



The Philatelic Prospector

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March - April 2023

Spring Stamp Show Benefit Fundraiser

Friday & Saturday - April 14-15, 2023

Mark your calendars! The Sacramento Philatelic Society is hosting a Spring Stamp Show on April 14-15, 2023 at our meeting location in the Arden Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 4300 Las Cruces Way, Sacramento. Invite your friends and family! This is the first show in our new facility, and we anticipate a large turnout from the community. *Support and Volunteers Needed!*

CASH DONATIONS TO BUY FOOD – As in the past, we are asking for Cash Donations to purchase food to sell at the Show. By donating cash, you support the Club's ability to raise funds by offsetting the cost of food we would need to buy. See Betsy Vallejo, Joanne Murphy, or Ernie Teays at the Wednesday meetings to donate, or contact them at the phone numbers below.

ROOM SET-UP/BREAK-DOWN: Set up Tables and Prepare the Room on 4/13/23 Thursday afternoon; Breakdown Room on Saturday 4/15/23 after 4 PM.

FOOD – PREP/SELL – Work in the kitchen / Sell food at the event.

REGISTRATION – All Day Friday / Saturday

SPS CIRCUIT TABLE - Assist Katie during the show with stamp sales

Sign-up Sheets will be available at our Wednesday meetings, or you can contact Betsy Vallejo (916-804-9452) or Joanne Murphy (916-455-3659) to sign up.

Come out and support the Club for a successful show!

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.

SPS Circuit

Sale for March: Brazil, British Colonies & Russia

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.

Closed Album Gary Arnold Kalbfleisch

The Society was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Member Gary Arnold Kalbfleisch. A native of Southern California, he joined the Society in 2010 as a world-wide stamp collector. He was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was interred at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. Gary Kalbfleisch was 80.

Silent Bid Sale - April 12, 2023

SPS will hold a Silent Bid Sale on April 12, 2023. Lots will be available for bidding beginning at 6:30 p.m. The sale will end at 7:15 p.m., so arrive early. Circuit items will not be available, but you can still

review the 5 cent stamps when the sale ends. Lots can be purchased and picked up, and unsold lots returned, beginning 8:15 p.m.

If you have lots to sell, pick up the paperwork for the Silent Bid Sale beginning March 8. Lots can be submitted on March 29 or April 5.

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!

Upcoming Stamp Shows 2023

- WESTPEX Burlingame, CA—April 28-30, 2023
 - 1800 Old Bayshore Highway
 - Website - 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

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

February 8, 2023

By Debbie Jean Hopkins

- 166 members for 2023 (11 since last report)
- 151 members have renewed (11 since last report)
- 2 are lost souls and have renewed for 2023 (0 since last report)
- 13 new members for 2023 (0 since last report)
- 32 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

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| Mar | 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 |
| Apr | 5 | In person club meeting |
| | 12 | SILENT BID SALE BOD meeting (8:45) |
| | 14 | Spring Stamp Show Benefit Fundraiser |
| | 15 | Spring Stamp Show Benefit Fundraiser |
| | 19 | In person club meeting |
| | 26 | In person club meeting |
| May | 3 | In person club meeting |
| | 10 | Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45) |
| | 17 | In person club meeting |
| | 24 | In person club meeting |
| | 31 | 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.

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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

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

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| President | Ernie Teays |
| Vice President | Betsy Vallejo |
| Secretary | Stephen Drew |
| Treasurer | Stephen Drew |

Board of Directors

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

Committee Chairs

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



Year of the Rabbit Lunar New Year Forever Stamp

January 12 | San Francisco, CA

The first commemorative to be released in the Gregorian calendar New Year will be the Year of the Rabbit stamp—for the Lunar Year that runs from January 22, 2023 until February 9, 2024. San Francisco was chosen for the First Day of Issue because it has a large Asian population that will be celebrating the Lunar New Year. Calling to mind the elaborately decorated masks used in the dragon or lion dances often performed in Lunar New Year parades, this 3-dimensional mask depicting a rabbit is a contemporary take on the long tradition of paper-cut folk-art crafts created during this auspicious time of year.

Hey, you want to buy my Ford Pinto?

As stamp dealers/sellers, I am sure we run into 'pintos' offered for sale all the time. The Ford pinto was an American made car that had a terrible reputation for break downs, and when in an accident, they were known to explode into a ball of fire. Crazy as it sounds, I had a few in my early driving days.

Scanning hipstamp this am, this Ford Pinto, exploded right on my laptop screen. It actually made me laugh as a Persian expert, per se, based on the listing offered by the seller.

Without going into details about how fake this stamp from Persia is, I would rather look at the listing in its entirety.

The listing is posted as:

Iran Scott 135 F to VF CTO forgery. Free...
\$22.48 \$29.97 Save 25%



Fake Persian stamp list on hipstamp website.

The seller of this pinto scanned only the front of the stamp and listed it for sale. Noticing the huge hinge hanging off the top of the stamp, the fake postmark, and the lower right leg over the left leg fake Control handstamp, I laughed.

The listing title is what got me the most. '...Forgery, CTO...'. Then to add insult to injury, the price listed for this stamp was \$25.00usd. As sellers/dealers, you can ask whatever you desire for a stamp, but will it

sell? Forgery/fake stamps should be removed from the market place. By offering them at high prices and listing them with the words, 'fake', 'forgery', 'reference stamp' only makes the stamp world of Persian stamps even more convoluted then it already is. Help end the confusion of fake stamps in the market place and discard them; I do all the time. In closing, no, I wouldn't pay \$7,000.00usd for this beauty. (and someone actually bought this one!)

1973 **Ford** Pinto
"Live Dangerously"



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| Offered at: |
| \$6,900 |
| Year 1973 |
| Make Ford |
| Model Pinto |
| Stock BTC0637 C |
| Vin 3X11X294724 |
| Odometer Reading 42,237 |
| Engine Size 2000cc I4 |
| Transmission Type Automatic |
| Body Color Green |
| Interior Color Green |
| Drivetrain RWD |
| Location Traverse City |

Enjoy.
Lee Coen

SACRAMENTO STAMP CLUB SPRING SHOW 2023

Millions of Stamps at the 5¢ Tables!
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10:00 AM - 6:00 PM 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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DEALER LIST FOR SPS SPRING SHOW 2023

RG Stamps and Covers – Space 1

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Postal History-United States, Foreign and Postcards

James Taff – Space 2 & 3

Sacramento, CA
916-709-0412
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Confederate States, German Area, German WWII Propaganda Cards, United States, Unused Civil War Patriotics, Worldwide.

Ed Dimmick Stamps – Space 4 & 5

Ed Dimmick
Yuba City, CA
EdDimmickStamps@yahoo.com
Stamps by Topic or Country, Supplies

Tom Guro – Space 6

Sacramento, CA
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tguro_cb03@hotmail.com
United States Mint and Used, Worldwide Classic Used

DB's Enterprises – Space 7

Dale Baker
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Mark Baker Enterprises – Space 8 & 9

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530-647-9025
mark@goldrushpaper.com
Estate Buyers, Stamp Collections, Covers - Western Covers - United States, Worldwide, Ephemera, Postal History - Postcards, Revenues, Photographs, Old Letters, California History, Cover-Post Card Supplies

Sacramento Philatelic Society – Space 10

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The SPS' sales circuit includes United States, Worldwide, Covers, Collections, and Supplies