



Lincoln Stamp Club and
PSLC Exhibit Frames
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Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



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

Wednesday, 13 March 2019

Bourse Opens at 6:30. Business Meeting at 7:00 pm; Presentation follows
Dick Shaefer, Host, Doug Milliken, Permanent Greeter

The Veranda Chronicles

On February 13th over 60 members and guests were treated to a presentation by **Robert "Bob" Witkosky**. Bob's personal collecting interest is Bosnian stamps and postal history. Bob passed around page after page of stamps, with multiples, perforation varieties, overprints, semi-postals, and covers. There were plenty of questions – and a few members brought their own Bosnian stamps to share. We hope to see Bob in the near future for Part II. Photos from the evening's festivities are posted on the Society website.¹

I saw a number of you with smiles on your faces and new acquisitions in hand as we supported our dealer friends at the "Some Sunday Stamp Show" hosted by Kevin Kellman at the Farm & Home Center on February 10th

I was especially excited to find a 1906-dated cover with a corner card from the **Station for Exper-**

imental Evolution (the SEE) (Fig. 1 Below).



The SEE was founded by the Carnegie Institute in Washington and opened on June 11th, 1904 in Cold Spring Harbor, NY.

The Station for Experimental Evolution focused on the study of heredity and evolution through breeding experiments with plants and animals. This unit flourished and operated for 67 years before merging with neighboring Long Island Biological Association's Biological Laboratory - eventually becoming Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL). In the early nineties, I was extremely fortunate and honored to do my graduate research at CHSL among four Nobel Laureates, eventually ob-

taining my Ph.D. in Genetics in 1996. Even more amazing that day at the stamp show, I picked up a 1910 post card depicting the **Carnegie Building** at Cold Spring Harbor where the SEE was founded in 1904 (Fig. 2 ↓).



Years later, this edifice was transformed into the Carnegie Library where I spent many months writing my manuscripts and thesis before heading off to Columbia University for my postdoctoral fellowship.

Fellow Members: Be on the lookout as there are gems out there yet to be discovered that will strike a personal chord, and transport you back to those unforgettable days of yore. →Pg-2

¹ <http://lcps-stamps.org/presentations/photo-journal/>

The NY 1845 PM Provisional: Mark Schwartz

By 1845, the Federal government had simplified postal rates, but they had not give the postmaster general the authority to print postage stamps. So the New York postmaster, following the lead of other countries and even the U.S. independent mail companies, decided to print his own. He was one of 13 postmasters to do so, but only the New York "Postmaster's Provisional" was used broadly - on letters sent to nearly all states and to many foreign countries.

This presentation will discuss the development of this adhesive, aspects of production specific to this stamp (e.g. paper varieties and control initials), and will show several unusual uses from the presenter's collection.



In the cover nearby, the two 5¢ adhesives pay the over 300 mile rate for a 0-1/2 oz. letter sent from NYC to Fayetteville, MO.

Mark is retired from the chemical industry and has devoted himself to his hobby of stamps and postal history where he has excelled in many areas with a resume of Gold awards. Mark is running for his second term on the board of the American Philatelic Society. Please welcome mark and his Gold award exhibit this evening.

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Visitors are Always
Welcome

PSLC meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at the Crossings Meeting Room, Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543 at 7:00 pm. Dues are \$10.00 a year. For club information call Paul Petersen at 717-299-5640

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Exhibit Frames

PSLC leadership has debated about what to do with our excess exhibit frames and the \$600 annual storage fee. Is anyone interested in buying them? One recommendation was to keep what we need (about 24 frames packed in six boxes) and sell the rest for scrap. But we really wanted them to go to a good home. Sometimes serendipity comes to the rescue.

PSLC Representative to APS, **Paul Petersen** saw a query in the Ambassador's Newsletter from the Lincoln Nebraska Stamp Club. They are seeking to buy about 24 frames. Could this be a solution to our situation?

We contacted Lincoln, and yes, they were interested. What will it cost? Now that was the question. Both clubs looked into shipping, and **Lou DiFelice's** neighbor offered the best deal and could ship them for us through his business. The estimate was over \$500. Lincoln would match this and add a little more for the retirement fund. And could we deliver them in time for Linpex on 23-24 Feb.?

Below, Lincoln Stamp Club President and frame negotiator, **Dale Niebuhr** is below with the PSLC frames at Linpex. (↓)



In the research, we learned that a box of four (4) frames weighs 99 lbs.! And those of us who transport them each year just thought that we were getting old.

Lou, Bill Greiner, and **Paul** checked out the frames and took them for drop off. The frames got a little tied up in the Midwest weather, but they arrived on time for the show and in good condition. Lincoln had 19 exhibits in their new frames.

And PSLC should not complain about damp or rainy weather at Lancopex each April. Eight of nine dealers made it to Lincoln by Friday night in sleet and rain, and in the Saturday blizzard they received 5-7 inches of new snow over the ice. There was drama, but it worked out. Lincoln has had 50" of snow to date compared to a normal season with 26".

February Minutes and Treasury

Diane Meek & Lou DiFelice

Opening: At 7:05 **Dr. DiComo** called the meeting to order. He shared about the new study group formed in conjunction of the Chester County Historical Society. It is called *The Philatelic Gathering*, and this will meet Saturday mornings covering a variety of philatelic topics. Presentations are open to all who are interested. Information will be in the newsletter calendar and on the website.

Membership: There were 60 in attendance at the meeting. **Barb Buchanan** had updated club rosters for board members. New members were introduced including **Barry Myers, Jeremy Horn,** and **Vince Kneizys.** Visiting us with the intention of joining is **Steve Gallerizzo.** Paid membership stands at 113, though nearly 33.3% of current members have not paid their 2019 dues!

Old and New Business:

January Minutes and Treasurer's Report: These were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Lancopex (26-27 April): **Paul Petersen** passed around several show-related sign-up sheets.

Volunteers: There is a need to help set up, work, and take down the show.

Lancopex Patrons: Members can be listed in the show program for a \$5 donation.

Stamp & Cover Displays: Sign up for the number of frames and/or pages needed with title. Information received by a certain date will be listed in the show program.

Recognition: Paul gave a shout-out to **Fred Sargent** for all his

help in facilitating our transition to Landis Homes by interfacing with their management. The facility has been very accommodating to our needs as we meet monthly at their Crossings Meeting Room with a growing membership.

Dinner with the Speaker: Paul passed around a sign-up for those interested in attending the no-host dinner with speaker **Mark Schwartz** before the March meeting. This will probably be held at Fiorentino's at the Lancaster Airport.

Meeting Hosts: Paul circulated the sign-up for those willing to provide snacks and drinks for the monthly meetings. Several months in 2019 remain vacant.

Get well card: Paul passed around a card for signature for a club member in rehabilitation with a chronic pain-related condition.

Door Prizes: These were won by **Tony Coccio, Dennis Bouchard, Johnny Martin,** and **Aaron Heckler.**

50-50 Drawing: \$105 was split between the winner, **Fred Sargent** and PSLC.

Program: Following the business meeting **Bob Witkowsky** gave a very informative presentation on the Philately of Bosnia with an emphasis on the numerous perforation varieties during 1879-1918.

Treasury: 1-31 January 2019

Opening:	\$5,123.52
Income:	\$582.00
Expenses:	\$1,617.79
Closing:	\$4,087.73
2CDs:	\$5,798.08

More Events

The Philatelic Gathering. Inaugural Session, Sat. 23 March, 10-12, Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, PA. Noted Philatelist, Kean Spencer will host three diverse speakers and three displays. Optional no-host lunch to follow locally. Parking is free on Saturday.

DELPEX: Saturday, 13 April, Nur Shine Center, 198 South Dupont Highway, New Castle, Delaware.

Lancopex: Philatelic Society of Lancaster County. Fri/Sat, 26-27 April, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

Club Notes

Programs, Hosts, Shows, and Events

2019 Programs

13 March: The NY Postmaster Provisional Stamp of 1845. Mark Schwartz. Dick Shaefer, Host

10 April: The Joys of Philately. Bill Schultz. Barbara Buchanan, Hostess

8 May: The History of Printing on Stamps. Joseph Sullivan. Wayne Heim, Host

23 May: Buffalo Cinderellas. Rick Barrett

12 June: Club Auction

10 July: From the U.S. to Farther India & Back Again: A Five Month Journey in 1856-1857. Dr. Charles J. DiComo

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

11 September: Club Auction. Mike Marino and Joseph Berlin, Co-Hosts

9 October: Czeslaw Slania, Master Engraver-II. Dave Hunt. Lou DiFelice, Host

13 November: Open House and One-Page Exhibits. Len Kasper and Paul Petersen. Diane Meek, Hostess.

December: December Dinner. Deb Ehleiter & Co. TBA

2020 Programs

8 January: Club Auction.

12 February: The Development of Perforations on U.S. Postage Stamps, 1855-1857. Dr. Charles DiComo

13 May: Canada's Role in Union & Confederate Postal Cross-Border Mail during the U.S. Civil War. Ron Majors

13 October: 1) GB Stamped to Order Stationary and 2) Royal Household Official Mail. Dave Hunt

2019 Shows/Events

Some Sunday Stamp Shows: 30 June, 11 May, 27 August, 15 December, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Red Rose Coin Club: Thursday, 21 March: Other Hobbies Night. 7:00 p.m. Farm & Home Center. The Annual Coin Show will be Saturday, 20 April, also at the Farm & Home Center.

Lancaster County Postcard Club: Monday, 18 March. Farm & Home Center.

Et Cetera

Photo Shoot Take-two: At the January meeting, our newsletter editor presented Hal Klein with the APS Award for his "Article of Distinction," *A piece of Postal History-70 Years Later*. This was published in the July 2017 issue of PSLC's newsletter.



As the snap at that time did not turn out, it was retaken in February as shown above with Hal (left) and club President, Dr. DiComo.

Hal's article described part of a wrapper sent to Europe in 1949. In it was probably a pre-boxed donation to an individual in need and mailed under the auspices of special postal regulations at the time of the Marshal Plan.



Hal adds that his article "reminds us of the politics of post-WWII Europe and the European political news about the Marshal Plan being discussed today. It reminds us of how stamps played an integral part in conveying and renewing, and in touching and healing a war-torn Europe to reach our fellow man in his greatest time of need-to rebuild a persons life, dignity, and dreams."

Words of Thanks: PSLC Members, thank you for allowing me to give my presentation on Bosnian Philately last month. I had a lot of fun sharing one of my passions with you and I hope that everyone learned something that they might not have known before. If anyone wants to begin collecting Bosnia, please stop by my table at LANCOPEX and we can discuss it further. Thanks again for your attention and participation (questions) at last month's meeting. **Bob Witkosky**

New Newsletter Exchange: While our people were working with the Lincoln Stamp Club's people on the sale and transport of the exhibit frames, a side deal was made to exchange newsletters between our clubs at no extra cost. It's an opportunity to identify additional ideas for both our stamp clubs.

Musings: My New Classic Catalogue

A few Saturdays ago, it was a good day. We had a houseguest from my wife's fountain pen club and they had plenty to occupy their time. Then the mail came, and this included a new pen with ink that she ordered along with some letters from pen pals that both she and her friend are in correspondence with. This was more stuff for them to play with. But there was also a package for me weighing in at 6.1 pounds. Yes, my *2019 Scott Classic Specialized Catalogue: 25th Anniversary Edition* had arrived! That Saturday I could enjoy the catalogue without guilt as long as they had some pens and ink to occupy their time.

2019 Scott Classic Specialized Catalogue 25th Anniversary Edition



This was the first "new" stamp catalogue I have purchased since returning to the hobby in 2000. I have always had used ones including the 2001 six volume set that I bought in 2006. Lou DiFelice gave me his 2005 *U.S. Specialized*, and I acquired Jim Boyles *2007 Classic Catalog* in 2011. I am reminded when others would say "This is the first new car (catalogue) we ever owned." Growing up I had my granddad's *1928 Scott Catalogue!* It didn't even have pictures of full U.S. stamps. A collector where my dad worked gave him a *1960 U.S. Specialized* with full illustrations. I recently joined the ISWSC, also known as the *Int'l Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors*. As a ISWSC newbie, the opportunities

for buying, selling, and trading look spectacular.

While older stamp catalogues are fine for identification, study, and research, they are not so hot on the latest prices.

One of the ISWSC features is their nearly bi-monthly mail-bid auction. Looks right up my alley for buying and selling stuff in my price range. Minimum bids are \$5/lot.

This catalogue has been a lot of fun, and the updated pricing has been invaluable as I prepare auction lots and want lists. I should make up the cost of the catalogue in due time.

It is said that collectors should episodically re-read the intro material in the Scott's Catalogues, that this is good for one's philatelic soul. Periodically, APS offers a short course during Summer Session on maximizing the benefits of the Scott Catalogues.

While using the Classic Catalogue, two issues related to pricing have caught my attention. I look forward to getting the time to seek the reasons behind them.

First, in a few instances, the sum of the individual prices for never hinged (MNH) stamps in a set is more than the price listed at the bottom for the MNH set as a whole.

One example is Australia's first airmail set of three stamps (111-112, C3). The sum for the three stamps, never hinged, is \$27.00. On the other hand, the price listed for the set, never hinged is just \$17.50! This doesn't make sense to me.

The second price-related issue comes with the 1920-1923 issues of Danzig, a stamp issuing entity with an interesting story both philatelically and historically.

Stepping back for just a minute,

two of the basic prices listed in Scott are for •unused and •used stamps. The mint never hinged pricing comes in along the way.

But with Danzig (1920-1923), there is a sub category: "postally used." And while I am not sure what the differences between used and postally used, in most cases, the postally used value shown is usually more than the unused, used, and/or never hinged values!

Consider values for Danzig 31: Unused \$110; Used \$200; MNH \$375; and postally used \$450. And this stamp on cover is \$2100, much more than the postally used price.

There is a boxed note in the Danzig section of the catalogue: "Used values of 1920-1923 are for favor cancelled stamps unless otherwise noted. Postally used examples bring much higher prices."



respectively. At left is a bull's-eye cancel, and on the right...well, who knows. Is this used or postally used? Again, why is there a •used and •postally used pricing differential in Danzig?

I have a few dozen cancelled stamps of this era. Some are bull's-eye, some CDS or parts thereof, and others are non-descript. Looks like some research into both the postal history and the post office practices of the young Free City & State of Danzig may be an interesting pursuit. Ed. ☒

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