



Columbia Philatelic Society

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Commentary and updates: Welcome to February and the month of our winter stamp and postcard show. It sure doesn't feel like winter considering the almost record high temperatures lately. The Columbia Philatelic Society winter stamp show will be the weekend of February 22 – 23 at the Tri-City Leisure Center, the same place we hold our monthly meetings.

We will need plenty of help on Friday, February 21 to set up the gym, put up tables and set up the exhibit frames. We're gathering there at 3 p.m. Since we don't have the student assistance we had at Spring Valley High School, it's up to us to do the work.

The dealers will start coming in around 4 p.m. and they need help in unloading their vehicles and setting up their tables. The same thing will have to be done, in reverse, on Sunday when everyone is packing up to go home, or to the next show. Everything ends at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

We also need some volunteers to spend overnight at the Center Friday and Saturday to make sure everything remains secure. We're saving a lot of money by not hiring professional private security and our overnight presence will prevent the show from losing money.

We're also going to have a table just for the young people. Bob Anderson and Anna Brannin have been working hard on the details. Bob has produced a great beginner stamp album and a lot of you have donated stamps to the cause. All these will be given away to the youth who come to the show. We'll also give them a 'heads up' on how to be a successful collector.

Here's a chance for everyone to exhibit their own collections. You've still got time to put together a display. The frames take 16 pages per frame.

Our regular meeting is February 16. Final preparations for the show will be the main topic. The board of directors are preparing changes to the by-laws which should be presented at the meeting, which, again will be available on Zoom. January's Zoom meeting was successful so watch your email for the password.



Fred McGary



The next meeting will be **Sunday, February 16**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.

A very Happy Birthday to: Alex Haimann (9); Don Hensley (28).

Congratulations and many, many more.



PROGRAMS: REVISITING PAQUEBOTS



“This is just a little bit of geography for U. S. collectors,” said Fred McGary. He said the paquebot is a postal marking or cancellation stamped on mail that was sent from a ship at sea. The mark indicates the mail will be processed by the postal

authorities at the next port of call.

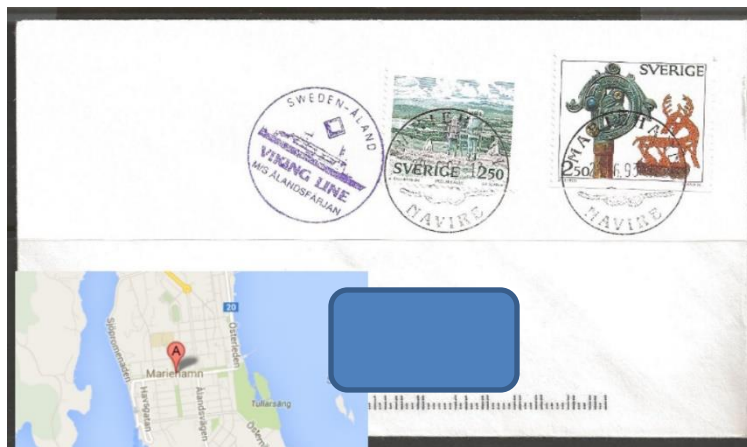
“You can get all kinds of combinations of postmarks and countries you otherwise wouldn’t see,” he said.

Fred added it’s been going on since 1893 and the first ones came out a year later. It was set up back in the days when the ships didn’t have agents in each country and they had to mail stuff back home. This was a way to do that.

“My oldest one (left) with U. S. stamps on it, was mailed from Gibraltar. The ship’s name is in the corner,” Fred said. “The other is from Savannah, Ga. The sender put stamps in multiple places in hopes of getting better postmarks,” he added.



Fred asked if anyone knew where Longyearbyen was. There's a clue in the cancel. "It says 78 degrees and 12 minutes. It's a long way from the equator," Fred mentioned. "It's an island, part of Sweden, way up north, east of Greenland. There's a town of about a couple of thousand people," he added.



"Has anyone heard of the town of Mariehamn? Instead of using the word paquebot, they use navire, which is French for ship or boat."

Fred McGary



"A remarkable opportunity just came up," remarked David Anderson.

He said Smits Philately, a stamp company in Amsterdam, regularly offers collections for sale.

"I've been buying collections from them for about 15 years," he

said, "they give you a picture of every page in the album. He saw an Egyptian collection they were selling which was unique. There were 176 pages of stamps in it.

"What's remarkable about this collection," he said, "is it starts at the very first issue that's mint and used of most of these stamps." He said the catalog value of this collection is between \$5,000 and \$10,000. "I've been looking for this for a long time, around 10 years, and this is the best I've ever seen," he commented. He offered two tips for collectors: "If a great collection comes on the market, buy it, and when talking to dealers, ask if they'll take less than the asking price," he concluded.



David Anderson

Many countries issue stamps commemorating the Chinese New Year.



Two issues from China



United Nations issues



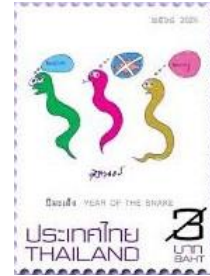
United States



New Zealand



Canada



Thailand



Vietnam

The above stamps are a sampling of worldwide issues.

When you purchase U. S. or Canada Year of the Snake issues this year, you might find they're issued on red envelopes. The two countries did that to symbolically represent the tradition of giving "red envelopes" during the Lunar New Year, which signifies good luck, prosperity and happiness, especially for children and unmarried adults within Chinese culture. The envelopes are called "hongbao" in Chinese.

"There are rules and customs to red envelopes," Rick Miller said, "the notes must be clean and crisp which probably accounts for the long lines at banks. People changing their old, dirty money for new ones."

By issuing stamps on red envelopes, countries like Canada and the U. S. acknowledge the large Chinese populations within their borders while celebrating their cultural traditions.

"Be aware. The dollar amount never includes the number four in any context (4, 40, 44, 400, etc.). The pronunciation of four in Chinese sounds like the word for death, however, amounts including the number eight will bring great luck and prosperity," Rick said.

"One more thing, it's considered poor etiquette to open red envelopes in front of the giver," Rick concluded.

Rick Miller

UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS: **Nashville Philatelic Society Stamp & Postcard**

Show – March 8 – 9 at the Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Avenue, Gallatin, TN.
 Times: Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Philatelic exhibits, stamp and postcard dealers and area stamp club’s information will be at the show.

Morlatton Post Card Club’s 48th annual postcard show is at the Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pa.

Vintage and modern postcards, books and ephemera will be available for sale.

Dates: Friday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: \$3.00.

NEW STAMP ISSUES:



Feb. 21: American Vistas Presorted – San Diego, Ca.

Feb. 28: Appalachian Trail Dawsonville, Georgia

March 13: Fishing Lures Springfield, Missouri

March 14: Vibrant leaves Strongville, Ohio

March 27: Betty White Los Angeles, Ca.

COLUMBIA’S STAMP SHOW: **IT’S HERE!**

Columbia’s semi-annual stamp and postcard show is set for February 22 and 23 at our meeting place, the Tri-City Leisure Center. If you want to exhibit your collection, contact John Owen. Each panel has room for 16 pages of exhibits. We’ll meet at the center Friday at 4 p.m. to set things up.



Voting on our by-laws is coming soon to your email. Look for it.