



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, October 11th, 7:30 PM

- **Dealer Night** – Carol Edholm of Peafowl Philatelics will bring along her wares – possibly something you need in your collection. Will Keith bring topical items or info?
- As always, feel free to 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, October 20th, 7 PM

Buy/Sell/Show/Tell

- Join us in Edmonds! We always have a nice time visiting and looking through stamps.
- Bring along your duplicates to sell and trade.
- Bring some Show and Tell items to talk about.

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Everett 2017 meeting dates at the PUD: (2nd Wednesday of each month)
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)
10/20, (none-Nov.), (Dec dinner)

President's Column

October will feature the second of three Dealer Nights in a row. October's featured dealer will be longtime member Carol Edholm, who does business as Peafowl Philatelics. Carol is a longtime member who, with husband Keith, founded Youth Stamp Collectors, which laudably aimed to promote stamp collecting among tomorrow's adults.

After health issues compelled Carol and Keith to wind down Youth Stamp Collectors, she formed Peafowl Philatelics. Carol rents tables at most regional stamp shows. Often, Keith shares table space in order to promote topical collecting. We hope that the month intervening since SeaPex enabled Carol to replenish her stock. Perhaps, Keith will offer pointers on topical specialties.

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The club will have several items of business on its October agenda. One minor item is selecting a venue for our annual holiday dinner. One option is to return to the V-Star (Chinese) Buffet on SE Everett Mall Way, where we supped last year. If you have suggestions, please be prepared to present pros and cons.

Another item will be the annual Sno-King Stamp Show. Soon, we should select the date and location. Normally, the show takes place on the Sunday during Presidents Day weekend. Are there compelling reasons for selecting another Sunday? Do we want to hold it at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, where this year's show took place?

The major item will be the future of our Friday night meetings at the South Snohomish Senior Center in Edmonds. There are two developments which, in tandem, warrant a reappraisal. The first is that the Snohomish PUD is raising its rates for renting the room we use on the second Wednesday of the month. The second is the imminent demolition of the Edmonds senior center.

Over the years, the Edmonds meetings have evolved. When I joined the club nearly a quarter-century ago, Edmonds meetings took place on the third Wednesday of the month. Given the extensive geographic reach of the club, the Edmonds meetings accommodated members who lived in King County or south Snohomish County. Living in Seattle, I initially attended the Edmonds meetings. Months went by before I met certain members who attended only the Everett meetings.

Some years ago, the Edmonds meetings were moved to Friday and recast as Family Night, in hope that parents and their children would attend and decide to take up philately as a family activity. Over time, it did not work out that way, and attendance has declined.

The collective of non-profit organizations and city governments which operate the Edmonds senior center are planning to demolish the center and replace it with the Edmonds Waterfront Center, which will combine senior and community activities along a breathtaking stretch of Puget Sound beachfront. Groundbreaking is scheduled for 2018. The Waterfront Center is slated to open in 2019.

According to this development's schedule, building permits were to be secured in 2017. Judging by the senior center's website, permits have yet to issue. The project has a fundraising goal of \$11 million. It has

raised about \$5 million. The project believes it has commitments for an additional \$4 million, leaving \$2 million to be raised. Now if one of us donated our collection, that would bridge the gap, right?

I have been told that the senior center would operate in another location while construction is in progress. However, the senior center's website makes no mention of an interim location.

These developments provide an opportunity for reappraising our Edmonds presence. There are options: keep meeting Fridays; meet another weeknight; find another location south of Everett; discontinue the Edmonds meeting entirely.

The Edmonds Waterfront Center promises to be an impressive facility which we expect that rental rates will rise considerably when it officially opens. The website states that the building's dilapidated state has dampened rates. The club could afford increased rates, if attendance was healthy. But, with rates increasing at both locations, we need to take a hard look at what the club can afford.

Any change will require a change in the club's by-laws, meaning that any revision will have to face a vote of club members.

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The Edmonds Waterfront Center aspires to be the spot for weddings. The new center will offer beach access lacking in the current building. Guests can mingle on the tideflat, sip chardonnay and watch the Edmonds ferry come and go. If your inamorata is pressuring you to follow her down the aisle, just ask her to wait until 2019, when she can have her dream wedding with a sumptuous saltwater view.

There is a risk. You might find yourself dialing the Edmonds senior center and asking about its Speed Dating for Seniors program. The Edmonds center once promoting such an event on its website. It no longer does. It probably discovered that seniors seeking one last chance at romance disfavor speed dating.

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SeaPex is behind us, and one story is the theft that wasn't. As Friday's activities wound down, one dealer gathered up all his merchandise displayed under glass and tucked it away for safekeeping. As with the typical dealer, this material was his prize and priciest stock. On Saturday morning, it was missing. He told SeaPex officials he was convinced some thief made off with it.

SeaPex officials assured him that it had security professionals in the show site all night long. The dealer kept looking. Late Saturday, he called Tukwila Police. Police took a report. Who knows what else they could do, outside of checking the mob affiliations of the 133 collectors who signed in Friday.

When SeaPex closed Sunday, the dealer gathered up his unsold material. He opened a stockbook and, viola, discovered the missing stamps. Someone added the values and arrived at a total of \$47,000.

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In September, the American Philatelic Society released an album devoted to United States stamps with a connection to Washington State. There are spaces for stamps which lack a distinctive connection to the Evergreen State, but are part of the regional natural history. Examples include stamps depicting extinct animals which roamed the west coast. There are spaces for some of these stamps in the APS's Oregon album.

There is a space for the Millard Fillmore stamp in the 1938 Presidential series. He is there because he signed the law that created Washington Territory in 1853. There is no space for Benjamin Harrison, who signed the Washington Statehood legislation in 1889.

You can mount your Dennis the Menace stamp in this album. Hank Ketchum, the creator of that comic strip, grew up on Seattle's Queen Anne Hill.

There are spaces for four Washingtonians on the short list of Evergreen State citizens who have been portrayed on US stamps. These are Helene Madison, Edward R. Murrow, Jimi Hendrix and Bing Crosby. The album includes blank pages, just in case they omitted anyone.

Actually, APS did omit two Washingtonians worthy of mention. One is the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, Theodore Roethke, who taught 15 years at the University of Washington. The other is Mildred Bailey, the Big Band era singer who was born near Spokane and who lived in Seattle prior to launching her professional career.

The Mildred Bailey stamp has a notation, "1907-1951," in its margin, this representing what was believed to be her lifespan. Some club members might remember my presentation on this stamp. I presented documents, obtained from a state government digital archive, suggesting this margin entry is in error. Mildred Rinker Bailey was not born in 1907. More likely, she was born in 1900.

These documents included the 1910 federal census, a 1902 tribal census (her mother was a member of the Coeur d'Alene tribe), and a 1918 marriage license (was she really a 10-year-old bride?).

Interestingly, Wikipedia, which for years went with the 1907 birth year, recently amended its entry on Mildred Bailey to state she was born in either 1899 or 1900.

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Like me, you might wonder how the revamped Scott's Postage Stamp Catalog would affect the willingness of public libraries to acquire this resource for its philatelic patrons. It appears that libraries will continue stocking the catalog, but not as many as before.

I am fortunate to live in north Seattle. If I need to use a particular volume, I can review the Seattle Public Library's on-line catalog and find what I need at a library within reasonable driving distance or, as with the Broadview library, within walking distance.

Judging by the on-line catalog, the Seattle library system will have volumes of the 2018 catalog available for checkout at the Greenwood, Ballard, Lake City and West Seattle library. Volumes will be available for use only in the library at the Greenwood, Central, Douglass-Truth, Green Lake and Northeast locations.

King County libraries will make the 2018 catalog at its locations in Kirkland, Redmond, Woodinville and Shoreline. The Sno-Isle library system will hold this catalog available in Edmonds, Marysville, Snohomish and Lynnwood. It has another set at its "service center," which provides no direct library services.

We asked the Everett Library if it stocked "Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalog." Its computer asked us, "Did you mean Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue?" We clicked yes. The computer's next question was, "Did you mean Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalog?" We inferred that catalog or catalogue, the Everett Library does not carry Scott's philatelic references.

We can hope that when the 2019 catalog issues, some of the volumes on the reference shelves will become available for checkout. As for older catalogs, the Seattle Public Library offers aging catalogs for sale at Friends of the Library sales while they still command a decent price.

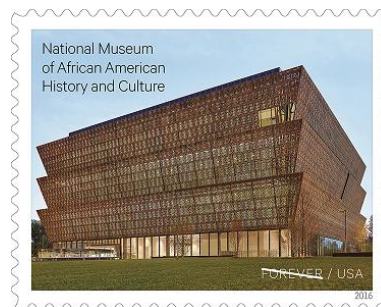
USPS New Issues - October

October 4 "The Snowy Day"
BROOKLYN, NY



October 5 Christmas Carols - Holiday Contemporary
NEW YORK, NY

October 13 Museum of African American Culture
WASHINGTON, DC



October 20 History of Hockey
DETROIT, MI
(stamp design not yet announced)

2017 / 2018 Upcoming Shows

(and of course not listed, the date-yet-to-be-set “Sno-King Stamp Show”
possibly in Mid-February?)

6-Oct	7-Oct		Utah Fall Show (Utah Philatelic Society)	Salt Lake City, UT	Bourse
6-Oct	7-Oct	8-Oct	WINEPEX (Redwood Empire Collectors Club)	San Rafael, CA	Show
	7-Oct		<i>Roundup Stamp Show (Olympia Philatelic Society)</i>	Chehalis, WA	Bourse
		8-Oct	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
13-Oct	14-Oct	15-Oct	SESCAL (Fed. Phil. Clubs of S. California) (WSP)	Ontario, CA	Show
	21-Oct		<i>Umqua Valley Stampfest & Coin Show</i>	Roseburg, OR	Bourse
27-Oct	28-Oct		United Nations Expo 17 (UNPI) (WSP)	Bellefonte, PA	Show
	28-Oct	29-Oct	East Bay Collectors Club Annual Show	Walnut Creek, CA	Show
	4-Nov	5-Nov	SACAPEX (Sacramento Philatelic Society)	Sacramento, CA	Show
	11-Nov	12-Nov	Filatelic Fiesta (San Jose Stamp Club) (WSP)	San Jose, CA	Show
17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov	CHICAGOPEX (Chicago Philatelic Society) (WSP)	Itasca, IL	Show
	25-Nov		<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	2-Dec	3-Dec	PENPEX (Sequoia Stamp Club)	Redwood City, CA	Show
		10-Dec	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
		11-Feb	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
16-Feb	17-Feb	18-Feb	ARIPEX (Arizona Fed. of Stamp Clubs) (WSP)	Mesa, AZ	Show
23-Feb	24-Feb	25-Feb	APS AmeriStamp Expo (WSP)	Birmingham, AL	Show
	3-Mar	4-Mar	NOVAPEX (Redding Stamp Club)	Redding, CA	Show
	24-Mar	25-Mar	<i>Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show (WSP)</i>	Edmonton, AB	Show
		8-Apr	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
	14-Apr		<i>John D. Arn Stamp Symposium (NWFSC)</i>	Moses Lake, WA	Education
	14-20 Apr		ISRAEL 2018 International Show	Tel Aviv, Israel	Show
	21-Apr	22-Apr	<i>Spring Bourse (Evergreen Stamp Club)</i>	Kent, WA	Bourse
27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame, CA	Show