



The Philatelic Prospector

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SPS Elections

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PLEASE ATTACHED FOR CANDIDATES AND
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.

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

May 5, 2023

By Debbie Jean Hopkins

- 181 members for 2023 (3 since last report)
- 156 members have renewed (0 since last report)
- 5 are lost souls and have renewed for 2023 (2 since last report)
- 20 new members for 2023 (1 since last report)
- 26 members have yet to renew.
Unfortunately, 1 of these members has passed on.

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.

Upcoming Stamp Shows 2023

- **First Alameda Stamp Club Invitational**
 - Alameda, CA
 - May 20 Bourse Only
 - <https://www.alamedastampclub.com/>

- **SOPEX**
 - Medford, OR
 - June 9-10
 - <https://classic.stamps.org/SOPS-Show>

- **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://filatelicfiesta.com/>

- **PENPEX**
 - Redwood City, CA
 - Dec 2-3
 - <https://www.penpex.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**

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| 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 |
| June | 7 | In person club meeting |
| | 14 | Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45) |
| | 21 | In person club meeting |
| | 28 | In person club meeting |
| July | 5 | In person club meeting |
| | 12 | Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45) |
| | 19 | In person club meeting |
| | 26 | 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 May 2023

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| First Class/Forever Mail Letter 1 oz. | 63 cents |
| Each Additional ounce | 24 cents |
| Postcard (Domestic) | 48 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't'l | 40 cents |
| Certified Mail | \$4.15 |
| Int'l First Class Mail up to 1 oz | \$1.45 |

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| 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 |

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| Nominating | Dennis Solheim |
| Poetzl Scholarship Programs | Vacant |
| Publications Editor | Ed Dimmick |
| Website | Robert Pope |
| | Brian Freeman |

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!

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.)

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) |

2023 New Stamp(s) Highlight



Tomie dePaola Forever Stamp
May 5 | Manchester, NH

This stamp honors prolific children's book author and illustrator Tomie dePaola (1934-2020), whose extraordinarily varied body of work encompasses folktales and legends, informational books, religious and holiday stories, and touching autobiographical tales. The stamp art features a detail from the cover of "Strega Nona" (1975), the Caldecott Honor winning first book in the series. Set in southern Italy, the gently humorous story focuses on Strega Nona, "Grandma Witch," who uses magic to help with matters of the heart and to cure her neighbors' ills. dePaola's paternal grandparents came to the U.S. from Calabria, which is why he set Strega Nona in southern Italy.

Committee Chairs

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| Club Circuit Manager | Katie Pavalasky |
| SPS Fund Raising | Betsy Vallejo |
| SACAPEX | Joanne Berkowitz Murphy |
| Entertainment & Reception | Ernie Teays |
| Junior Members | Vacant |
| Club Librarian | Joan Clazie |
| Membership | Debbie Jean Hopkins |

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| PRESIDENT: | ERNIE TEAYS | |
| VICE-PRESIDENT: | BETSY VALLEJO | |
| TREASURER: | STEPHEN DREW | |
| SECRETARY: | THOMAS GURO | |
| DIRECTORS: | 3 Year Term Thru 5/2026 | KATHERINE PAVALASKY |
| | 3 Year Term Thru 5/2026 | RICHARD ANDREW KOWALESKI |
| | 2 Year Term Thru 5/2025 | LUTHER MUI |
| | 1 Year Term Thru 5/2024 | MIKE ETTNER |

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**SPS Spring Benefit
Show April 14-15, 2023
Arden Christian Church,**



Left: Stamp Show here! Center: Show Chair Betsy Vallejo selling raffle tickets. Right: Literally mountains of 5-cent stamps!



Left: Our first SPS Show at Arden Christian Church, where we meet each Wednesday. Right: Dealer Ed Dimmick's busy sales area.

Left: Katie and Christine Pavalasky staff the SPS Circuit tables. Right: Stamp Collecting...fun for all ages!!



(Stephen Drew photos)

SPS SPRING STAMP 2023 SHOW SUCCESS!

by Betsy Vallejo, SPS Funding Raising Chair

Our SPS Spring Stamp Show, held on the weekend of April 14 and 15th, 2023, was a resounding success in both attendance and sales! As part of our club fund-raising activities, the show brought in close to 200 people and raised about \$1600; the funds will be added to our General Fund to help pay for our meeting space and public storage unit. We also added many new members and helped generate new interest in the hobby from existing members.

Excitement filled the air as we opened the doors to our first show since “Easter Seals” in our new location at Arden Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 4300 Las Cruces Drive. With seven bourse dealers selling a variety of Worldwide and United States stamps, first day covers, postcards, and philatelic supplies, attendees had many choices for their philatelic shopping pleasure.

A big “Thank You!” to participating dealers in trusting the SPS with your time and effort: RG Stamps and Covers, James Taff, Ed Dimmick Stamps, Tom Guro-Too Many Goods, DB’s Enterprises, Mark Baker Enterprises, and Katie Pavalasky with the SPS Circuit. We heard positive feedback from participating dealers that they enthusiastically welcome another SPS show at our new location!

The “Make an Offer – Club Sales Table” proved to be quite popular as attendees bought up vintage stamp albums, a plethora of stamp/postcard supplies, and stamp catalogs / books / pictures at discount prices. Everyone loves a bargain and SPS delivered with lots of goods for sale.

No show would be complete without our “5 Cent Tables”. Adults and children spent hours of fun searching through thousands of stamps for delightful treasures for their collection. Many people buy the stamps for “topical” collecting, art projects, and to learn about the history of far-away lands. It’s also a fun and inexpensive way to get hands-on experience with the hobby.

With access to a full kitchen, club member volunteers served up delicious snacks and entrees to sell to hungry stamp shoppers. A highlight was Joanne Berkowitz Murphy’s famous lasagna, a long-standing tradition for our stamp club shows. Kudos to the kitchen volunteers who helped keep the food lines short and food hot! Also special thanks to all who donated cash for the food purchases to help offset show expenses!

HUGE KUDOS to all the VOLUNTEERS before, during, and after the show! There are too many names to list here, but in all instances “Many Hands Make Light Work” proved so true: setting up/breaking down tables/chairs, greeters at the door, raffle ticket sellers, kitchen food prep/servers, club sales table, club circuit, clean-up, parking, and security – we couldn’t have done the show without YOU!

Lastly, special thanks to Arden Christian Church Staff for working with us months before the show to accommodate our needs for the hall and kitchen. We had a great experience and are grateful we got to know them better too!

We look forward to hosting the next SPS Spring Stamp Show in 2024!