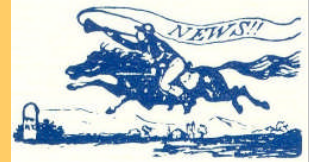


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Announcements

Happy New Year

Once again the NSSS members are asked to vote in the 2017 Linn's stamp poll. As in years past, voting will be for each group - commemoratives, definitives, special stamps, and postal stationery. All the ballots will be sent to Linn's after the Feb. 10 meeting.

Ballots and color pages with the stamp images will be available at the next three meetings. Just a short update on last year's issues: There were 75 commemoratives, 41 definitives, 7 for holidays and special occasions, and 4 stationery items issued. That's about 25 less issues than in 2016.

Of course the most unusual 2017 issue was the heat-sensitive ink used on the Total Eclipse of the Sun stamp/pane.

John Walter updated the club website with all the pictures taken in 2017 at meetings, Auction Bucks auction, Christmas party, picnic and all the stamp displays at Vassar post office and libraries around town. Also added on the Post Boy/article page are the 28 articles written by club members in 2017.

Message from the President Harvey Edwards

I hope everyone had a safe, happy and joyous holiday season. I'll be on the road for the meeting on Jan. 13th. The plan is to have a Board of Directors' meeting on Jan. 27, after the philatelic presentation. I appreciate Gary Atkinson running the meetings while I've been away.

Stamp prices increase in January (by the rate of inflation - about 2%). Recent changes will allow future price increases to be higher than inflation.

I want to encourage anyone who has ever thought of exhibiting to make this the year that they put an exhibit together. Several members have enough "My Favorite Things" to make an interesting standalone exhibit. We've also had some interesting "2nd meeting" presentations in the past year that would make a good start to an exhibit. If you've never exhibited, the first 4 exhibit frames are free with the possibility of receiving the novice award.

One additional item: This is the last chance to stay an "active" member. The updated membership roster is being finalized with plans to print the directory by early February. If you are not sure of your membership status, please contact **Paul Glass**.

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Post Boy Reporter

Dec. 9 - Christmas & Holiday Party - There were 26 attendees including spouses and family. **George Ray** and **Eric Fields** arrived early to set up the room with tables and chairs. **Barbara Stanfield** did much of the work with covering the tables with red tablecloths and adding decorations. **Barbara Diederichsen** coordinated the food items with **Harvey Edwards** bringing the turkey and **Kirsten Walter** a ham and a huge pot of mashed potatoes. **Marla Wetterling** also helped with decorations and the food table.

Mike Del Grosso, and his wife, Diane, came to the party instead of a Postmark Show they had planned to attend in California. **Gary Atkinson** and **Eric fields** were first-time attendees. **Bob Wolfe** came with his wife Adriana and daughter Stephanie.

Everyone participated in the gift exchange which went well. Three or four items were "stolen" three times and retired early. Gift candy was quite popular, along with a power tool set, flameless candles, and strangely, two philatelic books. **Harvey Edwards** was the Master of Ceremony for the gift exchange with **Terri Edwards** keeping track when gifts were "stolen."

Breaking down the room went fairly quick with almost all attendees helping.



The above photo shows only one of three tables of the attendees.

On the left is Stan Cronwall wearing an apron he "stole" at the Christmas party.

Philatelic Resolutions for 2018

Editor: The following is a summary of the philatelic presentation from the Nov. 25 meeting.

Nadiah Beekun: As we enter the new year, we think about what we did, and didn't, accomplish this past year. Exercise more, eat less, go on trips, stay home, be nicer, and so on.

But what about our Philatelic Resolution? What can we do for ourselves and our hobby? What can we do for our stamps? Our collections? Our flagging interest in the wall paper the USPS is putting out?

Stamp collecting is kinda like fishing ... Most of it you do alone, learning about where to go, what to look for, getting the right equipment, and then working on technique. Sometimes you get a really big one. Sometimes you regret the one that got away. And sometimes you lie about just what you had.

Just like in fishing, there are tournaments and trophies in Philately. These are called "Stamp Shows" and "Ribbons". And there are Record books that keep track of the "Biggest and the Best" whether it is a Blue Marlin or a Blue Marlin.

But where fishing is an outdoor sport, with hooks, fishing poles, mosquitoes, and cold mornings, philately is an indoor sport with books, stamp tongs, stamps, and a comfy chair.

What are you going to do in that comfy chair this year? Are you going to sit there and just shuffle the same stamps around or are you going to prepare yourself for a wonderful collecting adventure? That is why you need to make a Philatelic Resolution this year.

If you always do what you've always done, you will always get what you've always gotten.

Now is the time to look over your options. What can you decide to do for your stamps and yourself? Will you reorganize your collection and swap unwanted countries or duplicates? Will you remount your stamps into a better album or upgrade from a mint hinged to mint never hinged? (Remembering of course that if the best stamps are unhinged, does it follow that the best stamp collectors are also unhinged?)

Or are you going to follow an interesting tangent on your current collection that might win you the gold or vermeil ribbon in this year's show. You need to have the resolution to do it. Nadiah's list of resolutions are:

- Organize My Collection
- Swap, Sell or Donate material that does NOT belong in MY Collection
- Read more Philatelic Magazines to Educate Myself
- Research and Write and Article for the POST BOY
- Prepare and make a Presentation at the Club
- Enter an Exhibit at the Stamp Show
- ENJOY YOUR STAMPS!!!!

Stan Cronwall had a list prepared for the meeting presentation:

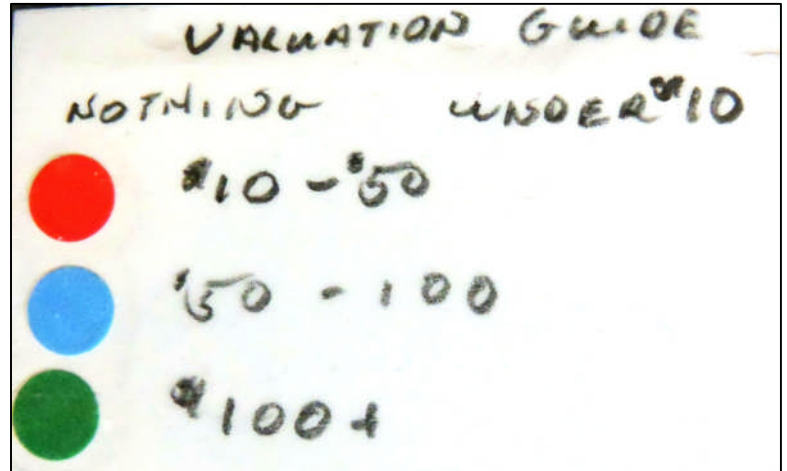
- Do some new "My Favorite Things" pages for 2018 Stamp Show
- Consider re-vamping one or two older Exhibits for 2018 Stamp Show
- Write articles for the Post Boy
- Buy a used set of 2017 Scott Catalogs for reference and quiz preparation
- Produce enough Post Boy Quizzes through 2019
- Re-file materials pulled from albums for various 2016 and 2017 projects
- Get through material set aside for "Work on First" and "Work on Second"



Gary Dahlke showed what he is doing to get his philatelic estate in order. He asked, "Do you have valuable stamps? How do your loved ones or heirs know that? Do you have an inventory of any specialized collections?" Gary is marking his valuable stamps in his St. Pierre & Miquelon collection with red (over \$10), blue (\$50+), and green (over \$100) stickers so valuable items stand out. The stickers are applied to the corner of mounts - not the stamp itself. He referred members to an Internet article "Philatelic Disposition for the Novice." As he stated "We know more about our collection than anyone else in the world," and we should make it easy for our family and heirs. APS members should obtain labels for each album with information on the APS Estate Advisory Services.



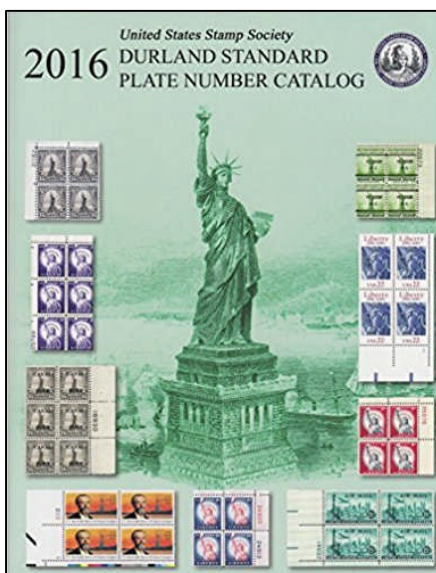
Crop of page from Gary' album with the stickers



Front of album with the code used for valuations

John Walter also had a list for the meeting presentation:

- Expand the list of Display Topics used at the Vassar post office and libraries
- Make more "My Favorite Things" pages
- Develop a meeting presentation
- Update philatelic inventory
- Write an article for the Post Boy
- Maybe, getting an active group of members together to actively trade stamps at meetings



Gary Atkinson recently purchased the 2016 Durland Standard Plate Number Catalog. He wanted to expand his U.S. collection into some plate block issues, coil and coil pairs, and maybe booklets and panes. The catalog is an excellent reference for all these specialty areas.

Harvey Edwards was thinking out loud, for other members, about making a philatelic resolution this year:

- Becoming a Board member
- Working on an exhibit or a new collecting interest
- Writing a Post Boy article
- Mentoring a new collector
- Making an effort to attend more club meetings.

All are doable resolutions, and we might even acquire some new philatelic skills along the way. Don't forget mentoring is always available for members when undertaking new projects both for your own personal enjoyment and for club projects.

Stamp Bag Mystery Solved

Stan Cronwall's stamp bag mystery has been solved thanks to the appeal made in the December Post Boy. At the Nov. 25 meeting Stan announced that his beloved beat-up, cloth stamp bag was missing. He did not have it at the Nov. 11 meeting either since that was Auction Bucks auction day.

This was the notice in the December Post Boy:

LOST and Wanted Back: A well worn off-white/light gray canvas tote bag I've been lugging around for the last 10-15 years. It has what remains of a stenciled series of red hearts in a design on one side. It is worn and dirty, but it also harbors my carefully compiled lists of major categories in my various collections.

When **Howard Kadohiro** was putting together his October presentation on the Merchant Marine sailors based on his father-in-law's experiences, he shared with Stan information on a few trips made during WW II when convoy duty saw them making runs to Murmansk with equipment and supplies for the Russian war effort.

German Luftwaffe planes based in Norway were sent to interdict the convoys.

From Stan's library of books on the Luftwaffe, he came up with some information and photos which he shared with Howard for possible use in his story.

Howard didn't have a way to carry the books, so Stan emptied out one of his stamp bags for Howard to lug the reference materials. Hence the "missing bag."

The usual contents of that tote were added to another Stan was carrying. When he got home, he emptied out those items and then proceeded to bury them under some other philatelic projects.

Howard and his wife, Jane, left shortly after the Oct. meeting to be gone for a long trip that included some time in Japan.

When Howard read the December Post Boy during his Japan travel, he e-mailed Stan a reminder that he had the "missing bag".

Stan says the "bag and books will be returning in January so all will be back to normal, whatever that is."

The final note from Stan, "thanks for your efforts in the Post Boy and thanks to Howard for filling in what appears to be the ever increasing holes in my memory."

2018 Club Event Calendar

In addition to the regular club meetings on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, these are special event dates:

June 23 - Member bourse tables at regular club meeting

July 28-29 - 2018 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show

August 11 - Summer picnic for members and family - 10 a.m. to about noon.

This will also be the Elections for Vice-President, Secretary & two Directors

November 10 - Auction Bucks auction day

December 8 - Christmas & Holiday Party - at the Silverada Clubhouse from 1 p.m. to about 4 p.m.

January Quiz on Sweden

By Stan Cronwall

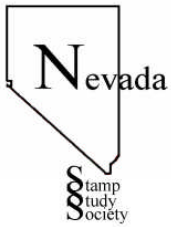
1. Back in the late 1960's and 1970's Swedish men dominated the ranks of the world's tennis players. Their apparent role model was the Swedish king who played tennis most of his life only giving up singles when he turned 80 years of age. Over the years as royal head of state, he was depicted on several stamps including regular issues in 1949, 1967, 1972 and 1973. His royal title was?
a. King Gustav VI Adolph b. Prince Eugen c. King Oscar II
2. The opening of new General Post Office was commemorated on a stamp issued in 1903. The facility was built in what city? a. Malmo b. Stockholm c. Goteborg
3. The US has recently issued a set of stamps where some might say the idea originated from a Swedish set of stamps issued in 2011. The subject matter was?
a. Snowflakes b. Spices c. Ice Cream Confections
4. A set of stamps was issued in 1988 entitled Settling of New Sweden. This overall theme depicted how the US and Sweden have historically had close ties. Which of these people was not featured on a stamp in this series: a. Jenny Lund b. Ryne Sandberg c. Charles Lindbergh
5. Over the years quite a number of Swedish issues have commemorated postal events and services. One of these service operations was featured on a stamp issued in 1996. The subject matter was?
a. End of Railway Mail Sorting b. Delivery by Pontoon Plane c. Helicopter Mail Service
6. One of the stamps in the Europa issue of 2001 booklet pane of 4, shows an animal? What kind of animal is it? a. An otter b. A swan c. A duck
7. A century of postal cooperation between Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden was celebrated with a special stamp in 1973. The Scott catalog calls this issue?
a. Pan-Baltic Cooperation Issue b. Nordic Cooperation Issue c. North Atlantic-Baltic Confederation Issue
8. Ingmar Bergman was a famous Swedish film director honored on a stamp issued in 2008. Which of his productions was featured on a souvenir sheet released at the same time?
a. Fanny and Alexander b. Smiles of a Summer Night c. The Virgin Spring
9. Animals are often the subject of stamp sets issued at least in part for their collectability. In 2005, Sweden issued a block of four Juvenile Wild Animals. The featured animals were?
a. Koala, tiger, giraffe and anteater b. Lynx, bear, wolf and fox c. Lion, kangaroo, polar bear and hippo
10. During World War II, Germany desperately needed Sweden's high grade iron ore for its armaments production. In 1991, Sweden issued a six stamp set dealing with iron ore mining and steel manufacturing. Oddly, if Scott can be believed these were perforated (13) on either 2 or 3 sides even though they were issued in booklet panes of six. How many different stamp sizes were included in this set?
a. Two b. Three c. One

Bonus: The Easter issue of 2001 showed symbols we all associated with the holiday – namely colored eggs. What are shown in the set of three stamps?

- a. Brown, White & Speckled Eggs b. Orange and Purple Eggs and a Chick c. Yellow, Blue and Green Eggs

The January quiz is worth 110 Auction Bucks, including the bonus. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at either of the January meetings or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

<p>Dec. Quiz Answers: 1. a, 2. b, 3. a, b, or c, 4. b, 5. c, 6. a, 7. c, 8. b, 9. b, 10. c Bonus: True</p>
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Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show July 28-29, 2018

The Nevada Stamp Study Society announces the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show will be held July 28-29, 2018 in downtown Reno, NV.

Where: Hall of Fame Museum
National Bowling Stadium
300 N. Center Street
Reno, NV 89501-1129



When: Saturday, July 28, 2018, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, July 29, 2018, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show is open to the general public with free admission and free parking at the bowling stadium. Thirteen dealers and the U.S. Postal Service will have booths.

There will be up to 40 frames of exhibits using American Philatelic Society frames with 16 pages per frame.

Exhibitor prospectus is available <http://renostamp.org/show/2018/2018-exhibitor-prospectus.pdf>

Dealer application is available <http://renostamp.org/show/2018/NSSS-2018-Dealer-Table-App.pdf>

A special cachet cover with a pictorial cancellation will be offered, along with hourly door prizes.

For more information use the contact list below. The website is: <http://www.renostamp.org>

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Download the [Exhibitor Prospectus](#)

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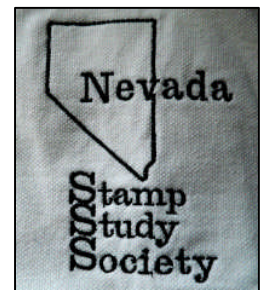
For Sale: From the Jean Johnson estate. Great Britain MNH from about 2004 to 2006. The items include sets, FDCs, and presentation booklets. The prices are about 1/3 of Scott catalog. Contact **Betty Mudge** 972-8237 or email bjmudge2004@yahoo.com.

For Sale: From the Jean Johnson estate. Selling less than face value MNH U.S. from about 2000 to present with singles, blocks and panes. Contact **George Ray** 359-9296

Buying : Stamp Collections Worldwide & United States, Large or Small Estate. Postal History , Post Cards , Ephemera, Stock Certificates, Checks, Old Business Ledgers and Billheads, Mining Lumber, Staging & Express, Pony Express, California Gold Rush. Photographs 1840's - 1920's , California & Nevada Oil Paintings, anything Rare from California or Nevada History... Contact member **Mark Baker** 530-417-1117 or Email Mark@goldrushpaper.com.

For Sale: U.S. Plate # Blocks MNH from 1930 on. Later years Plate # Blocks 15% off face value. Want lists requested for specific plate numbers/positions. Contact member **George Ray** 359-9296.

For Sale: Monogrammed shirts with the Nevada Stamp Study Society logo for \$25. The monogram can also be placed on a shirt you provide for \$15. Right now the shirts are dark blue with white monogram or white shirt with dark blue monogram. Members regularly wear the monogrammed shirt at meetings. Contact member Dave and Susan Gehringer (925) 408-6807 or ds-ginger@sbcglobal.net or. They will need your shirt size and color when ordering. Cropped logo from a shirt is on the right.



Wanted - Covers from "cat mail" used in 1879 in Liege, Belgium. The city commissioned 37 cats to deliver mail to nearby villages. Contact member **Stan Cronwall** email: stlaine@aol.com

Buy and Sell - almost anything philatelic and ephemera. This includes stamps, post cards, FDCs, photos and documents of mining, and also Western interest. Plus selling philatelic supplies. Contact member **Nadiyah Beekun** at (775) 762-4905, <http://www.RenoStamps.com> or email: classicnevada@yahoo.com.

Wanted - pre-1950's, picture postcards from Scotland, preferably castles and abbeys. Contact member **Marla Wetterling** (775) 575-1337 or email: opusnrosebud@att.net.

Wanted: U.S. aerogramme: #UC49, and UC52 - must be used and addressed to an overseas address. Also needed is FDC of UC63a. Contact member **John Walter**, email: walter60@gmail.com.

Wanted: Articles for the Post Boy newsletter. Many of the stamp club members purchase auction and consignment lots at meetings. How about a short article on why the item was purchased and a scan of the item. Let us know why you bought a certain item. Submit article to editor@renostamp.org

Wanted: Advertisements for philatelic items you may be seeking for your collection or an exhibit. You may be surprised by the items our members may have lurking in their collections. Also wanted are advertisements for items or duplicates you want to sell. Contact the editor (775) 851-7968 or editor@renostamp.org.