



# The Philatelic Prospector

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## **SACAPEX 2022 – Exhibit Winners Palmares**

The **SACAPEX 2022** Exhibit Palmares are attached. Thank you to all exhibitors who helped make the show a success. If you are interested in exhibiting in the future, please contact Robert Pope, 916-583-3027, for more information. It's easy, fun and a great way to share what you collect and your interest with everyone.

## **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

## **Closed Album Annelise Faulkner**

Society Member Annelise Faulkner died in November in Auburn. A native of Berlin, Germany, she met her husband, William, while he was in the U. S. Army and stationed in Germany. She subsequently immigrated to the U.S. through Ellis Island in New York. Both Annelise and William were longtime SPS members who both enjoyed weekly searches through the club's bins of worldwide two-cent stamps. William died in 2009. Annelise was 97.

## **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 2023

- 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](mailto:susanteays@gmail.com))** or **Joanne (she's in the East Sacramento area - [joannebe@pacbell.net](mailto: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

Welcome to 2023. If you didn't renew your membership before December 31, 2022, then your name has been removed from the membership list. This will be the last newsletter and you have lost all of your club circuit credit. To continue to receive membership benefits, please send your renewal ASAP.

## 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

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

Feb	1	In person club meeting
	8	Regular plus <b>BOD meeting (8:45)</b>
	15	In person club meeting
	22	In person club meeting

Mar	1	In person club meeting
	8	Regular plus <b>BOD meeting (8:45)</b>
	15	In person club meeting
	22	In person club meeting
	29	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 1/22/23

First-Class/Forever Mail Letter (1 oz.) 63-cents

Each additional oz. 24 cents

Metered Mail 1 oz. 57-cents

Postcard (max. 4-1/2" x 6") 48-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 \$1.45

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

Small Flat Rate Box \$10.40

Med Flat Rate Box \$17.10

Large Flat Rate Box \$22.80

APO/FPO Large Flat Rate Box \$21.20

Regular Flat Rate Envelope \$9.90

Legal Flat Rate Envelope \$10.20

Padded Flat Rate Envelope \$10.60

## 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>
Joan Clazie	(thru 5/2024)
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	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



**Elephants Forever Stamps**  
August 12 | Hohenwald, TN

This lighthearted and playful stamp celebrates America’s affection for elephants. A graphic illustration of an elephant interacting with its young calf represents the loving nature of these beloved animals. Two stylized plants and a bright orange sun add whimsy and color.

The First Day site, Hohenwald, Tenn., is the home of the The Elephant Sanctuary, the largest natural-habitat sanctuary for elephants in the U.S.

## 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.

# Stamp of Approval

by William Hughes

My neighbor is a Philatelist, dealing in Philately. I'd never heard the term. Stamp collector, yes, of course, but a Philatelist, never. The word comes from Latin, meaning tax, like stamp tax? I guess you could say placing a stamp is sort of a tax on correspondence. What do I know? Not much, a Jack London, a James Dean and a Georgia O'Keeffe flower first issue stamps are all about as close as I've come to any collecting. My neighbor has shared some of his collection with me. A bit overwhelming in their beauty and historical significance. He's telling me he just sold some for \$4,000 at the Stamp Show in Sacramento while he's showing me his all-Nazi Germany stamp collection. Stunning. He's kind of cleaning house for the Sacramento Stamp Show in the Convention Center. I'm encouraged to go. It's free. My kind of tax.

The Sacramento Convention Center is a cold block of cement, vast, filled, and I mean filled with stamps. If you know the movie "Charade" with Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant, there's a scene in among the booths of a Parisian stamp show when the characters whirl and twirl in a dizzying realization of what's around them are the clues to the fortune they seek – stamps. I'm a bit like that in the presence of all these stamps. I'm also a bit relieved of my advanced age by the more advanced ages all around me, most definitely a senior citizen endeavor. My neighbor, who's been collecting all his life, tells me the younger generations have no interest in Philately – it's most obvious here, the younger generations too internet and phone obsessed – that's not a guess.

Now I'm looking for a specific of the Disney Nautilus submarine from 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.

There are 20,000 and more boxes and brief cases and packages and binders and stands, presentations and editions of stamps and more, from \$1 to hundreds to thousands, an upside-down Jenny – an early aircraft – worth a fortune, nothing fancy about any presentation, almost all like a well-kept basement.

My first encounter is with a collector of early Mickey Mouse, a childhood's album to delight your memories of. No Nemo's Nautilus. Now here's a collection of just submarine stamps – the nuclear Nautilus and a WWII sub. No Nemo's.

Spain, the Spanish Civil War in my heart. Here are stamps of Franco the fascist and letters stamped from 1937 Barcelona before the fall, all around nooks and niches of historical to national to part of a standing display of Donald Duck at war with Hitler, to those famous even I know duck stamps, each collector, presenter eager to talk, eager to help out, dickering and selling and pitching all around, quietly, no auctioneer's gavel, sitting at the bare snack bar with a fella who's been here as a regular just lookin' to see if something catches his budget, sharing some of his knowledge with wide open me.

Sports. Endless. I want a Sandy Koufax something having just come back from Coopertown, NY and the Baseball Hall of Fame, where I at least saw the, my icon Sandy Koufax but nothing here, the dealer showing off a signed Ted Williams postcard. I did mention there's more than just stamps. That's it for today.

Now I'm back paying \$3 to the American Topical Association to get some info on a Nautilus stamp. Barbados issued a \$5 stamp of the sub but nowhere to be found around here.

It's all part Comic-Con for adults alongside Ben Franklin our nation's first Postmaster, Civil war stamps galore, posted on the actual envelopes from the war; envelopes posted from everywhere, artifacts someone touched, someone wrote – Amelia Earhart, lovely, the art of the stamp.

Took them for granted somewhat. But now they've shown their true worth. On and on I investigate. My stamp of approval.

# 2022 SACAPEX Palmares

## **LeRoy D. Armstrong Memorial Award – Best Exhibit by a Sacramento Philatelic Society Member**

Peter Thy

The Postal Stationery of Madagascar et Dependances

## **Best Multi Page Exhibit**

Peter Thy

The Postal Stationery of Madagascar et Dependances

## **Best Single Page Exhibit**

Vesma Grinfelds

The Slogan Handstamps of Latvia: 1936-1940

## **GOLD Award**

Vesma Grinfelds

The Slogan Handstamps of Latvia: 1936-1940

## **VERMEIL Award**

Larry Crain

Postcards: Colombia 100 Years Ago

Peter Thy

The Postal Stationery of Madagascar et Dependances

## **SILVER Award**

Ana Calderon

Color Varieties of the Monarchy of Queen Elizabeth II

Robert N. Pope

Mexico Overprints of the Hidalgo Cinco Centavo Revolutionary Issue

Robert N. Pope

The First Permanent Definitive Series Used in Ireland 1922-1939

## **SILVER-BRONZE Award**

Issac Calderon

Mourning Covers

Dennis Solheim

Great Britain – Queen Elizabeth II Machin Issues

## **BRONZE Award**

Ernie Teays Areas to Collect with Stamps

## **Participation Certificate**

Vesma Grinfelds

Latvia: Special Occasion Cancellations: 1901-1940

**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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