



# The Hamilton Hinge



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## CURRENT STATUS

The Hamilton Township Library is closed for **group meetings** at least until early 2021. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a **ZOOM Video Conference meeting**. If you have not done so, please download the **ZOOM** app to the device that you plan to use to view the monthly meetings. An invitation will be extended to all individuals on our HTPS email list.

The following are the **HTPS Officers** for **2020-2021**. The election was this past July and it was via an online vote:

- ... President – Dennis Kennedy
- ... VP – Robin Rowand
- ... Secretary – Jeff Pappano
- ... Treasurer – Matt Visco

The summer HTPS **Executive Committee meeting** was held on August 4 via Zoom with the following results:

- Confirmed election of Officers for 2020-2021.
- New PO Box address.
- Purchase of Zoom subscription for meetings.
- 2021 dues waived for members who paid for 2020.
- Reviewed 2019-20 financials (P&L, Balance Sheet).
- Reviewed and updated 2020-2021 budget.
- Need of speakers for the upcoming Zoom meetings.
- Hamilton Hinge – smaller and more frequent.
- Need to confirm APS & ATA member counts.

A sad note, **Dominic Sozio** passed away on July 1, 2020. Dom was a local dealer (Dome Covers) who also created unique and limited edition FDCs. He was a Korean War veteran. Afterwards, he worked as a pharmacist. We offer our condolences to the family.

## DONATIONS

Thanks to **Jeff Hoisington** for his donation of mint U.S. issues. They will be used for mailings or for sale to our members. Also, our thanks to **Pegi Stempel** for another donation of WW stamps which will be sent to the Stamps for the Wounded group. Why not check some of your excess material for possible donations.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I was looking at an old ledger book from the formation of the club in 1975. At the time dues were \$3.

A lot has changed since then. The club is more than collecting stamps, many of the members have built lasting friendships. The club has had outside activities like the Post Office tour and the stamp evaluation program and many more events over the years. I really miss the camaraderie.

The club recently purchased a subscription to a video conferencing program, **ZOOM**. For those not familiar **ZOOM** is video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars. etc. I am suggesting that we organize member chat sessions. All you need is access to the internet via a device with a camera and microphone. If you are interested drop me a note at [hamtwnphil@gmail.com](mailto:hamtwnphil@gmail.com) and I will organize a chat.

Stay Safe.

## HTPS Meetings . . .

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

**(Due to COVID-19, on-site meetings are suspended.)**

## VOICES OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE

... by **Ronald H. Gonzalez, MD**

On May 21, 2020, the U. S. Post Office issued a set of four stamps commemorating the Harlem renaissance of the 1920's. It commemorates four African Americans distinguished in arts and literature. The stamps portray Alain Locke, Nella Larsen, Anne Spencer, and Arturo Schomburg. Arturo was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, a suburb of San Juan – the same town where I was born.



The four individuals are depicted in stylized pastel portraits with African-inspired motifs and background. Nella Larsen was a novelist, librarian, and nurse; Alain Locke was a writer, philosopher, educator, and arts advocate; Arturo Schomburg was a bibliophile historian, writer, and activist; and Anne Spencer was a poet.

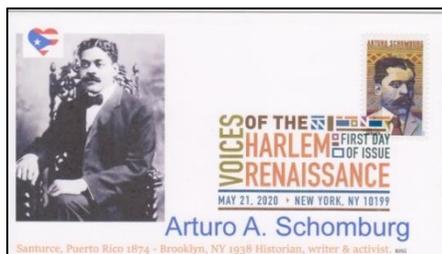
The stamps are printed in sheets of 160 and cut into eight panes of 20. They are non-denominated self-adhesive forever stamps for the first-class rate (55c). The art director, designer, typographer and artist is Greg Breeding. The Modelers are Sandra Lane and Michelle Fin. 16,000,000 stamps were printed by the Banknote Corp of America on an Alprinta 74 press.

As usual I prepared envelopes to be cancelled at the ceremony. Two postmarks were available: a black pictorial and a digital color postmark (shown below on covers with the cachet that I created).

I had planned to attend the first day ceremony, but it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus.



So, I sent them to Kansas City for processing. The USPS has not set a date for an official ceremony. When they do, I hope to attend.



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

- ⇒ Sept 15 – **“Collecting the World”** via ZOOM  
 ... by Jack Sack
- ⇒ Oct 20 – **“to be determined”** via ZOOM
- ⇒ Nov 17 – **“Border between the Two Irelands”**  
 via ZOOM ... by Robert Benninghoff
- ⇒ Dec 15 – To be determined  
 (usually a Holiday party)
- ⇒ Jan 19, 2021 – To be determined  
 (usually an auction)

We are looking for speakers for the 2020-2021 stamp season (starts in September). 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 3014, Mercerville, NJ 08619 . . . or call 609-586-7663 . . . or email us at [hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org](mailto:hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org).