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Nothing so rare as a day, blah, blah, blah. You've heard it before. Pardon my grumpy mood but my computer broke down recently. We don't realize how much we depend on modern conveniences until we have to do without them. The Post Boy is late this month because I don't know where I put my typewriter (I can almost hear the young folk saying "your what?!")

The slate is established but there is still time to add to it with a write-in vote. These are the candidates; Vice-President, **Jeanne Paquin** Secretary, **Casey Macken** Director, **Jean Johnson**

To change or add to this slate please see **John Walter**, the chairman of the election committee. Jeanne Paquin has a statement on page two of this issue. A ballot will appear in the next (July) issue of the Post Boy with a list of the candidates and spaces for write-in votes. The vote will be taken on the second meeting of July. Any absentee ballots must be received by that meeting on July 24, 2010.

The **Stamp Show** cancel has been decided on. The theme of it will be the 100th anniversary of the first flight in Nevada. Did you know flights in Nevada, specifically out of Carson City, were flown at the highest altitudes for the old flying machines and presented special problems for the engines. The first time I came through this area, I

learned that the timing in the car's engine had to be advanced because of the altitude. Otherwise the car sputtered and didn't have the power to make it over the next hill. I imagine it was a similar problem in airplanes.

We still have several frames to fill in the exhibits portion of the Stamp Show. If you know of someone who wants to exhibit or if you want to yourself see **Harvey Edwards**.

"My Favorite Things" will once again be a part of the Show. and now its time to start reworking this popular exhibit. If you had one in the show before, try to find another one to add to the show or replace some of the exhibit that is starting to grow a little stale. If you haven't put one into this part of the show, its a good way to start exhibiting. Most of the members who have put a favorite thing into the exhibit will happy to help you with yours.

The program this month was about "Barns" and was given by **Jack Harsh** of Barnes and Noble. The pictures were taken from his book, "Nevada Barn Heritage." Thank you, Jack. It was a very interesting program.

The Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show August 21-22 will be held at the Reno National Bowling Stadium at 300 North Center street in downtown Reno. Hours 10 to 6, Sun., 10-4.

Jeanne Paquin

In my tenure with the NSSS, I have served our club in a lot of ways.

I am currently Vice President, which has given me the most wonderful opportunities and to learn how to run a meeting.

I developed "Cable Access" Specials, 1 through 4, that were aired on our local Reno cable station at various times. We also have shown these Specials at our shows for several years.

I have held the position of Exhibit Chairman with our show for several years, helping acquire exhibits to fill our show's frames from far and wide. I have held the position of the Hospitality Chairman, working with a local restaurant for our annual Banquet.

I have worked with various Post Offices to display our items, and creating a better relationship with the Post Office whether it is Reno or Carson City.

I have served as a Director, in which I was in charge of all donations that came to our club. I helped create the "Blue Sheets" for the good of the club from donations.

Helped with contributions to the Raffle ticket prizes, and asked other members to help with Auctions, and specialized duties for the betterment of our club.

I have worked the State Fair booth, helped load exhibits, and talk to the public about the wonders of stamp collecting.

Recently I organized the "unofficial" First Day of Issue state for the Nevada State stamp with the Governor's office and the Carson City Post Office and Postmaster.

I enjoy being an active member with our club and will continue to participate and enjoy every member and moment I can. Stamp collecting means a great deal to me.

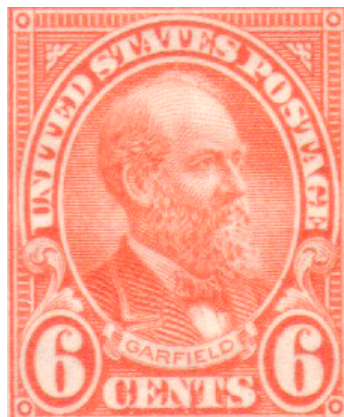
I hope you will re-elect me as Vice President.

Keep on collecting;

Jeanne Paquin

Six cent Garfield #587

Both stamps below are the perf 10 Garfield issued in 1923. The Specialized Scott describes the color as a “Red Orange.” The stamp on the right appears to have shifted in color, but that could be a smeared cancel, right? Or could this be a changeling?



The stamp on the left is as #587 was printed. In the stamp on the right the original color shows through but has darkened with age. Unfortunately, the difference doesn't show clearly in black and white for our mail subscribers. To see this in color, go to the library and download it from the club's website. Address is on the front page.

According to “The Dealers Guide to Chemical Restoration” sulphurization of certain metals used in printing inks will cause those metals to turn black. We commonly refer to this process as “oxidation”, (it is not), and the stamp involved becomes a “changeling.” To reverse this process an oxygen atom is re-introduced in to the stamp to replace the sulphur atoms. Simply immerse the stamp in a solution of H₂O₂ (hydrogen peroxide) which you can find in most grocery or variety stores.

While soaking the stamp in hydrogen peroxide, be sure to agitate the stamp to insure even distribution of the chemical. When done rinse the stamp well so the stamp isn't bleached out by residual chemistry.

The stamps to the right are the after and before images. The left one was soaked in H₂O₂ for only a couple of minutes. Notice the difference in the upper left corner. A minute or two more might finish the job.



After

Before

Another group of sites I found along the way while looking for stamp sites for this page. I still have a number of sites to show you but, once every now and then it's fun to look at something else, like how to make an organic household cleanser that works and that you don't have to worry if it might kill you or the kids.

<http://www.diylife.com/>

"DIY stands for "Do It Yourself" and is an interesting site that can show you how to fix a sink or create organic household cleaners and deodorizers or whatever else you can think of.

<http://www.russianbooks.org/>

I don't know if this has anything to do with Russians but Peter Vronsky has some interesting things to offer, if you're interested in the violent past (WWII, US Civil War, serial killers and international relations).

<http://isjp.org/Expert/>

With a nod to stamps, I found this site about Japanese forgeries. Stamp forgeries, of course, not post-war porcelain pots. It's about the earliest of Japanese stamps.

<http://www.mapforum.com/04/escape.htm#4>

How fascinating are maps for you? Better yet, escape maps from prisoners of war during WWII?

<http://www.alleghenyludlum.com/pages/companyinfo/stainlesscars.asp>

Recently, a story about stainless steel cars was running around the internet. This site will show you what they look like.

<http://silverstateghosttowns.com/>

With summer fast coming upon us, it's time to explore Nevada. How about looking for a ghost town. Nevada's got 'em.

<http://www.oxfordseminars.com/tesol-tesl-tefl-course/upcoming-information-sessions.php>

Wanna go overseas for a while? Here's a way you can do it. You'll have a job when you get there and be able to absorb the local customs.

I may have given you this quiz before but didn't mark it down. I will this time. This one is about our favorite collecting subject, US stamps so you should do well with it. Well, maybe, except for the bonus question (read the article carefully)

1. On August 15, 1957 a stamp was issued in Bath Maine. What industry did it honor?
A) Plumbing B) Ship Building C) Fishing
2. In what year did the US end domestic airmail service?
A) 1967 B) 1972 C) 1977
3. "Old Faithful" appears on a 1972 commemorative. In what national park is it located?
A) Yellowstone B) Toyabe C) Yosemite
4. What animal appears on the thirty cent definitive of 1922-25
A) Horse B) Buffalo C) Eagle
5. Who is on the twelve cent 1938 definitive?
A) Zachary Taylor B) Millard Fillmore C) Franklin Pierce
6. What athletic activity is depicted on the 1979 Olympic postal card?
A) High Jump B) Sprinting C) Swimming
7. The Graf Zeppelin issue has three denominations; \$0.65, \$1.60 and?
A) \$2.60 B) \$2.65 C) \$2.70
8. What author appears on the three cent stamp in the Famous American series?
A) Emerson B) Poe C) Thoreau
9. What is the name of the lamp shown on the fifty cent stamp in the Americana issue of 1975-79?
A) Iron Betty B) Iron Maiden C) Iron Butterfly
10. What vehicle is shown on the ten cent special delivery stamp of 1922?
A) Feet B) Bicycle C) Delivery Truck

Bonus question: "Changelings" are caused by oxidation in the metals in printing ink? True or False?

Metal in printing inks? They actually use metals in printing inks? I guess that explains why the stamps are so heavy. And I thought it was just because I was getting older!

Japan (with the exception of WWII) has long been a friend to the United States and has taken up western ways as a result. Western dress and baseball is the norm and has been since shortly after Commodore Perry visited Japan in 1853.

1. A. The airmail stamps of Japan of 1953 (not '52) were celebrated with the image of (the) Buddha, "The enlightened one" or "He who has come."

2. A. The first year of Japanese airmail was 1919, one year after the United States issued their first airmail stamp.

3. B. The second organization was the Community Chest, a common organization of welfare or charitable groups (B11).

4. A. The International Year of the Child was established in 1979 by Kurt Waldheim to follow up on the "Rights of the Child" in 1959. It was followed again, in 1989, by "The Rights of the Child." All were created within the United Nations (1373-74).

5. C. Baseball is the national sport of the United States and, guess who else? Japan, and is celebrated on #1372 with a close-up of a baseball.

6. A. #1315 shows a dinosaur in the Stars Museum for the one hundredth anniversary of the National Museum..

7. B. A picture of the Emperor's coach (the Imperial Coach) marks the 50th anniversary of Hirohito's ascension to the throne in Japan.

8. A. While one might expect baseball, the national pastime of Japan for the National Athletic Meet, it was really Rugby, the sport of Europe that was featured on #1017.

9. B. We bounce balls in the game of basketball but, the Japanese being a little different, chose this action to celebrate Stamp Week in 1957 on #641.

10. A. Unzen National Park was established in 1934 around a volcano (of the same name) that last erupted in 1792 causing a tsunami that killed 15,000 people. The name means "fairylane among the clouds." It is also the home of Japan's first golf course.

Bonus question. The first meeting was held on November 2, 1949. A week later the meeting was held in the chambers of Reno Justice of the Peace, Laurence Layman. There they elected their first club officers including the president, Joe Greco.

That's all we have to say about Japan, a wonderful country with customs that may seem strange to us and with people who are as warm and friendly as any in the world.