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**Spring 2016**

## 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

We have another show coming up.  
 The next stamp show will be on May 27-28, 2016.  
 (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*

We're excited to be moving forward into another year of the Utah Philatelic Society. Things don't change a great deal in our little club, and that isn't always a bad thing. We are fiscally sound, our membership base is solid, and hopefully everyone is learning a little more about stamp collecting. I know that has been true for me, in the 14 years I've been a member, as I've met people who are truly knowledgeable on the subject and who have been more than willing to help me out to become a better collector.

We do seem to have a little trouble every year, however, in getting members to renew their dues. I'll remind you that our dues are what keep the club functioning; they are the primary source of our income each year. If you haven't paid for this year, please see our hard-working treasurer Ed Blaney to take of that—or you can send a check to the address listed on this page.

We have another show coming up May 27-28. We'd like to encourage members to consider mounting exhibits in the A-frames for this show. In recent shows we've had outstanding exhibits mounted by Don Marr, Allen Anderson, Blaine Cox and others who are demonstrating the variety of ways to collect stamps. These contribute greatly to the caliber of the shows. If you don't want to exhibit, come anyway—we'd like to keep the dealers happy by giving them lots of sales.

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

An interesting essay on stamp collecting appeared in the Deseret News recently, about how the writer discovered how stamps provided a connection between generations in her family.

Here is a link to the story:

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865646755/Fathers-collectibles-are-worth-more-than-money.html> .

If you've seen other stories that may have particular interests to collectors, let me know so I can add a link to the next newsletter.

I can be reached at: [sbaldridge@hydroblaster.com](mailto:sbaldridge@hydroblaster.com).

I received an interesting phone call recently. A detective from the Salt Lake City Police Dept. called to tell me that they had recovered a small number of stamps, and wanted to know if anyone had had any stamps stolen lately.

He said they were of recent vintage, dating mostly from the 1960s, and were almost all US with just a few foreign stamps. They were contained in a booklet but not mounted and were not in good condition, and had low catalog value.

If you or another collector you know has experienced a stamp theft lately, please call Detective Dew at 801.799.3664 and discuss it with him. They would like to see if they can track down the owner.

I hope you're having a good year, and I hope you are pleased with the progress of the club and your membership in it. Members are always welcome to contribute ideas, comments or complaints to the board to help us run things a little better. ###



Issued by the United States to mark the 1893 World Columbian Exposition held in Chicago. Full set of 16 could be very valuable.

## **The Glory and Fun of Stamp Collecting**

By Daniel Beyer

My grandfather was a stamp collector and dealer. My father was a stamp collector, too, until his mid-teens when he decided to swap his collection for camera equipment.

My grandfather was aloof and not interested in his grandchildren sharing his interest so he really wasn't part of the picture. I remember him showing me panes of the 10-cent Famous Americans stamps. But it was just showing, no telling. But my father understood the hobby, and it was probably inevitable that at around age 10 that I would receive a bag of mixed stamps from all around the world and a Statesman Deluxe Album, which I still have. In those early years I learned how people from other countries spelled their own country's name.

As I got older, I became interested in history, mostly American history, politics, and military leaders and those interest dovetailed nicely into my focus on a U.S. stamp collection. The older issues were too expensive, of course, but I would take pride and satisfaction in adding specimens or completing sets and filling the pages. I tried to keep up with all the new issues, and that was not as great a challenge in the late 1960s and up to the mid-1970s as it is today.

By the late 1970's I had completed law school and had embarked on a career that is now nearing the end. As is typical with many, my collecting days came to a screeching halt around the time that career, marriage, and parenthood took priority over the hobby. My wife urged me to sell the collection as it was just "sitting around." I told her that selling it would not affect our lifestyle and once it was gone, it was gone forever. She agreed.

When the interest or the urge would strike me, I would try to keep up with newer issues, and occasionally pluck a nice specimen to add to the mostly moribund collection. So I never really lost interest.

A couple of decades passed by. My daughters, who did

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## The Gory and Fun Stamp Collecting, continued

not have interest in stamps grew up, went to college and started their adult lives. Then one day my wife asked me if there were “stamp shows”. Sure, I said. I had not been to one in a long time, but we went.

I had to check my inventory and remember the “good ones” I didn’t have the Fourth Bureau series of 1922-1925 had always been one of my favorite issues, nice colors, simple uniform design, and a good mix of persons, places and architecture. I didn’t have the “hard ones” to find including the 30-cent American bison that my wife spotted in a dealer’s gage and remarked that she “really liked” the one with the buffalo . “Why don’t you get that one?” she prompted.



That buffalo got us rolling as spousal collectors. She developed an interest in first-day covers. I learned for the first time what franking meant. She became extremely fussy about condition.

She haggled with a local dealer about getting issues from the aforementioned Fourth Bureau series in the rotary perforated 10 set.

One Christmas as she gave them to me I remarked that we were likely the only couple in our community who would know that set came in several different perforation varieties, or that she was the only spouse who would know what I meant by “perf 10s” as I opened the gift.

We enjoy considering what we add to our collection and enjoy the hunt. It’s something we can share. ###

## How I became a Stamp Collector

By Lawrence I. Gottlieb

At the age of eight years old I started to collect stamps. Why I started is long forgotten, but I remember riding the streetcar to downtown Cleveland, walking to one of the large department stores, riding the elevator, as the operator called out items on each floor, and going to the spacious stamp sales location.

I sat on one of the high stools and pored over the various stamps that the clerks showed me. The best remembered stamp that I bought was a mint 5-cent Louisiana Purchase stamp from 1904. Very little else of that first collecting period remains with me.



Phase two of my collecting career began in the mid-1960s when I had time (and some money) to permit me to begin again. I collected United States, Canada, and the United Nations. I looked for mint, never hinged stamps from local dealers and auctions. I then acquired my second favorite stamp, which was a magnificent \$5 Columbian with huge even margins and a pristine gummed reverse. I learned something when the expertization certificate read “authentic regummed stamp.” I returned it to the dealer, received my refund and after some time replaced it with an inferior specimen.

Phase three began about 15 years later when I retired. This time I collected worldwide and created two special albums for my grandchildren. I am now busy looking for grills, secret marks, re-engravings, paper variations and water marks. I do not yet have a new favorite stamp, but I have a lot of time. I am only 84 years old! ###



Looking at auction items



Steve Baldrige, President, giving a presentation



Ed Blaney, Secretary/Treasurer



John Alleman, Vice President



Checking out auction items



Round table of members