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Spring 2015

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Club Meetings

Location: Sandy Senior Center
 9310 So. 1300 East, Sandy
 First and third Thursdays of each month @ 6:30 pm
 Club Website: www.utahphilatelic.org

Club Officers

President: Steve Baldrige
 Vice-President: John Alleman
 Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Blaney
 Board Members: George Cobabe, Judy Maxfield,
 Blaine Cox and Don Marr.
 Newsletter Editor: Ewald Kuefner

Upcoming Events

The next stamp show will be on May 22-23, 2015
 (Friday 10 - 6 pm, and Saturday 10 - 4 pm).
 At the Sons of the Utah Pioneers building at
 3361 East Louise Avenue (2920 South), SLC UT



The President's Corner

Steve Baldrige

Question: What does running this stamp club have in common with running a gambling operation?

Answer: You win some, and you lose some.

OK, it may not be that clever, but the idea is sound; at the beginning of every year we discover that some member, most of them new, have decided not to renew their membership in the club. But then we find that others have found our club and decided to join, so our numbers remain roughly even from year to year

We like it when our numbers increase – we can always use new blood – and I would love to know the secret of retaining our members, but for one reason or another we lose a few every year.

For that reason we want to welcome our new members, and hope you will find your membership to your satisfaction, and decide to stay with us for the next 20 years or so.

We hope we're planting some seeds by reaching out to the youth, and that includes our participation in the Scout Expo which was held
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the first weekend of May. Many thanks go to those volunteers who manned the tables for this.

The board has decided to continue the club's involvement with the Expo, mainly because our booth is provided at no charge, but we will no longer participate in the S.L. County Fair. New management there has decided to charge us for a booth beyond our ability to pay.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, we have a show coming up May 22-23, 2015 at the next club meeting, May 7th. I will be asking if there is interest in mounting juried exhibits for prizes. We will probably be preparing postcards announcing the show at the same meeting, and calling for volunteers to help set up and take down tables and frames. Remember folks, we're all volunteers and we should all pitch in at some point to help out.

Memorial Day is coming up May 25th, and this club is fortunate to have a number of veterans in our ranks. To my knowledge we no longer have WWII veterans, at least none who attend meetings, but we have two Korean War veterans - Allen Anderson and Ewald Kuefner, a survivor of WWII, and at this time serving as a Senior Vice Commander with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We also have three Vietnam War veterans - Rod Mossbacher, Pedro Van Horssen and George Cobabe. It is likely we have other veterans, and I apologize for not recalling and listing their names. I hope that all our veterans will understand that we appreciate their service and sacrifices, and are grateful for their dedication to our country.

Finally, I recently received a letter from Mystic Stamps offering to tell them about my collection
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when I am prepared to dispose of it. Included with the letter is a survey form, which they suggested I full out and leave with my collection so that my estate will understand what is in it, in the event I cannot sell my collection myself. I think that's a good idea, so if you have any interest in the survey, let me know so I can copy it for you.

Thank you members, for your interest in philately and your participation in this club. I hope it is proving to be as interesting and informative for you as it has been for me. Let me know if you have some ideas for improvement. #



FOREVER HEARTS STAMPS

The two Forever Heart Special Forever Stamps feature the same stamp design but using different colors. The stamps debuted January 22, in Richmond, VA, and were distributed nationwide.

The stamp was printed by CCL Label Inc. using the gravure printing process. As such, there is no micro-printing in the design. The pane of 2- stamps is printed with selvage strips surrounding the stamps to allow for the bleed design. There are large serpentine cuts on the pane to allow for individual stamps to be separated.

Illustrator Jessica Hische of San Francisco created the final design for the Forever Hearts stamps, working with U.S. Postal service art director Antonia Alcalá. According to the Postal Service, "The red and white color scheme works well with other colors and adds a timeless feel to the design, which resembles filigree."

The official first-day ceremony for the stamps took place at the Leslie Creek Theater of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, VA.



The 1-cent Bobcat definitive coil stamp with "USPS" microprinting found on the top of the bobcat's leg.

Bobcat Stamp

A 2015-dated 1-cent Bobcat definitive coil stamp was issued February 21 in Mesa, Arizona. No automatic distribution was made for the coil stamp, and post offices had to place an order to have it for sale.

The stamp was printed by Ashton Potter USA Ltd. using printing process. There is a micro-printed: "USPS" located on the top of the Bobcat's leg. The stamp was issued in a coil of 10,000 and is not tagged. A plate number P1111 appears on every 27th stamp, and a counting number is printed on the back liner every 10 stamps.

Illustrator Nancy Stahl worked with former U.S. Postal Service Art Director, Carl T. Herrman on the stamp design that first debuted in 2012 in a smaller coil roll of 3,000 self-adhesive stamps. A water-activated coil stamp version of this design was issued in 2013.

The official first-day ceremony took place at the Aripex Stamp Show in Mesa, Arizona, February 21-23. The featured guest at the event was the official mascot of the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team, D. Baxter the Bobcat, who unveiled the stamp.



The Vintage Rose forever stamp and the 70-cent Vintage Tulip stamp.

Vintage Rose and Vintage Tulip Stamps

The Vintage Rose special forever stamp and the 70-cent Vintage Tulip special stamp are part of the Weddings stamp series. The engraved stamps were aptly issued February 14, Valentine's Day, in Riverside, California. No automatic distribution was made for either stamp, and post offices had to place an order to have them for sale.

The stamps were printed by Banknote Corporation of America for Sennett Security Products using the intaglio printing process. There is no micro-printing in the design. Each stamp was issued as its own separate pane of 20 stamps with selvage strips in between all of the stamps to allow for the bleed of the illustration off the edge of the perforations.

Stamp artist Jeanne Greco designed the two stamps by using modified engraved plates originally created by artist Maria Sibylla Merian (1617-1717). Greco worked with U.S. Postal Service art director Greg Breeding on the stamp project. She revoked the insects from the image "so that they would be more appropriate as wedding stamps" and told Breeding "I think it is best to reserve the birds and bees for a later love stamp." This is the second stamp issue that she has created, the first being the 2009 King and Queen of Hearts stamps.

The official First-day ceremony took place at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside, California, during the American Philatelic Society's AmeriStamp Expo stamp show held February 13-15.

Display of stamps, featuring WWII and after in Germany



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