



Columbia Philatelic Society

APS chapter #043067

February 2023 Newsletter

Editor: Jerry Emanuel

Commentary and updates: Welcome to our new meeting facility for 2023! We're at the **Tri-City Leisure Center** located at 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia. (Blossom Street – past Krispy Kreme and the old Love Chevrolet – the road curves to the left. Just before Piggy Park BBQ turn right on Williams Street. At a traffic light make a left on Platt Springs Road, Route 602. Turn right on Brooks Avenue – pass Tip Top Roofing & MOE enterprises car dealership. The Rec Center is about two blocks on the left.) Enter the main entrance.)

From Lexington, West Columbia: Take the Augusta Highway (U.S. 1). Turn right on Dreher Road. Go to Platt Springs Road (Highway 602) and turn right. Turn right on Brooks Avenue. The building opens at 1 p.m., meeting starts at 2 p.m.

The Columbia Philatelic Society welcomed 22 members at our January meeting, plus one visitor, Janet Vollman, who became a member. Thanks to all who ventured out to find our new venue and attend. This is a work in progress and we'll improve as time goes on. Everything will be set up for us and we'll move things around as needed.

I've been in contact with Sandra Mitchell, Bill's wife, since early December when Bill transitioned to a new care center (Saluda Nursing Center) and his declining health. After an operation last month, the biopsied tumor in his liver was found to be malignant and Bill's future lies in the hands of God and his health care team. He's back in the Saluda Nursing Center at this time. An update will be provided Sunday.

Our auctioneer, Lewis Boatwright, is home after surgery and rehab but is receiving home health services. I will see him this week when I secure the stamp show signage and talk with him. I'll report Sunday.

Besides Janet Vollman, we also welcome Mark Newell of Augusta, who joined in November. As of today, we have 51 members.

Dues for 2023 are being collected by Dale Carruth. \$12 annual single person; \$20 family membership. A renewal application is attached to the newsletter. Complete and return it with your dues.

We thank D. C. Locke, who concluded the featured program as he continued his talk on Native American Heritage on stamps, begun at the last meeting. Thanks also go to Bob Anderson for doing the Show and Tell. I'll do the Show & Tell program on my trip to the Southeast Stamp Exposition in Atlanta last month.

Refreshments are needed for March. See Bob Anderson to make your commitment. Your assistance is needed for upcoming meetings. The CPS will cover the first \$30 towards refreshments, so volunteer today.

John Owen



The next meeting will be Sunday, February 12 at the **Tri-City Leisure Center, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia 29169.**



A very Happy Birthday to our three celebrants:
Bill Mitchell (2nd); Alex Haimann (9th) & Joy Hartman (19th).
Congratulations and many, many more.

STAMP SHOW:



Our Winter Stamp and Postcard Show is getting close: February 18-19 at Spring Valley High School. According to Mark Postmus, show director, dealers are responding, with 12 to 13 anticipated. Details will be provided Sunday. If you would like to exhibit, you're encouraged to do so. Show what you collect by created a simple single frame (up to 16 pages) or more. Bob Anderson will be happy to help if you have questions or need assistance. Bob has also created a nice cachet for the show honoring the South Carolina bus drivers in connection with the new 24 cent school bus stamp issued on January 18th. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting for volunteers to sign up for duty at the show's registration desk. We're also expecting support from the USPS who will have a booth in the lobby.



PROGRAMS:

There are many, many stamps with a Native American theme. The Indians in the south-West were noted for their skills in making pottery. These examples are very popular in the western states, particularly in Arizona and New Mexico. These four pots date from the years 1880-1920. The Catawba Indians from the upstate of South Carolina are also known for their pottery making.



“This is the famous Indian Head Stamp from 1877,” D. C Locke said, “these are highly collectible.” This stamp was issued on January 11, 1978. It’s an engraved style stamp and it was unusual because it’s a miniature stamp.



In the latter part of the 1970’s the United States Postal Service began looking for ways to lower production costs and increase their output. They decided one possible way to do that was to make the stamps smaller.



“Tribal groups in the areas of Washington, Oregon and northern California were migrating to Canada and Alaska. These four Stamps were issued September 5, 1980,” he said. This is the fourth in a series of American Folk Art Stamps.

Sequoyah had mixed Cherokee ancestry. “His claim to fame is he took various types of sounds, types of symbolism the Cherokees used and developed it into a written system,” Locke said. The Cherokees were the only Native American



Nation in that area to have a written language. The Cherokee Nation in North Carolina and Georgia, when they moved west, had their own newspaper. This stamp was issued December 27, 1980. Sequoyah used English, Greek and Hebrew symbols as well as Cherokee symbols to create this particular alphabet.



“One of the greatest athletes was American Indian, Jim Thorpe. His heyday was in the early 1900’s. This stamp, issued May 24, 1984, shows him dressed for football, but he excelled in other sports as well,” Locke said. He was predominantly of Sauk and Fox descent with a bit of Irish thrown in. He won the decathlon and Pentathlon at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden. Because the Amateur Athletic Union learned he had played semi-pro baseball, he was forced to return his gold medals.

“Crazy Horse was a very well-known Lakota Sioux warrior,” said Locke. The stamp, issued January 15, 1982, is part of the Great American series. This chief, warrior and leader fought the western expansion of settlers for many years. He also battled the Army enforcing that expansion. After battling Gen. George Cook and forcing the Army to withdraw, he joined forces with Chief Sitting Bull on the banks of the Little Bighorn River and helped annihilate a battalion of soldiers under the command of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. A year later, with his tribe weakened by cold and hunger, Crazy Horse surrendered to Gen. Cook. Confined to Fort Robinson, he was killed in a scuffle with soldiers who were trying to imprison him in the guardhouse.



“This is one of my favorite stamps,” Locke said, “the Eagle feathers represent different achievements, mostly combat victories.”

It’s the 10th in the series of American Folk Art and it represents headdresses of five tribes. “Most of the feathers came from Golden Eagles,” Locke added, “it’s a way of honoring their national culture.”

“Yes, that’s the King of Rock and Roll,” Locke mentioned, “Many people don’t know Elvis was part Cherokee.” The stamp was issued on January 8, 1993 and is part of the Legends of American Music series. In 1992 Americans voted on which Elvis they wanted on a postage stamp. ‘Old Elvis’ won hands down. Twenty-one years later, the stamp is the most popular commemorative stamp of all time.



D. C. Locke



Fred McGary told us of possible problems with buying stamps online, especially at an advertised ½ price. “There are offers on the internet which bear scrutiny,” he said. He googled “Counterfeit stamps” and got some advertisements. “One ad Offered 100 stamps for \$27.50 which is 50% off,” he said, “the company was called USPS Wholesale. One site showed the

USPS logo in the corner and the page looked legitimate, selling postage stamps at ½ price. “Two of the websites had the exact ad with two different addresses in California,” he added. Fred opined that the ½ price stamps don’t have the embedded security impressions and would probably be rejected when they went through sorting machines at the post office. “I wonder why the Postal Service hasn’t done something about them,” he asked.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: Bob Anderson has the program this month: “New York City Postmaster’s Provisionals, 1945.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Southeastern Stamp Expo is the largest show in the southeast, held annually the last full weekend in January at the Atlanta Hilton Northeast Hotel. It was well attended again this year, the 25th anniversary as the World Series of philatelic shows. The United Postal Stationery Society held its gathering there this year and occupied over 80 of the exhibition frames. The exhibits were interesting and fascinating. I had the privilege of posting an exhibit which won a silver-bronze ribbon and medal plus the Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award. I also made a presentation on my collection of the 1901 Pan-American Exposition; 1901-2001, plus managing a Scouts On Stamps Society International table for this topical society.

If you subscribe to multiple stamp organization publications, please save them and bring them to our monthly meeting so others can take them and learn what you already know...because you read these publications. Any philatelic literature is welcomed. Thanks.

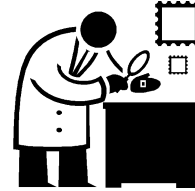
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Orlando, Florida.
Floral Geometry Feb. 24
San Diego, California





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Dues for adults (18 yrs+) are \$12/annum (Jan 1-Dec 31);

Family membership (2 or more) is \$20.00/annum. Pay balance of year when joining anytime during year. All communication of meetings, notices & info are supplied via e-mail. If you do not have e-mail, same will be provided via USPS. CPS meets once monthly: 3rd Sunday each month at the Tri-City Leisure Center, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia, 29169. Point Of Contact: Secretary/Treasurer via John Owen @803-465-7977 or E-mail: johnowensr@gmail.com.

Application & payment can be sent to John W. Owen,
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