

Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News



Serving collectors in Snohomish County and north King County since 1960

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



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Everett Meeting
Wednesday, **January 8th, 7:30 PM**

- **APS CIRCUIT BOOKS** - Our meeting will feature 20 circuit books from the APS plus show your interesting finds, admire others' acquisitions, and **buy and sell** so bring along your items for the marketplace.

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

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Meeting dates for 2025 (2nd Wednesday at the Everett PUD)

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

President's Column

Steve LaVergne

Our **January** meeting will feature 20 **circuit books from the American Philatelic Society**. Having screened these books, I am confident the club will reach the \$200 threshold for waiver of the five-percent surcharge.

The club will ask members to add a five-percentage surcharge to their purchases. This will defray mailing costs. Without the waiver, the club would need to assess a ten-percent surcharge.

The circuit books arrived just before Christmas. Here are the areas, with highlights, covered by the books. The typical highlight includes catalog value and asking price.

1. Australian states. Highlight: Queensland 74; \$62.50, \$15
2. German area, overseas offices and colonies. Highlight: six German telegraph stamps
3. United States 268 (3-cent bureau) unused strip of three, \$440, \$125
4. China Sinkiang. Highlight: 128-35 mint; \$37, \$37.50
5. Australia. Highlight: Australia 7; \$50, \$12
6. Netherlands. Highlight: Netherlands 51, \$15, \$3.
7. Peru. Highlight: Peru 112, \$8.75, \$4.35
8. Animals and flowers: Highlight: FSAT C132 MNH, \$13, \$5
9. United States mostly Washington-Franklins. Highlight: USA 527 MNH, \$40, \$30
10. United States mint singles. Highlight: USA 627 (2-cent sesquicentennial) MNH, \$5, \$2
11. German area. Highlight: Bavaria railway stamps
12. United States plate blocks of six. Four blocks of 554c, with different plate numbers
13. French Africa. Highlight: two-plus pages of Somali Coast "France Libre" overprints
14. United States. Highlight: USA 235 (six-cent Columbian), \$25, \$6
15. Great Britain Victorian era. Highlight: GB 73, \$400, \$40
16. New Zealand. Highlight: NZ 85a (lake color variety), \$50, \$20
17. Italy and colonies. Highlight: Italian colonies 27, \$24, \$8.90
18. Baltic nations. Highlight: Lithuania 116-19C (12 stamps) mint, \$15, \$5
19. United States plate blocks of four, 1922 definitives
20. Cuba. Highlight: Cuba 57, \$75, \$25

You read right. The APS member is asking catalog value and more for his Sinkiang set. This is consistent with the prices listed for the other Sinkiang issues. We have noticed that for China stamps, dealers are charging more than their customary percentages of catalog value.

More dealers seem to notice that the Scott catalog states that postally used PRC stamps are worth just as much as mint varieties and are pricing such material accordingly.

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This is a story of a porch pirate turned Christmas elf. In early December, I arrived home to find an e-mail from UPS, informing me it had delivered some album pages I ordered. UPS attached a photo showing the package leaning against the porch.

When I checked the porch, the parcel was nowhere to be seen. Obviously, I was the latest victim of Seattle's plague of porch pirates. Judging by photo, the package was visible to anyone cruising the street.

The thief must have been dismayed when he opened the package and discovered that the contents were of no value to the vast majority of Americans who do not collect stamps.

Two days later, I returned from the club's holiday luncheon. I spotted a brown cardboard box with open flaps on my porch. Inside were the purloined album pages. The thief had slipped into my neighborhood and surreptitiously returned his loot.

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Dimitris Papitsis reports that he recently won two prestigious awards for his groundbreaking work on the Hermes head stamps issued by Greece during the 19th century.

In November, he earned a large gold award at the philatelic literature palmares in Chicago. Large gold awards went to the highest level of exhibits entered in the competition, those which scored at least 90 points. The judges were Cheryl Ganz, John Hotchner and Ken Trettin.

The other award was made during Balkanphila, a stamp show which took place in Thessaloniki, Greece.

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There is good news about former member **Alex Hamling**, whom some members will remember for his sporty bow ties. Alex evidently lost his interest in stamps after his wife blind-sided him with a divorce.

His recent Christmas card came with news that he has "joined forces" with a woman who, like him, is a practicing pediatrician, who has a child from a previous relationship.

We wish Alex happiness as he embarks on a new chapter in his life. We also hope that eventually, he rediscovers his fascination with our hobby.

January 2025 USPS new stamp issues

January 14 Forever **Lunar New Year: Snake**
BOSTON, MA 02205



January 17 Forever **Love**
KUTZTOWN, PA 19530



January 21 **Spiral Galaxy - Priority Mail**
BIG SKY, MT 59716

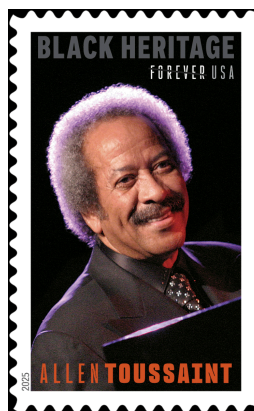


January 21 **Star Cluster \$31.40 - Priority Mail Express**
BIG SKY, MT 59716



January 24 Forever **1794 Compass Rose (Global)**
PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092 (Southeastern Stamp Expo)

January 30 Forever **Allen Toussaint (Black Heritage)**
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70113



And here's the postcard that will go out for our club's upcoming stamp show...

2025 SNO-KING STAMP SHOW



SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

@ KENMORE COMMUNITY CLUB

7304 NE 175th St. KENMORE, WA

FREE ADMISSION: A DEALER BOURSE WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF STAMPS AND COVERS, FREE STAMPS FOR THE YOUTH, CLUB SALES TABLE, AND FREE APPRAISALS Website: search "Sno-King Stamp Club"

<http://sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com/>

Driving Directions:

Take the Bothell exit off of I-405 onto Bothell Way NE. Lake City Way/ Bothell Way from Seattle I-5 (state route 522). Turn south on 73 Ave NE then east on NE 175th St. (The Community Club is one block south of NE Bothell Way and one block east of 73rd Ave NE)

Hopefully everyone can make it to the show. Put it on your calendar now. Plus, we always need club members to fill volunteer spots to make it all happen.