



# The Philatelic Prospector

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**November - December 2022**

## SACAPEX 2022 - SUCCESS !!

The **SACAPEX 2022** stamp show and exhibition was a huge success! A big thank you to our Show Chair **Joanne Murphy**. She worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth and fun show for all. It was truly a team effort and everything came together very successfully. We were thrilled to have our show continue 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.

## Show & Tell Wednesdays

Look for Board and club members to volunteer and bring in something to share at Wednesday night meetings as to what they collect and how they preserve and/or present their stamps.

## El Dorado Hills Gold Rush Paper Show – Jan 2023

El Dorado Hills Gold Rush Paper Show  
January 28-29, 2023  
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 11:00 am-6:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
FREE Admission  
Mark Baker 530-417-1117  
Website - GoldRushPaper.com

## Holiday Gathering – Dec 14

The date of Wednesday, December 14, 2022 beginning at 6:30 p.m. was set for our annual **Holiday Gathering** at the Arden Christian Church. Members are invited to bring a guest, a potluck item to share, and a “white elephant” gift, if desired.

## 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](mailto: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 2022/23

- Filatelic Fiesta San Jose, CA – Nov 19 & 20
  - Napredak Hall 770 Montague Expy
  - **Website – [Filatelicfiesta.com](http://Filatelicfiesta.com)**
- PENPEX Redwood City, CA—Dec 3 & 4
  - Community Center 1400 Roosevelt Ave
  - **Website – [Penpex.org](http://Penpex.org)**
- WESTPEX Burlingame, CA—April 28-30, 2023
  - 1800 Old Bayshore Highway
  - **Website - [Westpex.org](http://Westpex.org)**

## 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 Renewal Reminder

If you haven't already renewed your membership for 2023, please renew your membership before December 31, 2022 so that your name doesn't get taken off of the membership list on January 1, 2023.

## Membership Report

November 9, 2022

By Debbie Jean Hopkins

- 114 members for 2023
  - 108 members have renewed
  - 2 are lost souls and have renewed for 2023
  - 4 new members for 2023
  - 75 members have yet to renew
- Unfortunately 1 of these members has 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**

Nov	2	In person club meeting
	9	Regular plus <b>BOD meeting (8:45)</b>
	16	In person club meeting
	23	In person club meeting
	30	In person club meeting

Dec	7	In person club meeting
	14	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>
	21	In person club meeting
	28	In person club meeting
Jan	4	In person club meeting
	11	Regular plus <b>BOD meeting (8:45)</b>
	18	In person club meeting
	25	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.

## Stamp Club Web Site – Check it out!

Our thanks to **Brian Freeman** who maintains our fantastic Society website! Haven't seen it recently?  
**sacramentostampclub.org**

Take a look!

## Officers & Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	Ernie Teays
<b>Vice President</b>	Betsy Vallejo
<b>Secretary</b>	Stephen Drew
<b>Treasurer</b>	Stephen Drew

## Board of Directors

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

## Committee Chairs

Club Circuit Manager	Katie Pavalasky
SPS Fund Raising	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 Programs	Stephen Clazie
Ed Dimmick	
Publications Editor	Robert Pope
Website	Brian Freeman

## Poetzl Scholarship Program

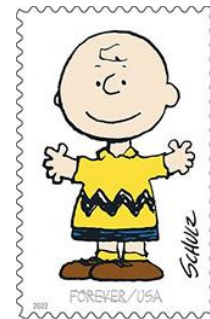
The next deadline for applications is January 5, 2023 for the \$1,000 annual scholarship award. The Poetzl Scholarship Program was established in June 2005. For more information or questions please contact **Stephen Clazie**.

(See information and forms below)

## 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



### Peanuts Forever Stamps

September 30

Santa Rosa, CA

Ten new stamps salute the birth centennial of cartoonist Charles M. Schulz whose "Peanuts" characters are some of the best known and most beloved in all of American culture. For five decades, Schulz alone wrote and drew nearly 18,000 strips, the last one published the day after he died. Each character reflects Schulz's rich imagination and great humanity. His resonant stories found humor in life's painful realities including rejection, insecurity and unrequited love.

## 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.

## After all these Years, is it worth it?

For as long as I can remember, as a stamp collector and now a stamp dealer, I have always hoped to find that million-dollar stamp. That one stamp we all read about and hear about that has to be out there somewhere in the world. (Just not in my neighborhood) Who wouldn't want to find that one stamp that has been skipped over in the 0.25cent bin at the local stamp club. Speaking of 'skipped over', I found this stamp in the collection I bought.



Spain, Scott#5, used, certified, \$1,200.00 usd

Most of the stamps that I have encountered in this collection are of your average re-sale value that we buy. But for some reason, Spain attracted my attention from the design to the catalogue values. After I identified this as valid and sent in to Certification, I couldn't be happier. Current Catalogue value is \$1,200.00usd. I paid \$300.00usd for the 10+ volumes I am listing daily.

And how did I stumble upon my 'million' dollar stamp? In the back of a broke down truck in the middle of the desert, simple.



That's me pointing at the truck, in the middle of the desert, where my 'million' dollar stamp was found.

My point is, for as long as I can remember, that searching, digging and finding that 'million' dollar stamp has paid off. Can I retire? Buy my own island? Buy that Rolex that I have always wanted? No, I can't, but I can smile. Thanks to my wife who saw the advertisement on the web about a stamp collection for sale, I have been smiling for the better part of a year now. Thanks to her, I can mark, 'find big money stamp' off of my bucket list.

Was it worth it after all these years? Yes, it was, thanks to my wife.

Keep up the hunt, the searching for that one big money stamp, It's out there waiting to be found. Was it worth it? After all these years? Yes, it was. Thanks wife, you rock!

Keep up the hunt--

Lee Coen

**The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship  
Awarded by the 2023 SPS Scholarship Board  
of the Sacramento Philatelic Society  
P.O. Box 13284  
Sacramento, CA 95813**

**General Information**

The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship is governed, controlled, and awarded by the SPS Scholarship Board of the Sacramento Philatelic Society (SPS), which was organized in 1961 as a 501 (c) (7) non-profit social organization, and currently has approximately 200 philatelists in the Greater Sacramento metropolitan area. There may be multiple winners of The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship. Each scholarship will be in the amount of at least \$1,000, and it is available to any philatelists residing within the Sacramento Philatelic Society membership area, which is the Greater Sacramento metropolitan area, or any philatelists whose parent or grandparent is a member of SPS. The nominee must be at least 17-years old, but not older than 25-years old at the time of nomination. They must be a full-time student in an accredited community college or an accredited four-year college or university by the fall of 2023. Applicants for a repeat scholarship award must use a separate application form and must submit their current academic transcript as proof of satisfactory progress in their educational endeavor. All winners will be presented at the Sacramento Philatelic Society's first meeting in April of 2023.

This form will be evaluated by the SPS Scholarship Board based upon this application, an official transcript of grades, and a 500 word essay. The \$1,000 scholarships will be issued to an accredited college or university upon notification from the registrar of the student's official enrollment in classes for the fall semester of 2023.

Please adhere to the use of this form so that we may judge all applicants fairly. This completed application and your essay and transcript must be submitted to the attention of the **SPS Scholarship Board, P. O. Box 13284, Sacramento, CA 95813**, by the close of business day, **4 P.M., Thursday, January 5, 2023. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline.**

**Please complete every phase of the application. Your Social Security number is required.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Number) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be at least 17, but not older than 25 years) on January 5 of the awarding year)

Are you a stamp collector? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Are you a member of the Sacramento Philatelic Society? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Is your parent/grandparent a member of Sacramento Philatelic Society? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Their name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled in high school? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If so, name the school: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled in a college or university? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If so, name the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_

If not currently enrolled, have you been accepted by an institution? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If you have been accepted, name the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please write an essay of 500 words or less about **an incident or event with your stamp collecting that has or will have a significant influence on your life.** Please type and double space your essay.

CHECK LIST (Initial that the following are attached):

\_\_\_\_\_ School transcript

\_\_\_\_\_ Essay

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GRADE POINT AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature