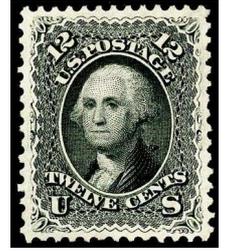




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February Meeting

In last month's President's Message, Ed Murtha announced that he will not be running for HTPS President for the 2012-2013 term. VP Jeff Boyarsky has indicated that he will run for that office. So it is not too early to start thinking about the April nominations for HTPS offices. The last page lists the officers and support functions. Why not volunteer for one of those positions?



This month, we are pleased to have noted philatelist, **Edward J.J. Grabowski, Ph.D.**, as our February speaker. He is the Vice-President of both the Westfield Stamp Club and the Collectors Club of New York, and has won numerous awards for

his exhibits, including the Prix d'Honneur at the Washington 2006 International Stamp Show.

Dr. Grabowski will speak on the "Postal History of the French Colonial Allegorical Group Type: Use from Senegal, French Sudan, and Senegambia & Niger."



Everyone has seen this series of stamps, containing the French symbols of Peace and Commerce with the name of the colony overprinted. As an expert on this series, Dr. Grabowski will tell us more about the history and use of these stamps.

We hope you will be on hand for his talk on the 21st.

HTPS Meetings . . .

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Hamilton Township Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way (off Whitehorse Mercerville Road) in Hamilton, NJ.

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President's Message



On the back pages of the Hinge, there is always a list of upcoming philatelic shows and events. A good number of your fellow members, including myself, attend these shows. Some of us meet for breakfast before attending the show to catch up on current events and to discuss our philatelic pursuits.

In my opinion, this is an enjoyable way to spend a few hours with good friends who share a common interest in philately.

There is another bonus. As you visit shows on a regular basis, dealers will get to know you. When they participate in other shows and add material, they soon become your eyes for locating new items for your collection.

Whenever I attend a Stamp Show / Bourse, I feel just like I do whenever I purchase a lottery ticket. I am eternally hopeful that something good will happen. Just as I am always happy whenever I win anything from the lottery, the same is true when I find something that is missing or needed for my collection.

In the upcoming weeks and months, I would like to suggest that you visit one of the many local stamp shows or bourses. Even better, do it with a few friends!

See you on the 21st . . . Ed.

January Proceedings

... by Jack Sack

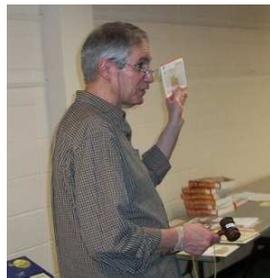
A good crowd was on hand at the library for the first HTPS meeting of the new year. Many came early to view the material to be auctioned off.



President **Ed Murtha** went quickly through the business portion of the meeting. Several field trips are being planned including to Lakehurst to learn more about the philatelic history of Zeppelins. We are planning to carpool to the PNSE show in late March and to Secaucus for the NOJEX show on Memorial Day weekend.

Sherm Britton reported on the large shipments to "Stamps for the Wounded" and to a youth stamp club. He also received some material for re-distribution from former HTPS treasurer **Joe Pavelchak**, and from **George Amick**. Ed ended the meeting by wishing a speedy recovery to HTPS members **Johnny Ranto**, **Warren Scheible**, and **Ed Naylor**.

Tony Zingale then took the reins as auctioneer for the first of our semi-annual auctions. A small, but diverse collection of material including catalogs, stamp atlases, stamp mounts and stock books, as well as world-wide stamps were put on the block.



There were a few hotly contested donated items – such as the Showgard mounts donated by **George Amick** – whose profits will go to a stamp charity. Tony did his best to increase interest in the auction and to keep the bidding going.

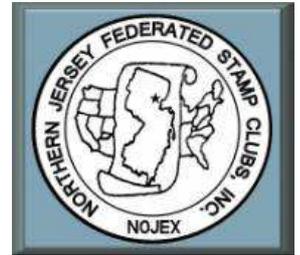
A fun – and to some, profitable – time was had by all. Tony urged us to starting thinking now of items for our next auction.

NOJEX Show

... by Jack Sack

Plan Ahead for NOJEX!

NOJEX '12, a World Series of Philately Show, will be held Memorial Day weekend at the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, N.J.



The show will be held from 10 AM to 6 PM on Friday, May 25th and Saturday, May 26th. On Sunday, May 27th, the show ends at 3 PM. NOJEX is the only Champion of Champions qualifying show in our area.

As one of the ten members of the North Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs, HTPS members are entitled to free entrance. Please be sure to have your HTPS membership card with you. We will be looking for volunteers to help set up the show on Thursday (May 24th) and take down the show on Sunday afternoon. We will have one or two cars available to take volunteers to the setup on Thursday.

The show will host the annual conventions of the Rossica Society of Russian Philately, the Ottoman and Near East Philatelic Society, and the New Jersey Postal History Society. There will be exhibits, as well as a bourse with over 40 dealers offering a full range of philatelic material.

There will also be a number of presentations made during the course of the show covering topics which are sure to be of interest. For additional information about the show as it becomes available, check the website at www.nojex.org.

Stamp Identification

Congratulations to **Paul Schumaker** for identifying last month's stamp. It was Croatia #B60 issued in 1944.

This month's stamp is not that difficult, but we could not resist using it. The cancel on this example is typical of the era.



The first correct identifier can choose any item from the HTPS prize box.

HTPS Notices

Membership Dues: HTPS dues of \$10.00 were payable by January 1st. Please bring a check or cash to the next meeting, or send payment to Ron Gonzalez at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619.

Upcoming Events

2/2 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ. – Doors open at 7 PM.

2/4 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 N. (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ. – 9 AM to 4 PM.

2/4 → Stamp Day – The Stamp Center – 4115 Concord Pike – Wilmington, DE – 10 AM to 5 PM.

2/5 → Garden State Stamp Coin & Currency Show – PAL Building – 33 Baldwin Ave. – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM.

2/11 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

2/15 → MSC Meeting (See 2/2 MSC Meeting info).

2/19 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

2/19 → Clifton Money, Stamp and Postcard Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 5 PM.

2/21 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.**

2/26 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

3/1 → MSC Meeting (See 2/2 MSC Meeting info).

3/3 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse (see 2/4 Bourse).

3/3 → Westfield Stamp Show – Westfield Municipal Center – 425 East Broad St. – Westfield, NJ – Sat: 10 AM to 4 PM.

NOTE: For updated or additional information, see: www.stampshows.com – www.stamps.org www.postal-history.com/showpage.html.

The objective of this Newsletter is to promote philately, educate and inform our members and to encourage other like-minded individuals to join the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society.

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----- HTPS Meeting Program -----

- ⇒ Feb. 21 – *"Postal History: French Colonial Allegorical Group Type - Use from Senegal & French Sudan"* (by Edward Grabowski)
- ⇒ Mar. 20 – *"Modern U.S. Airmails"* (by K. David Steidley)
- ⇒ Apr. 17 – Tom DeLuca – Always a Surprise!
- ⇒ May 15 – Society Auction – One month early!

We are looking for speakers for late 2012 dates.

Newsletter Articles . . .

We are always looking for philatelic articles, ideas or suggestions. Contact Tony Zingale at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619; or call 609-890-8211; or email us at hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org.