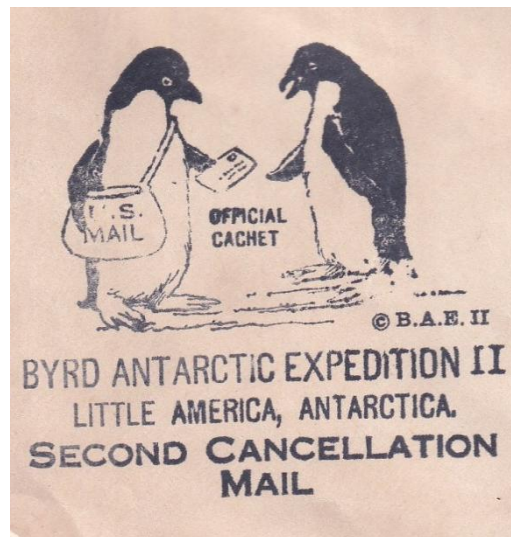




Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

**The James Buchanan Chapter 173 of the
American Philatelic Society
American Topical Association Chapter 118
Website: <https://lcps-stamps.org>**

**2nd Wednesday/Month-Meet in Person at Landis Homes at 6:30 p.m.
4th Wednesday/Month-Meet Virtually at 6:15 p.m.**



The Veranda Chronicles

As I write this month's column, our two-day heat wave has ebbed, and long gone are the Dog Days of the upper 20s to low 30s. I miss those times already. In fact, there was a jogger in our development running amid the snow mounds in the street bedecked in parka and shorts! For me, after three rounds with the snow blower on the driveway and over a foot on The Veranda, I am ready for a change, a nice warm one. However, the Groundhog on Monday said otherwise. After many years in NY State, my blood thinned a bit following our move south to the tropics here in Lancaster. Tropics, really!

You may recall my recent column where I addressed the need for each of us to have a plan for our philatelic estate. I was pleased to hear from some of you affirming the importance of the

topic, and that you have been or are now pondering it. I am thinking that this would be a valuable discussion topic for a future Zoom meeting for PSLC and our other collector friends. If this step has not already been taken for your collection's future, I can't overly emphasize how important it is for your collection and your family. And while I am at it, be sure to follow-up on personal estate matters such as having an updated will, a living will if this is your choice, and a note where to find other important documents such as insurance, deeds, plots, and others. These latter items are beyond our discussion of a philatelic estate, but some of these details may be much more important in the big picture.

The 2026 Boston Expo is in three months, and according to Len Kasper, he continues to compile your donations of U.S. and worldwide off-paper stamps for this international show. His goal is to have PSLC's contributions packed and ready for shipment by mid-March, and the package will be sizable. Please bring your donated off-paper stamps and give them to him at Wednesday's meeting. According to Boston's officials, the generosity of American collectors across the country has been phenomenal, and these stamps will have a significant impact on both junior and adult collectors attending the show. And speaking of Boston, both Dave Silcox and Jim Savage have tried, however unsuccessfully, to organize a PSLC trek to the show in May. But unlike club trips to Washington in 2006 and NYC in 2016, Boston is not a one-day jaunt as the others. It includes a long ride (bus, train, air, car) and overnight accommodation. This will require more time, energy, and expense than when the shows were in closer proximity to us. I know that some of you are planning to attend, so I hope there is a way for you to get together, even if it is for a specialty meeting or a meal. Think about it. If I am able to attend, it will be a last-minute thing based on my ever-evolving work schedule; keeping my fingers crossed.

Finally, remember that Valentines Day is on Saturday February 14. After you have treated your Valentine on Saturday, why not treat yourself to Kevin Kellman's Lancaster Stamp Show at the Farm & Home Center on Sunday February 15? Perhaps you'll find your spouse and/or yourself a belated V-Day gift at the show; wouldn't this be appreciated? I hope to see many of you there. And in the meantime, stay warm, keep shoveling, and think spring.

Dr. Charles J. DiComo, President
charlesdicomo@gmail.com

A call for volunteers

The 2026 PSLC Annual Holiday Dinner is several months away, and the chairman of the planning committee for that that event, **Len Kasper**, is looking for volunteers to help plan and stage the event. Len is looking for at least three other society members who enjoy planning events to entertain others, but no special experience is required. The only requirements are your enthusiasm and willingness to devote a few hours to planning and coordinating in the months before the dinner, and making sure everything is set up and ready to go on December 23. Please contact Len if you are interested in helping on the committee.

Upcoming Programs



Queen Vickie by the Numbers
11 February 2026
6:30 p.m. Landis Homes

“Queen Vickie by the Numbers,” by Dick Colberg. An in-depth look at Victorian Great Britain stamps. Specifically at the plate numbers and the designers’ attempts at integrating the plate numbers into the design of the stamp. Victorian issues from 1/2-pence through 5 pounds will be examined (1840-1882).



Century of Progress: Aerophilately of the 1933 – 1934 Chicago International Exposition
Part 2, by Jim Haxby
25 February 2026 6:15 p.m. via Zoom

The Century of Progress was staged less than a decade after Lindbergh’s historic flight to Paris. Commercial airliners capable of reliably carrying a significant passenger payload across the Atlantic were still years in the future. But, the German dirigible, Graf Zeppelin, had already done so multiple times by 1933. So, it seemed appropriate that the Graf and the German-American dirigible, U.S.S. Macon, pay a visit to the Fair. The Graf’s visit was associated with special stamp issues by several countries, including the United States. Part II covers the airships’ visits, as well as the Adams nonstop air mail pick-up and delivery demonstrations, and special airplane and balloon races staged at the Fair.

PSLC Calendar

Descriptions for many of these programs are found on the [PSLC website](#)

February 11: Queen Vickie by the Numbers. Dick Colberg

February 25: Century of Progress: Aerophilately of the 1933 – 1934 Chicago International Exposition (Part II). Jim Haxby

March 12: From the U.S. to Farther India and Back Again: A Five-Month Journey of a Baptist Missionary Cover in 1856 – 1857. Dr. Charles DiComo (pre-recorded) **This is the final meeting to bring in your stamp donations for Boston 2026 to Len Kasper (further details are below).**

March 25: Lutheran Charity Seal Collecting (1910 – 1977). Stanley Jones

April 8: Taxation of Beer in Pennsylvania, 1934 – 1965. Ron Leshner

April 22: The Greenland Parcel Post Stamps. Jaume Balsells

May 13: The Decimal Era of Canadian Postal History. Ronald E. Majors, OTB, Ph.D.

May 17: PSLC Outdoor Bourse

May 27: Collecting National Airmail Week Material: More than Meets the Eye. Jim Haxby

June 10: PSLC Spring Auction

June 24: The Whimsical World of Philatelic Artist Joun Coulthard. Rick Barrett

July 8: Air Crash Covers: Preserving the Legacy of Airmail Pioneers. Mike Wilson

July 22: Stamping our way through History on America's 250th Birthday! Steven J. Rod

August 12: PSLC Annual Picnic at Manheim Township Community Park in Neffsville

August 26: A Journey to the Ney Post Office: A Rural Mountain Post Office in Late 19th Century PA. Scott Ney

September 9: Open

September 23: Gary Loew

October 14: PSLC Summer/Fall Auction

October 28: An open discussion about philately and stamp collecting: how do you do it, what do you want to share about it, and what do you want to know about it, let by Rob Sternberg

November 11: Society Open House and Exhibition, hosted by Len Kasper

November 25: Wilmir Long & His 'Department Store of Philately'. Rick Barrett

December 9: PSLC Annual Holiday Dinner. Len Kasper

December 23: Cemil Betanov



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I.P.S.A. - The Independent Postal System of America

By Richard Colberg

President – Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club

The first permanent settlement in the United States was at Jamestown (Virginia) in 1607. From that time there had always been an informal system for the delivery of letters. This was usually done by people travelling by horse or carriage. They would carry letters to be delivered to persons along their route or in the city of their destination. Initially, there was no formal fee structure for this service.

A postal system was formalized by the Second Continental Congress in 1775 and Benjamin Franklin was appointed as Postmaster. Franklin then designed a system of post roads throughout the American colonies.

In the 1840s there existed a number of “local” posts in the U.S. These local posts existed in most of the major U.S. cities. They delivered mail from homes and businesses to the local post office and also delivered mail from the local post office to homes and businesses. Their fee for this

service was 1- or 2-cents per letter. Most of the local posts also issued their own postage stamps. These local posts were put out of business in 1861 when the U.S. Post Office exercised its monopoly to carry letters via first class mail.

In 1863 “city delivery” of mail was started in the larger U.S. cities. In 1891 free delivery of mail to rural areas was begun.

In 1968 Thomas M. Murray (1927 – 2003) and some friends decided that a more efficient and less expensive mail delivery option to the U.S. Post Office was needed. Murray founded the Independent Postal System of America (IPSA) in February of 1968 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Because the U.S. Post Office had a monopoly on 1st class mail only, Murray’s plan was to deliver 2nd class (newspapers, magazines, catalogues), 3rd class (advertising material (publicité)), and 4th class (packages) items.

Murray’s goal was to be in operation in 400 major cities with 500,000 carriers by 1975 (seven years). At its peak, IPSA operated in 33 U.S. states (about 200 cities) and Vancouver, Canada and had 18,000 carriers. The carriers had to pay \$1000 to IPSA. For this fee the carrier got some training, a uniform, and a protected territory.

On November 30, 1971 IPSA issued its first set of postage stamps. The stamps were printed by Thomas De LaRue in England. The values were 1-cent, 5-cents, 10-cents, 25-cents and 50-cents. The 1-, 10-, 25-, and 50-cent stamps are of the same design with slightly different coloring. The 5-cent stamp is a script **ipsa** and was meant to pay postage for the delivery of Christmas cards. At that time, and for several years before that, Christmas cards could be sent as 2nd class mail if the envelope was not sealed. IPSA could not deliver mail to our mailboxes; that was reserved strictly for the U.S. Post Office. Thus, they put the mail into plastic bags that were then hung on door handles.

For this first design, the 1-, 10-, 25-, and 50-cent stamps were printed in quantities of 1 million each; 5 million 5-cent stamps were printed. (9 million total)



First Issue

One week later, December 6, 1971, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) went to court and obtained a court order which prevented IPSA from delivering Christmas cards or personal letters. A 1st class letter was then defined as: "A personal message in writing containing current live information upon which the addressee is expected to act, rely, or refrain from acting." It appears that the court made Christmas cards fit this definition. With this new definition in mind, IPSA continued to deliver other 2nd, 3rd, and 4th class mail.

On April 10, 1973 IPSA issued its second series of postage stamps. This series commemorated the 5th anniversary of IPSA. There were five values in this set. There were two four-cent stamps (3rd class rate) honoring past presidents Harry S. Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson. These two stamps were issued se-tenant. There was one five-cent stamp commemorating the 5th anniversary of IPSA (2nd class rate). There was a 20-cent stamp commemorating free enterprise and a 25-cent stamp honoring slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 20- and 25-cent stamps were to be used on packages to meet whatever the postage rate was. A new item was also issued: the 75-cent "IPSAgram" stamp. An IPSAgram was like a telegram and special envelopes were available for this service.



Second Issue

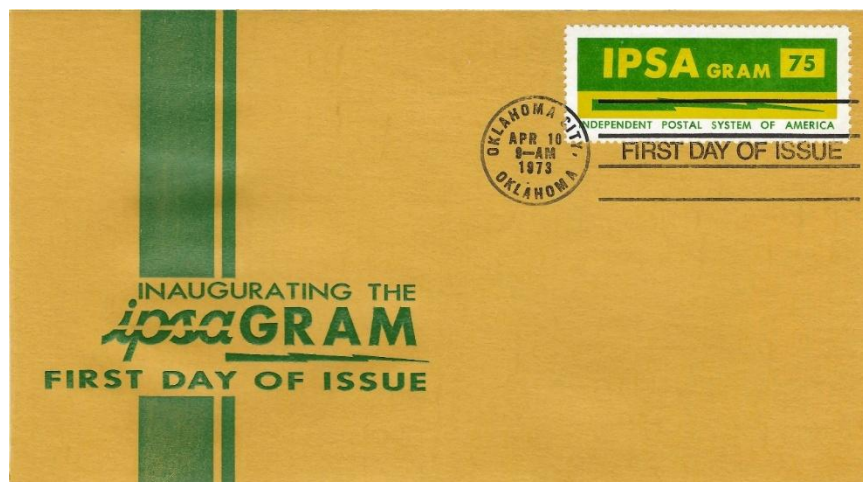
IPSA's third and final series of postage stamps was issued in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 27, 1976. At that time Philadelphia was the site of Interphil '76, the once-every-10-years international philatelic exposition held in the USA.



There were six stamps in this series of stamps. There was a 5-cent stamp honoring Elihu Burritt. Burritt was the founder of the peace organization, The League of Universal Brotherhood, and was an advocate of the “ocean penny post”. There was a 10-cent stamp honoring Paul Julius Reuter, founder of Reuter’s News Agency. There was a 15-cent stamp honoring Galileo Galilei and a 25-cent stamp honoring Susan B. Anthony, the tireless pioneer for women’s suffrage in the USA. The highest value in the set was a 50-cent stamp honoring aviation hero Charles A. Lindbergh. The last stamp in the series was a 0 (zero)-cent stamp. This was a really innovative concept. With this stamp on an envelope, IPSA would deliver your letter to your U.S. Congressman in Washington, DC at no cost.

ipsa GRAM

In the end, the government and post office kept IPSA tied up in legal battles for 15 months, bringing some 200 charges. The legal costs for IPSA were staggering and they could not survive. This was the original goal of the government! This is a classic case of David vs. Goliath.



Collecting IPSA stamps and covers doesn't seem to be very popular. Most of those who collect IPSA are doing so as part of their collection of local posts. I could find no "IPSA collectors society". I found only one item on Delcampe; a block of four of the Lindbergh stamps from the last series. I found a few listings on eBay. Mint sets of each of the three series are available for \$5 - \$10 per series. First Day Covers are available for \$10 - \$15 per series. There was an album for the first series which contained a full sheet (50 stamps) of each of the five stamps. There were 1,000 of these albums issued and I have one. I found one available on eBay for \$500.

In the mid-1980s I was determined to find some IPSA stamps on cover postally used. I advertised in the philatelic press and received no responses. Because the first IPSA stamps were issued in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma I sent a paid advertisement to the largest newspaper in Oklahoma City offering to buy any of this material. Again, I received no responses. Material received from IPSA indicates that for the first issue, of the 9 million stamps printed, 4.1 million were actually used: 4 million on mail and 100,000 sold to collectors. I am amazed that with 4 million stamps used, I could find none! Periodically, I look in dealer's material at stamp shows, but I have found none correctly used. I have seen a few of the stamps used in combination with other stamps but not in the IPSA period of use.

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PSLC Winter Auction

On January 14, 2026, the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PA) kicked off the 2026 philatelic season with the Winter Auction to a packed house of 40+ members & guests.

Dr. DiComo opened the meeting wishing all good health; after which we moved on to door prizes, upcoming Stamp Show announcements, reports, and a hearty thanks to all 120+ members far & wide. This is your Philatelic Club!

Then the Auction began – and there was active bidding from the first lot to the last. Thank you to all attendees & volunteers: Lou & Mike for tallying, Dan with membership & clipboards, auctioneer Aaron, runners Mark and David, Len for beverages & snacks, and all our sellers & buyers. Many, many lots sold: excellent material; priced to move; club donation sales were strong, and smiles across the board. Can't wait to see you all at our next meeting.

N.B. The Society holds three Auctions a year at the Club (Winter, Spring & Autumn). Auctions are for Society Members-only. However, anyone can join the Society for \$10.00 the night of an Auction and get yearly access. Material for sale is broad in scope, from stamps, postal history,

albums, ephemera, supplies, etc. – both International and U.S. There is always something for everyone at a reasonable price. Why not stop by, grab a paddle and have some fun.

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PA) Winter Society Auction '26



Montage: Dr. C. DiComo

Landis Homes | January 14, 2026

A Special Anniversary

Dear fellow PSLC members:

I recently received a letter from the APS notifying me of my 50 years of membership in the Society. Quite frankly, I'm still in shock. 50 years and more of collecting stamps and enjoying every minute of it. I can't believe how the time has passed.

I joined the APS in 1976 at the Bicentennial Expo in Philadelphia. I had started collecting as a young lad around 9 of 10 as far as I can recollect. I started with a Minkus worldwide book, but I soon found out that it was almost an impossible feat. I then put my attention to having one of every U.S. stamp: a herculean task that I have now come to find is an impossibility. I'm relatively close, but still a ways to go. Back in 1976 I transferred all my stamps to a Lighthouse book with permanent mounts. They look beautiful.

My days as a collector stopped when I got to Prep School and then on to college. There certainly was no time for that. I subsequently got married in 1970 and we were blessed with 3 children; none of whom see any interest in my hobby, unfortunately. In 1976 I had the opportunity to go to the Bicentennial Expo in Philly (Interphil) with my wife. There I signed up with the APS and purchased 9 sets of the George Washington Souvenir Sheets. I was off and running and I hadn't looked back until now when this letter appeared. I'm still in shock that it's been 50 years.

As soon as I retired and moved to Lititz, PA I joined the PSLC and have been enjoying stamps, other fellow collectors, and learning what stamps have given to our American culture: history via stamps. The same goes for the international side of collecting. I have learned so much from our meetings and get togethers. It's been a joyous ride.

In my conversation with Paul Petersen, he tells me he received a letter congratulating him on 25 years. How nice that is for our club. Kudos to all of us who have enjoyed this endeavor.

With thanks,
George Younes
PSLC member since 2016

Editor's note: Please join me in congratulating George on this special milestone. What a wonderful time to be celebrating a philatelic anniversary!

PSLC Award Winners

The Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PA), and the Empire State Postal History Society (NY) are pleased to announce that PSLC & ESPHS President Dr. Charles J DiComo, PhD has been honored with a Vermeil and Large Silver Ribbon by the judges at the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition 2026, Literature Palmares for his original research articles.

A Vermeil was awarded to “A scarce use of the ‘Greenock Penny Post’ handstamp on an 1839 stampless folded letter from London, Upper Canada to Kilmun, Scotland via New York City,” which appeared in “*The BULLETIN*,” Jan. 2025, Vol. 58, No. 1, pp. 4-6.

The Large Silver went to a “À Votre Santé: From Philly to NYC to France – All for a Brandy!” which appeared in “*The Excelsior!*,” April 2025, Whole No. 41NS, pp. 3-5.

As one colleague shared, Charles once more successfully presents his discoveries by weaving philatelic investigation into a style that allows his research to flow as a historical story... and written in a manner that captivates the readers.

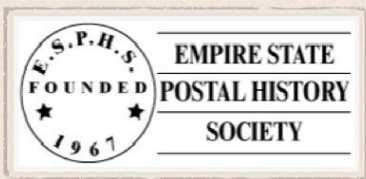
Congratulations Dr. DiComo!

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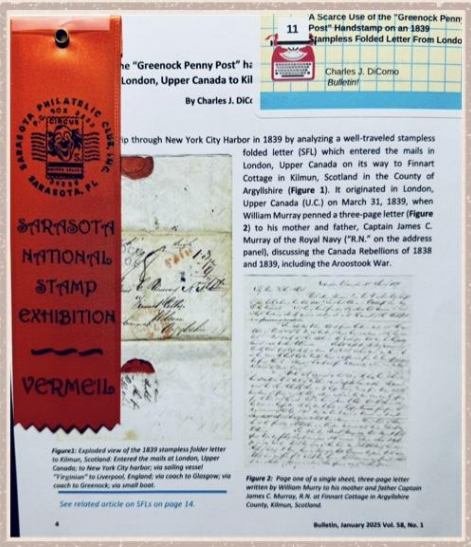
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A link to Dr. DiComo’s philatelic biography can be found here: <https://www.lcps-stamps.org/member-spotlight/>



Congratulations Dr. Charles J. DiComo on being recognized with Vermeil & Large Silver Honors in Literature by the Sarasota National Expo judges.



Charles J. DiComo, PhD
 ESPHS & PSLC President
 PaPHS Board of Directors
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PSLC Meeting Minutes

PSLC Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2025 – Landis Homes

Attendance: 36 members & guests

Opening: On December 10, 2025, the Society held its annual Holiday Dinner. Society First Vice President John Hostetter called the meeting to order at approximately 6:50 PM. A delicious buffet dinner was prepared and served by the Landis Homes food service.

After dinner, door prizes were awarded by random drawing. An auction of donated items was held. There were 11 donated items auctioned, generating \$59 for the benefit of the society. Following the auction, the Christmas gift exchange was held for those participating.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:30 PM with Happy Holidays wishes to all.

PSLC Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2026 – Landis Homes

Attendance: approx. 40 members and guests

Opening: On January 14, 2026, the Society held its annual Winter Auction. Society President Dr. Charles DiComo opened the meeting with a brief period of greetings, announcements and door prizes.

Feature presentation: Winter Auction

The auction featured many varied and interesting lots. There was a very high percentage of lots successfully sold with active bidding on most. Sales of club donations were strong. There were many satisfied sellers and buyers.

After the very successful auction, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

PSLC Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2026 - virtual mtg via Zoom

Attendance: 20 members and guests

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Paul Petersen, with a time of greeting and announcements.

Feature presentation: "Century of Progress Aerophilately of the 1933-1934 Chicago: Part-I." by Jim Haxby

Eighty years ago, in 1933-34, the City of Chicago was host to a remarkable World's Fair, the Century of Progress Exposition. As it evolved, the primary theme of the fair became the advancements of mankind through science, making it a showcase for modern living, consumerism and entertainment. In keeping with the fair's theme, several consequential aviation events and displays were mounted. These and their philatelic aspects are the subject of

this presentation. Part I detailed two major events. First, the visit by General Italo Balbo and the Italian Air Cruise of 24 seaplanes that involved a double crossing of the North Atlantic, an amazing feat for the aircraft of the day. An extensive philatelic program was associated with Balbo's trip. Second, the Piccard-Compton Stratosphere Ascension attempt in the balloon, Century of Progress.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Weichert
Secretary

Upcoming Regional Stamp Shows

February 15, 2026: K2 Lancaster Stamp Show, on Sunday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Farm & Home Center of Lancaster County, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Participating Dealers in February include: K2 Stamp Mobile (K2 Stamps & Collectibles), Doug McCullough, Scott Shaulis, Tony Coccio, and Leslie Botte.

There will be a silent auction during the show, hammering down at 1:30 p.m.

Table fee is \$120 for 8 feet "L's" (8" front & 8" side) with an 8" back table. Setup starts 8:00 AM. For more info, contact Kevin Kellman at k2stamps@gmail.com or +1 (301) 524-9562.



**BOSTON 2026
WORLD EXPO**

May 23-May 30, 2026: Boston 2026 World Expo, at the Boston Convention & Exposition Center (BCEC), Boston, MA.

Boston will be the world's center of philately for eight days in 2026, as the twelfth international philatelic exhibition of the U.S. gathers at the BCEC. To be held during Memorial Day week (May 23–30, 2026) in the Seaport section of the city, Boston 2026 World Expo will be a significant part of the country's 250th anniversary festivities. In a 352,000 square foot contiguous exhibition area, Boston 2026 will be hosting a large dealer bourse, as well as a sizable postal administration bourse, and society presence. There will be an FIP competitive exhibition of approximately 3,500 frames, plus other special/court of honor exhibits, as well as a large FIP literature competition. Boston 2026 will be hosting hundreds of meetings/presentations in 40+ meeting rooms of various sizes. A large opening ceremony and closing awards dinner will be staged using the BCEC's banquet room facilities. Travelers from out of town will appreciate that Boston's Logan Airport and Amtrak's South Station are less than 15 minutes away from the BCEC, and that eight show

hotels will be within walking distance. And best of all, attendance is FREE! For more information, visit the [Boston 2026 homepage](#).

One final reminder to PSLC friends and members: the Boston Expo's planning committee requests off-paper stamps, worldwide and U.S., to be used for a host of programs during the event: junior collectors, adult classes, Stamp Collecting Merit Badge sessions, and other miscellaneous promotions and giveaways. Their goal is a lofty one: 3,000,000 stamps!

The PSLC is participating in collecting stamps for the event, and Len Kasper has agreed to be the point person. As you work on your collections and come across duplicates in your accumulations, please consider setting them aside to donate to Boston 2026. As your pile grows, Len will be happy to collect them at our meetings. You may also drop your donations off on Len's porch, or mail them to him at 2505 Nolt Rd., Lancaster 17601 – 1903. **Len is accepting donations through the March PSLC meeting.**

Please note on the package or wrapper of your donation that these stamps are for the Boston 2026 show. You can contact Len at hotrodparts33@aol.com with any questions. Paul is also more than happy to field any questions. Please don't wait, as Len will be packing up the stamps that we've collected for the Expo and sending them off after the final collection at the March PSLC meeting!

[Boston 2026 World Stamp Show, Inc. – The Twelfth International Philatelic Exhibition of the United States](#)

Recent presentations posted on the PSLC website

 [“Thornton Wilder & Newport, Rhode Island, in Real Life, Fiction, Philately”](#), by Rob Sternberg (2025-11-26)

 [“Using the News: Ideas for Establishing a Philatelic Research Habit”](#), by Scott Ney (2025-11-26)

 [“Graf Zeppelin & Hindenburg U.S. Mails: An Introduction,”](#) by Cheryl Ganz (2025-09-24)

Recent uploads to the PSLC YouTube Channel

[Trio of Speakers Thanksgiving 2025 Program: featuring Rick Barrett, Rob Sternberg & Scott Ney](#)

[Everyone's Servant: The 1950's U.S. Post Office – Rick Barrett](#)

[U.S. Civil War Pension Philately - Scott Ney](#)

The **North Museum of Nature & Science** is looking for new volunteers to help in nearly every area of the museum, from feeding the animals and running planetarium shows to researching exhibits and helping with fundraising. Whether you prefer to engage with visitors or help with more "behind the scenes" work we have a place for you.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with our preschool programming, planetarium operation, exhibit development, and fundraising. For more info on current pressing needs, check out our profile on volunteer match at <https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/org38164.jsp>

For general inquiries, visit our website: <https://northmuseum.org/volunteer/> or email Molly Wolanski (mwolanski@northmuseum.org)

Scientifically Yours, Dr. Charles J. DiComo, PhD Email: charlesdicomo@gmail.com

Member Requests and Notices

PSLC Members may submit a notice of collecting interests and requests for research at no cost. Please email your requests to the newsletter editor for consideration.



Looking To Acquire: Pawling, Patterson & surrounding PO's, Dutchess & Putnam Co., NY: Stampless, Classic, Modern; Postcards, Bank Checks, Advertisements, Victorian Trading Cards, Bank Tags, Currency. Includes Pauling(s), Pawling(s)ville, Campbell(s)ville, Pawlings, Pawling, N. Quaker Hill, Quaker Hill, Farmer's Hill, Stonehouse, W. Pawling, Holmes, Haviland Hollow, Wingdale, Wing's Station. Scans appreciated, will trade/purchase. Contact Dr. Charles J. DiComo at charlesdicomo@gmail.com



Looking To Acquire: "APL" in lieu of "APR" for "APRIL" in New York City cancellations on stamps & covers. Period of use ~1830-1855. Interested in 1¢ & 3¢ 1851-57 Issue, Stampless, Locals, Carriers, 1847, etc. The "APL" was used in other New York State cities: Albany, Brooklyn, Catskil, Clinton, Cooperstown, Copenhagen, Hudson, Johnstown, New Berlin, Oswego, Plattsburg, Rochester, Sandy Hill, Johnstown, Utica, Watertown, & non-NY state cities. Scans appreciated, will trade/purchase. Contact Dr. Charles J. DiComo at charlesdicomo@gmail.com



Looking To Acquire: U.S. Private Die Proprietary ‘Match & Medicine’ Revenues, issued stamps, essays, post-tax labels, facsimiles on original packaging (bottles & boxes), wrappers, product inserts, almanacs, billheads, etc. Scans appreciated, will trade/purchase. Contact Dr. Charles J. DiComo at charlesdico@gmail.com



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Link: [The Philatelic Relic | eBay Stores](#)

PSLC Outdoor Bourse: May 17, 2026. This popular event was cancelled last year due to lack of interest. However, we know that stamp collectors are an enthusiastic lot when it comes to selling old material and buying and trading for new material. This year, we’re going to give the event more publicity; we believe that a well-planned event will bring out our buyers, sellers, and traders. Please start thinking about participating in this year’s bourse. More information will be forthcoming in the pages of your PSLC newsletter.

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General Information

Visitors are Always Welcome!

PSLC dues are \$10.00 a year. For existing members who want to renew their membership for 1 or more years, and/or make a donation to support our Society activities and programs, you can use PayPal-Friends by remitting payment to President Charles J. DiComo, PhD at charlesdicomo@gmail.com and denote in Notes section the reason for payment, your name, and how many years you are paying. Venmo can also be used @charlesdicomo. For new members, please mail/email your [Membership Application](#) along with a check or money order to Treasurer, Lou DiFelice.

We meet in-person on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (Except August & December) at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossings Meeting Room, Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17542. See our website for directions.

We meet virtually on the 4th Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. For society information and meeting links, contact Paul Petersen (pcpetersen@comcast.net).

Visit us on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@philatelicsocietyoflancast7393>

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The PSLC is honored to be selected as a winner of the 2024 APS Star Route Awards for our website and newsletter. The Society website (lcps-stamps.org), our 24 – 7 virtual presence where philatelists all over the world can access our resources, is the winner of a Large Gold award. Our monthly [newsletter](#), which exists to inform you of upcoming Society events and give you a creative outlet to provide interesting philatelic content, is the winner of a Large Vermeil award.

The PSLC is collecting dues for 2026

Dues remain at \$10 for yet another year. That is less than 84 cents per month. Where can you find a better deal?

Please submit your dues at your earliest convenience, to help us avoid unnecessary follow-up. If for some reason you decide not to renew your membership, which we sincerely hope would not be the case, please make us aware of that.

There are multiple ways you can submit your renewal payment:

1. You may renew **IN PERSON**: Submit a **check** (no cash) in the amount of **\$10 payable to PSLC** to Wayne Heim at the membership table when attending our monthly, in-person meeting. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at Landis Homes, 6:30 pm.
2. You may renew **BY MAIL**: **Print** and **complete** the **attached form** and **submit** it, with your **check** to Lou DiFelice, 1024 Woodridge Blvd., Lancaster, PA 17601-2251.
3. You may renew **WITH PAYPAL** (Family and Friends): Directions for paying online can be found on the **Philatelic Society of Lancaster County Web site, Page 1**. Payment, along with any changes to your renewal (address, phone, email, etc.) should be sent to charlesdico@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this request, as we look forward to twelve more months of interesting, entertaining, mind-expanding philatelic presentations. If you have any questions, please contact membership chair Dan Martin at drmartin6@comcast.net

Please **print** this **2026 Dues Renewal Application**, complete, and **mail to Lou DiFelice, 1024 Woodridge Blvd, Lancaster, PA, 17601-2251** with **\$10.00, Checks only, no cash**. Be sure to sign your check. Thank you in advance.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check here if you do not require a new membership card. This action will save the club time and the cost of postage.

Please check the appropriate ATA/APS box(s) if you are a paid-up member:

ATA Member APS Member

Make checks payable to Philatelic Society of Lancaster County. Please advise of any changes in address, phone/cell, email, or change in ATA/APS status.