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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting – Mar. 17, 2014. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell & Trade from 4:30. Meeting - 7 PM

Yearly membership is \$15 (\$5 for each additional member at the same address.)

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FEBRUARY MEETING – CANCELED!!!



OK. Show of hands...
Who's tired of snow?

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Saint Patrick is believed to have been born in the late fourth century and is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. According to legend, Saint Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to Irish pagans.

Saint Patrick is most known for driving the snakes from Ireland. While it is true that there are no snakes in Ireland, that most likely occurred because the island was separated from the rest of the continent at the end of the Ice Age. As in many old pagan religions, serpent symbols were common and often worshipped. Driving the snakes from Ireland was probably symbolic of putting an end to that pagan practice.

Saint Patrick's Day has come to be associated with everything Irish: anything green and gold, shamrocks and luck. Most importantly, to those who celebrate its intended meaning, St. Patrick's Day is a traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers for missionaries worldwide.



MEMBER NEWS

Sadly we have two deaths to announce: Jere M. Greider, son of Jere H. and Cookie Greider passed away on January 21, 2014; and William "Bill" Guntow, husband of Mary Ann Guntow (and former member who had moved to San Jose, CA), passed away on February 20, 2014. We send our sympathy to both families.

MARCH PROGRAM

Once again it's time for the annual **Members Market**. This is a great opportunity to sell items at no cost to you. Items for sale can be postcards, books, local historical items, and paper ephemera. Now is a good time to go through your collections and get rid of duplicates!

Future Programs

April – Local Schools, Walter Mowrer

May – Comic Cards, Tom Beck

June – Summering At The Jersey Shore, Ocean Grove & Asbury Park. James Tanis

July – Picnic, save the date – July 20

August – Expo, no regular meeting

POSTCARD COMPETITION

There will be **two (2)** competitions in March because of the canceled meeting:

February: Something Red – single card

March: Disaster – board

Future Subjects

April: Easter – single card

May: Clowns – single card

June: Handmade Card – single card

July: Camping – single card

August: Expo – consider entering a board at the show



FUTURE SHOWS

March 28-29 – 39th Spring Postcard Show, Morlatton Post Card Club Inc., Farm & Home Center, Lancaster, PA, Fri. 10-6, Sat. – 10-4, Admission - \$2.00

April 5 – Chesapeake Postcard & Stamp Show, Havre de Grace Community Center, Havre de Grace, MD, Sat. 9-?, Admission - \$3.00

April 12 – James Lindemuth, Sr., Postcard, Book & Paper Show, Youth Temple, Ocean Grove, NJ, Sat. 9-4, \$3.00



Inclement Weather

In the event the weather is bad or the prediction is bad, contact one of these members to find out if we will have a meeting: Pres. Doug Milliken – (717) 330-4062, Walt & Barb Mowrer – (717) 684-5331, Susan Glass - (717) 872-0810.

THE ELF WORLD OF HEINRICH SCHLITT

Submitted by Jim Ward

Heinrich Schlitt was born August 21, 1849 in Bierich-Mosback, near Wiesbaden in Nassau on the Middle Rhine. Today we know Wiesbaden as the capital of the German state of Hessen. The highly talented Wiesbaden artist Kasper Kogler was Heinrich's mentor.



Schlitt's sense of humor was ever-present in his work, especially in popular illustrated magazines of the day. In the early 1870s Schlitt took up residence in Munich, the capital of Bavaria and home to the ceramics firm of Villeroy and Boch. Mettlach steins soon became a medium for Heinrich with his elves abounding round and round the world famous drinking vessels. Not only his little people, but anthropomorphic pretzels, sausages, towers and trees demonstrated the artist's wry sense of humor. One hundred and fifty years later Mettlach collectors seek out the art of Heinrich Schlitt as do postcard collectors.

Heinrich Schlitt died November 13, 1923. He is buried at Munich's Waldfriedhof (woodland) cemetery. Little was known of the artist until J.A.Schmoll and T. Thomas published their research about 10 years ago in their book Heinrich Schlitt 1849-1923.

Here we see Schlitt probably on his 50th birthday, wearing a straw hat, colorful vest, a greying beard and supporting his obiquitous cigar.



Postcards featuring the accordion player, the mandolin player and the skier are by the firm of K. & B. D. The blacksmith is in the Wrench Series, printed in Bavaria



Frogs in winter? Now that's an imaginative mind! All these postcards show the Schlitt signature.



Heinrich would say those being entertained are schmetterlings. We'd call them butterflies. Most signed Schlitt postcards in fine condition fetch from \$25 to \$35.



We can only wonder, is the blacksmith finishing an order for Cupid at the eleventh hour?



What does the chorus of pond frogs think of the elf who croons to the moon? The frog on the left has shown up his feelings – with his thumb to his nose!