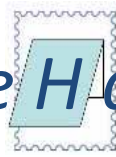




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MAY – JUNE MEETINGS

The **May 16** meeting's primary business task is the election of HTPS Officers. In April, we announced that **Dennis Kennedy** is running for President and **Ron González** for Treasurer. We currently have no candidates for VP or Secretary although **Jeff Boyarsky** volunteered to serve as VP if needed.

For our May presentation, we welcome **Ken Kamholz**, collector and author, who will talk on – *"The Publisher's Role in Getting Japanese Philately into Print."* Ken is the Vice President of the International Society for Japanese Philately (ISJP) and has written several books and articles on that subject.

Our **June 20** meeting is the last business meeting for the 2016-2017 philatelic year. We also have our semi-annual auction so reach into your closet(s) and bring in some of those items you never looked at – give someone else a chance to put it into their closet. See page 6 for more information about the upcoming auction.

STAMP IDENTIFICATION

In near record time (from the last newsletter's release), **Ron Kane** correctly identified the Mar-Apr mystery stamp as Italy #N17 issued in 1918. This is Ron's second consecutive win – let's see if he can make it three. He edged out **Bill McCarroll** who also is a two-in-a-row champ this year.



This month's stamp has many clues in the design's symbols and wording / language. So, no hints from us – use your catalogs and stamp identifier lists.

1.00 in mint U.S. postage stamps is available to the first correct responder. Not many winners have claimed their prizes so we gave \$20 in stamps to **Ken Steel** to help pay for the cost of mailing those heavy SFTW donation boxes.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We end up the HTPS business year with an eight page issue that offers something for everyone. In addition to our regular features, we have four articles on HTPS events during the prior two months.

For those who missed the March or April presentations, we have provided a summary of the talks to whet your appetite. To completely satisfy you, we are loading our website with the complete exhibit pages that formed the basis for those wonderful presentations.

We also have an article on the first day ceremony for the newly issued WPA Poster stamps commemorating the 1930's work programs and a report on the successful inaugural Stamp Evaluation program.

So enjoy this issue!

On a personal note, this is my last message as President. I have enjoyed my time serving you and thank the many members who provided support and guidance during my tenure. I am looking forward to taking a seat with our members . . . Milt.

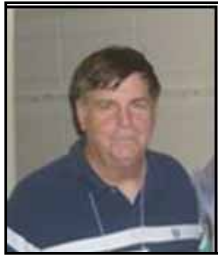
HTPS Meetings . . .

Meetings are held each month on the **3rd Tuesday** at the Hamilton Township Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way, off Whitehorse Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ (Mercer County). Doors open at 6:30.

MARCH MEETING PROCEEDINGS . . . by Ed Murtha

The **March 21** meeting was attended by 24 members. As usual, minutes from the previous meeting were not read, but were posted and are available on our website. There was no Treasurer Report since the Treasurer, **Dr. Ronald González**, was not in attendance.

VP **Dennis Kennedy** (at right) confirmed that the HTPS Stamp Evaluation will take place on April 29th, at the Cranbury Library at 10:30am. President **Milt Keiles** reminded members about the nomination of officers for the 2017-2018 “season” at April’s meeting.



Ken Steel reported that John Hotchner acknowledged receipt of 7.5 pounds of stamps to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) program. Thanks to our fellow HTPS members who make these contributions.

Jeff Boyarsky updated the members on the goals of the APS Ambassadorship Program – to bridge the gap between the APS and its chapters. He encouraged everyone to join the APS. **Joe Seliga** echoed those sentiments and spoke about the library privileges available to APS members.

President Keiles invited all members to the Executive Board meeting set for March 28 at 5 PM at the Library.



Barbara Harrison provided an inventive presentation based on her four frame award winning exhibit – *An Old Fashioned Country Vet (1880- 1940)*. President Keiles presented Barbara

with a HTPS Certificate of Appreciation which was designed and printed by **Jim Cope**. A summary of Barbara’s is provided on the next page.

APRIL MEETING PROCEEDINGS . . . by Ed Murtha

We had 23 members, our guest speaker and four visitors in attendance at our **April 18** meeting. As usual, the minutes from the previous meeting were not read, but are available online. Treasurer **Dr. Ronald González** reported that there is \$3,083.58 in the Treasury.

Visitors included **Mike Bush** who has some WW stamps and **Larry Koplík** who is selling a US PB accumulation. **George Baney**, a friend of our evening’s speaker, collects Polar philatelic items and also likes patriotic and WWII covers. **George Wagner** collects stamps, FDC’s and postmarks though his primary interest is in coins.

APRIL MEETING PROCEEDINGS (CONTINUED)

Current VP **Dennis Kennedy** accepted the nomination for the presidency with **Dr. Ronald González** as Treasurer. There were no nominations for the VP or Secretary positions, but **Jeff Boyarsky** volunteered to be VP. The elections are scheduled for the May 16 meeting.

President Keiles asked about the status of HTPS membership cards and name badges. **Tony Zingale** and **Len de Groot** are working on them. It was decided to send HTPS welcome letters to new members without the membership cards. Dues payments were also discussed. Jeff Boyarsky suggested adding a penalty fee to late paying members, but no motion was made on this idea.

The need for an IRS EIN was brought up. Ron Gonzalez subsequently discovered that we do have one. Secretary **Ed Murtha** found that the EIN is not necessary for our group (based on an IRS ruling).

HTPS member **Don Getzin** graciously donated plated copies of US #11 and 11A stamps –



Types I & II respectively– for our June auction.

A discussion on an occasional day time HTPS meeting ensued. **Len de Groot** contacted **Ryan Terlecky** about having HTPS meetings on Saturday morning at his monthly Bordentown bourse. There is some interest in this, but it was unresolved as to how we should proceed.

The **HTPS Stamp Evaluation** event is set for April 29th, at the Cranbury Library (10:30am). VP Kennedy has reached out to the Boy Scouts about providing help in obtaining the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge.

Ken Steel advised the membership that John Hotchner acknowledged receipt of last month’s shipment of stamps to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) program. Another 6 plus pounds has been mailed to Mr. Hotchner.

Andrew Boyajian is selling his complete C.S. Anderson covers collection this summer through stamp and cover merchant James McCusker.

Hal Vogel spoke on the *“Postal History of the 1838-42 Wilkes Antarctic Expedition”* as taken from his award winning exhibit. The talk centered on Wilkes’ Antarctic



explorations. Hal was presented with a HTPS Certificate of Appreciation (designed and printed by **Jim Cope**). A copy of Hal’s exhibit will be added to our website and a summary of his talk is provided in this issue.

OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY VET (1880-1940)

[Summary of **Barbara Harrison's** talk at the March 21 meeting.]

At our March 21st meeting, **Barbara Harrison** spoke on her unique exhibit that related contemporaneous philatelic items to the Hunterdon, NJ veterinarian practice of her husband Will's father and grandfather.

Barbara's talk ranged from the items in the doctor's office – to dressing for farm visits – to equipment, medicine and tonics used in treating the many types of animals that a veterinarian would encounter.



Grandpa used a typewriter very similar to the one shown on the advertising cover above. Note the 1897 involute flag cancel made by an American Postal Machine. The reduced back continues the promotion.



Doc was a smoker so there were always matches around the office. The 1c tax revenue stamp (US #RO49) from Byam, Carlton & Co., forerunner of the Diamond Match Co., was attached to the match boxes.



Small animals were often treated in the office so equipment and tools were stored there. Rubber gloves were standard equipment as shown on this advertising label.

Overgaiters and leggings were worn for warmth as barns and fields could be cold all year round. Here is an example on this 1900 illustrated corner card with a Barry straight line cancel.

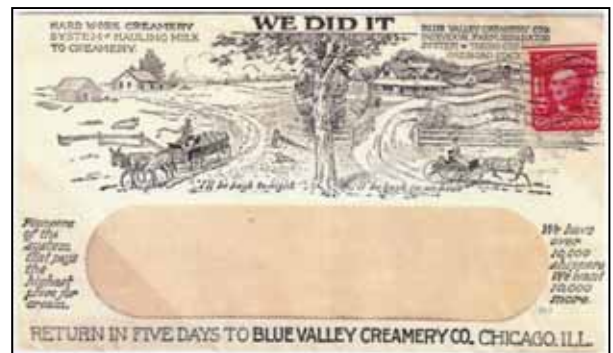


On farm visits, there were many animals to treat. Horses were always examined as they were used for many tasks including plowing, raking the grain and hay, and harvesting. The circa 1880 cover above advertises a hay and grain rake. The US #286 stamp, showing horses, was issued in 1898 to commemorate farming.



Cows and their milk were also important to many farmers as a source of income. The cows were routinely tested for signs of mastitis and other ailments to ensure that the milk was safe for public consumption.

Above is a photo, circa 1935, of Will's father at work in the cow barn. The farmers sent the milk cans to the creameries that paid the farmers based on butterfat content. The payment arrived in an illustrated window envelope such as the one below which is postmarked 1907 from the Blue Valley Creamery Co.



We thank Barbara for sharing her award winning exhibit with us and look forward to her next inventive creation.

Our plan is to add Barbara's full 64 page exhibit to our website, but give us some time to do so.

1838-42 WILKES ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

[Summary of Hal Vogel's talk at the HTPS April 18 meeting.]



From 1822 to 1843, four major expeditions visited the Antarctic. At our April 18 meeting, Hal Vogel spoke about the 1838-42 Charles Wilkes' expedition – ranging from the troubled startup in 1836, through the 4-year voyage, to their return and the publication of scientific findings. It also included

references to the earlier Weddell Antarctic expedition (1822-24) and the two contemporaneous voyages of Dumont d'Urville (1837-40) and James Ross (1839-43).

On May 18, 1836, Congress authorized \$300,000 for the Wilkes expedition – officially named the *U.S. Exploring Expedition* (abbreviated as "Ex Ex"). Due to political infighting, it took until Nov. 9 for approval (letter below)

of the first funds – only \$8,336.81 as shown by the red arrow).



After almost two years of delays, the expedition finally sailed from New York on August 28, 1838 with Wilkes' flagship, the *VINCENNES*, supported by three other naval vessels and two New

York pilot boat schooners used as survey vessels close to shore. Over 400 sailors and 20 scientists, naturalists and artists were aboard.



The map at the left shows Wilkes' first voyage to the Antarctic area in Feb-Mar 1839. The red line at the top of the map tracks his closest approach – from the Weddell Sea (right) to the southern-most point that they reached (left) which was 70° South as compared to Weddell's expedition reaching 74° South in 1823.

After a winter layover in Australia, Wilkes sailed back to Antarctica. The red line on the map traces the route of Wilkes' second visit (Jan-Feb 1840) with Victoria Land (on left) and past Adelie Land (in the middle). It was during this visit that he confirmed the sighting of a large land mass which he named Antarctica.



On January 29, 1840, ships from the d'Urville and Wilkes expeditions sighted each other off Knox Coast (near the right end of the voyage's route on the map).



The expedition returned home by way of the Philippines, Borneo, Singapore, Polynesia and the Cape of Good Hope. The *VINCENNES* reached New York on June 10, 1842.

While in Singapore, Wilkes sent a letter to his wife, dated 22 Feb 1842 (below). He arrived in NYC well before the letter as evidenced by the red postmark dated 'AUG 3' (1842 not shown).



The Wilkes expedition is also noted for other accomplishments some of which are described in the three paragraphs below [Source: Wikipedia].

"He explored the west coast of North America, including the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound, the Columbia River, San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento River, in 1841."

"After having completely encircled the globe (his was the last all-sail naval mission to do so), Wilkes had logged some 87,000 miles and lost two ships and 28 men."

"His *Narrative of the United States Exploring Expedition* (5 volumes and an atlas) was published in 1844. He edited the scientific reports of the expedition (19 volumes and 11 atlases, 1844–1874) and was the author of Vol. XI (Meteorology) and Vol. XXIII (hydrography)."

Our thanks to Hal for his informative presentation on this historic event. Check our website for his full exhibit.

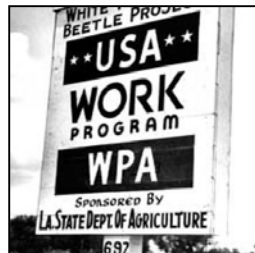
WPA Posters

... by Ronald H. González, MD



The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was created in 1935, and subsequently renamed the Work Projects Administration in 1939. It was the largest New Deal agency created by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Headed by Harry Hopkins during the height of the great depression, it employed millions of people to carry out public works projects, including the construction of public buildings and roads.

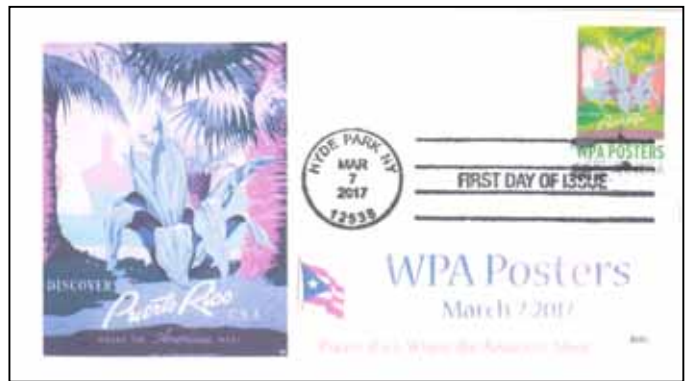
The WPA also employed musicians, artists, writers, actors and directors. Over 5,000 artists designed and printed some two million posters and signs from approximately 35,000 designs. Most of the posters were printed by silkscreen, an economical medium that saw significant innovation at the hands of Poster Division's artists. The WPA ended on June 30, 1943 due to the worker shortage of World War II. The WPA had provided millions of Americans with jobs for eight years.



On March 7, 2017 the USPS issued ten self adhesive, First Class forever stamps commemorating WPA poster designs (see below). They are printed on double sided booklets of 20 stamps. Each stamp design is taken from a poster image from the Library of Congress Prints and Posters division. The art director and designer are Antonio Alcalá and Maribel O. Gray. The modeler was Joseph Sheeran. 100 million stamps were offset printed by Ashton Porter LTD of Williamsville, NY.



I attended the first day of issue ceremony at the Franklin D. Roosevelt presidential library in Hyde Park, NY. The library is part of a group of buildings on the grounds of FDR's former estate. It is also where Eleanor and FDR are buried. The ceremony was very colorful. Speeches were given by Megan J. Brennan, Postmaster General, Anthony Russo, author and historian, and David B. Roosevelt, the grandson of FDR.



I purchased several booklets and obtained a variety of first day of issue postmarks on covers created with my cachet designs (example above). Needless to say, one of the stamps shows a WPA poster advertising the projects performed in Puerto Rico – so that's my connection to the stamps.

My friend and fellow Puerto Rico collector, Felix Luis Perez-Folch, also attended the show. Here we are in front of the poster for the WPS Puerto Rico stamp.



It was a lovely day in upstate New York and I learned about the history of the WPA project and FDR's part in creating it. I encourage all of you to attend a future first day ceremony and, perhaps, gain more insight into the issue's background and history.

ARTICLES OF DISTINCTION (UPDATE)



Congratulations to HTPS member **Gianluigi Soldati**. His article, titled *Chemistry on Stamps*, from the Nov-Dec 2015 issue of the Hamilton Hinge, was accepted as the HTPS entry for the APS' 2016 Articles of Distinction award.

The APS has posted Gianluigi's article on their website at www.stamps.org/Articles-of-Distinction. When the award certificate arrives, we will present it to Gianluigi. Meanwhile, visit the site and learn more about Chemistry than you have forgotten!

STAMP EVALUATION PROGRAM . . . by Ron Kane

This was an enjoyable event, combining good camaraderie, socialization with very nice people having great family stories, and of course our stamp hobby. In my case, I discovered only one degree of separation from some people I met, and an old friend and colleague from NJIT who now lives in Cranbury.

I arrived at the **Cranbury Public Library** at 10:30 AM, the "official" start time, to find our group already very busy and people waiting for their turn. I reviewed about five collections and quickly became the person to evaluate foreign collections and accumulations. Here I am (in the baseball cap) speaking with one of the attendees.



The nicest collection I reviewed was of Vatican City stamps from the first issues in 1929 to ~1980. Dennis Kennedy is now looking at it again. Included in the collection were 1986 Philatelic Foundation certificates for the rare and often faked 1934 overprint set.

We finished at about noon which gave me plenty of time to walk down Main Street and enjoy this very quaint and historic New Jersey town.

So thanks to **Andrew Boyajian, Jeff Boyarsky, Don Getzin, Dennis Kennedy** and **Ken Steel** for their efforts in the first HTPS Stamp Evaluation event.

We ought to do this again, perhaps rotating this version of the "Antiques Road Show" around to other towns. Hopefully, we can have the same level of interest.

EPASS SHOW – JUNE 24 [Source: Eventbrite]



Sponsored by the Allentown Philatelic Society, EPASS consists of 15 stamp dealers with 25 tables. Free admission and parking is available. Kid's table provides free stamps. Silent auction valued at \$500 and hourly door prizes. For more info, contact Jerry Morrow at sirjun@verizon.net or 610-974-9415. The society meets on the first Tuesday each month at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Hospital Conference Center, 421 Chew Street, Allentown, PA.

SOCIETY AUCTION (JUNE 20TH MEETING)

Check out the HTPS website for complete details on the auction process. Meanwhile, here are a few tips to help you achieve success:



1. Obtain a **bidder number card** at the sign-in table before the auction starts.
2. Fill out the **Auction List** sheet (see below) with your name, lot numbers, descriptions and starting bids. Create a **Lot Description** form, as needed, to match the description info on the Auction List sheet information. For larger items, you can use a post-it note or label.
3. If you wish to **donate sales proceeds** to the HTPS or other organizations, indicate so on a separate Auction List sheet.
4. Be **reasonable** with the items offered for sale. Common items usually sell for 10-15% of CV. Specialized or unique items often sell for more.
5. Items are **SOLD AS IS** – so carefully check the auction lots for content and quality before the auction starts. No returns accepted.
6. **Bidding** starts with the seller's minimum bid as shown on the Lot Description form.
7. Winning bidders pay for their items first. Sellers are then paid MINUS a 10% commission for the HTPS.

Auction List – Seller's Name: JOHN DOE			Date: 1-15-08		
Item No.	Item Name or Scott Number	Item Description and/or Condition (e.g., Blue Columbian, MNH, F-VF, Gum Crease)	Minimum Bid	Sales Price	Working Bid Number
1.	Scott 2007	US SPECIALIZED CATALOG – good cond.	1.00		
2.	Scott PB Album	1961-1964 Commemoratives, no stamps, some mounts – ex. cond.	2.00		
3.	DEWHARK #9/126 (S)	Used – CV \$75+	5.00		
4.	NETHERLANDS 200 DIFF USED	– CV \$45	5.00		
5.	FDC ALBUM	with 25 two-up Clear Pages	3.00		
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Total Sales _____
Club Commission (-10%) _____
Net to Seller _____

HTPS Auction --- Lot Description

Seller Name: _____ Item #: _____

Description: _____

Item Value: _____ Min. Bid: _____

Auction forms will be available at the May and June meetings, and are also found on our website. Contact us via email if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2017 . . .

- 5/4 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
- 5/6 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton Elementary School – 190 Tomlinson Mill Road – Marlton, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.
- 5/7 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – gscsshow.com.
- 5/13 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – 3 Municipal Drive – Bordentown, NJ – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM – Call Ryan at 215-287-9326 – hamiltonphilatelic.org/bordentown.
- 5/16 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – Ken Kamholz talk.**
- 5/17 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 5/4 meeting for details.
- 5/21 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM - 4 PM – REW Stamps-Coins LLC – STAMPREW@AOL.COM – 973-875-3793.
- 5/28 → Old Bridge Coin & Stamp Show – First Aid and Rescue Squad Building – 200 Marlboro Road – Old Bridge, NJ – 8 AM to 1 PM – 732-740-4604.
- 5/28 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Sheraton Bucks County Hotel – 400 Oxford Valley Road – Langhorne, PA – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM – www.coinzip.com/tri-state-fort-washington-coin-show.

June 2017 . . .

- 6/1 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 5/4 meeting for details.
- 6/3 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Marlton Elementary School – see 5/6 bourse for details.
- 6/3 → Washington Crossing Club Postcard Show & Sale – Union Fire Company – 1396 River Road (Rte. 29) – Titusville, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – Donation \$3.00 – www.wc4postcards.org/2010postcardshow.html.
- 6/4 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – see 5/7 bourse for details.

- 6/10 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – see 5/13 bourse for details.
- 6/18 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Wayne, NJ – see 5/21 bourse for details.
- 6/20 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – Society Auction.**
- 6/21 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 5/4 meeting for details.
- 6/24 → Eastern PA Stamp Show (EPASS) – Jordan United Church of Christ – 1837 Church Road – Allentown, PA 18104 – 10 AM to 3:30 PM – greatzvrmer.wix.com/aps#lepass.
- 6/25 → Old Bridge Coin & Stamp Show – Old Bridge, NJ – see 5/28 show for details.
- 6/25 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show – Langhorne, PA – see 5/28 show for details.

July 2017 . . .

- 7/2 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – see 5/7 bourse for details.
- 7/6 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 5/4 meeting for details.
- 7/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – see 5/13 bourse for details.
- 7/16 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Wayne, NJ – see 5/21 bourse for details.
- 7/18 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – Sell / Swap (informal).**
- 7/19 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 5/4 meeting for details.

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

MERPEX – August 4-5, 2017 – Marlton, NJ
Stamp Exhibition and Bourse – Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of JFK's Birth – Postal Service Station – Show Cachets – Hourly Door Prizes – Refreshments
www.MerchantvilleStampClub.org/merpex/

DONATIONS

Thanks to HTPS members **Francis Bizon, Don Bunker, Jack Sack** and **Doris & Gianluigi Soldati** for their donations. Also thanks to **Ed Brooks, Ralph Popp, Pegi Stengel**, and **Elaine & Sandy** for their donations of philatelic material.

Most of the donated material was sent to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) program. Some items (especially U.S. MNH stamps) have been sold or will be auctioned with all the proceeds going to the SFTW group.

New Member . . .

Douglas Morehouse has joined the HTPS. Douglas has a diverse range of collecting interests that includes general US & WW, France & Colonies and U.S. #C120 FDCs and related material.

His topical interests include the French Revolution, American Revolution, Sherlock Holmes and Georges Simenon (creator of the fictional detective series featuring Inspector Maigret).

Douglas is a member of the APS, AFDCS, ATA and the France & Colonies Philatelic Society.

STAMP SHOW EXHIBITORS

[Source: MSC emails]

ARIPEX 2017 was held in Mesa, AZ on February 17-19, 2017. We congratulate Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC) member **Robert Benninghoff** for winning the multi-frame Grand Award at this World Series of Philately show. Robert's exhibit of **"The Irish Coil Stamp 1922-1940"** garnered the highest award given at the show and also received the F. Burton "Bud" Sellers Memorial Grand Award.

SPRINGPEX 2017 was sponsored by the Springfield Stamp Club and held in Springfield, VA on March 18-19, 2017. Five MSC members submitted exhibits with the following results:

- ⇒ **William Starr** – **"U.S. Postage Stamps Celebrate the American Artist"** – Silver Bronze
- ⇒ **Charles McGinley** – **"Mathematics and Polymaths on Stamps and Covers"** – Silver & ATA Bronze
- ⇒ **Carol Anne Visalli** – **"Light Up the Sky with Fireworks and More"** – Large Silver & ATA Silver
- ⇒ **Paul Schumacher** – **"Sudan to Independence"** – Large Vermeil
- ⇒ **Mac Sarreal** – **"Japanese Occupation of the Philippines"** – Gold

Congratulations to all of the exhibitors!

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

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HTPS Meeting Program

- ⇒ May 16 – **"The Publisher's Role in Getting Japanese Philately into Print"**
by Ken Kamholz
- ⇒ June 20 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 18 – Sell / Swap Meeting (Informal)
- ⇒ Aug. 15 – Hampex'17 (Member Exhibits)
- ⇒ Sept. 19 – **"The Beginnings of Postal Automation"** by John Graper

We are looking for speakers for 2018 (Feb thru May and Sept thru Nov). Please contact us at the masthead email if interested.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES . . .

We always welcome philatelic articles, ideas or suggestions. Contact Tony Zingale at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619 . . . or call 609-586-7663 . . . or email us at hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org.