



Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News

Everett, 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM – 9 PM
Snohomish County PUD
2320 California Street

Edmonds, 3rd Friday, 7 PM – 9 PM
South County Senior Center
220 South Railroad Avenue

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Everett Meeting - Wednesday, March 8th, 7:30 PM

- Featuring **American Philatelic Society circuit books**. APS sent the requested books which include: several USA books, including one devoted to postal stationary. In addition, there are Great Britain, Canada, Portugal, PRC and forerunners, plants and animals, Liberia, Nigeria, French colonies, Fiji, Aitutaki, Peru, Middle East, Japan, Cyprus, and Gibraltar.
- Bring some spending money & as always, bring some Show and Tell items to talk about.

Most meetings also include **show-and-tell**, along with time to **buy and sell** stamps

Edmonds Meeting - Friday, March 17th, 7 PM

- Join us in Edmonds! We always have a nice time visiting and looking through stamps. Bring along your duplicates to sell and trade.
***** Steve L. will bring along the APS circuit books mentioned above.**
- Bring some spending money and also some Show and Tell items to talk about

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Everett 2017 meeting dates at the PUD: (2nd Wednesday of each month)
3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, (Aug BBQ), 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, (Dec dinner)

Edmonds 2017 meeting dates at the South County Senior Center: (on the 3rd - or sometimes 4th - Friday of the month)
3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/23, (none-July), (Aug BBQ), 9/22, 10/20, (none-Nov.), (Dec dinner)

President's Column

Our March meeting in Everett will feature American Philatelic Society circuit books. In 2016, APS circuit books were well-received at two meetings. At each, members bought more than \$400 worth of philatelic gems. At the February meeting this year, I asked members to review the APS list of circuit categories. I informed APS of member preferences and they responded promptly to my order and the books have arrived and will be at the March 8 meeting.

There are several USA books, including one devoted to postal stationary. In addition, there are Great Britain, Canada, Portugal, PRC and forerunners, plants and animals, Liberia, Nigeria, French colonies, Fiji, Aitutaki, Peru, Middle East, Japan, Cyprus, and Gibraltar.

They will also be available for the March 17 meeting in Edmonds. I can make certain books available to members unable to attend either meeting.

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Many members attended the Sno-King Stamp Show February 19 at Savior Hall, on the grounds of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Most people I spoke to liked the site. The lighting was excellent. The church had a staff member on site throughout the show. She was able to adjust the building temperature so that people were comfortable.

As a club, there are several factors we need to discuss with regard to next year's show. As most know, we had to find a new site for the 2017 show because the site we used in 2015 and 2016 was unavailable. Presuming that site is available in 2018, do we want to return there or try another year at Savior Hall?

One factor is cost. At the hotel site we used for two years, the rental was higher. However, we did not have to rent tables or pay insurance. Savior Hall had six-foot tables, which dealers used for backup. However, we had to rent 24 eight-foot tables, where dealers sat their customers. Savior Hall also required us to buy insurance for the one-day event.

Do we want to pick a different Sunday for our show? I learned that certain dealers, who normally come to the Sno-King show, decided to rent tables at a show in Arizona, a show which aspires to be a regional show. Moving our show to early March would create breathing space after GESSPEX and the February Fenwick show.

One thing that went right was the cleanup. We saved \$150 by cleaning the show site ourselves. We made it easier by avoiding clutter in the first place. As we readied to close, club members teamed to make quick work of the floor, as well as the kitchen and bathroom. The church staff member present praised club members for the job we did.

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Our Edmonds meeting spot is evolving into a modern multi-service center with beach access. For years, the Sno-King Stamp Club has met in the Edmonds Senior Center, which occupied a picturesque site on the Edmonds waterfront. That building has provided services to south Snohomish County seniors since the 1960s.

That building is scheduled for demolition and replacement by the Edmonds Waterfront Center. The project's web site announces that groundbreaking will take place this year. However, I was informed by a senior center staff member that groundbreaking will not happen until 2018. This means that this year's third-Friday meeting schedule will not be interrupted.

I am told that between demolition and opening of the Edmonds Waterfront Center, the senior center will occupy an interim location, as yet to be determined. How this will affect our Friday meetings is unknown. Also unknown is whether the club will want to rent space in the new building.

The Edmonds Waterfront Center is, to say the least, visionary. It incorporates a spectacular beach access, something sadly lacking in the current building. It will combine senior center activities with recreational programs serving all ages. Daytime programs will serve mostly seniors. From 4 to 9 p.m., all ages will be served. The new building is designed to boost rentals for weddings and other festive occasions.

According to its web site, the new building will replace an aging edifice with "well-documented structural problems" which have depressed rents and demand. Depressed rents have appeal to organizations such as ours. When our club finds out what the new rents are, we will have to decide whether they are affordable.

The non-profit organization behind the new center has embarked on an ambitious fund-raising effort. It has raised about one-third of the \$12 million target. It helps that some of those involved in the fund-raising have well-known children, among them Sen. Maria Cantwell, "Scary Movie" star Anna Faris and travel writer Rick Steves.

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There are developments in the travails of the Collectors Club of Seattle, which is searching for a new home. For years, it met in a church building in Seattle's Maple Leaf neighborhood. New occupants decided that allowing stamp auctions in the building jeopardized its tax-exempt status. Without warning, they changed the locks, this a day or two before members arrived for the club's monthly auction.

The club was also deprived of access to its massive philatelic library. This library features catalogs, periodicals and reference works, many dating to the early 1900s and some to the 1890s. Included are periodicals devoted to Tongan tin-can mail, Swedish-language magazines devoted to Swedish philately and the semimonthly bulletin of the Trinidad Philatelic Society.

If you visited the library, you might be amazed as the breadth of arcanery (my neologism) found in the club's collection of philatelic literature.

Recently, I assisted in moving the library to a storage site. The club decided it lacks space to save everything. It embarked on a brutal effort to recycle materials no longer of interest to current collectors. This includes catalogs neither current nor classic. Also included are specialty publications so narrow in focus anyone would be hard-pressed to find locals willing to read them.

Inside the church building, about 60 square feet of floor space stacked with literature awaiting its final ride to a recycling center. I salvage some items which might interest certain club members.

Who says philately is a sedentary activity. Between setting up and taking down tables at our stamp show, lifting boxes of Collectors Club literature and my Friday-night volleyball game, I have exercised more than I have any time since last year's flower bed weeding.

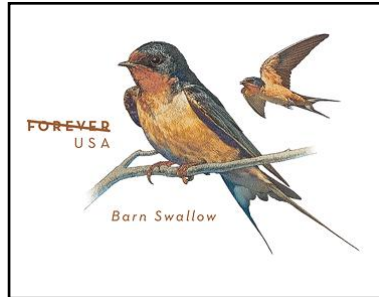
The Collectors Club is looking for space it might reserve for its monthly auction. Its mixture group has held several meetings at the Lake City Library. Ideally, it hopes to rent space in a building which has room for its pared-down library.

USPS - New Issues for March 2017

March 1 **Nebraska Statehood**
LINCOLN, NE



March 3 **Barn Swallow Envelope**
RENO, NV
(AmeriStamp Expo)



March 7 **WPA Posters**
HYDE PARK, NY



March 23 **10¢ Pears**
CLEVELAND, OH
(Garfield-Perry show)



March 31 **Mississippi Statehood**
GULFPORT, MS



Stamp Identifier Series

This is the third installment of a several part series. An online stamp acquaintance of mine created several of these charts which help sort through the different types of stamps of different modern series. He said I could share them as long as I also included a link to his stamp selling store which is:

<https://www.hipstamp.com/store/noernberg-stamps>

I'm hoping our members find the charts useful for some of their modern U.S. definitives. Good Luck with them!

~ Kurt L.

(This one is so common (and annoying?), I'm not even going to waste the space to display a photo)

“Liberty Bell Forever stamp” Identifier

SET	DESCRIPTION	DATE ISSUED	SCOTT CAT#
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Large Microprint, 16mm bell	Liberty Bell Forever	2007	4125
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Large Microprint, 16mm bell, dated 2008	Liberty Bell Forever	2008	4125b
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Large Microprint, 16mm bell, dated 2009	Liberty Bell Forever	2009	4125f
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Small Microprint, 16mm bell	Liberty Bell Forever	2007	4126
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Small Microprint, 16mm bell, Dated 2008	Liberty Bell Forever	2008	4126b
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Small Microprint, 16mm bell, Dated 2009 in Copper	Liberty Bell Forever	2009	4126d
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Medium Microprint, 15mm bell	Liberty Bell Forever	2007	4127
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Medium Microprint, 15mm bell, 2008 date in larger type	Liberty Bell Forever	2008	4127d
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Medium Microprint, 15mm bell, 2008 date in smaller type	Liberty Bell Forever	2008	4127f
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Medium Microprint, 15mm bell, 2009 Date in Copper	Liberty Bell Forever	2009	4127i
Serpentine Die Cut 8, Booklet with Large Microprint, 16mm bell	Liberty Bell Forever	2007	4128
Serpentine Die Cut 8, Booklet with Large Microprint, 16mm bell, 2009 Date	Liberty Bell Forever	2009	4128b
Serpentine Die Cut 11.25x10.75, Booklet with Medium Microprint, 16mm bell, 2009 Date in Copper	Liberty Bell Forever	2010	4437
2009 Year Date	Forever Envelope	2009	U667
Typographed - poor quality print	Forever Envelope	2009	U667a
2011 year date - FOREVER is made of multi-colored dots	Forever Envelope	2011	U667b
2011 year date - FOREVER is made of solid brown color	Forever Envelope	2011	U667c