



# Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News



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## Everett Meeting

Wednesday, **January 10<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 PM

- **Presentation** “An encore of Dimitris Papitsis’ Greek Hermes Head talk. Featuring his unveiling of his long-awaited tome on Greek Hermes Heads.
- **Buy / Sell / Trade** - OK, you know what this is.

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

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### **Dates for our 2024 meetings (2nd Wednesday at the Everett PUD)**

1/10, 2/14, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14 BBQ, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11 dinner

- COMING SOON -  
**Our Club's Show in Kenmore:**  
**Saturday March 2nd**  
Just weeks away

## President's Column

Steve LaVergne

The Sno-King Stamp Club kicks off the new year with an encore presentation by Dimitris Papitsis. The January meeting will feature his unveiling of his long-awaited tome on Greek Hermes Heads. At nearly 240 pages, this work should offer a wealth of information on these highly collectible classic stamps.

Niko Courtelis, manager of Portland's Uptown Stamp Show, assisted Dimitris with graphics and designed the cover.

Looking ahead, I am tentatively planning for another round of American Philatelic Society circuit books for our February meeting. This could change, especially if some member offers to present a captivating program in February.

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Sad news. Longtime member Dick Johnson died November 8. He was 91. The family will hold a celebration of his life Saturday, January 27, at The Mill in Lake Stevens, the town which was his home during his later years. This event will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dick was born October 25, 1932, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. His father was a Navy medical officer attached to a U.S. Marine Corps occupation force which operated in Haiti from 1915 to 1934. He spent much of his youth in Kitsap County.

After his 1950 graduation from Central Kitsap High School, he joined the Navy, serving from 1951 to 1953. He served aboard a Navy vessel designed to unload troops, tanks and other equipment on low-slope beaches lacking docks. Dick served in Japanese and Korean waters during the final two years of the Korean War.

After discharge, Dick worked in a variety of jobs while attending the University of Washington, studying history and anthropology. He graduated in 1960 and, after obtaining a teaching certificate, taught in the Hood Canal School District. In 1964, he married Marilyn Schmidt. Afterwards, the couple moved to Lake Stevens, where he taught in local schools until his retirement in 1993.

Stamp collecting was but one of many activities that filled his retirement years. He was an avid fly fisherman and took pride in tying his own flies. A joiner, he belonged to a sportsmens group, the Lions Club, the Lake Stevens Community Center. He enjoyed readings, especially World War II history and followed Seattle's sports teams, particularly the Huskies.

His wife, Marilyn, predeceased him. He is survived by his daughter, Carolyn (Chad) Hardy, who tells me a segment of the memorial service will focus on his stamp collection. The family has yet to decide what to do with the collection and may call on club members for ideas.

Dick regularly attended club meetings for years until his health worsened in recent months.

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More sad news. Longtime member Richard Horner informed me recently his wife passed away. Living in Des Moines, Richard is not able to attend club meetings. Those of you who attend SeaPex or the Evergreen show probably encountered Richard at the registration table.

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Remember that electronic magnifier I brought to a recent meeting? Diane Janusch, who donated that device, gifted the club with a carrying case, which simplifies transport. I will bring it to the January meeting.

The club should decide what to do with it. Shall we keep it for regular use at meetings? Shall we sell it to a member? Or do we offer it for sale at the club's March 2 show?

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There is a fresh option for buying stamps over the counter locally. Orcas Island resident Doug McDonald is creating a 300-square foot stamp counter inside a Mount Vernon bookstore. This mart is at 613 West Division, just west of the Skagit River bridge that separates Mount Vernon's urban core from its western regions.

The stamp counter's hours will be from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. McDonald has an arrangement with an area dealer to buy that dealer's stock once the pricier material has been set aside. As a result, McDonald's stock will range from pickbook material to stamps cataloging as much as \$5.

There being no stamp club serving Skagit County, connecting with local collectors will be a challenge. McDonald obtained a list of APS members living in Skagit and neighboring counties and peppered them with introductory emails.

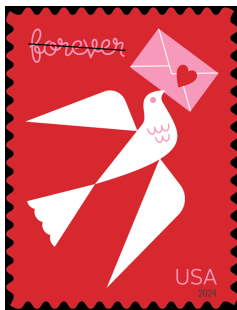
I invited McDonald to appear at a future meeting.

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This illustration is one of several Greek "postcartes" which will be offered for sale at the January meeting. These items are club property, so any proceeds will go to the club treasury.



## New USPS issues for January 2024



January 12 Forever **Love**  
ROMANCE, AR 72136

January 22 **Pillars of Creation**  
(Priority Mail)  
GREENBELT, MD 20770



January 22 **Cosmic Cliffs**  
(Priority Mail Express)  
GREENBELT, MD 20770

January 25 Forever **Lunar New Year: Dragon**  
SEATTLE, WA 98109



January 31 Forever **Constance Baker Motley**  
Black Heritage Series  
NEW YORK, NY 10199