



## 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](http://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 October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. (Friday, at 10 - 6 pm, and Saturday, 10 - 4 pm) at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers building at 3361 East Louise Avenue (2920 South).



## The President's Corner

Steve Baldrige

Boy, just when you thought things were swimmingly...but I'll get to that later.

We had what can be considered a successful show in late May. Apparently the dealers were satisfied with the turnout, but we can always hope for even better numbers in attendance and in dollars spent. Blain Cox made the observation that if every club member spent \$5 at each dealer's table (usually about 12 per show) then everyone would be happy. We hope everyone can continue to support the shows – the club doesn't make a lot of money on them, but they are a source of revenue to supplement our dues and the small amount we make from the auctions each meeting. There has been discussion about raising the dues, but we are trying to hold fast to the current level so that, that won't be necessary.

Now is a good time to point out that we'll have elections again in early December, this time for the four board seats. Blain Cox and Don Marr will probably run again for their seats, but George Cobabe and Judy Maxfield have indicated they will not run for reelection. We need at least two candidates, so I'd like to encourage everyone to think seriously about how they can help the club by running as a board member candidate later this year. (Continued next page)

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## **The President's Corner** continued

We could really use some fresh blood on the board, helping the rest of us with making decisions about how to improve our modest enterprise. As everyone knows, this club is a 100% volunteer outfit, so please consider stepping up for a two-year term.

We haven't had a summer banquet for a while, so the board is considering hosting a luncheon somewhere. Don Marr has been assigned the task, and has reported that a likely date will be in early September. We'll keep you posted.

Finally – it was discovered at our first July meeting that we are missing the Treasure Hunt items that have been stored in the steel cabinet... Judy and Sandy have determined that those items were present at least until March, but we can't account for them after that. Since those items are not part of our regular routine each meeting, I wasn't keeping track of them, so we know very little about their disappearance. We don't know if they were misplaced, removed for some unknown reason, or simply stolen. There is room for rampant speculation, since the keys to the cabinet are kept at the Senior Center and could possibly have been used by anyone coming into the building, member or not. It saddens me deeply to think that a member might have been involved in the disappearance of these items, but we have to consider all possibilities.

So, if anyone has any information about how these materials might have disappeared, please let me or another board member know. We aren't interested in recriminations at this point; we'd just like to get our items back.

Other than that, we're happy with the way things are moving along we appreciate your membership and support, and look forward to seeing you at the next club meeting. ##



## **Medal of Honor: Vietnam War Stamps**

The three Medal of Honor: Vietnam War commemorative forever stamps were issued May 25, in Washington D.C., and distributed nationwide. Because the issue date was a federal holiday, many post offices nationwide were not open on the first day of issue.

The stamps were printed by Banknote Corporation of America for Sennett Security Products using the offset printing process. There is micro printing on each of the stamps. The stamps are formatted as a folded prestige folio pane of 24 with decorative selvage that include photographs of 48 living recipients of the Medal of Honor.

### **Design**

The stamps were designed by U.S. Postal Service art director Antonio Alcala using photographs of the medals as taken by Richard Frasier.

The Army and the Navy medals are also pictured on issued stamps, in 2013 for World War II recipients and in 2014 for Korean War recipients. The Air Force medal was not adopted until 1965. Previously the Army medal was awarded to those in the Air Force. All are different stamps with different year dates in the stamp margin.

### **First-Day Ceremony**

The official first-day ceremony took place at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Ten of 48 Medal of Honor recipients pictured in the selvage of the folio were in attendance at the ceremony that took place at 1 pm in the afternoon.

The event was held in partnership with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and the National Park Service. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event, and ceremony programs were franked with random singles from the stamp folio. ##

## **The United States non denominated Charlton Heston Commemorative Forever Stamp**

The United States Legends of Hollywood commemorative stamp series resumed April 11 with a new stamp honoring film star Charlton Heston.

The new forever stamp debuted in Los Angeles, California, and nationwide. A 10:00 am first-day ceremony took place at the TCL Chinese Theatre IMAX during the Turner Classic Movies Classic Film Festival. The stamp ceremony was free and open to the public.

Heston's widow, Lydia Clarke Heston, attended the ceremony. She took the photograph used as a model for the stamp design.

Former American Film Institute director and former chair of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee Jean Picker Firstenberg spoke to Linn's Stamp News about Hollywood legend Charlton Heston. Her recollections can be viewed online at Linn's YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/linns-stampnews](http://www.youtube.com/linns-stampnews).

The pane of 20 Charlton Heston stamps have a decorative selvaige. Text printed across the back of the pane describes some of Heston's accomplishments:

A native of the Chicago suburbs, Charlton Heston discovered drama when he auditioned for a play at New Trier High School. He never looked back. Heston studied acting at Northwestern University, where he fell in love with fellow drama student Lydia Clarke. The two were married in 1944, a union that would last for 64 years. After serving on a bomber crew in World War II, Heston moved to New York and landed several parts on Broadway. His first Hollywood movie was the 1950 thriller "Dark City".

In the 1950s and 1960s, Heston tackled the heroic roles for which he is best remembered. In the Biblical extravaganza "The Ten Commandments" (1956), he portrayed Moses,

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## **Charlton Heston Forever Stamp continued**

convincingly raising a staff over his head to part the Red Sea. In "Ben-Hur" (1959), Heston performed most of his own stunts in the spectacular chariot race sequence. He made his first foray into science fiction as a time-traveling astronaut in "Planet of the Apes" (1968). Heston later starred in the futuristic cult classic "Soylent Green" (1973).

A Hollywood screen legend, Heston was also known as a consummate gentleman. He worked with the Screen Actors Guild to help others in his profession, serving as a board member and later as president from 1965 to 1971. Heston led the arts contingent to the March on Washington in 1963 and marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. he helped to found the American Film Institute and received the prestigious Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 1978 for his philanthropic efforts. In 1997, Charles Heston was awarded the Kennedy Center Honors, and 2003, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Heston died April 5, 2008, at the age of 84.

The new stamp is the 18<sup>th</sup> entry in the Legends of Hollywood series that started in 1995 with a 32 cent stamp honoring Marilyn Monroe (Scott 2967). It is the first new issue in the series since the Gregory Peck forever stamp was issued April 28, 2011 (Scott 4526).

Artist Drew Struzan created the Charlton Heston stamp illustration, and USPS art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp and pane. Heston is shown in the stamp pane selvaige in his starring role in "Ben-Hur".

Ashton Potter printed 20 million stamps in panes of 20. Press sheets, both with and without the die cuts that normally separate individual stamps, were produced in quantities of 2,500 of each type. Each sheet consists of nine panes of 20 stamps and sells for \$88.20. ##



A great attendance at our meetings



Making a presentation



All enjoyed the Stamp Show in May



Stamp collecting is for the ladies, too



The presentation has captured everyone's attention



Everyone is enjoying the meeting