



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



Thursday Stamp Chats:
3pm: C3a Education
7pm: APS Town Hall Meeting

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Welcome to C3a
Collecting & Connecting Central



MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVES



Introducing **\$25**
under
30

 for collectors under 30 - become a digital subscriber of the
american philatelic society for only \$25

- 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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