

# Post Boy



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## Editor's Byline

### December

"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time."

— [Laura Ingalls Wilder](#)

Casey Macken  
Editor



Merry Christmas to all! I hear that you have already received snow. That is fantastic. I am so bummed that I will not be able to join all of you for the Christmas party on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Just know that I will be there in spirit. I will be grading High School Writing Proficiency exams all day.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your assistance in putting together the Post Boy each month. It is not as simple as it looks. I have learned a lot about stamps, writing and Microsoft Office. I want you all to know that I would not have been able to put out the newsletter without your input. It is truly a collaboration effort. Thank you to John Walter, Stan Cronwall, Betty Mudge and Howard Grenzebach and everyone else you provided information for your support. It has truly been an honor.

Good luck to the new editor Marla Wetterling. Make sure you provide her with articles, puzzles we can do and pictures. I hope to provide some articles for her myself. And do not forget that you can work on your exhibits by doing an article or two.

The Christmas party is on the 14<sup>th</sup>, don't forget to bring silverware, plates, cups, anything you need for a fantastic dinner cooked by Dick Dreiling, himself. Bring a gift, no more than \$15 to trade, steal or ?? Have a great time.

Meetings are still at the Silverada Mobile Estates on Oddie and I hope to see you guys if we are having a meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Do not forget to log your hours as members cleaning up, writing articles or whatever to earn Auction Bucks for next year.

Thank you again and happy collecting to all!

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# Japan Tourist Sheets

by John Walter

As a topic for the Show & Tell program in September, John Walter discussed his small collection of three Japanese Tourist Sheets. John started to collect stamps of Japan and the Ryukyu Islands while living in Tachikawa, Japan from 1971 to 1975. A few years ago he purchased two of these tourist sheets at a NSSS auction.

**Short Introduction:** Beginning in the 1890s, forgeries of Japanese stamps mounted on a large page with decorative borders were sold to foreign tourists as a souvenir of their visit. These souvenirs, sold primarily in seaport shops, became known as "tourist sheets." The number of stamps on the page varied, but there were usually 40 to 50. Most of the forgeries are attributable to one of two men - Wada Kotaro and Maeda Kihei. Mr. Wada was the most prolific Japanese stamp forger of his day. Wada's forgeries were mass produced and affixed to these tourist sheets. He avoided prosecution by inserting the character for "sanko" (reference) or "mozo" (imitation) in his forgeries. Over the years, many of the original stamp forgeries have been removed from the tourist sheets and placed in collections. Today it is difficult to find tourist sheets that still have all their original stamps.

Late in the 19th century, non-forgers began producing imitations of the Wada and Maeda tourist sheets. The imitation sheets often included features of the Wada sheets, such as crossed flags on striped flagpoles, decorative borders, and stamp captions. These imitation sheets persisted well into the 1930s.

## Imitation tourist sheets shown at the meeting:

The tourist sheets passed around at the stamp club meeting were probably produced much later than the original tourists sheets and contain low-value stamps and cut squares from used postal cards. All the stamps appear genuine, but since nobody in the stamp club can read kanji, it will remain that way. John has no intention of removing the stamps from the sheets.

The most impressive of John's sheets is Figure 1 (below) with 66 stamps in five rows of 10-14-14-14 and 14. All have descriptive text in kanji. This sheet measures quite large at 21 x 15¼ inches. Using the reference listed at the end of this article, this tourist sheet is catalogued as UP4b. No prices are listed in the reference monograph.



The full sheet of 66 stamps is on the left. Above is a close-up of a small area of the sheet.

The Figure 2 sheet (below) has 23 stamps and 4 cut square postal cards with a decorative border. The graphics



are reproduced from earlier sheets. These last two sheets were probably produced in the 1950s - maybe as early as the late 1940s. These last two sheets are not listed in the reference material since the author stopped his listing in the late 1930s.



The full sheet is on the left and a close-up of the left lower corner is on the right.

Figure 3 (below) is similar as the above sheet with graphics on the top and decorative border. It has 21 stamps and 2 postal card cut squares. These last two sheets measure 15 x 10½ inches.



Figure 3

All the sheets are printed on very thin paper and the smaller sheets have some separation at the crease lines from repeated opening and refolding. John has the sheets in thick archival safe mounts so it was easy to pass around to have everyone have a close look.

Much more information on the topic can be found in "the Tourist Sheets and Booklets of Japan" by Ron Casey and published as Monograph 17 by the International Society for Japanese Philately in October 2004. John is willing to loan the reference monograph to any NSSS member if they want to conduct further research on the tourist sheets.

Post Boy Quiz  
December-Your Name

# Name those Christmas Stamps

1



2



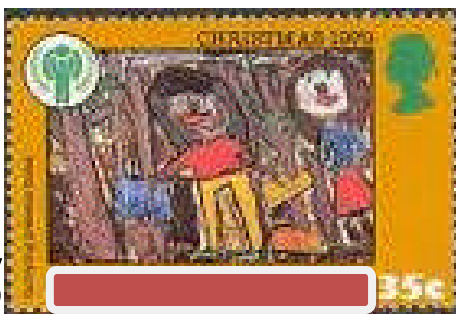
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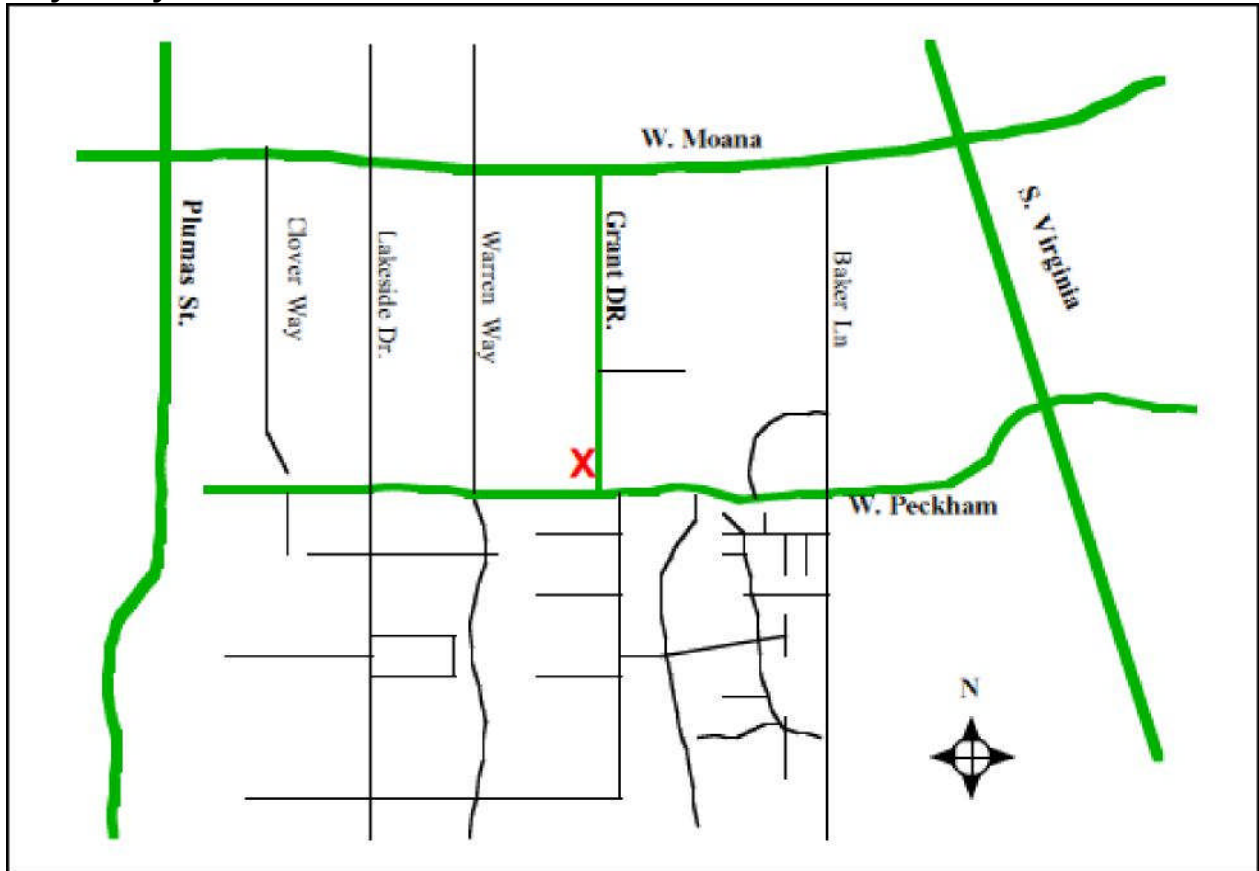
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is looking for used US stamps for 2012/2013 to trade



## 1. Holiday Party Location



2.

### 3. 601 W. Peckham - Masonic Temple

4. While this map isn't perfect it is pretty accurate as far as where the streets end.
5. For instance, Clover Way comes up short of Peckham and Peckham doesn't go all the way to Plumas. North is the top of the map and south is the bottom.
6. The easiest route is Virginia to Peckham to Grant, park the car and have a good time at the party. You can also take Grant, Lakeside or Warren from Moana but not Clover.
7. The party is where the big red X is.
8. Have fun at the party and drive safely.



## Answers November Word List

Archipelago  
Indian Ocean  
Male  
Coral  
Dhivehi  
Woven mats  
English  
Sweet potatoes

## Anagram

Maldives

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## REGULAR MEETING

SILVERADA MOBILE ESTATES

DECEMBER 14TH

10:00AM

Auction

SILVERADA MOBILE ESTATES

DECEMBER 28TH

10:00AM

Consignment Sales with Presentation

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