



# The Philatelic Prospector

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Despite the COVID 19 and the global pandemic, the Sacramento Philatelic Society is committed to continue meeting and supporting our members in new and different ways.

## SPS Emails & Eblasts

If you are not receiving regular stamp club emails from myself, Robert Pope at [thepope66@hotmail.com](mailto:thepope66@hotmail.com) please be sure and check your junk mail and or let me know. We want to be sure that we have your correct email address.

## Local Stamp Dealer Here To Help

With all shows and club meetings on hold due to the virus, local dealer **Ed Dimmick** is at his shop every day except Mondays. Hours are 10 to 5, and he's very lonely, welcoming visitors. Address is 4020 El Camino Ave., about a half mile east of Watt. There are two requirements: first, you have to **bring your cell phone and his phone number, (916) 571-5884**, to call on arrival because he's inside the building and it's kept locked, so he'll need to let you in,; and second, you're not allowed to bring a virus with you. There's lots of room in the building to keep people apart. Visit Ed and Enjoy finding some treasures!

## SPS Wednesday Night Zoom Meetings

Exciting News! **We are now meeting** via Zoom on Wednesday Nights @ 7PM. Joanne is our facilitator and is doing a wonderful job. Please see emails from Robert Pope at [thepope66@hotmail.com](mailto:thepope66@hotmail.com) for link and information. It's super easy and you really only need

your laptop, tablet or smart phone to join the conversation and fun.

No preparation is required, just come as you are. If attending a Zoom meeting is new to you and if you need a little (or a lot) of help, please let myself at 916-583-3027 or someone know so you can get assistance and be ready. We've had about 17 in attendance weekly over the past few weeks. Feel free to bring something to share, a new find, what you've been working on stamp wise or just listen in.

Hope to see you!

## Stamps Needed For Easter Seals

During the Covid 19 crisis, we have been making bags of our Easter Seals two cent donation stamps available for members to pick up at Ed Dimmick's shop (4020 El Camino Ave, #D4). Members can take them home and return them when done on the Honor System. We are running out of stamps as we are unable to access the materials stored at Easter Seals and we have only recent donations. If you have stamps you would like to donate, please let us know. You can drop them off at Ed Dimmick's shop or leave them with Ernie (Tahoe Park, [susanteays@gmail.com](mailto:susanteays@gmail.com)) or Joanne (East Sacramento, [joannebe@pacbell.net](mailto:joannebe@pacbell.net)). We have volunteers willing to soak stamps so on paper is OK. If you have stamps in mounts or hinged to pages, we will strip them off for you. Any and all undamaged stamps are appreciated. Now's the time to clean out those cupboards and drawers!

## "Closed Albums"

Fred Rickert – Past President  
Ken Mitchell – Longtime Member and Officer  
Sandra Willis – Member  
Chuck McFarland – Member/Dealer

## SPS Calendar

Regular meetings are held  
Every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m.  
At the Easter Seals Center, 3205 Hurley Way

**All IN PERSON meetings temporarily canceled  
due to COVID 19**

**PLEASE join us on ZOOM Wednesdays 7-8 pm**

Jan	6	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	13	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	20	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	27	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
Feb	3	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	10	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	17	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	24	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
Mar	3	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	10	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	17	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	24	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	31	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting

We normally have our Club Circuit and 2-cent boxes available for your shopping pleasure at each meeting. There are also members who enjoy just talking about their collections or helping you with yours. You might even find a member with a similar interest and you can initiate a stamp swap. Come see us...it's a lot of fun. "Shoe Boxes" of 2¢ stamps can also be taken home to search through during the week

## Membership Directory or Prospector Distribution

Please contact a Board Member or Robert Pope if you need a printed copy of the **Prospector** or the **Membership Directory**

## Current USPS Rates

First-Class/Forever Mail Letter (1 oz.) 55-cents  
Each additional oz. 15 cents  
Metered Mail 1 oz. 50-cents  
Postcard (max. 4-1/2" x 6") 35-cents  
Large Flat Envelopes (1 oz.) \$1.00  
Each additional oz. 20-cents  
Certified Mail \$3.50  
Int'l First Class Letter \$1.15  
Int'l First Class Postcard \$1.15

## Officers & Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	Ernie Teays
<b>Vice President</b>	Gil Miller
<b>Secretary</b>	Stephen Drew
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Pavalasky

### Board of Directors

Beverly Harris	(thru 5/2021)
Ernie Teays	(thru 5/2021)
Katherine Pavalasky	(thru 5/2022)
Brian Freeman	(thru 5/2022)
Joanne Berkowitz Murphy	(thru 5/2023) <b>(Chair)</b>
Joan Clazie	(thru 5/2023)

### Committee Chairs

Club Circuit Managers	John & Katie Pavalasky
Easter Seals Show	Katie Pavalasky
SACAPEX	Joanne Berkowitz Murphy
Entertainment & Reception	Ernie Teays
Junior Members	<b>Vacant</b>
Club Librarian	Joan Clazie
Membership	Debbie Jean Hopkins
Nominating	<b>Vacant</b>
Poetzl Scholarship	Gil Miller
Programs	Ed Dimmick
Publications Editor	Robert Pope
Silent Bid Sale	Dennis Solheim
Buy-Sell-Trade Night	<b>Vacant</b>
Website	Brian Freeman

## 2020 New Stamp(s) Highlight



### Love

The Postal Service continues its popular Love series with a new stamp in 2021. The stamp art features a lighthearted and colorful digital illustration with the word "LOVE" and three large hearts shown in an unconventional palette of color duos, strikingly set against a dark blue background. Greg Breeding was art director; Bailey Sullivan created the original art and designed the stamp.



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September 9, 2020

The SPS Board of Directors meeting today recognized that the COVID-19 Pandemic is creating hardships for many Members. The Pandemic has also had the effect of limiting your Society's ability to offer its normal full-range of member benefits including weekly meetings, semi-annual shows, library publications, door prizes, comradery, etc.

Taking all of this into consideration, the Board voted today to extend everyone's membership status as of December 31, 2019, on a complimentary basis, through December 31, 2021.

Waiving the normal membership renewal fees is a recognition, in part, of these challenging times and the desire to allow as many living members as possible to continue on the rolls of the Sacramento Philatelic Society. Members during 2020 and 2021 will not be required to pay any additional membership fees until the normal renewal period begins for calendar year 2022.

While the Board has waived membership dues through December 31, 2021 for its approximately 220 members, it should be noted that the Board will gladly accept voluntary renewals or gifts for the General Fund at any time. Nevertheless, all such membership renewals or gifts of funds are strictly voluntary through calendar year 2021.

In the interim, Members are encouraged to stay safe, to take care of yourselves, and to rediscover some of the fun and enjoyment of our hobby. Many members are joining the weekly online Zoom Meeting Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. (Contact Robert Pope for access at [thepope66@hotmail.com](mailto:thepope66@hotmail.com).) Other members are enjoying checking out, on the honor system, bags of the Society's stamps available at Ed Dimmick's Stamp Shop at 4020 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-4, Sacramento, CA 95821. (It's best to call ahead to Ed at 916 571-5884 as to his hours and availability.)

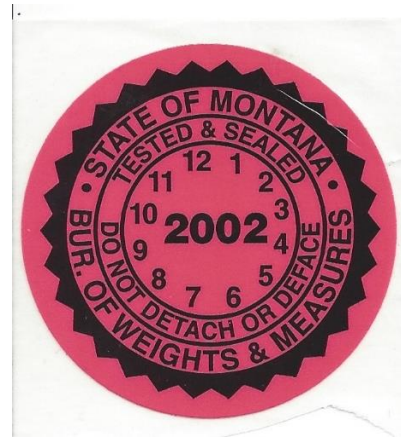
During these challenging times, Members are encouraged to stay well, wear a mask in public, wash your hands, practice social distancing, call a friend or fellow stamp collector who lives alone, and take care of one another. We'll get through this together. Thank you.

Stephen Drew, Secretary  
Sacramento Philatelic Society

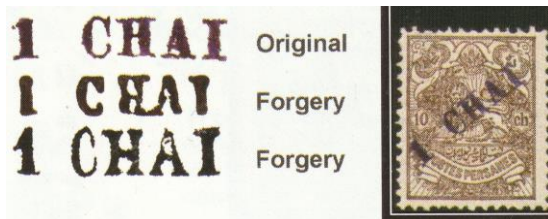
Below are just some of the excellent and fun show and tell presentations we had during our Zoom meetings on Wednesday nights. We began meeting via Zoom in June 2020. Zoom meeting invites are sent out each week by Joanne Murphy from Robert Pope. Please plan on attending and join the fun! Hope to see you all!



Gil Miller – Show & Tell/Presentation  
**Submarine Covers**



Joe Ross – Show & Tell/Presentation  
**Revenue stamps Weights and Measures**



Lee Coen – Show & Tell Presentation

Joanne Murphy – Show & Tell Presentation



Stephen Drew – Show & Tell Presentation  
**U.S. 634A: The Fine Lines of Type II**



Robert Pope – Show & Tell Presentation  
**Ireland First Permanent Definitive Series Used**