all of his/her lots. Such reserve is subject to the approval of the Auction Chairman.
5. After the last lot has been sold, successful bidders shall pick up their lots and pay the Auction Chairman. If paying by check, leave the "Pay to" line blank as the check may be given to a lot owner.
7. After all lots have been paid for, those who entered lots shall be paid the full amount of their sales total, less the 10% seller's fee.
8. The entering of any material for sale binds the seller to the acceptance of these rules and regulations.

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Trinidad and Tobago

Trinidad is an island off the coast of Venezuelan. It is part of the West Indies group. Tobago is an island, 116 sq. miles in size, lies about 20 miles NE of Trinidad. Trinidad was govern by Great Britain, although it was discovered by Columbus in 1498. It became a British possession in 1802. It is 1864 miles in area and has a population of 387,000 people. There are 128,000 motor vehicles and 27,000 commercial trucks.

The two colonies were united in 1889 until 1800, when Trinidad became a ward of the state. From 1899 until 1913 stamps of Trinidad were used.

In 1962 these two islands received their independence and in 1976 they became a republic.

The islands are one of the most prosperous in the Caribbean, due to oil production. This oil is refined in the Middle East and then sent, mostly, to the United States. They also export sugar, cocoa, coffee, and citrus products.

The stamps of these two islands are somewhat reasonable in price. Trinidad issued only 107 stamps up to 1909.

After the two island were united, the total stamps issued by them was 600 up to 2000. It looks like a nice collection could be made from beginning to date. There are a couple of Semi-postals, some Postage Due and several War Tax stamps.

The subjects reign from statues of "Britannia" to "Miss Universe" of 1998. Plants, planes, bugs, birds, fish, sports and many other topical items.

Below is a sample of the many stamps that have been issued by them.



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Here are some tips for those old stamp tongs.

- : Aerating the soil in your potted plants. Just poke around here and there.
- : Breaking up lumps in the sugar bowl, or salt shaker, or cheese shaker.
- : Cleaning out the grooves on your sliding windows.
- : Divesting your finger of a splinter.

Gathering up spilled beads or other tiny things.

Impaling bugs that live in the grooves of your sliding windows.

Jewelry repair; unangling knotted gold chains.

Lightning bug handler, or lubricating small items (hold a small wad of cotton with the tongs).

: Marking mount for trimming; also useful in miniature work.

Nitpicker for removing harmful insects from your plants.

Planting small seeds in a pot.

Yanking "pills" off an acrylic sweater.

Removing old hinges.

Threading your sewing machine or serger; or removing tacks.

Unlacing your shoes or undoing knots.

Vehicle repair; useful for working with little wires.

Watch repair; coping with tiny batteries, chips and links.



"My Dad said to use my initiative if I needed money so "I'm selling his stamp collection"

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Auction bucks auction quiz follows:

Each correct answer will receive 20 auction bucks.

1. What animal appears on the stamp honoring the Humane Society?
2. Who is on the twenty-two-cent value of the 1938 definitives?
3. The U. S. issued two stamps for the Xth Olympiad in 1932. What did the designs show?
4. What color are the windmill stamps in the 1980 booklets?
5. What revolutionary War patriot is shown on the one-cent value of the Louisiana Purchase stamps of 1904?

Answers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____