



The Philatelic Prospector

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SACAPEX Nov 4-5, 2023

Yes! It is time to begin thinking about **SACAPEX 2023** and ways you can **volunteer** and help to ensure another successful show.

SACAPEX Chairwoman, Joanne Murphy, is looking for many hands to make for a light load and a lot of fun. Please contact her for ways you can support this show at: joannebe@pacbell.net

Exhibits - We are looking for exhibits of all levels. Last year we had a few brand new exhibits from our club members and hoping for a few more this year. Anyone interested (and I may be contacting you!) please contact Robert Pope at 916-583-3027 or see the Instructions and Prospectus for more information.

SPS Circuit

Keep your eyes out: To make room for all the new material in the circuit, if we have multiple cards with the same stamps, they will be combined into one card. Title cards will now have dots on the lower left corner to identify those that contain more than one of the same set or single.

New material: We have a good amount of new material from Greece, Belgium, Mexico, Nigeria and Russia, some up to year 2009.

Show and 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.

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 (530) 933-8977. So give Ed a call, and see what he currently has to offer. He's a great help and resource!

Membership Report

June 21, 2023

By Debbie Jean Hopkins

- 182 members for 2023 (1 since last report)
- 156 members have renewed (0 since last report)
- 5 are lost souls and have renewed for 2023 (0 since last report)
- 21 new members for 2023 (1 since last report)
- 26 members have yet to renew.
Unfortunately, 1 of these members has passed on.

Upcoming Stamp Shows 2023

- **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show**
 - Reno, NV
 - July 29-30
 - www.Renostamp.org

- **WINEPEX**

- San Rafael, CA
- Oct 6-8 Bourse Only

<http://www.redwoodempirecollectorsclub.org/>

- **East Bay Collectors Club**

- Alameda, CA
- Oct 21-22 Bourse Only
- <https://www.eastbaystampclub.com/>

- **SACAPEX**

- Sacramento, CA
- Nov 4-5
- www.sacramentostampclub.org

- **Filatelic Fiesta**

- San Jose, CA
- Nov 18-19 Bourse Only
- <https://filatelicifiesta.com/>

- **PENPEX**

- Redwood City, CA
- Dec 2-3
- <https://www.penpex.org/>

- **WESTPEX**

- Burlingame, CA
- Apr 26-28, 2024
- www.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!

SPS Calendar

Regular meetings are held

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

**4300 Las Cruces Way
Sacramento 95864**

July	5	In person club meeting
	12	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	19	In person club meeting
	26	In person club meeting
Aug	2	In person club meeting
	9	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	16	In person club meeting
	23	In person club meeting
	30	In person club meeting
Sep	6	In person club meeting
	15	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	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

July 2023

First Class/Forever Mail Letter 1 oz.	66 cents
Each Additional ounce	24 cents
Postcard (Domestic)	51 cents
Oversize Postcard	58 cents
Large Envelope up to 1 oz.	\$1.26
Each Additional Ounce	24 cents
Square, stiff or unusual size mail add'l	40 cents
Certified Mail	\$4.15
Int'l First Class Mail up to 1 oz	\$1.50
Small Flat Rate Priority Mail Box	\$10.20
Medium Flat Rate Priority Mail Box	\$17.10
Large Flat Rate Priority Mail Box	\$22.80
Padded Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelope	\$10.40
Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelope	\$9.95

Small Flat Rate Box	\$10.40	\$10.20
Medium Flat Rate Box	\$17.05	\$17.10
Large Flat Rate Box	\$22.45	\$22.80

APO/FPO Large Flat Rate Box	\$20.95	\$21.20
Regular Flat Rate Envelope	\$9.90	\$9.65
Legal Flat Rate Envelope	\$10.20	\$9.95
Padded Flat Rate Envelope	\$10.60	\$10.40

USPS costs going down with Ground Advantage program

The Postal Service's new Ground Advantage plan starts Sunday, July 9 and will replace previous plans, such as Ground Returns, Retail Ground, First-Class Package, Parcel Select Ground and First Class Package Return. Here's what the changes mean for you:

- Free package pickup service at homes or offices
- Tracking is included
- \$100 insurance included, with \$5,000 more available to purchase
- Packages ship in 2 to 5 business days
- More than 3% cheaper for retail customers and about 1% cheaper on commercial prices

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

President	Ernie Teays
Vice President	Betsy Vallejo
Secretary	Thomas Guro
Treasurer	Stephen Drew

Board of Directors

Joanne Murphy	(thru 5/2024) (Chair)
Mike Ettner	(thru 5/2024)
Beverly Harris	(thru 5/2025)
Luther Mui	(thru 5/2025)
Katherine Pavalasky	(thru 5/2026)
Richard Kowaleski	(thru 5/2026)

Committee Chairs

Club Circuit Manager	Katie Pavalasky
SPS Fund Raising	Betsy Vallejo
SACAPEX	Joanne Murphy
Entertainment & Reception	Ernie Teays
Junior Members	Vacant
Club Librarian	Vacant
Membership	Debbie Jean Hopkins
Nominating	Dennis Solheim
Poetzl Scholarship Programs	Vacant
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 that was \$229 per month and now \$290 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.)

2023 New Stamp(s) Highlight



Roy Lichtenstein Forever Stamps
 April 24 | New York, NY

The work of the iconic American artist of the pop art movement, Roy Lichtenstein (1923-1997) is celebrated with a stamp issuance in his honor. Each of the five stamps in this pane of 20 features one work of art by Lichtenstein: "Standing Explosion (Red)" (porcelain enamel on steel sculpture, 1965); "Modern Painting I" (oil and magna on canvas, 1966); "Still Life with Crystal Bowl" (oil and magna on canvas, 1972); "Still Life with Goldfish" (oil and magna on canvas, 1972); and "Portrait of a Woman" (oil and magna on linen, 1979).

Mr. Snake at work-

I hope this message finds you all healthy and happy. Speaking of healthy, Arizona USA, the temperatures are climbing every day. On average, the temps here are 115f for the next three months. It's summer time. Along with high temps, we often run into the desert critters that live here. One such critter is the Rattlesnake. They have a job to do in this world and they can do it far, far away from me. For example, at work the other day I stumbled upon this nice example.



Resident snake under Ac unit.

As seen, this guy just wanted a drink and a cool place to stay on a hot Arizona day. Problem is, he can't stay here; too many plant workers in the area. After getting the snake tongs and snake bag, yes, we have those here at work as plant mechanic's, Mr. Snake went for a ride out to the desert to be set free. Once set free, Mr. Snake was not happy camper, trust me.

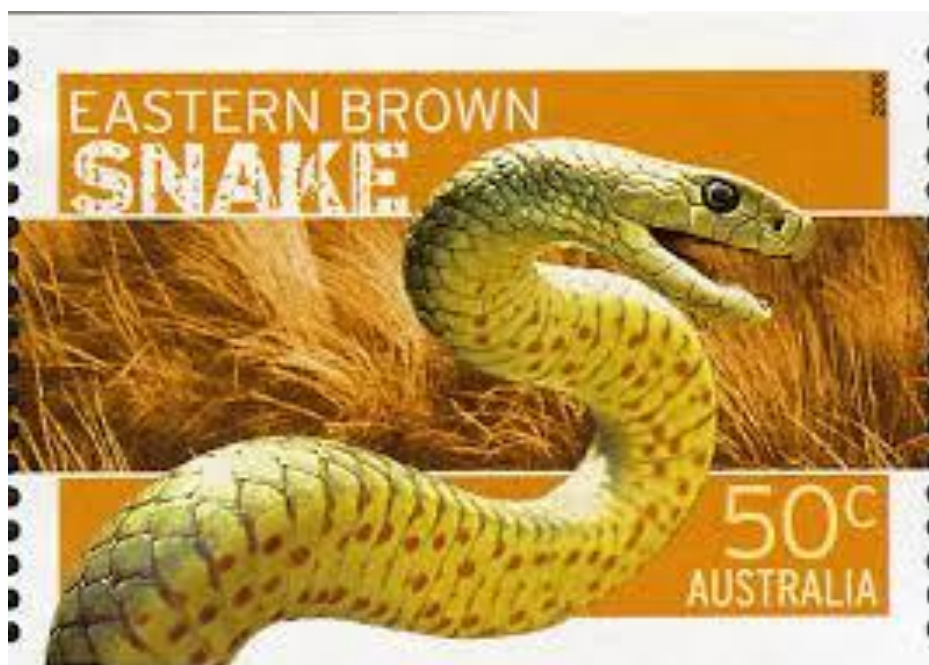


Mr. Snake in the desert.

After I let Mr. Snake out of the snake bag, he promptly let me know he was very unhappy about being moved by the picture seen here. This is the classic 'strike' pose most snakes will get into prior to striking someone/something that gets too close to them. He rattled and rattled. Mind you I was 10+feet away from Mr. Snake. (Remember, I don't like snakes and stay as far away from them as I can be.)

Do you collect or sell stamps of the world's critters? Do you specialize in just one type of topical stamp? Do you sell more birds or ships than snakes on stamps? I know that many countries have snakes of all types on stamps offered for sale.

Here is a nice example of a snake on a stamp-From Australia seen below-



Australia stamp from web

In closing, keep your eyes open and enjoy the world's critters. I always do from afar when it comes to critters that rattle or bite.

Good luck to all of you!!

Lee Coen
Chairman, IPDA

SACAPEX 2023

Scottish Rite Masonic Center Sacramento, California November 4-5, 2023
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PROSPECTUS

Any exhibitor may enter, regardless of club affiliation or residence.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibits will be in open competition. Each exhibit will be judged on its overall philatelic merit. There will be five levels of awards with sufficient number of awards placed for distribution by the jury.
2. Junior exhibits will be judged separately. Junior exhibits shall be the work of the exhibitor. Juniors must be under 18 years of age.
3. A panel of accredited judges will be selected whose decisions will be final.
4. SACAPEX frames hold **sixteen (16)** 8 ½" x 11" pages. Oversize cards or sheets will be accepted for competition only with the permission of the exhibit chairman.
5. Each exhibit must be the property of the exhibitor.
6. There is no entry fee for exhibits.
7. A synopsis page may also be submitted.
8. Adult exhibits must be a minimum of one frame and a maximum of twelve frames.
9. Junior exhibits must be a minimum of one frame and a maximum of four frames.
10. Entries must be made on the official entry form. Signing the entry form indicates acceptance of all rules and regulations.
11. The committee reserves the right to withhold any exhibit for not meeting SACAPEX standards. Previous SACAPEX Gold award winning exhibits may be entered only if new write-ups, and/or new material, have been added. Exhibits not for competition will be accepted only at the discretion of the committee. Submit details well in advance of the closing date.
12. Owners must provide their own insurance. All reasonable care will be taken. The sponsoring organization, its officers, members, SACAPEX officials, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, nor any other group or organization shall be liable for any damages to, or loss of, any exhibition material arising from any cause or reason whatsoever. A guard will be on duty during all hours that the premises are open to the public. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center has a security alarm system which is armed when the building is not occupied.
13. The exhibitor is responsible for both forwarding and return shipping costs. The exhibits will be returned to the owner in the original packing promptly after the closing date of the show. Return shipping instructions and payment for shipping costs must be included with the entry form. Awards will be mailed prepaid to winners not able to attend the exhibit.
14. Personally delivered exhibits will be received by Robert Pope (916-583-3027) or a designated SACAPEX volunteer in the lobby of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center on Friday, November 3, 2023 (Contact Robert Pope regarding time frame). Exhibits may be picked up on Sunday, November 5, 2023 after the show closes (possible earlier pick up time). **No exhibit may be removed from the frames until after the show closes.**
15. Any questions arising that are not covered by these rules and regulations will be decided by the Exhibit Committee, whose decision shall be final.

SACAPEX 2023 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Payments to cover return shipment of exhibits should be by check or money order payable to SACAPEX.

Inquires, entry forms, payments and actual exhibits should be directed to:

SACAPEX Exhibit Chair
Robert N. Pope
850 Wixford Way
Sacramento, CA 95864
916-583-3027
thepope66@hotmail.com

LOCATION OF SHOW

Scottish Rite Masonic Center
6151 H Street (H at Carlson)
Sacramento, CA

From Business 80 take J Street east to Carlson Drive.

From Highway 50 take Howe Avenue north to Fair Oaks Blvd. And turn left (west) onto Fair Oaks Blvd. to Carlson Drive.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please reserve _____ frames for SACAPEX 2023 (**SACAPEX frames hold 16 pages**)

I am exhibiting as an (Adult) / (Junior)

Date of Birth (Juniors only) ___/___/___

I plan to (send) / (deliver) my exhibit.

Sacramento Philatelic Society member: Yes _____ No _____

American Philatelic Society member: Yes _____ No _____

First Time Exhibitor: Yes _____ No _____

Name in show program: Yes _____ No _____

Exhibit Title: _____

Exhibit Description: _____

Exhibitor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____

Email _____

I understand this signed application to exhibit at SACAPEX 2023 implies complete understanding and agreement to be bound by the rules and regulations as printed in this prospectus.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK. SHOW USE ONLY.

Date prospectus received: _____ Date acknowledged: _____

Date exhibit received: _____ Exhibit mounted by: _____

Exhibit dismounted by: _____ Exhibit picked up by: _____

Awards: _____