



Special hand cancel created by Dr. DiComo for the Passport to Discovery program at the North Museum.

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the
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Wednesday, 10 April 2019

Bourse Opens at 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting at 7:00 pm; Presentation follows
Barbara Buchanan, Hostess; Doug Milliken, Permanent Greeter

The Veranda Chronicles

Happy Spring! – On March 13th, 2019, the Society welcomed renowned postal historian Mark Schwartz to our monthly meeting. We thank him for visiting and for a great meal, dynamic conversation, an informative presentation entitled “The New York Postmaster Provisional Stamp of 1845,” and an extensive Q&A session. Attendees were in awe of the breadth and rarity of the material shown. The presentation is available on our website for those that could not attend.¹ On March 23rd, a group of 25+ regional philatelists and postal historians met at the Chester County Historical Society for the inaugural meeting of The Philatelic Gathering. The mission of this group is to “Share our Love of Philately with Others.” Noted

philatelist Kean Spencer hosted with an agenda including three diverse speakers: Mark Schwartz on “Special Arrangement between the U.S. & Liverpool from 1843-1848”; Bill Schultz on “Dining Car Postcards”; and Vince Cossello on “Fancy Cancells” along with three displays. There was something for everyone, followed by an enjoyable luncheon at a local haunt. For details on the group, programs, and future meeting dates. Visit our webpage.² On March 30th, the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County in partnership with the North Museum of Nature & Science launched a joint program called the “Passport to Discovery” seen nearby. The program offers a variety of thematic activity stations across the Museum, e.g., Women’s His-

tory Month, Live Animal Room, Coding Corner, and American Wolves. Participants complete a task to earn stamps for their Passport, after which it is canceled with a special hand stamp I fashioned for the program (see top left Pg.-1). For more information, visit the North Museum website to plan your visit.³



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¹www.lcps-stamps.org/presentations/ ²<http://lcpss-stamps.org/study-groups/>
³<http://northmuseum.org/> ⁴<http://lcpss-stamps.org/lancopex/>

Program: The Joys of Philately - Bill Schultz

Philatelic judge, writer, speaker, collector, curator, and more than 50 year exhibitor, **Bill Schultz** of West Chester will be speaking to us tonight in the April slot that we look forward to reserving for him this time each year. This month he will talk about the Joys of Philately using selections from his collections to highlight his talk. What is that old adage that every stamp and cover tells a story? We’ll all be the beneficiaries of many of these narratives. Bill adds that he will be using handouts so that the lights will not have to be turned off. His most recent “joy” happened

right after his visit to our club last month. The day following the meeting, Bill, Mark, and Alan headed west for the Garfield-Perry Stamp Show in Strongsville, OH, near Cleveland. And there it happened! → For about 42 years Bill has diligently been searching without luck for a 13½¢ rate on cover for his exhibit, “Domestic Rates, 1792-1863.” At this show he not only found one at a dealer’s table, but within twenty minutes he found a second 13½¢ stampless cover from a different dealer. Bill imagines that we all have a

story like this to tell, but for this most recent find, he recalls how his mother used to tell him “When it rains, it pours.”



Final Dues Notice!
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Visitors are Always
Welcome

PSLC meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at the Crossings Meeting Room, Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543 at 7:00 pm. Dues are \$10.00 a year. For club information call Paul Petersen at 717-299-5640

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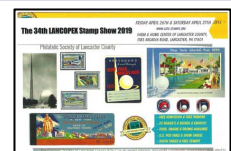
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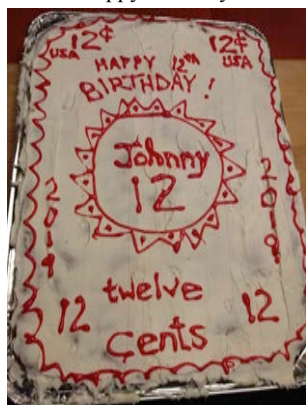


12th Birthday at PSLC

What a special day it was for one of our youngest PSLC members, **Johnny Martin**. He joined the club with his dad last year and has been a regular attendee ever since.



The 13 March meeting was a special one. Not only did he hear a great talk by **Mark Schwartz** on the NY Postmaster Provisionals, but it was also his 12th Birthday. There was a special cake and a chorus of Happy Birthday.



So what's better than a birthday cake with friends at a stamp club meeting...it is winning the 50-50 drawing that same night! Yes, Johnny won the jackpot and took home \$50. Happy Birthday! While Johnny may not be able to buy his first 1845 NY Postmaster Provisional with these winnings, he will be able to make quite a spree through the stamp counter at **Len Kasper's** Diamond Estate Sales on Hartman Bridge Road.



So what does Johnny collect? His interests include U.S. commemoratives along with two topicals: Space and sports on stamps!

March Minutes and Treasury

Diane Meek & Lou DiFelice

Opening: At 7:00 **Dr. DiComo** opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors.

Membership: **Barbara Buchanan** announced that many members are still in arrears with their 2019 dues. Meeting attendance was 40.

February Minutes and Treasurer's Report: These were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Lancopex (26-27 April): **Lou DiFelice** updated membership regarding the show and circulated sign-up sheets for ■Lancopex volunteers and ■Stamp and Cover Displays.

Sale of Exhibit Frames: Lou reviewed the transactions regarding the sale of the frames to the Lincoln, NE Stamp Club and how well they were received in time for their annual stamp show last month. **Hal Klein** added that there might be another club interested in some frames. Four (4) frames were donated to The North Museum. PSLC would like to maintain a maximum of 24 frames for future shows.

Heritage

Purchased in 1933
From a dealer in Europe
One dealer to another,
Part of a lot.
Stored in a stockbook.
But death came too soon.
Handled by an appraiser.
Handed to a daughter.
Boxed and stored.
And stored...
And stored...
The daughter dies leaving a son.
He moves. And moves the box again.
Again, it is stored.
But not for long.
His boys have grown and moved away.
Time and nostalgia draw him to the box.
Just looking,
Handling,
Sorting,
Putting his prints on top of a grandfather's he never knew.
And a spark
Kindles a passion.
An air mail, purchased in 1933,
One dealer to another.

Carol Petersen

Dinner with the Speaker: Lou passed around a sign-up for those interested in attending the no-host dinner with speaker **Bill Schultz** before the 10 April meeting at 4:15 pm at Fiorentino's at the Lancaster Airport. He said that **Paul Petersen** will follow up in April.

Door Prizes: Two door prizes were awarded, and these included a stock book and stamp packets.

50-50 Drawing: \$100 was split between the winner, **Johnny Martin** and PSLC.

Program: Following the business meeting **Mark Schwartz** gave a PowerPoint presentation of his Super Gold Award winning collection: *The 1845 New York Postmaster Provisionals*. Follow-up questions were legion and well answered.

Treasury: 1-28 February 2019

Opening:	\$4,087.73
Income:	\$1,855.00
Expenses:	\$485.56
Closing:	\$5,457.17
2CDs:	\$5,789.08

Editor's note... So where did this poem come from? Years ago, **Scott's Stamp Monthly** ran an annual poetry contest, soliciting entries based on the hobby of stamp collecting. Ed. ☐ encouraged the writer, columnist, and author of two books of poetry to enter the Scott's poetry contest. She sat down at the computer and whipped off three poems and sent them off. Of ten adult entries, this placed sixth and appeared in the November, 2001 issue of *Scott's* (Pg.-45), a larger newspaper format publication at the time. One of her other entries was published in a 2002 issue of the PSLC newsletter concerning the Christmas collection she started for her first born son, delivered on the 25th December 1973. She updates this annually. He has showed little interest to date. As she says, "There is always hope."

DELPEX: Saturday, 13 April, Nur Shine Center, 198 South Dupont Highway, New Castle, Delaware.

LANCOPEX: Philatelic Society of Lancaster County. Fri/Sat, 26-27 April, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Club Notes

Programs, Hosts, Shows, and Events

2019 Programs

10 April: The Joys of Philately. Bill Schultz. Barbara Buchanan, Hostess

8 May: The History of Printing on Stamps. Joseph Sullivan. Wayne Heim, Host

23 May: Buffalo Cinderellas. Rick Barrett

12 June: Club Auction

10 July: From the U.S. to Farther India & Back Again: A Five Month Journey in 1856-1857. Dr. Charles J. DiComo

14 August: Club Picnic: Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville, PA

11 September: Club Auction. Mike Marino and Joseph Berlin, Co-Hosts

9 October: Czeslaw Slania, Master Engraver-II. Dave Hunt. Lou DiFelice, Host

13 November: Open House and One-Page Exhibits. Len Kasper and Paul Petersen. Diane Meek, Hostess.

December: December Dinner. Deb Ehleiter & Co. TBA

2020 Programs

8 January: Club Auction.

12 February: The Development of Perforations on U.S. Postage Stamps, 1855-1857. Dr. Charles DiComo

13 May: Canada's Role in Union & Confederate Postal Cross-Border Mail during the U.S. Civil War. Ron Majors

13 October: 1) GB Stamped to Order Stationary and 2) Royal Household Official Mail. Dave Hunt

2019 Shows/Events

Some Sunday Stamp Shows: 30 June, 27 August, 27 October, 15 December, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Lancaster County Postcard Club: 15 April. America at War. Bob Kramer (of PSLC)

Red Rose Coin Club: Thursday, 18 April. A Collier's Life & The Art of Making Charcoal, Rick Brouse. 6 May. Operation Bernhard, Stephen Shaw, 7:00 p.m. Farm & Home Center. The Annual Coin Show will be Saturday, 20 April, also at the Farm & Home Center.

(Veranda: From Pg.-1)

I would like to personally thank North Museum Executive Director Andrea B. Rush and her amazing staff along with you, our PSLC members, who generously donated your stamps, ideas and time to this program. In future months, we will also be setting up our donated Exhibit Frames and adding educational displays and exhibits. I am confident that this partnership will be a Passport to Success!



This month on April 10th, the Society is delighted to welcome Bill Schultz, who will be presenting on "The Joys of Philately". We look forward to Bill's talk, which is guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

Finally, this month is our 34th Annual Stamp Show, LANCOPEX 2019⁴. If you have not already signed up, please consider volunteering and/or exhibiting. We look forward to seeing our dealers, members, the U.S. Postal Service and many guests at the Farm & Home Center of Lancaster County on April 26th & 27th for what is surely going to be another phenomenal event. The May and June PSLC Newsletter will be dedicated to summarizing the success of LANCOPEX 2019. **CJD**

Letter to the Editor:

I had an interesting discussion the other day with my mailman and thought it may be of interest to share with the PSLC membership. He told me that he delivers about 2500-3500 pieces of mail a day. Of these he estimates that about 150 have stamps, but this does not include special events seen with birthday cards, sympathy cards and Christmas cards. The stamps he sees are primarily definitives and bulk mail stamps, concluding that he rarely sees a commemorative issue. Sincerely, **Dave York**

Ed's response: This is an observation we have suspected, as there are fewer first class items of mail franked with commemorative stamps. One has to think that USPOD personnel see stamp collectors as contributing to their job security.

Lancopex Theme: The 1939 NY World's Fair

There is some interesting overlap in collecting, and much of it is predictive. Some stamp collectors, for example, also collect coins, picture postcards, and ephemera. There may be overlap with maps, books, and incunabula. For fountain pen collectors, it is knives and watches. It's collateral collecting. World's Fairs have collectibles across the board.



Some enthusiasts look forward to time on the holodeck to relive the events in person. They can just enter, for example, the 1915 Panama Pacific Expo or the 1893 Columbian. I'm ready.



A World's Fair has its own history and literature, which to some is of great interest. To others, it is the collectibles. Consider the worldwide postage stamps, Cinderellas, WF-related covers, picture postcards, postmarks and cancels, maps, coins, medals, novelties (i.e. salt & pepper shakers, pencil sharpeners), jewelry (from junk to fine), clothing (i.e. scarves, ties) classic photos, newsreels, clippings, matchbooks, pottery, and others. Yes, the Fair, any Fair, can be a collector's dream. One mailer wrote home on his World's Fair postcard that "This New York Fair is one big souvenir shop with something for everybody."

Books could be written regarding the influence of WWII on the

Fair. War prevented the UK from bringing the Royal Philatelic Collection to NY. The Nazis demanded the immediate return of the treasures from the Czech Pavilion...to Germany! However, several New Yorkers said "Hell no." Poland got lost in the shuffle. Belgium, the Soviet Union, and a few other countries did not return in 1940. Works of historical fiction are numerous...and also collectible.



Two club members have shared that they attended the '39 Fair as little children with only the briefest of remembrance. **Al Schaub** recalls his awe of the size and scope of the Fair, while **Woody Hann** remembers that he almost got lost from his family during their visit. The 1939-1940 NY World's Fair was a brief interlude; some call it a party, a fantasy, between the Great Depression and the WWII. From 30 April '39 through 27 October '40, with six months off for winter, the Fair endured with its theme "The World of Tomorrow."

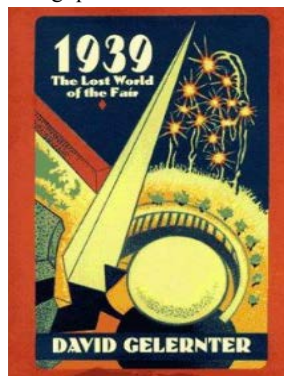


One button was inscribed "I have seen the Future." Designed to help boost the morale of the American people who were entering their 10th year of the Great Depression with a substantial exacerbation in 1937, the only future that would predominate over the next five years, ironically was WWII!



In support of the Lancopex theme, **Joe Berlin** and **Paul Petersen** will display some of their holdings of the 1939 New York World's Fair. Their aim is that these exhibits will have something for everybody.

David Gelernter's 1995 novel, **1939: The Lost World of the Fair** is set at the Fair. From the protagonist's diary is the following quote:



"I had a feeling of being exhausted, physically lifted for a moment without effect as if you were afloat with eyes closed & a wave swells up beneath you & then rolls away again; you feel directly linked to the fair as if it were intended just for you, the future does seem lovely & you are quite sure that everything will be all right in the end."
Ed. ☒

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Please clip this dues notice, complete it, and turn in to Barb Buchanan at the next meeting with \$10.00. You may also send it to her at PO Box 116, Conestoga, PA 17516-0116

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Musings: Mail, Stamps, & the United Nations Postal Administration

Some of us may recall visiting the United Nations in New York City in 6th grade. Class trips were quite common. And for us student collectors, there was the UN Post Office. It made our day.

It's been inferred that one of the purposes of the UN Postal Administration was for philatelic purposes and revenue. This has been born out over the years. They do a great job in this respect. With most of the official mail travelling in diplomatic conveyances, the personal mail (largely souvenirs) from the UN is limited to that sent from the headquarters.

UN stamps are issued from New York City, Vienna, and Geneva, and they are denominated in the currencies of these three respective countries. They are exquisitely designed and printed in presses throughout the world.

Below is the cropped corner, which includes the franking. Despite the nice UN CD cancel, the standard USPS spray-on cancel found its way to the cover.



A not too recent experience with UN stamps was several years ago while helping the family of a club member who passed away. Since

none of the children and grandkids were interested in the collection, they decided upon an auction.

This member had an almost complete UN collection from the three cities at the time of his death. His stamps were all mint and in plastic mounts in striking UN albums. Unfortunately the family's realization was meager.

Just recently my wife and I each received personal letters with FDCs mailed from the United Nations from our friend Grace, shown to the lower left.

They took a family trip to the UN, and as a stamp collector, she visited the UN Postal Center. Here she purchased some stamps, postal stationary, and FDCs and mailed items to friends. Overall, it was a pleasant experience with a wide selection and helpful staff.

She sent some digital images to me with her permission to use them in the newsletter and added some observations about her visit. She concluded that she would like to return.

Grace described the sales area which offers of a variety of postage stamps, many sold in sets. There are FDCs, mini-sheets, picture postcards, and posters. There are some UN stamps from Geneva denominated in Swiss francs and from Vienna, which are denominated in euros.

In the stamp shop there is a wall with a UN flag. Here one can have a picture taken and then placed on a sheet of personalized

postage with the UN emblem. The cost is about \$15/sheet. Grace adds that if she were not drenched from the rain that morning, she may have had some stamps made.

She cautions that a trip to the UN requires a passport for identification because it is international territory and security is tight. They take the latter quite seriously. Security checks are made in an outside building across the street from the UN's main building.



The UNPA is in the basement of the main building alongside the Gift Shop and Bookshop. The latter two vendors are much bigger than the UNPA, which she described as a "storefront" where she spent two happy hours. There was no postal scale, so she has to assure the attendant that her posting was less than one ounce.

The price of NY UN stamps is concurrent with the postage rates in the U.S. The post office does not accept parcels, only flat envelopes. There are two mailboxes for franked materials: one for local/US and the other for international deliveries.

That postal customers at the UN are limited to flat envelopes reminded me of years ago when I used to receive the heavy stamp auction cata-

logs mailed from the UN in NY and franked with multiple UN stamps of the lower denominations. Haven't seen one of these arrivals in years and wished I could find one of the wrappers among my accumulation.

So what is the story? I asked Dick Colberg, and he responded that the UNPA was losing a lot of revenue because the mass mailers were using tons of cheaply-bought UN postage. At the time there were no limits on quantities of mail sent from their facility.

The UNPA realized that they were processing all of this mail franked with old stamps, and it was bringing in no new revenue. It was then that they instituted quantity limits, perhaps no more than ten pieces of mail to be sent from the UN at one time Dick surmises. The older UN stamps were not demonetized, as there had been some rumors to this effect. Older stamps are still valid when available for mailing. It is just that there is now a limit on the numbers of items mailed from the UNPA. Ed. ☒



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