



Columbia Philatelic Society

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Commentary and updates: While we're putting away the witches, goblins, and spiders, it's time to check the price of turkeys. It's also time for the president to 'pardon' one or two birds. A live turkey had been brought to the White House for *Christmas dinner* and the president's son, Tad convinced his father to spare the bird. I guess Abe Lincoln listened to his son in 1863 and spared the turkey's life. In modern times the *Thanksgiving turkey* was first given a reprieve by President John Kennedy. President Ronald Reagan was the first to use the word, "pardon." We've been pardoning turkeys ever since.



Our banquet will be held Thursday, December 12 at the Ocean View Restaurant, 1000 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce. Dinner is at 6:30. You can sign up and choose your entrée later in this newsletter.

For the past few meetings we talked about putting our gathering on Zoom for those who, for whatever reason, can't get to the Leisure Center. We're concerned it may mean fewer people in person at our meeting, but perhaps more members can participate. We would like your thoughts, pro and con. Email an officer with your response. Thanks.

Our next stamp show is scheduled for February 22 – 23 at the Leisure Center. Many of our regular vendors will be there offering stamps and postcards for collectors. If you know of someone who inherited a collection, they can bring it to the show and have our experts evaluate it. We'll also have a children's table where youngsters new to stamp collecting or those who want to see what it's all about, can get free stamps and stamp paraphernalia. There will also be someone there to encourage them. If you have duplicates of stamps you no longer want or need, bring them to the kid's table and donate them to future philatelists.

Since the beginning of the year eight philatelists have joined our club: Linda Hazlett; Ron Gunzelman; James Lauer, Midge Mirabella; Craig Nodine; Barry Rickman; Erich Schmid and Janet Vollman. We're delighted to have you join us. Some have already taken on responsibilities to help the chapter grow and be successful. Thanks to all of you.

Fred McGary



The next meeting will be **Sunday, November 17**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.



A very Happy Birthday to: Danny Smoake (1); David Crone (17) and Charles Kneisley (27). Congratulations and many, many more.

PROGRAM: “SPOOKY PHILATELY”

“Back in 1974, there was a postage stamp honoring the ‘Legend of Sleepy Hollow,’” said Rick Miller.

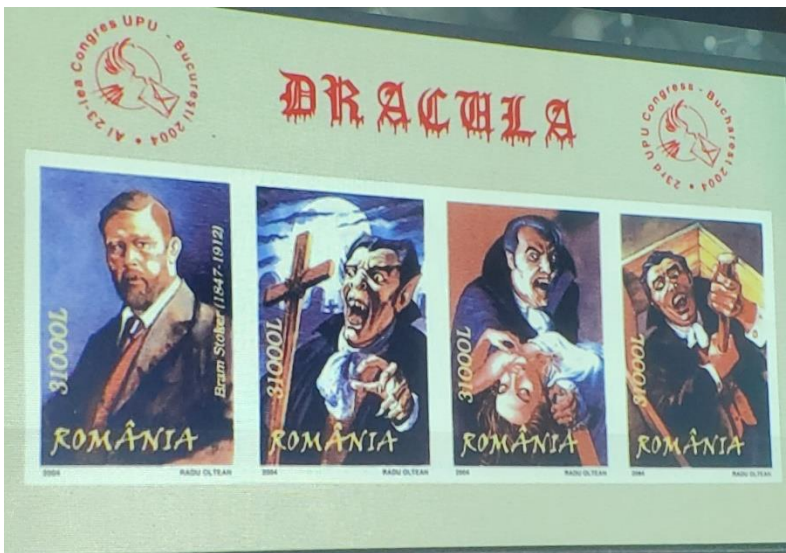


The story was by Washington Irving. In 1798, yellow fever was ravaging New York and Irving took his family to a friend’s home in Tarrytown, N. Y. to escape the disease. That’s where he learned about Sleepy Hollow, the location of one of his more famous

short stories.

“Harry Houdini, born Erich Weiss in Budapest, Hungary March 24, 1874, was one of the greatest escape artists of the early 1900’s,” Miller said. His claim to fame was to escape from being chained or incarcerated in various jail cells. He also challenged death by being placed in a water-filled milk container and sealed within by chains and ropes. It’s said he could hold his breath for more than three and a half minutes. At one exhibition he was handcuffed by the local sheriff and locked in a jail cell. The sheriff told Houdini they would return in a few hours to set him free. Houdini’s reply: “Why wait? I’m coming with you.” He then walked out of the jail cell and handed the sheriff the handcuffs.





Bram Stoker wrote *Dracula* in 1897. due to an illness, Stoker couldn't stand or walk until age seven. He eventually became a great soccer player at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Romania, Stoker's birthplace honored his creation

by issuing these stamps. "Ireland also issued a couple of stamps honoring Abraham Stoker and his creation," Miller added.

His real name was Vlad Tepes or Vlad III. Due to his victories over the Turks when they invaded his Romanian homeland, and because he impaled his enemies on stakes as a warning to other potential enemies, he was also known as Vlad the Impaler. Because of his successes in defending his country against the Ottoman Empire, he was a national hero. "His family name was Dracul and it was suggested Bram Stoker's vampire character was based on Vlad," Miller said.



In 1997, the United States Postal Service issued a 32-cent sheet of 20 stamps depicting the characters of horror: Lon Chaney, Sr. as the Phantom of the Opera; Bela Lugosi as Dracula; Boris Karloff as Frankenstein; Boris Karloff again portraying the Mummy and Lon Chaney, Jr. as the Wolfman.

Rick Miller



“October is Stamp Collecting Month,” said Rick Miller. The eight-cent stamp, Scott # 1474, was issued November 17, 1972. The stamp features a black magnifying glass around a replica of the 1847 five-cent Benjamin Franklin stamp. “The ‘8’ in ‘8c’ is supposed to resemble a vertical infinity sign,” Miller added. The stamp was issued to recognize stamp collecting as an educational and fun hobby, and to respond to requests from collectors for a ‘stamp of their own.’

“The 22-cent stamps are a joint venture with Sweden,” Miller said, “celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Philatelic Society and commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Swedish Post Office.” The United States and Sweden were both celebrating additional stamp anniversaries in 1986 and they collaborated on a joint design. For Sweden, 1986 marked the 100th anniversary of the Swedish Philatelic Society. For America, it was the centennial of the Smithsonian accepting stamps for the National Collection.

“There are many celebrities who collected postage stamps,” Miller mentioned, “including a few listed below.”



HRH Queen Elizabeth II



James Earl Jones (Darth Vader)



Jascha Heifetz Concert Violinist



HRH Prince Rainier (Monaco)



Simon Weisenthal Nazi hunter



Gary Burghoff “Radar” MASH



Sally Ride Astronaut



Charlie Chaplin Actor



Freddie Mercury Singer “Queen”



Amelia Earhart Aviator



James A. Farley Postmaster General



John Lennon Singer/songwriter

Rick Miller



“A couple of weeks ago, I took a cruise to Canada from Boston, up through Quebec City. I saw a couple of things about the mail system of Canada that was very unusual,” said Fred McGary.



We were in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, McGary said, and we were walking around the historical houses on a beautiful afternoon. I noticed a large 24-box mailbox you see at apartment complexes. This, however, was in a neighborhood with large houses. I looked around and there weren't 24 houses on the block. Did they make people walk to their mailboxes?

Five or six days later, McGary continued, we were in Montreal. Out the window of our bus I see these row houses and every one of them had steps to the second floor on the outside of the buildings. At the top of the stairs was a mailbox. Can you imagine the mailperson having to walk up those steps to deliver the mail?

Fred McGary

UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS:

November 15 – 16: Old Dominion Postcard and Paper Show

Brightpoint Community College, CCWA

13101 Route 1, Chester, Virginia 23831

Friday, 10-6; Saturday, 10-5

Donation: \$5 (good both days)

More information: Mike Uzel, 804-720-0937; uzells@comcast.net

January 24 – 26: Southeastern Stamp Expo

Hilton Atlanta Northeast

5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Peachtree Corners, Ga. 30092

Friday and Saturday: 10 – 5:30; Sunday: 10 – 3

20+ dealers; 140 frames of exhibits; Seminars; Awards

Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the U. S. Postal system with Benjamin Franklin as the first Postmaster General.

Admission: \$7 for the weekend, includes 2 raffle tickets

Information: www.sefsc.org

HOW I GOT STARTED:

I've been a member of the Knoxville Philatelic Society since 2012 and have served on the executive board as a director, vice president and then president. I'm a current member of the American Philatelic Society and a fairly serious stamp collector. I've been collecting for about 11 years, after a 60 year hiatus as a Boy Scout in the early 1960's as part of the merit badge activity.



Professionally, I'm an archaeologist, newly retired from being a professor at the University of Tennessee for the past 20 years.

I have strong U. S. and United Kingdom collections and focus on classical stamps from about 25 countries in western Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. I also have an extensive U. S. and United Nations first day and plate block collections, Swiss WWI and WWII soldier stamps and space flight covers.

I use Lindner hinge-less albums almost exclusively. My goal is essentially to fill the holes in the books and learn about the stamps in the process, so I don't attempt to get all the possible varieties. Today, I am Facebook Administrator for the Columbia Philatelic Society along with Michael Williamson. Anna Brannin is our webmaster.

David Anderson

Columbia Philatelic Society Banquet

December 12, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Ocean View Restaurant, 1000 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce
803-791-5700

Put the number of dinners you're ordering in the small box.

Send this sheet, with your check for \$20 per person

(add \$1 per person for broiled instead of fried) to:

Bob Anderson, 4502 Shannon Springs, Rd, Columbia 29206

to secure your reservation.

**RESERVATIONS SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5**



Add \$1 pp for Broiled

Your Name(s):

The picture may not represent the actual meal.



Tilapia
Dinner

Tilapia
Dinner



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Flounder
Dinner

Flounder
Dinner



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Catfish
Dinner

Catfish
Dinner



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White Fish
Dinner

White Fish
Dinner



Your Name(s):

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2-marinated
Chicken breasts

2-marinated
Chicken breasts



Your Name(s):

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Two Pork
Chops

Two Pork
Chops

All entrees come with Ice Tea, soft drink or water.

