



The Philatelic Prospector

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NEW Meeting Location

July - August 2021

EXCITING NEWS !!!

WE'RE BACK!

SPECIAL FIRST NIGHT GARAGE SALE

YIPPEE! THE SACRAMENTO PHILATELIC SOCIETY WILL RESUME IN PERSON MEETINGS ON JULY 7, 2021 AT 7:00 PM IN OUR NEW MEETING SITE, **THE ARDEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP ROOM. THE CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 4300 LAS CRUCES WAY, SACRAMENTO 95864** ON THE CORNER OF LAS CRUCES AND EASTERN AVENUE ABOUT A QUARTER MILE SOUTH OF ARDEN WAY. THERE'S PLENTY OF FREE PARKING. **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL FOR THE VACCINATED BUT ENCOURAGED.** ERNIE, JOANNE, DONNA AND DEBBIE JEAN HAVE BEEN BUSY CLEANING OUT THE STORAGE UNIT AND WE WILL HAVE A GARAGE SALE OF SUPPLIES, COVERS, LOOSE STAMPS MAYBE, AND ODD STUFF THAT WE WERE HOLDING FOR FUNDRAISING. (Make a REASONABLE offer and it is yours!) THE CLUB CIRCUIT, TWO CENT BINS, LIBRARY, COVER BOXES AND FACE BINS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE. **DOORS WILL OPEN EARLY (ABOUT 6:00 PM) BUT EARLY ARRIVERS WILL NEED TO HELP US UNLOAD THE STUFF AND GET IT SET UP.**

WE RECEIVED 3 BANKERS BOXES OF COVERS WITH CALIFORNIA CANCELS. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN THEM, LET ME KNOW SO WE CAN BRING THEM. TWO BOXES ARE ORGANIZED BY CITY AND COUNTY AND ONE BOX IS LOOSE, WORK IN PROGRESS STUFF.

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.

Upcoming Stamp Shows (tentative)

- **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**

WESTPEX 2021

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** See attached press release **

SPS Charles Poetzl Scholarship Program

SPS CHARLES POETZL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Here we are half way through the year 2021, and soon our college students will be returning for enrollment in the Fall Semester. Since we haven't been active as an on-site group now for nearly 18 months due to the pandemic, many of you may have forgotten that SPS has a college education scholarship program, i.e., The Poetzl Scholarship. The Poetzl Scholarship award is in the amount of \$1000.00.

Scholarship applicants must submit a written application by January 5, 2022. The complete description and details of the program take up too much space in the newsletter, so I have listed the basic criteria as follows:

Scholarship Eligibility. The eligibility requirements for nomination for *The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship* are as follows:

-The nominee must be a stamp collector with an avid interest in stamps and philately.

-The nominee must be a member of the Sacramento Philatelic Society in good standing or a natural or legally adopted child of an SPS member in good standing.

-The nominee must be at least 17 years old but not older than 25 years old at the time of the nomination.

For additional details and student application form, please contact Gil Miller, SPS Vice President and Poetzl Scholarship Chairman; Phone: (916) 365-6721. Email: beowaweman@yahoo.com.

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.
4300 Las Cruces Way, Sacramento 96864**

Jul	7	In person club meeting !!!
	14	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	21	In person club meeting
	28	In person club meeting
Aug	4	In person club meeting
	11	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	18	In person club meeting
	25	In person club meeting
Sep	1	In person club meeting
	8	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	15	In person club meeting
	22	In person club meeting
	29	In person club 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 Albums

Peter Lawlor
Karlene Williams
James E. Stewart

For Sale

FOR SALE

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

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.

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.

Officers & Board of Directors

President	Ernie Teays
Vice President	Gil Miller
Secretary	Stephen Drew
Treasurer	John Pavalasky

Board of Directors

Beverly Harris	(thru 5/2022)
Ernie Teays	(thru 5/2022)
Katherine Pavalasky	(thru 5/2023)
Brian Freeman	(thru 5/2023)
Joanne Berkowitz Murphy	(thru 5/2024) (Chair)
Joan Clazie	(thru 5/2024)

Committee Chairs

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

SACAPEX 2021

We expect to hold the show on November 6-7. The Scottish Rite contract with UCD has ended and they are doing some renovations which should be done by October 1. We are looking for at least two new dealers to replace two who have retired so if anyone knows of a likely prospect, please contact Joanne Murphy.

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.)

News Release for Immediate Release

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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.

Boy did I get a good deal!

After a long 12-hour day, my third in a row, I walked in from work to see my stamps. A nice envelope from M. Sadri, Persian stamp expert. After a few beers and a good look at my now certified stamps I am taken aback.



Persia, Scott# 47-49, 1881 year
Set of three, certified.

My first thought was, after opening the envelope and seeing the certification mark on the back of each stamp was, I'm in the money. I buy stamps to sell. Having the knowledge of fake versus real will often bring me some good returns on the stamps from Persia. The Problem is finding that quality stamp. As seen below, the money maker in this set of stamps is the last stamp, Scott# 49. Current 2020 catalogue for this stamp is \$100.00usd.



Scott# 49, reverse with sealed repair/tear.

Sadly, I have a certified stamp that has a repair/tear. I paid \$60.00usd for this set of stamps. I think I might want to start really inspecting my purchases before I send them in for certification. The added costs and asking price of damaged stamps are often hard to re coup. If you look at the other two stamps closely, you will also see short perfs. Even though the colors are sharp, these will be a tough sale. I think I might have to keep buying stamps on the web for resale to weekends only. Just because the stamp is 'hard to find' it still has to have the quality to bring in the profits.

Good Luck

Lee Coen, SPS club member