



# Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News



Serving collectors in Snohomish County and north King County since 1960

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



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to go to the club's website

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Online at: <http://sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com/> copies of these newsletters available there, too!

## Everett Meeting Wednesday, **June 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 PM

- Program: **General Buying / Selling session** - Bring your duplicates, have them labeled and priced. Organized stamps sell better. Make sure it shows which catalog you're referencing (esp. If not Scott)

And bring your want lists!

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)

6/12, 7/10, 8/14 BBQ, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11 Holiday Dinner

## President's Column

Steve LaVergne

I hope you remember that high-tech magnifier which was donated to the club by Diane Janusch, widow of former member Dick Janusch. I will bring it to our June meeting in the hope it gets the club closer to deciding what use to make of it.

There are options. One is to bring it to meetings so members can use it to examine the finer details of stamps which defy easy identification. Another is to invite bids from members who want to purchase it.

The ultimate decision will be made by the membership. I have no intention of making a unilateral decision. Nor would I, without a vote of the club, have the elected officers decide.

At our June meeting, we should further discuss what, if any, activity the club should plan for August, a month traditionally reserved for our annual picnic. For reasons aired at the May meeting, it appears unlikely that any member will offer to host this year's picnic.

I encourage members to **bring their better duplicates to June's meeting**. So much the better if your duplicates are organized, such as being filed in red dealer boxes like you see at stamp shows.

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For the first time since I succeeded Larry Mann as club president, I find it necessary to step away from my presidential duties, most likely in July.

Until now, I have been blessed by progressing into old age without suffering the indignities of the aging process. That came to an end in March, when I experienced groin pain. At first, I thought it was a self-correcting muscle pull. I toyed with the notion that I might have a hernia.

X-rays revealed that I have advanced arthritis in my hips. Evidently, this developed over time, but did not cause symptoms until March. Currently, I am scheduled for hip replacement surgery July 2. I do need several medical clearances in order for surgery to proceed.

Assuming surgery takes place on schedule, I will miss the July meeting. Moreover, I won't be able to plan a program for that meeting. In addition, I won't be able to work on the notes for the club newsletter.

My doctor told me I should not be home alone during the week following surgery. I have arranged to spend that week in a relative's home, where I will have access to a caregiver. During this absence, I will not have access to my phone and my e-mail.

Fortunately, my fellow and sister officers are capable, and the club should be in good hands while I am inaccessible.

During a physical therapy evaluation, I was asked to complete a form, which asked me to list my leisure activities. I wrote, "volleyball, philately, bridge." Reviewing the form, the therapist surmised "bridge" referred to the card game. Volleyball she knew. "What's this other thing," she asked, referring to philately.

I had one surreal experience dealing with MyChart, my clinic's on-line tool for exchanging messages with one's medical providers. To access MyChart, I need to provide a one-time security code.

During the sign-in routine, I was asked how I wanted the clinic to send me the security code. I was given only one option—text message.

But, my phone does not have text message capability, I pleaded to a clinic employee. She replied that texting was the only way the clinic communicated the security code.

I reviewed an on-line video which provided a step-by-step description of MyChart. When the video got to the step of requesting the security code, it offered two options: texting and e-mail. I gleefully pointed this out to the clinic. Since then, I have been receiving the security code by e-mail.

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**Demetri Papitsis** revealed that his long-awaited study on Greek Hermes heads is published and available for purchase. The title is "*Large Hermes Heads of Greece – Deciphering these Magnificent Classical Stamps.*"

The hardbound 240-page tome is deemed suitable for readers nine years of age and older. It is offered for sale on Ebay and Amazon for \$99.

Links:

<https://a.co/d/6zRq474>

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/186444462736>

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Congratulations to **Carol Edholm** for winning three awards at the recent PIPEX show for her single-frame exhibit, "Cacao: the Path to Chocolate." The awards were a large vermeil, a one-frame merit award from the American Topical Association and a People's Choice Award.

## New USPS issues for June 2024

June 6 Forever **Carnival Nights**

BILOXI, MS 39530

June 11 Forever **Protect Sea Turtles**

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78401



June 14 Forever **U.S. Flags**

KEYSTONE, SC 57751



June 17 Forever **Horses**

ST. JOSEPH, MO 64501

June 20 Forever **Shaker Design**

PITTSFIELD, MA 01201



June 28 **Duck Stamp - Northern Pintail**

HANOVER, MD 21076



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### Coming increases to USPS Rates - on July 14th, 2024

- The price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp will increase from 68 cents to **73 cents**
- Postcards sent domestically will be **56 cents**, up from 53 cents.
- International postcards and 1-ounce letters will see a 10-cent increase to **\$1.65**.
- The additional-ounce price for single-piece letters increases from 24 cents to **28 cents**.

# French postal service celebrates baguette with scratch-and-sniff stamp

– from FRANCE 24

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20240517-french-post-office-celebrates-baguette-with-scented-stamp>

By:NEWS WIRES

The French Post Office on Friday rolled out a scratch-and-sniff postage stamp to celebrate the world-famous baguette, once described by President Emmanuel Macron as "250 grams of magic and perfection". Issued on: 17/05/2024

But it was unveiled Thursday, the day of Saint-Honore, the patron saint of bakers and pastry chefs, by the French postal service. "The [baguette](#), the bread of our daily lives, the symbol of our [gastronomy](#), the jewel of our [culture](#)", La Poste says on its website.



The stamp, which costs 1.96 euro, depicts a baguette decorated with a blue-white-red ribbon. It has a print run of 594,000 copies. According to the Parisian shop Le Carre d'encre, which sells it, the stamp has a "bakery scent". The ink used on the stamps contains microcapsules which provide the fragrance. "This scent is encapsulated. We buy it from another manufacturer," Damien Lavaud, printer at Philaposte, was quoted as saying by France Bleu."And the difficulty for us is to apply this ink without breaking the capsules, so that the smell can then be released by the customer rubbing on the stamp."

The new stamps went on sale on Friday. The French baguette, one of the abiding symbols of the nation, was given [UNESCO](#) heritage status in 2022.