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Local Stamp Dealer Here To Help

With the shows and club meetings on hold due to the virus, local stamp dealer Ed Dimmick is still diligently working at his stamp shop five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday. His hours are normally 10am to 5pm, and he's eager to welcome visitors. The address is 4020 El Camino Ave, Suite D-4, Sacramento 95821 (about a half mile east of Watt Avenue). To get into Ed's shop, go inside the building, and then #D4 will be at the back. Ed's phone number is (916) 571-5884. Of course you're not allowed to bring a virus with you, but there is still ample room in the building to keep people apart. So come visit Ed, and see what he currently has to offer.

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 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 Robert Pope at 916-583-3027 or someone know so you can get assistance and be ready. Feel free to bring something to share, a new find, what you've been working on stamp wise or just listen in.

WESTPEX 2021
July 30 – August 1, 2021

** See attached press release **

Club Pics – SPS Wednesday Night Zoom Meetings – Join the Fun!



Photo credit Peter Thy

Stamps Needed For 2 Cent Boxes

During the COVID-19 crisis, we've been making bags of our two cent donation stamps available for members to pick up at Ed Dimmick's shop (4020 El Camino Ave, #D4). Members can take a bag of stamps home, and then return them when done, on the Honor System. If you have stamps that you would like to donate, please let us know. You can drop off donation stamps at Ed Dimmick's shop, or leave them with either Ernie (he's in the Tahoe Park neighborhood - susanteays@gmail.com) or Joanne (she's in the East Sacramento area - joannebe@pacbell.net). We have volunteers who are willing to soak stamps, so it's OK if your donation stamps are still on the envelope paper. If you have stamps to donate that are still mounted/hinged to pages, we also have volunteers who can strip them off for you. Any and all undamaged stamps are appreciated. Now's the time to clean out those closets, cupboards and drawers!

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SPS Calendar

Regular meetings are held
Every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

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

PLEASE join us on ZOOM Wednesdays 7 pm

May	5	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	12	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	19	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	26	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
Jun	2	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	9	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	16	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	23	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	30	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
Jul	7	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	14	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	21	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	28	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

Closed Album

Michael Yui

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Large U.S. and worldwide collection at bargain prices!

Over 150 countries on album pages.

Buy by country, page, or stamp.

Phone longtime member (#851) Richard Kowaleski, 916-722-1382, for list of countries and description of material.

Current USPS Rates

First-Class/Forever Mail Letter (1 oz.) 55-cents
Each additional oz. 20 cents
Metered Mail 1 oz. 51-cents
Postcard (max. 4-1/2" x 6") 36-cents
Large Flat Envelopes (1 oz.) \$1.00
Each additional oz. 20-cents
Certified Mail \$3.50
Int'l First Class Letter \$1.20
Int'l First Class Postcard \$1.15
Priority Mail Padded \$8.55
Priority Mail Small Flat Rate \$8.45
Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate \$15.50
Priority Mail Large Flat Rate \$21.90

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WESTPEX[®] 2021 Stamp Show

WESTPEX recognizes the seriousness of the COVID19 pandemic and will wholeheartedly follow recommendations of health authorities.

The exhibitor's prospectus is now available for the sixty first annual WESTPEX show July 30 - August 1, 2021 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA, just a mile south of the San Francisco International Airport. The exhibitor's prospectus and entry forms are available from Ross Towle, 400 Clayton Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 or at www.westpex.org.

This World Series of Philately open exhibition will feature over 280 frames of exhibits, including participation by the American Helvetia Philatelic Society, The Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle, Collectors Club and Philatelic Foundation. This is a World Series of Philately exhibition with the Grand Award winner eligible at the next Annual Champion of Champions competition.

The shows bourse includes seventy-five national and international dealers in stamps, postal history and stationery along with a four-day auction by Schuyler Rumsey Auctions of San Francisco that will fill the bourse with items for the general collector, the specialist and exhibitor.

Numerous specialty societies, clubs, and study groups will hold a variety of meetings and seminars during the three-day event. There is a WESTPEX sponsored Youth Area with free stamps and supplies for young collectors. On Sunday August 1st a Boy Scout Merit Badge program is scheduled.

Continuing the tradition of a local show theme, WESTPEX 2021 will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Passage of Proposition Q, the Charter Amendment formally protecting San Francisco's Cable Cars. WESTPEX will offer a special Cinderella souvenir sheet as well as cachet covers. The show will officially open at 10 AM, Friday July 30th and you will not want to miss this 61st WESTPEX Stamp Show. Complete show details, reservations, schedules, and theme story will be available at www.westpex.org.



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Our Stamp Club Needs Your Help!!!

Meeting Location: Effective April 15th, we have lost the use of the Easter Seals Center on Hurley Way that we have called home for more than a decade...the entire five-acre site was put on the market and a sale is pending. We are looking for a new location where we can meet either weekly, a couple of times a month (alternated with online Zoom meetings), or even monthly. If you have any good suggestions, would you let us know? (Location, access, good lighting, parking, on-site storage of our two locking cabinets, and a reasonable use fee are all considerations. Your Board is already looking at a couple of suggested sites.)

Storage: We have lost the free space to store the nearly 100 stand-up frames we use every year for exhibits at SACAPEX. We're currently renting a commercial 10 x 15-foot ground-floor space for \$229 per month in Sacramento! Would you let us know if you have any secure storage space or know where some might be available? The Board would also consider funding a small Tuff Shed-type structure if a site could be made available for five to 10 years. (Access to the storage area is a few times each year for our fundraising supplies, show tables, bins of stamps, etc.)

Organizational Structure: Since November 1961, the Sacramento Philatelic Society (SPS) has been incorporated as a 501 (c) 7 "social" organization. We are giving consideration to reorganizing as a non-profit and tax-deductible 501 (c) 3 organization. We would value knowing if you're an attorney, a CPA, and/or have had recent experience setting up a successful 501 (c) 3.

SACAPEX 2021: Sacramento County has leased the Scottish Rite Center through August, with an option to extend through the end of 2021 as a COVID-19 vaccination center. This will likely preclude use by SPS for our annual stamp show. The Board is investigating alternate venues and has set a July 1st deadline to announce a 2021 show, if at all possible.

Membership Reminder: Your Board voted to extend to all 2020 members a complimentary membership for 2021. Dues paid at the beginning of 2020 now cover your membership through the end of 2021. Renewal notices will go out around October 1st for your 2022 membership.

In Conclusion: To each member, *thank you* for stepping up to help during this critical period as we emerge from COVID-19 and possibly re-cast the Sacramento Philatelic Society. Nationally, the American Philatelic Society has announced that their 2022 Great American Stamp Show will be held in Sacramento's newly refurbished convention center in August 2022. This is the largest national stamp show and a great opportunity for the greater Sacramento area. We want SPS to be on board.

Thank you for your help at this critical time!

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Upcoming Stamp Shows (tentative)

- **Evergreen show in Seattle** is looking at **July 17-18**.
- **Reno** is tentatively planning to have their show on **July 24 - 25**, the week before WESTPEX. As usual, it will be held at the downtown bowling center museum, address 300 N. Center St.
- **WESTPEX** San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Burlingame **July 30-August 1**
- **Salt Lake City** the **1st weekend in October** (Friday - Saturday)
- **Seapex** in Seattle is looking at **September 10-12**
- **Cherrelyn in Denver** is looking at the **2nd weekend in October** (Friday - Saturday)
- **Walnut Creek** is thinking of the **3rd weekend of October**

SPS Board Meeting 5/16/21

The Board will meet next Sunday May 16, 2021 at the Arden Church, which we will likely use for our meetings for at least the near future. We will be able to store our two cabinets there so the Club Circuit will still be available to members at meetings as well as the two cent bins. In person meetings will begin whenever the county meets criteria for such gatherings. The Board will be considering an increase from 2 to up to 5 cents a stamp for all new material for the first few times it is available. All members are welcome to attend Board meetings and can contact Stephen Drew or Joanne Murphy for time and address.