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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2017. Home of Walter & Barabra Mowrer

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JUNE MEETING

June's meeting was called to order by President Walt Mowrer who asked everyone to stand to salute the flag. The minutes and the treasurer's report were given and approved. The balance in the club's treasury is \$9,758.52.

In Expo news, all the dealers' tables have been filled. Help is still needed at the admission table. Topics for the Expo board competition were discussed and the members have decided that the club will use the following topics: Holidays; Humor in Uniform; Flowers and Gardens; Childhood Memories.

The 50-50 drawing of \$4 was won by Susan Glass. Bob Kramer won one of the door prizes and the editor needs the other name. Please let Susan Glass know at the next meeting.

PROGRAM – The club enjoyed the lovely visuals of flowers collected over the years by Walt Mowrer from albums he bought at auctions. There were National Wildlife Federation cards, featuring native flowers and wildflowers, embossed cards, flowers in vases, flowers on holiday and greeting cards, cards by Thor Gyger, whose brilliant colors and textured paper made his cards exceptional. He was a school teacher from Adelboden, Switzerland. Harrison Crandall, first photographer of the Grand Tetons National Park, was an extraordinary artist who made postcards of wildflowers in the Tetons.

The meeting was adjourned with a reminder that next month's meeting will be a picnic.

POSTCARD EXPO

The Annual Postcard Expo is the main fundraiser for our club. Jere spends a lot of time & effort to make this event a success. A successful Expo is the reason we are able to continue to meet at the Farm & Home Center. As members we need to do what we can to help. Member help still needed to sell tickets & sit @ the Club table: Saturday, August 19 - 08:45-10:00, 10:00-12:30, 12:30-3:00. Please call Jere (717) 413-6882 as soon as possible to volunteer. Thank you.



EXPO BOARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

Holidays
Humor in Uniform
Flowers and Gardens
Childhood Memories

JULY PICNIC

The LCPC Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 16 at the home of Walter & Barabra Mowrer. Rain or Shine we are pleased to be invited back to their home at **4614 Marietta Avenue, Columbia, PA.** Phone 717-684-5331.

Directions: Take Route #30 to the #441 exit. Go north on #441 over Chickies Rock to Route #23 (Marietta Pike), then go east to their home. You can also pick up Route #23, Marietta Ave in Lancaster and head west. Continue on until you see the Village of Florinel sign, then look for their home on the left.

You are welcomed at the Mowrer's any time after 2:00 PM. Bring your favorite cards or albums of postcards to show other members. Please bring a covered dish to share. Barbecue, paper products and beverages will be provided. **The picnic meal will be served at 4:00 PM.**

2017 PROGRAMS

August - Expo

September – Oldest, Biggest, Smallest – Don Tribit

October – The Schuylkill Canal in Berks County – Aaron Heckler

November – Stephen Shaw

December – Puzzles & Rebuses - Betty Beck

JUNE POSTCARD COMPETITION

Six members competed in the single card competition on the subject "U.S.Flag".

First: Dick Pendergrast Flag Girl

Second: Bob Kramer 46 Star Flag (incorrect)

Third: Jack Gardner Washington Crossing the Delaware

Honorable Mention:

Robin Gardner

Only in America, An Elkhorn Arch

Bob Zink

Marine Corps War Memorial

Don Tribit

Victory Forever

2017 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

July - The Color Purple

September - Diners

August - Expo - Make a Board

October - Canals

November – Antique Cars

December – Dolls



FUTURE SHOWS

July 7 to 15 – Brimfield Paper & Post Card Marathon, Brimfield, MA, 10 A.M. – 6 P.M., Free Admission except on Tuesday

July 29 - Summer Chesapeake Postcard Fair, Havre de Grace Community Center, 1 Lagaret Lane, Havre de Grace, MD, Sat: 9 AM-4 PM. Adm. \$3.00.

July 29 - Live Postcard Auction featuring the G. Bergstresser Collection, presented by Mary L. Martin, Ltd. Havre de Grace Community Center, 1 Lagaret Lane, Havre de Grace. Sat: 4 PM - Over 200 lots. Preview lots at the auction location from 11 AM to 3:30 PM

August 19 - 25th Annual Postcard Expo. Farm & Home Center, Lancaster. Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM. Admission: \$2.00.

COLLECTING POST CARDS as a "NEWBIE"

By Jean Schopf

I have always had a big interest in traveling. As a young child, I was fascinated reading about parts of the U.S. beyond my home in rural Lancaster County. My parents did not travel – back in the '40's little was known of parents getting a "paid" vacation in my little world. Any vacation time my father took was the beginning of hunting season and that did not include children. His hunting ground was neighboring fields – no need to send post cards back home from here (even if there were some available) as we were used to roaming these same fields and were quite familiar with the countryside.

I don't remember when or who sent us post cards but I do know that a relative was known to travel – this was my mother's Aunt; I don't remember meeting her but I do have a post card that she mailed from Glacier National Park to my grandmother. I visited that site when I worked in Glacier as a seasonal worker at the camp store near Lake McDonald in the summer of 2010 and was surprised to learn that the lodge shown in my mother's Aunt's card of St. Mary's Lake was never at that location. I learned from a park service employee that cards were sometimes made of a painting and the scene could have been painted from the artist's imagination.

I'm not sure when I started to collect post cards myself (perhaps it was when I was in 8th grade geography class – one of my favorite subjects) but I find that I am fascinated with them. A friend and I enjoy visiting the post card shows and usually come home with more than we had intended to buy; we just can't resist adding to our collections and ponder starting another. When expressing my lack of knowledge to a fellow club member, he said "just buy what you like".

My current collection is of National Parks; my largest collection is of Yellowstone, one of my favorite places. Having worked there for a number of summers, I feel like it is my second home. As I learn about post cards, I'm collecting older ones and am finding them to be a pictorial education of the places that I am learning to love.

My recent acquisitions include exciting purchases made at the recent Lancaster show. They include scenes of sites that no longer exist in Yellowstone Park and I really like learning the history of the park thru the scenes. Some of my recent favorites include:

The Liberty Cap (a dormant geyser) and Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. A lot of this hotel has changed thru the years and is currently undergoing additional renovations. The horses and carriages were early modes of transportation thru the park.



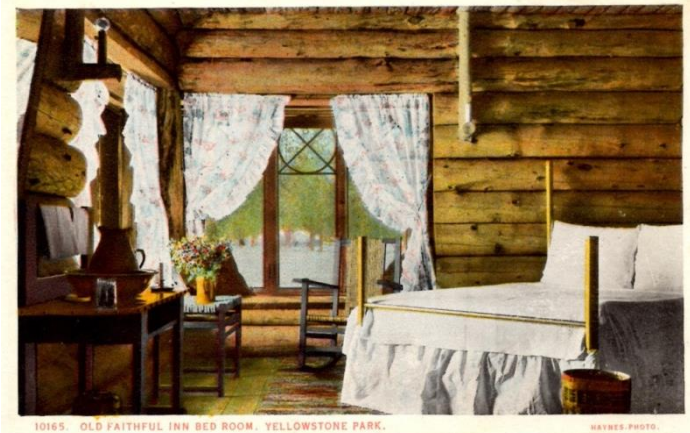
Another view of the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. Only the 4-story extension on the right end of the hotel remains as a hotel

The cabins at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. I believe these are still in use, although they have been renovated.



The Grand Canyon Hotel was a very large beautiful facility, located near the Upper & Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River. A one mile walk took you around the outside of the hotel. The grounds in this area became unstable due to thermal activity and it had to be closed. After several years, it burnt to the ground.

Old Faithful Inn contains bedrooms today that look much like the one in this card. Rooms in the “old house” do not have private baths but most have sinks with running water. Showers and toilets are “down the hall.” These rooms are most sought after and may contain 2 or 3 double beds. Two wings were added in later years with private baths.



This early steamboat was used to take tourists to see the scenery on Lake Yellowstone, the largest body of water in North America at this altitude, which is 8,000 feet above sea level.



The Lake Yellowstone Hotel showing departing stages. Minor changes have been made but the hotel looks very similar to the way it looks today.

A view of the Fishing Cone on Yellowstone Lake. At this time a fish caught in the lake and while still on the line, could be dropped into the hot spring and cooked in a few minutes.



LCPC EXPO BOARD COMPETITION

Rules, Categories, Awards

Rules:

Only one entry per person per category. Multiple boards OK. Mount postcards on 22" x 28" boards held vertically. Do not cover boards. LCPC provides uniform covers. All boards must be delivered on Friday evening (8/19) at the center or 7 to 8 on Saturday morning.

Categories:

Holidays
Humor in Uniform
Flowers & Gardens
Childhood Memories

Awards:

Judges, selected from the dealers on Saturday morning before the show, consider the following criteria:

Postcard Information 1/3

Presentation & Originality 1/3

Condition, Completeness & Rarity 1/3

1st, 2nd, 3rd places receive \$15, \$10 & \$5 in each category.

Best of Show, chosen from the 1st place winners, receives \$25. Peoples Choice, chosen by ballot, receives \$25. All entries receive a specially designed Expo Award postcard.

2016 Expo Winner

Pequea – 1st Place Small Town, Best of Show & People's Choice

