



The Philatelic Prospector

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July - August 2022

**SACAPEX
Nov 5-6, 2022
Help Needed**

**APS Great American Stamp Show
Sacramento, CA
Aug 25-28, 2022**

**DON'T WAIT...CALL JOANNE NOW
Thanks!!**

The SACAPEX Nov 5-6, 2021 stamp show and exhibition was a success! A huge thank you to our Show Chair Joanne Murphy. We were thrilled to have our show resume after cancelling the previous year and pleased that the show was well attended. Another big thank you to our dealers, show judges and all the SACAPEX volunteers. We couldn't do it without you.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO
ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF SACAPEX 2022**

PLEASE CALL:
JOANNE MURPHY @ 916-455-3649
for volunteer information

CALL TODAY – DON'T WAIT – THANK YOU!!

Poetzl Scholarship Program

The next deadline for applications is January 5, 2023 for the \$1,000 annual scholarship award. The Poetzl Scholarship Program was established in June 2005. For more information or questions please contact Stephen Clazie.

SPS on the World Wide Web

Our thanks to **Brian Freeman** who maintains our fantastic Society website! Haven't seen it recently? It's at ***sacramentostampclub.org***. Take a look!

Anyone who wants to volunteer for the APS Great American Stamp Show in August, sign-ups are available at the APS website, **stamps.org**

If you want to volunteer and do not have web capability, you can contact Joanne for help signing up 916-455-3659.

Sequoia Stamp Club's 75th Anniversary Celebration by Kristin Patterson

The Sequoia Stamp Club's 75th Anniversary Celebration will be held Saturday, September 17 from 1:30 to 5 pm. The Official Ceremony will be at 3:30 pm.

On September 30, 1947, a small group of enthusiastic stamp collectors met in the Recreation Craft Room at the Redwood City's Fire House #2 (now Station #10) at 2190 Jefferson Avenue on the corner of Myrtle Street, to form the Sequoia Stamp Club. They elected Mr. Louis Weiss as president and set the annual club dues at \$1. The membership voted unanimously to make Alfred "Red" Morton their first Honorary Member for his untiring and splendid efforts in promoting the formation of the club and the Junior Stamp Club. Hired in 1937, Mr. Morton was Redwood City's first recreation director. The Recreation Department graciously furnished stencils, postcards, and supplies for SSC meeting notices.

Mounting interest in philately and stimulating programs increased the membership to over 80 individuals, causing the craft room at the Fire House to bulge at its seams. In March 1950, it became necessary to transfer the club meetings and events to a larger venue; the YMCA building at 1234 Brewster Avenue in Redwood City.

In 1956, the completion of the new YMCA building at 1445 Hudson Street (still there in 2022) provided an even better facility which further enhanced the activities of the club. However, with the increased popularity of the YMCA, as well as continuing growth of the club membership, another move was necessary. In 1962, the club began meeting in the Friendship Room of the American Savings and Loan Association of California at 1615 Woodside Road. This was an excellent meeting place, but there was a drawback. It was on the second floor and some of the older members found climbing the stairs too difficult, so in January 1965 a move to the Veterans Memorial Building at 1455 Madison Avenue took place.

Further growth dictated another move. In January 1967, the club moved to the new RC Community Activities Building at 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, where they comfortably settled and still meet today. They also hold an annual PENPEX Stamp Show at the same building.

The members have always enjoyed well-rounded philatelic programs, including exhibitions, lectures, film and slide shows, speakers, sales circuits, live and silent auctions, and active discussions. Let us not forget the trading, penny boxes, spot sales, quizzes, and more. The inherent interest and enterprise of philatelists, coupled with a demonstrated spirit of cooperation among members, has resulted in making the Sequoia Stamp Club one of the liveliest and the largest stamp club in the Bay Area.

Our upcoming celebration is free to all stamp collectors and enthusiasts. We will have free raffle drawings for \$150 in stamps to \$150 bottles of wine. Each attendee will receive a raffle ticket as they enter the party. But everyone can increase their chances of winning by getting an additional raffle ticket for dressing in 1947 attire (the year the club was formed) or partaking in the many free games i.e. Philatelic bingo, Corn hole, Shoot the Moon, and others. There will be a free Photo Booth that will immediately print your photo on a postcard for mailing and more.

We do not want to forget refreshments, philatelic exhibits, a bid table with 12 stamp lots for sale to the highest bidders, engaging conversation, and lots of happy philatelists that will make this an event to remember. Please join us.

El Dorado Hills Gold Rush Paper Show

El Dorado Hills Gold Rush Paper Show
September 17-18 2022
Holiday Inn Express Hotel HWY 50 Exit 30A
Latrobe Road
4360 Town Center Blvd (Enter at Post St)

El Dorado Hills CA 95762
See Our Show Of Stamps, Post Card, Book &
Ephemera Dealers
Saturday 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
FREE Admission
Mark Baker 530-417-1117
Website - GoldRushPaper.com

Call for Articles

If you have a collecting interest that you would like to share with the club or an article you would like us to include in our newsletter, please email it to Robert Pope at thepope66@hotmail.com or mail a copy to 850 Wixford Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. You can also get a printed version to the newsletter editor or a board member at one of the Wednesday meetings. Typical articles can run from a simple paragraph to a half to full page with text and images. Thank you!

Local Stamp Dealer Here To Help

Ed Dimmick will no longer be working out of his shop but can still be visited at many Wednesday evening stamp club meetings. Ed's phone number is (916) 571-5884. So give Ed a call, and see what he currently has to offer. He's a great help and resource!

Upcoming Stamp Shows 2022

- Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show
Reno, Nevada –July 23-24
- APS's Great American Stamp Show
Sacramento, CA – August 25-28
- SACAPEX Sacramento, CA – Nov 5 & 6
- PENPEX Redwood City, CA—Dec 3 & 4

Stamps Needed For 5 Cent Boxes

The club continues to make our five cent donation stamps available for members to take 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 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!

Membership 2022 Reminder

The board extended a free year to the end of 2021 for those who had paid their 2020 dues. But now that activities have reopened in 2022, you will need to renew membership.

Renewal notices have been sent for your 2022 membership

Membership Report June 2, 2022

- 172 members for 2022 (6 since last report)
- 161 members have renewed (5 since last report)
- 3 are lost souls and have renewed for 2022 (0 since last report)
- 8 new members for 2022 (1 since last report)
- 61 members have yet to renew. Unfortunately 4 of these members have passed on.

SPS Calendar

Regular meetings are held

Every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**4300 Las Cruces Way
Sacramento 95864**

Jul	6	In person club meeting
	13	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	20	In person club meeting
	27	In person club meeting
Aug	3	In person club meeting
	10	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	17	In person club meeting
	24	In person club meeting

Sep	7	In person club meeting
	14	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	21	In person club meeting
	28	In person club meeting

We normally have our Club Circuit and 5-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 5¢ stamps can also be taken home to search through during the week.

Current USPS Rates price changes effective 7/10/22

First-Class/Forever Mail Letter (1 oz.)	60-cents
Each additional oz.	24 cents
Metered Mail 1 oz.	57-cents
Postcard (max. 4-1/2" x 6")	44-cents
Oversized Post Card	58-cents
Large Flat Envelopes (1 oz.)	\$1.00
Each additional oz.	20-cents
Square, oversized or unusual envelopes	78-cents
Certified Mail	\$3.50
Int'l First Class Letter	\$1.40
Int'l First Class Postcard	\$1.30
Priority Mail Envelope	\$7.95
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

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	Vacant
Secretary	Stephen Drew
Treasurer	John Pavalasky

Board of Directors

Beverly Harris	(thru 5/2025)
Katherine Pavalasky	(thru 5/2023)
Brian Freeman	(thru 5/2023)
Joanne Berkowitz Murphy	(thru 5/2024) (Chair)
Diana Hale	(thru 5/2025)

Committee Chairs

Club Circuit Managers	John & Katie Pavalasky
SPS Fund Raising	Katie Pavalasky
SACAPEX	Joanne Berkowitz Murphy
Entertainment & Reception	Ernie Teays
Junior Members	Vacant
Club Librarian	Joan Clazie
Membership	Debbie Jean Hopkins
Nominating	Vacant
Poetzl Scholarship Programs	Stephen Clazie
Publications Editor	Ed Dimmick
Website	Robert Pope
	Brian Freeman

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.)

2022 New Stamp(s) Highlight



First Lady Nancy Reagan Forever Stamp

July 6 | Simi Valley, CA | PSA pane of 20

Born July 6, 1921 in New York City as Anne Frances Robbins, the future First Lady of the United States was enjoying a film career, as Nancy Davis, when she married Ronald Reagan in 1952, who at that time was president of the Screen Actors Guild. She served as First Lady beside her husband during his two terms in office, from January 1981 to January 1989. During her years of service as First Lady, one of her primary interests was recreational drug prevention and the founding of the "Just Say No" campaign.

The stamp art is a detail from the official 1987 White House portrait by Aaron Shikler. The oil-on-canvas portrait features Mrs. Reagan dressed in her signature red color, in a flowing gown designed by James Galanos. The full-body portrait was cropped to accommodate the stamp format.

There have been suggestions that all First Ladies should be honored on stamps. To date the only ones so honored have been Martha Washington, Dolley Madison, Abigail Adams, Eleanor Roosevelt and Lady Bird Johnson.

Seeking Fund Raising Ideas

We are also seeking input on fund raising activities for the club so if anyone has ideas, it would be great to share them.

Is that Ireland??? Yep it is!!!

By SPS Club Member, Lee Coen

APS# 173697, IPDA#251, ISWSC#2966, SPS# 2113



It's only \$300.00 and another stamp tool.

Recently I purchased a T3 electronic watermark detector to ensure my listings are correct and accurate. After weeks of trial and error, and several hundred stamps later, I guess I am not going to ask for a refund. I know watermark fluid or lighter fluid is much cheaper, but this new gadget has knobs, buttons and lights. Most men I know, including myself, love anything with knobs, lights and switches, no matter what the cost.



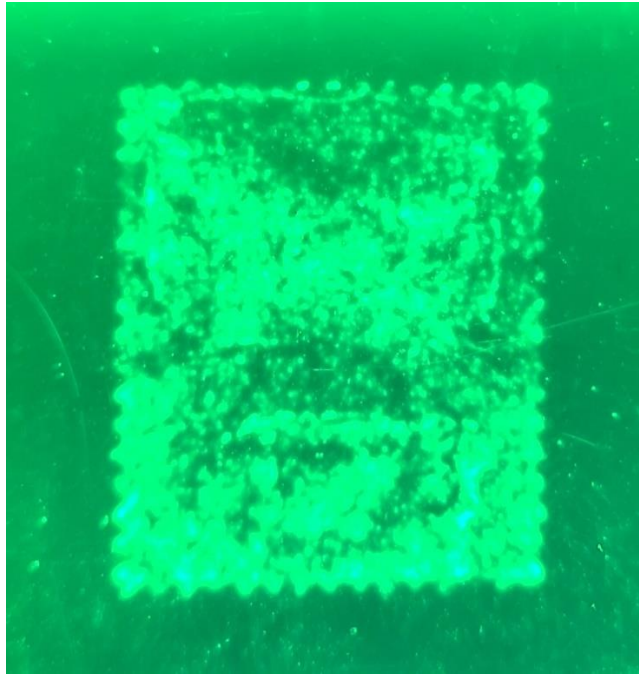
With the T3 you can select several colors, bright or dim, to see the watermark on the stamp you would like to value. Red, green or grey; bright or dull, it's up to you to discern which color works for you and the stamp in question at the flip of a switch. The stamp in question is Ireland, Scott#114, CV\$1.40usd and not Scott#74, CV\$25.00, thanks to the T3 watermark detector.



Scott#114, used hinged, CV\$1.40usd
Not #74, CV\$25.00usd

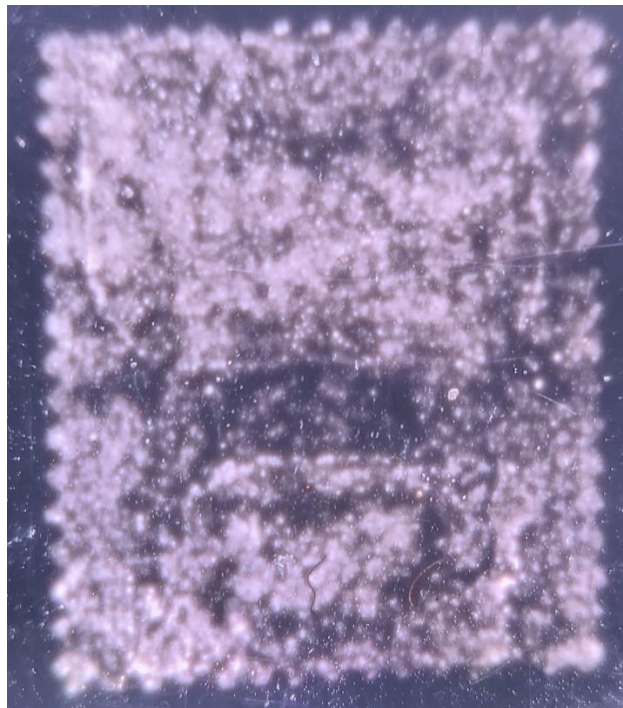
Without going into a complete description of the parts and pieces of how the T3 works, let me give you the short version. After placing the stamp into the T3, you move the knob up/down to include left or right to see the watermark. You select the color that gives you the best image of a watermark.

Here is the watermark- 'E' in green.



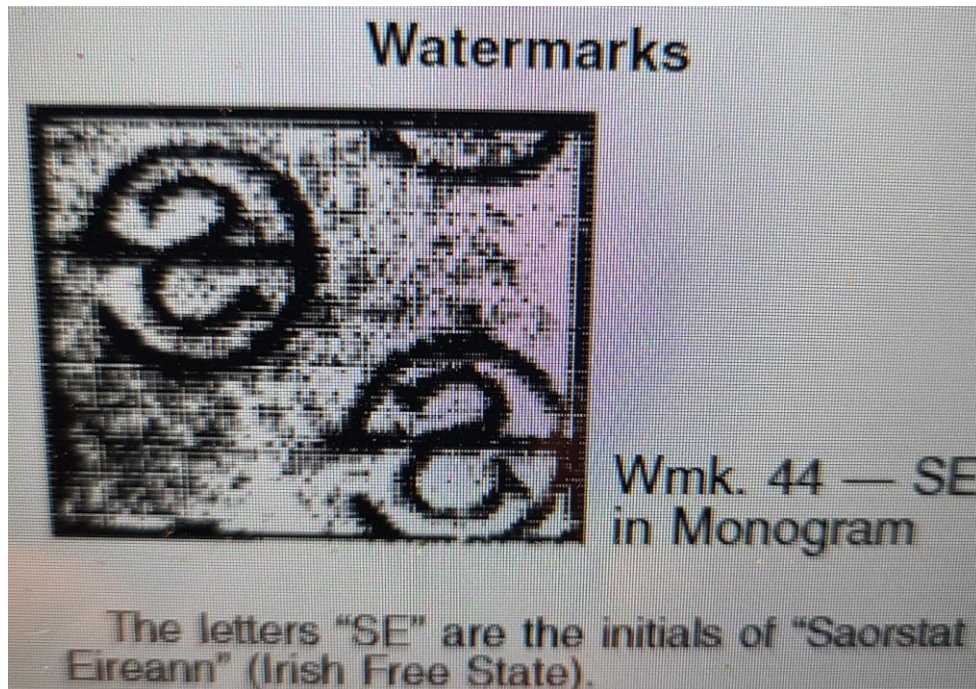
Wm# 262 in green light, T3.
'E' at bottom.

Here is the same watermark in purple



Wm# 262 in purple-
'E' at bottom

In order for my stamp to be offered at a CV\$25.00usd, we would have to have a Watermark #44-seen below:



Ireland watermark#44, letter 'S' as seen in Scott Catalogue-

Well, after comparing the know example of watermark #44 to what is on my stamp, It's not a Scott#74 with a value of \$25.00usd. I have a Scott#114, used with a value of \$1.40usd.

You know what they say, use the correct tool for the job and know what you're looking for. Always check a catalogue or known reference.

List quality and list often-Good Luck!

Lee Coen
Chairman, 2020-2022