



Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News



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Edmonds, (on hold)

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Everett Meeting

Wednesday, **September 13th**, 7:30 PM

- **Country Collections**

Assemble your country collections for sale to other members.

Some will be made from the wealth of material donated to the club in July. Don't forget to bring your list of which countries you're interested in - or just buy something new!.

- **Buy/Sell/Trade per usual**

Most meetings also include **show-and-tell**, along with time to **buy and sell** stamps
[**Edmonds** meetings are on hold until further notice to sort out some how / where / when details]

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Dates for our 2023 meetings (2nd Wednesday at the Everett PUD)

9/13, 10/11, 11/8, (12/13 dinner)

President's Column

Steve LaVergne

Country collections! That will be the emphasis for our **September** meeting, which will take place Wednesday, the 13th. I am asking members to assemble country collections for sale to members. I expect to organize country collections from the wealth of material donated to the club in July. I will also offer country collections from my own duplicates.

So far, sales of material from the donated material have surpassed the \$500 mark, with plenty of good material still available.

September's offerings will not be limited to country collections. Members can still offer sets, singles and collections featuring topics or groups of countries. Just be sure that your lots are attractively priced and be open to negotiation.

If time allows, I will present the feature I had planned for our July meeting. That will describe some sleuthing demonstrating that information of a stamp, with Washington state connections, is in error.

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Thanks to Art Verlinde for hosting the club's annual picnic. He and Marcella McMurtrie worked hard to make the event a success. We had a good turnout and it appeared everybody was able to take part in animated conversation.

Approaching the city of Snohomish, where Art lives, my carload encountered heavy rainfall. Fortunately, sunshine returned in time for the start of the picnic. Members in attendance were able to enjoy one another's company in both the backyard and Art's house.

For a time, some members marveled that I selected a rare rainy day in August for our picnic. I understand that several members who lust after my position as president were mulling impeachment proceedings.



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Speaking of filling high offices, it's not too soon to consider the club's leadership for 2024. Club bylaws call for nominations in October and elections in November. October will arrive sooner than anyone expects.

The club will need some member to accept nomination as vice-president. Terry Ferrell has expressed his desire to step down as vice-president. He agreed to serve this year, provided we find a replacement for 2024. So, talk to some member you think are qualified to serve in that position.

The vice-president presides over meetings when the president is absent. If the president is unable to perform his duties, the vice-president will perform administrative functions. If the president is no longer able to function as such, the vice-president becomes president.

As your president, I have been able to attend all meetings, leaving the vice-president with little to do. However, I have reached a milestone birthday which separates late middle age from old age. So, there is no guarantee I can maintain my current level of commitment.

As long as the president is healthy, the vice-president's main function is to drink toasts to the president's health. I will invite the incoming vice-president to propose projects he can undertake on the club's behalf.

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The upcoming two-day **SEAPEX** bourse (Fri 9/8, Sat 9/9) has its own website, which lists 14 dealers who have rented tables. That website, seapexshow.org, is embedded in the website for the SEAPEX organization which organizes the annual three-day show, which is in hiatus this year.

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Three gilt reproductions of postage stamps were found on the sidewalk outside the Snohomish PUD after our July meeting. Are they yours? If so, I would like to return them to you.

Royal Mail celebrates Paddington Bear's 65th birthday with special stamps

<https://www.euronews.com/culture/2023/08/24/royal-mail-celebrates-paddington-bears-65th-birthday-with-special-stamps>

A set of special stamps are being issued to celebrate 65 years of Paddington Bear.

The marmalade-loving Peruvian bear will feature on six postal stamps taken from Ivor Wood's cartoons, which were originally published in the London Evening News in the late 1970s as the character became a star of the small screen.

Paddington Bear first appeared as a character in Michael Bond's classic 1958 book 'A Bear Called Paddington'. The bear is adopted by the Brown family in London after arriving at the train station he is named after.

In recent times, the ursine has gone on to star in two 2014 and 2017 hit movies, featuring Ben Whishaw as his voice.



This most recent adaptation of the character also famously starred alongside the late Queen Elizabeth II in a comedy sketch marking her platinum jubilee in 2022.

David Gold, director of external affairs and policy at Royal Mail, said: "Paddington continues to bring cheer to generations of

children worldwide. These delightful stamps will brighten up the day of anyone receiving mail with a touch of Paddington's charm."

Rachel Clarke of the Copyrights Group said: "Paddington is a real heritage brand with a modern hero and we are delighted to be partnering with Royal Mail to celebrate 65 years since Michael Bond first introduced us to the beloved bear."

New USPS Stamps for September 2023

September 8 Forever **Piñatas**
ROSWELL, NM 88203



September 19 Forever **Snow Globes**
BRECKENRIDGE CO 80424

September 22 Forever **OSIRIS-REx**
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84199

