



# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



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The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the  
American Philatelic Society  
American Topical Assn., Chapter 118  
Member, NY Federation of Stamp Clubs

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, 13 June 2018

Bourse at 6:30 pm, Business meeting at 7:00 pm; Paul Petersen, Host

## The Veranda Chronicles

Spring has definitely sprung! On May 9th, we were treated to a presentation prepared by Vera Felts, Executive Director of the American Topical Association, of which your Society is ATA Chapter #118. Vera unfortunately could not attend and sent her regards. In her stead, our very own Paul Petersen skillfully and entertainingly delivered the lecture on the State Symbols of Pennsylvania on Stamps. I know we have many club members who already specialize in a variety of subjects – it is very rewarding as well as challenging. The extent of collecting areas is limitless. Now is the time - just pick your favorite subject or theme and forge ahead! And while you are at it, consider joining the ATA.

I also had the honor of demonstrating in real time from my laptop and web browser our

ever-evolving PSLC website<sup>1</sup>. Since its revamp and launch in October 2017 - starting with 5 basic pages on our History, Officers & Board, Programs, Awards & Honors and a Contact Us form - I have designed and released an additional 30+ sections chock full of useful information. This includes: Club Presentations & Lectures; our award-winning PSLC Newsletter and archive going back decades; Annual Auction details and PDF Lot Form; an Exhibitions archive open to all; a Photo Journal, an Annual Meetings review; and useful Links (send me your favorites).

In addition, four new sections are dedicated to our Annual LANCOPEX Stamp Show and Exhibition, including: a main show page with dates/ venue/ brochure/ logistics; a Dealers' landing page; a digital Photo

diary; and an archive with a nearly complete run of Programs and Show Covers & Cachets. Some newer features I hope members will take advantage of is our "For Sale" and "Research Requests" sections – just send me a note (and an image or two) of what you have to sell and/or are looking for, and I will post. I have also added a subsection for our members and friends at the Reading Stamp Collectors Club, housing their journal *The Overprint*, with more to come. Our membership application is also online, and I am pleased to note that over the past five weeks, six new members have signed up via this modality. There will be more to come as this evolves.

Finally, our online "Electronic" Library is becoming that one stop shop for all your philatelic needs – Don't have a reference book handy? Cannot purchase or borrow one? See *Veranda Chronicles*, Pg2.→

## PSLC Spring Auction

Our spring auction is a good chance to follow-up on your good luck at Lancopex in April. Lots to buy.

**Instructions:**  You'll receive a numbered paddle when you arrive. Place this number on all your items to be auctioned, and use this paddle during the auction when you are bidding. This will insure that what you buy and what you sell are accurately credited and debited.  Be sure that all your lots are accompanied by an accurate and detailed description, as this helps buyers to better understand what they are looking at.  Auction lot description forms have already been emailed, and hard copies will be available.

You may also access this on the website at any time.  Fiscal transactions will only be made after the last lot has been sold.



The Auction Committee recommends that you:  Bring cash to pay for the items you win, and  Keep a running total during the auction of the items and prices of

the lots you sell and win.  Finally, please attach your sales information securely to the lots you are entering into the auction. This will help avoid any misidentification with other sellers' lots.

**Bidding Rules:**  Minimum bids are \$1.00 per lot.  The minimum bidding increment is 50¢.  Only dues-paying members may participate in the auction.  Auction participants are limited to ten (10) lots.  You may also donate items to the club with the realizations going to the benefit of the PSLC. Donations are always appreciated.

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Visitors are Always  
Welcome

PSLC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (except August) at the Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 7:00 pm. Dues are \$10.00 a year. For club information call Paul Petersen at 717-299-5640

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The PSLC Auction Team includes Auctioneers **Woody Hann** and **Hal Klein**, with **RD Noble** (Auctioneer Emeritus). Recorder: **Dick Shaefer**, Treasurer: **Lou DiFelice**, Runners: **Doug Milliken**, **Dr. Charles DiComo**, and **Mark Jardel**.

## The Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC)

Dr. DiComo

*Ed's Note: This is the next in the series of highlighted societies. As Dr. DiComo notes, "Many PSLC members collect coins, so 'money' is in their sights."*

In brief, the SPMC promotes the study and appreciation of paper money and related financial history. As a non-profit organization, the SPMC provides grants for research, publishes a bi-monthly journal *Paper Money*, sponsors exhibits and lectures at regional and national venues, and supports education and outreach to the greater numismatic community. Anyone interested in paper money of the United States and related topics should consider joining.



The SPMC has a user-friendly website<sup>1</sup>, where all 50+ years' worth of past issues of the Society's journal, *Paper Money*, are available and searchable online. This journal is published six times per year on high quality glossy paper. The Society also allows members to borrow up to six books and other items from the Library for a period of six weeks – they have an extensive selection of titles and authors.

Furthermore, the SPMC offers research grants to support research projects leading to publications of the following types:

-Journal articles, appearing either in *Paper Money* or other publications approved by the SPMC Board of Governors.

-Books and monographs.

-Master's theses and doctoral dissertations pursued at academic institutions approved by the SPMC Board of Governors.

Matching funds for projects approved by other organizations whose missions are congruent with those of SPMC may also be available. Amounts of previous grants have been typically in the range of \$100 to \$2500, but amounts awarded may exceed this range at the discretion of the Education→↑

## May Minutes and Treasury

Diane Meek & Lou DiFelice

**Opening:** President DiComo opened the meeting at 7:00 pm following an active bourse. He provided a computer demonstration of his recent upgrades on the PSLC website.

**Membership:** Lucy Eyster introduced new members: **Richard Tregidgo** has returned to collecting U.S. and is trying to catch up. **James Mueller** collects plate blocks and first day covers. **Wayne Heim** collects U.S. commemoratives. Also in attendance was visitor, **Don Hunting** who wishes to sell a collection. Attendance was 43.

**Approval of April Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** These were approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Drawing/Door Prizes:** A variety of prizes were won by **Bob Kramer, Roy Baardsen, Truys Greiner, Douglas Milliken, Chuck Kilgore, and Betty Lenz.**

**50-50 Drawing:** Dave Silcox won the drawing and will split \$82 with the club.

**Baseball:** Paul Petersen suggested dates of Thursday/Friday, 6/7 September for a dinner at Five-Guys followed by a Lancaster Barnstormers baseball game. There was sufficient interest amongst the membership, so he will follow up with the ticket office and get back to the club.

→ (SPMC cont.) Research and Outreach Committee.

If any PSLC member is interested in joining the SPMC, please see me and I will pay for your first year's membership and be your reference. Applications are available on their website<sup>2</sup>. **CJD**

<sup>1</sup><https://www.spmc.org/>

<sup>2</sup>[https://www.spmc.org/user/4769/ms\\_membership](https://www.spmc.org/user/4769/ms_membership)

### Veranda Chronicles from Pg.1

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**PSLC Newsletter:** Lou DiFelice read communication from APS awarding the club newsletter a gold award for the 2017 competition. He thanked all responsible for the continued success of the publication.

**8 August Picnic:** Paul passed sign-ups for the club picnic which includes a side dish, appetizer, or dessert. There will be forthcoming info in June and July.

**Saturday, 23 June for Club Caravan to APS/SCOPEX:** Paul passed a sign-up for SCOPEX and final plans will be forthcoming in June.

**Presentation:** Paul presented the PowerPoint entitled *PA State Symbols on Stamps* prepared for PSLC by Vera Felts, Executive Director of ATA. There was a lively discussion on topical collecting and attracting more collectors to the hobby. (See Pg.-4)

### Treasury: 1-31 March '18

<b>Opening:</b>	\$3,273.08
<b>Income:</b>	\$2,172.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$1,917.65
<b>Sum:</b>	\$3,527.43
<b>3-CDs:</b>	@ \$7,023.10

Treasurer **Lou DiFelice** discussed the details to date for the Lancopex numbers, and will provide a final tally when all income has been received and recorded. Lou also gave a shout-out to **Truys Greiner** for covering the lunches for the dealers and PSLC volunteers again this year.

→ (Veranda) the labor of searching the worldwide web. We currently have over 250 items accessible 24/7 on any device covering U.S., International, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Century, BOB, Postal Laws & Regulations, General Handbooks, Guides, Reviews, Symposia, and an excellent section on Preservation and Care.

As we enter the month of June and warmer weather, we have our Spring Auction at the club on June 13<sup>th</sup> hosted by Paul Petersen. I hope each of you is looking through your "extras", filling in your official Auction Lot forms legibly, and are prepared to bid on all the great material that will be up for bid.

**CJD**

<sup>1</sup><http://www.lcps-stamps.org/>

## Club Notes

### Programs, Hosts, Shows, & Notes

#### 2018 Programs

**13 June:** Spring Auction. Paul Petersen, Host

**11 July:** The Schuylkill Navigation (Canal) in PPCs, Aaron Heckler.

**8 August:** Summer Picnic, Memorial Park, Millersville, PA

**13 September:** Fall Auction. Dennis Shumaker, Host

**10 October:** Postal Material from the 1940s, Tom Nichols. Deb Ehleiter, Host

**14 November:** Open House and One-Page Exhibits, Len Kasper and Paul Petersen

**12 December:** December Dinner Deb Ehleiter & Co.

#### 2019 Programs

**9 January:** Club Auction. John Hostetter, Host

**13 February:** TBA

**13 March:** The NY Postmaster Provisional Stamp of 1845. Mark Schwartz

**10 April:** Aspects of PA Postal History. Bill Schultz

**8 May:** Graphics/Printing on Stamps. Joseph Sullivan

**12 June:** Club Auction

**10 July:** Making Philatelic Donations, Richard Nakles

**14 August:** Club Picnic: Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville, PA

**11 September:** Club Auction

**9 October:** Stampless Mail from U.S. to Europe. Dr. DiComo

**13 November:** Open House and One-Page Exhibits, Len Kasper and Paul Petersen

**11 December:** December Dinner Deb Ehleiter & Co.

#### 2018 Shows/Events

**Some Sundays Stamp Bourse:** Sunday, 24 June, 19 Aug., 14 Oct., & 16 Dec. Farm & Home Center. Lunch is free.

**Harrisburg:** CCPS Fall Stamp Show, Sunday, 9 September, Lower Swatara Firehouse, Middletown, 9:30-3:30, Free.

#### Club Notes:

**Dick Colberg's** exhibit entitled "*Railway mail service between Serquigny and Rouen*" has been accepted for exhibition at **Marcophile** near Nantes, France on 1-2 December 2018.

## Lancopex Stamp & Cover Displays

Member participation was up from last year with ten exhibitors and 14 displays. There were twenty frames in all. We call these "stamp and cover displays" rather than "exhibits," as this is a non-competitive event, just an encouragement for PSLC members to share their interests with one another and the show-goers at Lancopex. As important is that three of our newest members\*\* participated! "Exhibitors" are listed below in alphabetical order.

**Joy Bouchard:** (1) *The Joy & Signs of Spring* (1 pg.); (2) *The 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, 1517-2017* (2-pgs.)

**\*\*Ed Close:** *The Pennsylvania Railroad, 1855-1945* (2 frames)

**Dr. DiComo:** (1) *The New York Domestic Mail 1852-1853 Cancel Revisited* (1 frame); (2) *The Mexican War Battle of Monterey, 21-21 September 1846* (1 frame); and (3) *1839 Stampless-Period Folded Letter from London, Upper Canada to Kilmun, Scotland: The Canadian Rebelions of 1838, 1839 Revisited* (1 frame) **Dr. C. and Scott Ney** ↓



**\*\*Jay Eberly:** *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (1 frame)

**Truyde Greiner:** *The Exporta Stamps of Mexico* (1 frame)

**Chuck Kilgore:** *The Olympics* (3 frames)

**Hal Klein:** (1) *The Airmail Transport Issue* (3 frames); (2) *Plate Varieties of the Two Cent Red Brown of 1883-1887* (1 frame)

**\*\*Tom Nichols:** *The DC-4 Sky Master Plane* (1 frame)

**RD Noble:** *Silent Precancels* (1 frame)

**Al Schaub:** *Pennsylvania Celebrates Nat'l Airmail Week: 15-21 May 1938* (29 pages)

## Dealer Survey at Lancopex

The results of the 2018 Dealer Survey are in, and the numbers please....

There was a good response from our vendors, 19 out of 22 (20 stamp dealers, food service, and the USPOD) returned their surveys (86.4%). 15 of the 19 respondents (79%) signed their surveys, an option on our survey.



**Did you meet your financial goals?** Yes-17, No-2 (89.5%). One dealer added that he exceeded his goals. Another noted "My goal is to have a good time with my show customers." Of the two dealers who did not meet their goals, one rated the show 7/10 while the other 10/10. Reasons offered for not meeting the goals was "Lack of customers" and "Slow traffic."

**Recommendations for future stamp shows:** "Continue to promote more traffic." "Keep the rain away." "The show was fine, but the building was cold on Friday and some lights were out." (Ed's note: *When the venue manager was notified of the temperature, this was successfully addressed.*)

**What is special about LANCOPEX?** "Even better than last year and especially the York Show." "It has been great as in the last years." Seven dealers reported the impact of the club volunteers working the show, augmenting this with examples of their helping the dealers load/unload, referring customers to their tables, friendly attitudes,

and being good customers themselves. Several appreciated the club's exceptional marketing and promotion of the show, the good attendance, and a great venue. As one dealer concluded, "This show was everything; it was very professional making it a well-run show."

**Food Service at Lancopex:** It is well known that the presence of good food is critical to the success of a stamp show. All 19 respondents (100%) remarked favorably of the Kasper's snack, beverage, and food offering. Several added appreciation to the donor (**Truyde Greiner**) who covered the cost of their lunches. From pulled pork to sausage, peppers, and onion sandwiches, and more, made the day as well as the macaroni and potato salads, hot dogs, lemon bars, brownies, and many others...all homemade.

**On a scale of 1-10, how do you compare Lancopex to shows of a similar venue?** Responses ranged from 7 to 10+ with an average of... (DRUMROLL)... 9.42/10.0; our best yet!

The health/growth of the hobby stands on three major players: the researchers, collectors, and dealers. Solid attendance at our show matched with happy dealers are the ingredients for a successful event. And as the dealers conveyed, success at Lancopex emanates from an active and engaged membership, good promotion, solid traffic, and great food. And while there was no assessment at the show regarding "customer happiness," it can be assumed with a large crowd and dealers who made their quotas. In other words, customers got what they came for, thus supporting that they were 'happy customers.'

## USPOD at Lancopex



The Lancaster PO was busy for the entire show, so staff members are already looking forward to next year. Left to right behind the counter are: **Aaron Zehring**, Retail Specialist, **Brenda Duncan** of the Greenfield PO, **John Broadbeck, Jr.** Postmaster, and **Lisa Joson**, Lancaster PO Supervisor.

## PSLC Library

Dick Colberg

Members of the PSLC: I am heading up an effort to catalog and collate the individual philatelic libraries of the PSLC membership under the heading of the **PSLC Library**. The intent is to make available to the membership philatelic reference books for their research projects. To be sure, every one of our reference books is available at the American Philatelic Society (APS) Reference Library (or APRL) in Bellefonte, PA. However, Lancaster is a lot closer!

Many of us already borrow books from each other for our research work. But, why not have a listing of what's available for all members to use? It goes without saying that for this to work, our members must be willing to list your reference books and be willing to loan them to other members. This involves a lot of trust. But, if we cannot trust one another, we've all got a big problem. Sometimes our research work can be answered by a phone call or e-mail to a fellow member, if the researcher knows that the information he/she needs is sitting in a fellow member's library. In this case, physically borrowing the reference book may not be necessary.



A PSLC Philatelic Library Form will be sent separately and will serve as a format for the submission of the references (to include Submitter, Title, Author, Date, Comments). After you've sent in your individual listings, I will collate and alphabetize the list into a master list. Please use the comments section liberally. If the reference book subject is not obvious from the title, explain it. I want to consider auction catalogs as list-able references, too. Personally, I don't save too many auction catalogs, but I DO save Name sales. These usually represent the sale of a specialized collection, and they are usually very well written up.

A work like this will take a lot of time; both for you and for me. My goal is to have the list done before the end of this year. That said; don't wait until 1 December to submit your material.

Please feel free to contact me with problems, questions, and concerns. **Dick** (appraisestamps@gmail.com)

# Lancopex '18: Another Banner Stamp Show

Our annual two-day stamp show, Lancopex was held 27-28 April. Based on solid attendance and the positive metrics of the dealer surveys, it was a successful one. We had 20 dealers, a food service, and the USPOD with a full compliment of materials.



As someone noted, it was great to see the club president, officers, show chairmen, and other volunteers remain until the end after helping the dealers pack up their wares in the torrential rain.

It was a special occasion with 38 club volunteers plus family members working set-up, food service, the registration desk, show cover and donations sale table, security, and more. "Stamp Buddies" gave tours and worked with several families helping them navigate inherited collections before making recommendations regarding the disposition. Below at the registration desk from left to right: **Lou DiFelice, Fred Sargent, Joy Bouchard, James Ziogas, Jay Eberly, & Doug Milliken.**



Below is the 2018 show cover that commemorates the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the **Columbian Exposition in Chicago** (1 May through 30 October 1893). This cover contains an image of one of the expo's official picture postcards of the Fisheries Building along with a vignette of Columbus.



This is flanked by genuine expo stamps. Scott #230, the 1-Cent

Columbian was used on the first day of the show, and Scott# 231, the 2-Cent Columbian appeared on Day-Two. A faux circular date stamp ties the Columbians to the covers. The show cancel features the Ferris Wheel which made its debut at the fair. This show centerpiece was America's answer to the Eiffel Tower of the 1889 Paris World's Fair.

The bourse was busy both days with 233 admission tickets taken, though this may be an underestimate. One hundred fifty programs were given out. Seen below are **Bob Kramer and Doug Milliken at WD Snyder's cover table**



The complete listing of the Stamp and Cover Displays is on Page-3. Below is **Jay Eberly** with his **Eisenhower** display.



**Ed Close** (below) stands beside his *Pennsylvania Railroad* display. Lancopex was his first time with the club.



**Thomas Nichols** joined PSLC in November and is interested in U.S. philately of the 1940s. His display was the *DC-4 Skymaster Airmails*.



Above **President DiComo** (R) purchases the first show cover as Lancopex opened on Saturday from **Lucy Eyster** (L) and **Sarah Mylin**. Show cover sales were brisk with 56 of 60 being sold (below).

As PSLC is a chapter of both APS and ATA, we promote these societies at the show as seen by promotional materials at the end of the table (above).



Above, working the Show Cover sales table are PSLC's new Membership Chairman, **Barbara Buchanan** (L) and **Deb Miller**, the recently retired Rohrerstown postmaster where the club has its mailbox.



The club also sold philatelic donations at the Cover table, and above are **George Younes** (L) and **Bill Grimm**. Donations make up a steady part of the club's income. Items are sold at the show, at the bourse each meeting, to dealers, and during our three auctions a year.

### Erratum

Please note the following: "**Howard Hotchner**, not Bill Miller, was the writer and the "voice" of the V.O.A. Stamp Club's weekly stamp program." On page-4 of AMERICA'S LARGEST UNKNOWN STAMP CLUB, (May 2018 *PSLC Newsletter*, Page 4). Thanks, Hal Klein

## Membership & Greeters

After more than ten years, **Lucy Eyster** has retired from chairing the club's Membership Committee, and she has been working with **Barbara Buchanan** who will be taking over this function and board member position.

Barbara retired from Millersville University in 2013 where she served for 16 years as Manager of University Services. Here she oversaw the Print Shop, Campus Mail, and much of the ID Card Program among other duties.

Tracking PSLC will fit right into her areas of expertise. As she has shared, she loves spreadsheets, the bigger the better. So welcome Barbara to the team. Other members of the committee include **Lou DiFelice, Diane Meek, Paul Petersen**, and *ex officio*, **Dr. DiComo**. Lucy will continue to open the venue, meet, and greet.

One of Barbara's recommendations is that we have two greeters at the door for each meeting to show visitors around the club and make them feel at home. She's asked our Clipboard King to pass around sign-ups in June, so please be thinking about helping out.

## Topicals Wanted

There was a very positive response to the State Symbols PowerPoint last month made for us by Vera Felts, Executive Director of the American Topical Association. Many PSLC members have topical collections and see this as an opportunity to introduce new collectors to the hobby, both young and old.

PSLC is a Chapter of ATA, so the idea was formulated to create a topical page on the website which might just facilitate topical collecting among existing hobbyists and those not yet engaged. See: [www.lcps-stamps.org/topicals/](http://www.lcps-stamps.org/topicals/).

Take a look at this site. Then under "Presentations," click on "Topicals." There are several samples in place here just for starters. Take a few minutes to make a page or two of your own topicals and send a scan to Dr. DiComo.

When you have the opportunity to "talk stamps" with others, you can easily call up the many samples that will be in place.