

APS/APRL UPDATE

Managing through the Crisis

OPERATIONS UPDATE

- American Philatelic Center: Modified open effective 11 May 2020.
- Offsite: Most staff operations remain offsite.
- Onsite: Staff are limited only to those needs to normalize operations.
- Complying with public health guidance: staggered work hours, social distancing, facemasks, and strict cleaning practices.
- Closed to the public indefinitely.
- Health and safety of the staff, members, and visitors is our top priority.



OPERATING UPDATE

Top Goal: Restoring operations of the "Big Four."

- 1. **Expertizing:** Restarted and accepting submissions. Returning opinions and getting backlog to Expert Committee.
- 2. Circuit Sales: Circuits restarted, ramping up from 300 to 1,000 books. New submissions accepted. Fines waived until 1 June 2020.
- 3. Internet Sales: Accepting new submissions. Three-week delay, caught up by 1 June 2020.
- 4. **APRL:** Research requests caught up by 1 June 2020. Book loans caught up. Fines waived until 1 June 2020.



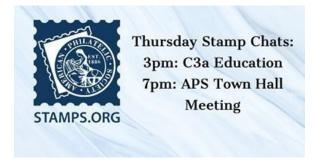
APS RESPONDS



Digital Library















MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVES



- Launched 1 April 2020.
- 12-month digital membership.
- Collectors between 18 and 30 eligible.



MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVES STAMPS FOR CHAMPS

Our Humble Thanks: To the "Everyday Heroes" in medical profession, utilities, front-line services sustaining us during the COVID-19 crisis.

Membership: Offering a one-year digital subscription to offer a break from the stressful days and a strong community that appreciates them.

Nominations: Submit a nomination and share why they are an "Everyday Hero." (Limit one per APS member)

Deadline: Offer ends **August 24, 2020**.

Nominate Now: https://stamps.org/join-now/member-nomination

Thank You: Jeff Shapiro, APS Vice President for the inspiration!



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Be safe: Take this time to organize and grow your collection.
- Communicate: Stay in touch with your philatelic friends by email, phone, or online.
- Share: We have a captive audience! Direct friends and family to our website.
- Buy and Sell: Circuit Sales and StampStore are great APS services. Use them!
- Educate: Volunteer to be an online educator. Let's build our digital library!
- Write: Now is the time to write that great article for our journal or website.
- Stamp Club: Invite us. We'd be honored to visit your club!
- **APS Dealer Members:** Support the hobby builders. Largest database of dealers.
- **Recruit:** Our members are the best recruiters and we can grow!





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