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*U.S. Postal Service, left;
Gordon Parks, Library of Congress, right*

Black Heritage: Paul Robeson

The 27th stamp in the Black Heritage series will honor Paul Robeson, who achieved worldwide renown as an actor, singer, activist, and athlete. Robeson is remembered not only for his prodigious talents as a performer, but also for his tireless and uncompromising commitment to civil rights and social justice.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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A TIME FOR RENEWAL

It is a time of renewal for many of us. The holidays are over and we also may have that somewhat “stuffed” feeling. We are sure to be in fine fiddle again. There are different types of renewal as many of our readers know. We also received some sad news that you will read in the next paragraph. However, renewal also means a chance for betterment. Please think of this during our New Year. How might we encourage potential collectors while at the same time aiding existing collectors and groups in this great hobby?

It is with sadness we were informed of the November 29, 2003, passing of Charlie Sweeting, former Federation president and a retired Federation judge. You will read elsewhere in this publication of his involvement in the Empire State Postal History Society and many other activities (*See obituary — Page 22*). He had been fighting off illness from complications arising from an organ transplant for a few years now. His passing marks a transition of the body into a renewal of his spirit. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

SHOW ACTIVITY

The first quarter of the new year will see some show activity. You will note this in the Non-judged Shows & Bourses listings in this issue (*see page 28*) and in the forthcoming March/April issue. John Nunes will be featuring another edition of Covermania and Buffalo Stamp Club will feature a show in March. Neither one is in the central area, but people do travel more than they used to.

Other forthcoming shows include *ROPEX* in June. It is hoped that anyone who desires to exhibit will do so at this event. The prospectus is available from the show personnel as well as online (*See RPA — page 23*). It is too soon to speculate on Leatherstocking's ability to have a show this year. However, they usually do a great job.

We have already chosen the site for the October 2004 federation meeting. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Cover and Stamp Show jointly hosted by the Fort Stanwix and Utica Stamp clubs. Our annual June meeting will likely be held in Rome. A firm decision on this has yet to be made.

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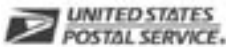
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2004 U.S. New Issues

Jan. 2 Pacific Coral Reef

37¢ sgl., 10 designs, Honolulu, HI

Jan. 13 Year of the Monkey

37¢ sgl., San Francisco, CA

Jan. 14 Love: Candy Hearts

37¢ booklet of 20, Revere, MA

Jan. 20 Paul Robeson

37¢ sgl., Princeton, NJ

Jan. 30 Snowy Egret

37¢ booklet of 20, Norfolk, VA

Mar. 2 Theodor Geisel

“Dr. Seuss”

37¢ sgl., La Jolla, CA

Mar. 4 Garden Bouquet (Wedding)

37¢ booklet of 20, New York, NY

Mar. 4 Garden Botanical (Wedding)

60¢ pane of 20, New York, NY

Mar. ? Columbia University

23¢ postal card, New York, NY

Apr. 1 U.S. Air Force Academy

37¢ sgl., Colorado Springs, CO

Apr. 5 Spencer Tracy

– sgl., Los Angeles, CA

Apr. 13 Henry Mancini

37¢ sgl., Los Angeles, CA

May ? Lewis and Clark

37¢ booklet, two designs, TBA

May ? Lewis and Clark

37¢ sgl., TBA

May ? American

Choreographers

37¢ sgl., 4 designs, New York, NY

May ? Isamu Noguchi

37¢ sgl., 5 designs, Long Island City

May 27 National World

War II Memorial

37¢ sgl., Washington, DC

Spring/ Summer The Art of Disney

– possibly four designs, TBA

Jun. ? Wilma Rudolph

23¢ sgl., TBA

Jun. ? Harriton House

23¢ postal card, Bryn Mawr, PA

Jun. ? 2004 Summer

Olympic Games: Athens

37¢ sgl., Athens, GA, OH, & TX

Jul. 12 R. Buckminster Fuller

37¢ sgl., Stanford, CA

Aug. 2 James Baldwin

37¢ sgl., New York, NY

Aug. 12 “Magnolia” by

Heade

37¢ booklet of 20, Sacramento, CA

Aug. 26 U.S.S. Constellation

37¢ sgl., Baltimore, MD

Sep. ? Art of the American Indian

37¢ sgl., 10 designs, Washington, DC

Sep. ? Sickle Cell Anemia

37¢ sgl., Atlanta, GA

Oct. 1 Cloudscapes

37¢ sgl., 15 designs, TBA

Oct. 14 Holiday Ornaments

37¢ sgl., four designs, New York, NY

Oct. 15 Kwanzaa

37¢ sgl., New York, NY

Oct. 15 Hanukkah

37¢ sgl., New York, NY

Oct. 24 Moss Hart

37¢ sgl., New York, NY

Oct. ? Madonna & Child

by Monaco

37¢ booklet of 20, Washington, DC



2004 Canada New Issues

Jan. 8 Lunar New Year

[Jan. 22]

domestic rate stamp and an international rate souvenir sheet

Jan. 17 Hockey Heroes

six designs

Jan. 30 Children’s

Memorial Hospital

domestic rate

Jan. 30 Tourist Attractions

USA rate, five designs

Mar. 5 University of Sher-

brooke 50th anniversary

domestic rate?

Mar. 16 The Right

Honourable Ramon John

Hnatyshyn

domestic rate?

Mar. 26 Army Cadets 125th

anniversary

domestic rate?

Mar. 31 Toronto Subway

50th anniversary

domestic rate?

Apr. 15 John James

Audubon

domestic rate?

May 23 Société

philatélique de Québec

75th anniversary

commemorative envelope

May 28 Samuel Cunard and

Sir Hugh Allen

coincides with ROYAL *2004*

ROYALE, philatelic exhibition in

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Jun. 26 400th anniversary

of French settlement at Île

Ste-Croix

joint Canada and France issue

Sep. 23 Nobel laureates

Michael Smith and

Gerhard Herzberg

domestic rate?, two designs

Oct. 1 Stamp Collecting

domestic rate?, eight designs

Oct. ? Painter Jean-Paul

Lemieux

domestic rate?, set of stamps

Oct. 25 150 years of

Canadian Victoria Cross

domestic rate ?, two designs

? Toronto Santa

Claus parade centennial

domestic rate?

New definitives issued Dec. 20

reflect the January rate in-

crease: 49¢ domestic values

(flag, maple leaf, Queen), U.S.

80¢ rate (maple leaf), and

\$1.40 international rate (maple

leaf). The moose stamp is \$5.

RS Stamp Show

Sunday, March 7
10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Door Prizes • Free Parking • 19 Dealers



RS Stamp Show Dates

May 2, 2004
September 5, 2004
November 7, 2004

e-mail: nunesnook@aol.com

The RS Stamp Show
is at Eagles Club #52
100 Buffalo Road (Rt. 33)
Rochester, NY 14624

From the NYS Thruway Exits 45 or 47, take I-490 to Exit 7A (Rt. 33 East), go 1.7 miles east. The Eagles Club is on the left.

Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show

Central New York's largest philatelic show. Dealers to buy, sell, trade stamps, coins, covers, post cards, paper collectibles.

Sunday, January 25 — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holiday Inn

Thruway Exit 35 — Carrier Circle

2004 Shows at Same Location

April 3-4
September 12
November 13-14

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AN HONOR LONG OVERDUE AND ONE DESERVED

Paul Robeson, singer, actor, athlete, scholar, and civil rights advocate, finally is being honored with a U.S. postage stamp — 28 years after his death. One reason for the long delay undoubtedly was his controversial role as a black activist at a time when segregation was legal and blacks were being lynched by racist mobs.

He rose to prominence in the 1930s, speaking out against racism, in support of labor, and for peace. A 1937 anti-fascist speech in defense of republican Spain defines Robeson's role as an activist: "The artist must elect to fight for Freedom or for Slavery. I have made my choice. I had no alternative."



Gordon Parks

His activities brought Robeson into the cross hairs of the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) during Sen. Joseph McCarthy's Communist witch hunt. Although he advocated socialism, Robeson believed HUAC opposed freedom of expression of those who sought international friendship among nations and peoples. Like many other artists, the accusation was devastating.

Sixty of his concerts were cancelled, and, in 1949, two interracial outdoor concerts in Peekskill were attacked by racist mobs while State Police watched. Robeson responded, "I'm going to sing wherever the people want me to sing ... and I won't be frightened by crosses burning in Peekskill or anywhere else."

The image on the forthcoming stamp reminded me of a series of photographs of Robeson by Gordon Parks in the Farm Security Administration–Office of War Information Collection at the Library of Congress. Parks, who many may recall for his films "Shaft" (1971) and "Shaft's Big Score" (1972), was one of a group of photographers who recorded American life from 1935 to 1944, including the Dust Bowl.

Some 160,000 timeless images were recorded by Parks and 15 other photographers, including Dorothea Lange, Walker Evans, and Arthur Rothstein. While each photographer can stand alone, it is the entire body of work that deserves to be honored by the USPS.

Photo by Chester Higgins, Jr., *New York Times*

200 Attend SYRAPEX 2003

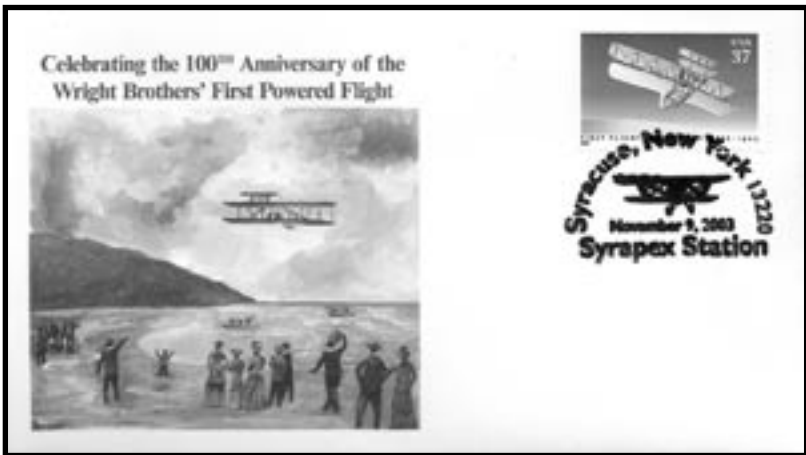
By Lynn Goodfellow

Syracuse Stamp Club's SYRAPEX 2003 on November 8 and 9 was an overwhelming success due to a great group of volunteers who helped share the responsibilities. Many new club members took the initiative to join in, which gives the club a good experienced group of people to help make future shows as successful as this one was.

The dealers had a very successful weekend, as did the attendees who seemed to enjoy the exhibits, the prices and the quality of material offered for sale by the dealers. Show attendance was estimated at approximately 200.

WINNING EXHIBITS

Fourteen exhibitors presented their pages in 30 frames. The three winning entries were: First place — *Images of Central New York on Stamps* by Jeff Stage; second place — *A History of Postal Items of Spain During the 1930s* by Richard Corcuera; and third place — *Fifteen Individuals Who Helped Shape America's History and Culture* by Judy Rouston. We wished we could offer prizes to all exhibitors, as all were very good and the judging was close.



Show theme was *Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Wright brothers' First Powered Flight*. The cover cachet was drawn by a local artist Alex Carroll of Alex Silk Designs and the cancellation was designed by Donna M. Davis, owner and operator of The Village Scribe of Camillus.

SITE SEEING

<http://www.dukeofurl.com>

Tired of the “paper chase”? Can’t find the information you need? Looking for inspiration for a new collection or exhibit? The answer may be no further away than your computer. Here are a few sites that may pique your interests:

www.1847USA.COM — Online catalogue of U.S. stamps from 1847 to 1950, as well as rates, history, a comprehensive glossary, and much more. Attractive and easy to navigate.

www.ADMINWARE.CA/ADMPHIL.HTM — A Winnipeg-based site mostly devoted to Canadian stamps, but with limited U.S. and U.K. information. Clunky design.

www.AMERICANAIRMAILSOCIETY.ORG — Good basic information for the budding aerophilatelist. Comprehensive list of publications, but no online ordering.

www.CIVILIZATION.CA/CPM/CPME.ASP — A chronology of Canadian postal history tied in with the Canadian Museum of Civilization. An online resource for the “brick and mortar” museum in Gatineau, Quebec — near Ottawa.

www.VIRTUALSTAMPCLUB.COM — Lloyd de Vries’ extensive online philatelic magazine that includes a chat room. Frequently updated.

Please send your favorite sites to: awstark@tds.net



Honoring Veterans

This Veterans’ Day commemorative cover is available for \$1.50 plus a SASE from Postmaster, 135 N. Hamilton St., Painted Post, NY 14870. A Christmas 2003 cover was issued on December 9 and is available for the same price from the postmaster. It is franked with a Holiday Music Makers stamp and has a pictorial cancellation for *Rockin’ Holiday Station*.

New York City Mail Exhibit Wins Grand at STEPEX '03

By Alan Parsons

Nineteenth Century Mail to, from and through New York City — A Survey, an 80-page postal history exhibit by Martin Margulis of Austin, TX, won the Grand Award, as well as gold, at STEPEX '03, the Elmira Stamp Club's 28th annual show at Arnot Mall, Horseheads, on October 17 and 18.

Using folded letter sheets and envelopes carried by land or water from as early as 1804, Margulis' exhibit graphically portrayed the growth and importance of New York City in processing both national and international mail during the nineteenth century.

RESERVE GRAND AND GOLD

Reserve Grand and gold was awarded to Thomas Fortunato's 80-page topical exhibit, *The Diversity of Ceramics*. Fortunato, who resides in Rochester, has combined his knowledge of the subject with exhibiting expertise and an impressive variety of philatelic elements to produce a consistent gold-medal display.

Five gold, nine silver and three bronze medals were awarded by the judges using point scores based on Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies judging sheets. Albert Guenzberger of Guilford, served as Chief Judge, assisted by Ken Lawrence of State College, PA, and Maris Tirums of Albany.

GOLD

In addition to the Grand and Reserve Grand winners, gold medals were awarded to *Mt. Momotombo: Nicaragua 1900-1905*, a traditional exhibit by Richard Cropp of Buffalo; *19th Century Railroad Postal Markings Related to Steuben, Schuyler, Chemung and Tioga Counties NY*, a postal history exhibit by Alan Parsons of Elmira; and *The 3-cent Handcar — Rochester's First Transportation Coil*, an illustrated mail exhibit by Raymond Stone of Rochester.

SILVER

Silver medals were taken by Joseph Christofaro, Rome, for *The Zeppelin Postal Era: A Look at a Decade and a Year — 1928 thru 1939* (aerophilately); Alice Johnson, Rochester, for *A*

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Stamp Camp USA Attracts Nine

By Alan Parsons

For the second time in three years, a one-day Stamp Camp was held in conjunction with STEPEX '03. Nine youth from Chemung County, New York, and Tioga County, Pennsylvania, attended the educational program for children on October 18 in a vacant store area adjacent to the stamp show.

The campers completed a basic philatelic education program and prepared both creative and traditional exhibits using materials supplied by the camp. During the morning and early afternoon they earned "stamp camp cash" to spend at a live auction under the guidance of auctioneer Mike Breed, Elmira Club President.

Camp instructors were Cheryl Edgcomb, *STAMP CAMP USA* Program Coordinator, and volunteer assistants Linda Cox and Beverly Williams. Tom Fortunato of Rochester judged the creative and traditional exhibits and the following awards were presented:

CREATIVE EXHIBITS

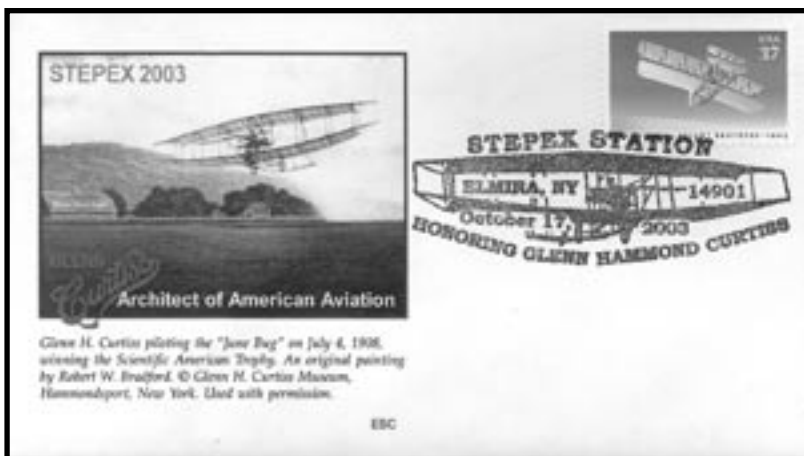
First place: Inga Koch, Elmira Heights, for *Crown of Elizabeth*. Second place: Jonathan Bergman, Horseheads, *American Kestrel* and Elizabeth vonHagn, Elmira, *Flower Garden*. Third place: Mackenzie Hickey, Pine Valley, *A Forest*; Autumn Rose Lester, Pine City, *Flower Tree*; Brittany Wagner, Westfield, PA, *Puppy Love*, Jessica Lockwood, Elkland, PA, *Beautiful Wall of Flowers*; Kasey Williams, Westfield, PA, *Winter Wonderland*; and Erik Koch, Elmira Heights, *The Tree with Hare*.

TRADITIONAL EXHIBITS

Grand Award: Mackenzie Hickey for *Horses*. First place: Elizabeth vonHagn, *Animals*; and Inga Koch, *Stamps for Charity*. Second place: Jessica Lockwood, *Snowmen*; and Brittany Wagner, *Flowers*. Third place, Erik Koch, *Animals*; Kasey Williams, *Flags of the World*; Jonathan Bergman, *Birds*; and Autumn Rose Lester, *Jungle Animals*.

Awards and ribbons were presented to each exhibitor and all campers received a stamp album and several activity and information booklets to assist them in expanding their personal stamp collections. A Certificate of Achievement diploma was given to each participant at the close of the program.

For additional information about *STAMP CAMP USA*, contact the office at 814-326-0810, or write to *STAMP CAMP USA*, 149 East Main St., P.O. Box 377, Knoxville, PA 16928-0377.



STEPEX 2003 Show Cover

The show cover is available from Robert D. Barron, 147 W. Gray St., Apt. 812, Elmira, NY 14901. Cost is \$2, plus a SASE. The cover is nearly sold out.

Stepex '03 Awards — Continued from Page 9

Multitude of Angels (topical); Theodore Imhoff, Corning, for *Esperanto* (topical); Eleanor Steeb, Rochester, for *Everybody Must Get Stoned* (topical); Harold vonHagn, Elmira, for *Pan American Exposition 1901* (topical); Judy Stewart, Elmira, for *The World of Pipe Organs* (topical); Bill Howden, Allegany, for *Collecting Cycles: Motorcycles on Stamps* (topical); Marge Schleining, Buffalo, for *Getting Around: Planes, Trains, Cars & Motorcycles* (topical); and Kelly Armstrong, Rochester, for *Free Mail* (military postal history).

BRONZE

Bronze awards went to Gordon Stratton, Corning, for *Civil War* (topical; also most popular exhibit award); Theodore Imhoff for *Outcasts* (Cinderellas); and Clayton Spangenberg, Horseheads, for *What's So Funny About Stamps?* (display).

Sixteen exhibitors participated at *STEPEX '03* with 19 different exhibits filling 60 16-page frames. Two exhibits were not in competition. The judges awarded medals to all exhibits in competition; one exhibitor received medals for more than one exhibit. All the exhibiting medals were awarded to adult exhibitors. There were no youth exhibits entered at *STEPEX '03*.

Thirty ballots were cast in the competition for most popular exhibit. The voting was spread among fifteen exhibits, with the eight votes cast for Gordon Stratton's *Civil War* giving him a plurality of five votes over the next highest vote total.

Minutes of Federation's October Meeting

A Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. October 12, 2003, at the Beeches Restaurant, Rome, with Vice President John A. Cali presiding. The roll call was read, with 16 clubs present — eight by proxy — and five absent.

ILLNESSES & DEATHS: A memorial note from Hazel Babral reported the death of her husband Ingo Babral on August 14, 2003. A card was issued to send to Hazel expressing the federation's sympathies.

COMMUNICATIONS: The American Revenue Association is seeking a repository for its holdings and has contacted Joe Christofaro on the possibility of the federation being involved. Al Guenzburger cited some concerns, one being whether Rome Historical Society has sufficient capacity to house this quantity of material. Another concern with regard to obtaining materials from this location is supplying a listing (at a nominal fee) of current holdings. A motion was made by Al Guenzburger that Joe Christofaro be authorized to proceed. This was seconded by Leigh LeClair and carried. To cover shipping and handling, the federation will, with a \$100 limit, explore further options. The motion was made by Howard Schlieder and seconded by Joe Christofaro and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Gray reported that the balance in the treasury is \$2,404.43.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

NORTHWEST: Tom Fortunato was absent.

SOUTHWEST: Howard Schlieder said Ithaca is meeting twice a month with an auction on the second meeting. Elmira is holding its own, and has an auction every month and an annual one around Thanksgiving. Ithaca has 15 members and is seeking more. The club advertises, but no one seems to attend. Stepex was to be held October 12–18. The judges were to be headed by Al Guenzburger, Maris Tirums, and Ken Lawrence. Cheryl Edgcomb again was to conduct a Stamp Camp. Joe Christofaro suggested a need for outreach.

EAST: John J. Nunes sent in a report. Program chairs for the Schenectady, Uncle Sam, and the Fort Orange Stamp clubs — Bud Halsey, George McGowan, and Don Van Hosen — with his assistance coordinated speakers for the upcoming monthly and/or biweekly club events. The Glens Falls Club managed its own programs.

Nunes gave eight talks this past year to the clubs of the Tri Cities, including the Women's Seal & Stamp Club of Albany as well as the Pittsfield, Mass., club. The Tri-Club Summer

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Picnic and Auction was hosted by Uncle Sam Stamp Club on August 24 at the home of Phil Hicks after the traditional location, Kristel's Inn, went out of business. Uncle Sam Stamp Club stepped in to fill the void when Schenectady Stamp Club lost its venue.

The Schenectady Club continues to markedly decline in membership with the other two in the Capital District and Glens Falls holding their own. Uncle Sam Club is tiring of producing covers to raise funds and needs new blood to continue what has been successful for it.

The Fort Orange Stamp Club has the largest membership, but other than the biweekly stamp program speakers of note lacks any other activity for cohesiveness and is also in need of young or new active members. The Glens Falls Club is active with Dr. William Hanson at the helm, giving a great program this past year on the New York World's Fair of 1939–1940. The club will hold its annual bourse on April 27 at the VFW Hall in Glens Falls. The clubs do not suffer from lack of funds or programs, just the declining membership and inability to draw the young or closet collectors.

The Capital district continues to be a hotbed of philately with four clubs, three shops, six full time and two part-time dealers, two youth groups, a monthly show, and a group which meets quarterly of 25 serious philatelists called *The Round Lake Philatelic Study and Cider Swilling Club*. The two youth groups which meet biweekly at the Colonie and Loudonville libraries are the source for our future philatelists. Debbie Friedman and Bruce Menia mentor these groups for personal satisfaction and no compensation. The Schenectady Stamp Club, Fort Orange Stamp Club and Nunes' Nook provide supplies, notebooks and stamps to support this activity. Nunes is planning on a penny stamps table at his monthly show so youngsters can afford the bourse while being able to intermingle with older collectors. The clubs welcome other clubs to attend and offer speakers to those clubs which desire a personal rather than slide show venue.

On the subject of redistricting, Nunes continues to advise a northerly and southern extension of existing districts rather than establishing new districts.

SOUTHEAST: Ernie Lewis said he had not visited the clubs so he could not report on them.

SOUTH: Al Guenzburger spoke on his home club of Tri County located in Sidney. June was their end of the year dinner. He further indicated that *CINCOPEX* will not be held this year.

Al mentioned that the Leatherstocking Stamp Club of Cooperstown recently lost its delegate Ingo Babral. No replacement has been made yet. Al further noted that the Chenango Valley group is barely holding on. Its programming goes from month to month. It was

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noted that Community club of Oneida is considered inactive. The club has a library and may consider donating it to the federation archives. It has been six months without a meeting.

CENTRAL: John Cali. There was discussion on Syrapex and also on Ed Bailey's two-day show. There was a question as to whether Saturday or Sunday is better for such shows. Utica Stamp Club is holding its own. Art Baker and Jerry Cunningham were noted as having improved health. They are Utica's president and secretary respectively. Fort

Stanwix is increasing members. It also has changed its programming to slides and auctions. The club is working on a new constitution and bylaws. Dues are now \$2 and \$4, with a family rate of \$10. The club will meet 12 months a year. Utica and Fort Stanwix again were to co-sponsor a Columbus day weekend show on October 9–10.

Joe Christofaro announced that he is opening a stamp and coin shop in Rome. Joe and Ernie Lewis jointly have the business. It will be called Mideastern Galleries, LLC.

NORTH: Pat Rourk was absent.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: The archives/library contains 300 items already catalogued, with 100 remaining to be handled. The system will be able to list them by item, separated by publisher, date, and value. The output and input are very similar. ISBN will have when done a complete listing.

The federation incorporation papers still need to be amended. It is hoped that this will occur soon. There was a motion by Al Guenzburger to authorize the *Stamp Insider* a one-time expenditure of up to \$200. This was seconded by Joe Christofaro. This will allow the purchase of software to make it easier to handle the publication. The editor has a Macintosh vs. a Windows operating system.

STAMP INSIDER: There was \$527.20 balance in the free checking account at Fleet Bank. Payment has been collected from all club subscribers through the January/February 2003 issue with the exception of past due advertising collectibles of \$180: Empire State Numismatic (November/December 2002 ad) for \$45, Oswego Coin and Collectible Show (September/October 2002 ad) for \$45, Thousand Island (May/June 2002 ad) for \$45, and Suburban Stamp and Collectibles for \$45. I have not billed advertisers or clubs yet for March/April or May/June 2003 or the recent September/October 2003 issue. My annual

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A Dual Purpose Cover

This cover, with a cachet featuring the Royal National Lifeboat *Sir Godfrey Baring*, originally was produced by the Association of Essex (UK) Philatelic Societies to be sold as a souvenir of their convention at Clacton-on-Sea on 6 June 1953. The *Sir Godfrey Baring* was a 46' 9" Watson Cabin-class lifeboat built for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in 1950 and stationed at Clacton until 1968, when it was transferred to Wick in Scotland.

However, apparently as an afterthought, an unrecorded number of these envelopes were used as first day covers for Great Britain SG #532-535 (the set of four coronation commemoratives issued by Royal Mail on 3 June 1953). These covers were given an additional cachet that reads "CORONATION FIRST DAY COVER 3rd JUNE 1953" and received a CLACTON-ON-SEA ESSEX 2 double ring cancellation dated 12.30PM / 3 JU / 53."

Daniel A. Piazza / Syracuse Stamp Club

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billing will go out in December 03 following the December/January issue of the *SI*. I have paid the printer and am up to date with him with the exception of the September/October 2003 printing for \$290 which I have just received. Electronically signed 10/05/03 by Dr. John J. Nunes.

NEXT OCTOBER MEETING: The next fall meeting will be during the joint show of the Utica and Fort Stanwix clubs October 9-10. June's meeting may be at the Beeches.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Al Guenzburger and seconded by Howard Schlieder. A silent auction followed the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
John A. Cali, secretary*

ELMIRA STAMP CLUB

Meetings at Bath National Bank Community Room, North Main and First streets, Elmira (use rear entrance). New members and guests are always welcome. Stamp circuit available.



MEETINGS

January 19 — Doors open 7 p.m., meeting at 8, maxi-auction.

February 17 — APS slide program and mini-auction

The club's annual awards banquet on November 15, 2003, at the Crystal House with 38 members and guests was highlighted by a slide talk by Craig Braack, Allegany County Historian, on cemeteries and grave markings. *STEPEX '03* exhibiting awards (*see page 9 for a full report on STEPEX '03*) followed an excellent meal catered by the Crystal House. This was our first visit to The Crystal House, open only for special events, and our social committee gets credit for a good choice.

STEPEX '04 will be Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23.

CONDOLENCES

The club extends condolences to Alex McLeod on the death of his brother, Walter Rhode, November 1, and to parents David and Cindy McCarthy and siblings Mitchell, Josh, Caleb, and Amanda McCarthy on the death of infant Ian Earl Thomas McCarthy November 8.

MEETING NOTES

OCTOBER — 23 attended. New member Jason Erway introduced. Al Parsons thanked *STEPEX* workers and exhibitors and responded to questions and comments during feedback. Mike Breed presented APS slide program *The Division of the Union*. From an auction of 17 lots, seven were sold for \$20.35, earning the club \$2.10 in commissions and netting the consignors \$18.25. *NOVEMBER*—22 attended. President Mike Breed reported on the awards banquet and thanked the committee for a job well done. He then asked those present if they supported doing *STEPEX* again in 2004 and received favorable response. Al Parsons announced availability of a Veterans Day pictorial cancel and cacheted cover at Painted Post and thanked Bill Hackett for his help canceling and selling the covers at the post office in Painted Post on November 10. In an auction of eight lots, six were sold for a total of \$35.75. After subtracting one club lot selling for \$1.50 and \$3.45 in commissions for the club, the sellers netted \$30.80 while the club received \$4.95.

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**EMPIRE STATE
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Ulster County DPO

By Maris Tirums

Postal history collectors are familiar with the acronym DPO, short for “discontinued post office.” Just as the name implies, a DPO is a post office that once existed, but no longer does. The reasons why DPOs have been created are many and varied.



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Probably the largest single historic factor for the creation of DPOs was the introduction and expansion of rural free delivery service in the 1890s. Whereas people who lived in rural areas were compelled to go to a post office to collect their mail before RFD came along, the rural post office lost much of its importance once mail was delivered directly to their homes.

In modern times, DPOs have been created as transportation and roadway systems improved and through cost cutting by the postal administration. If a post office does not do enough business to justify its existence, out it goes, and another DPO is created.

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FINGER LAKES STAMP CLUB

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 14 — *Linn's Stamp Poll* and discussion of the 2004 USPS stamp program

January 28 — Members present their *Most Interesting or Favorite Philatelic Item or Topical Collection*

February 11 — *Swap or Sell: Every Member a Dealer*

February 25 — Member speaker TBA

NEW OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

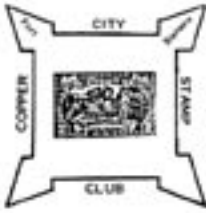
In our recent elections former vice president Les Morse, was elected president for 2004, replacing Barney Bedard, who had held the post for the last two years. John Bourke was selected as the new vice president. Gary Chicoine and Jim Darnell will continue as treasurer and secretary respectively. The club is pleased to welcome two new members. Joining us during the fall were David Himes of Newark and Jim Scriber of Clyde.

COVERS AND POSTMARKS

In October, the club sponsored a special cacheted cover and pictorial postmark celebrating the Village of Newark's Sesquicentennial. Sales at this event pushed our yearly proceeds for cachets and covers to more than \$550, almost double our previous year's total. On December 6, our affiliate, the Newark All-Star Stamp Club for Youth sponsored a *Mail-Early-for-the-Holidays Station* special cancellation at the Farmington and Canandaigua post offices.

Also available were four cacheted covers with special pictorial postmark with each set including two from each post office and four different Music Makers vending machine Christmas stamps. They are still available to collectors for \$6 a set by sending a SASE with 60 cents postage to Gil Lewis, 502 Rt. 88 S., Newark, NY 14513. The youth stamp club will also be producing cachets for 2004's Chinese New Year and Love stamps. Further information about them can be obtained from Gil Lewis at the above address.

See Jim Darnell's Stamp Collector Scramble on next page.



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Kathy Grimes-Przeloriec, Vice President
Roslyn Phillipson, Secretary
Lavinia Tilton, Treasurer

PROGRAMS

- January 8 — Auction
 January 22 — APS program *How To Collect Airmail Covers*
 February 12 — Auction
 February 26 — APS program *Classic U.S. Airmail Covers*
 March 11 — Auction
 March 25 — APS program *United Nations Philately*
 April 8 — Auction
 April 22 — APS program *Airships of the U.S.A.*
 May 13 — Auction
 May 27 — APS program *U.S. Private Die Proprietary Issues*

STAMP COLLECTOR SCRAMBLE

By Jim Darnell / Finger Lakes Stamp Club

The names of the following fictitious stamp collectors have been made by scrambling the letters in some very common philatelic terms. Can you unscramble them to find the hidden one or two word terms?

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Sam Pistole _____ | 7. Carl Pence _____ |
| 2. Fiona Porter _____ | 8. Pietro Frema _____ |
| 3. Neil Rotgut _____ | 9. Gus Archer _____ |
| 4. Minnie Donato _____ | 10. Leigh Hardtop _____ |
| 5. Ervin Port _____ | 11. Pattie Shill _____ |
| 6. Tom Putnams _____ | 12. Ed Garven _____ |
| | 13. Stephan Migs _____ |

ANSWERS TO STAMP COLLECTOR SCRAMBLE

1. semipostal; 2. perforation; 3. rouletting; 4. denomination; 5. overprint; 6. stamp mount; 7. precancel; 8. imperforate; 9. surcharge; 10. lithographed; 11. philatelist; 12. engraved; 13. stamp hinge.

FULTON STAMP CLUB

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Norman Merrill, Vice President
John A. Cali, Secretary
Penny Schneider, Treasurer*



Steamboat News

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NEW ADVENTURE

The Fulton Stamp Club expects to assist on a rather new adventure. President Tom Schneider hopes to found a new group through his employment. Time and patience will tell how successful he will be. One thing for sure is that the club members will support his endeavors.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

This is being written at a time when Thanksgiving has passed and Christmas is less than a month away. However, the members and I do hope that things will work out for all concerned during this New Year.

VIDEO PRESENTATIONS COMING

Video presentations are expected in the coming months. These and other programs will be something the group has not seen in a while. Members will be informed of the titles for the programs as time goes on.

MEETING INFORMATION

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month except July and August in the Hughes Building, 314 Park St. Our January meeting will be held on Jan. 20, while our February get together will be on February 18.

Further information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president at 315-592-9407 or phoning the secretary at 315-592-4441. E-mail: rocket@dreamscape.com

LEATHERSTOCKING STAMP CLUB

*The club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday
of each month at 28 Pioneer Street*



*Bill Samuelson, President
Bernie Wojcik, Vice President
Marilyn Wojcik, Recording Secretary
Peter Craig, Treasurer*

*Albert Keck, Youth Program
Ellen Tillapaugh, Newsletter Editor
Correspondence — Leatherstocking Stamp Club
28 Pioneer St., Cooperstown, NY 13326
E-mail — kuchtill@capital.net*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- January 4 — Holiday party 1–3 p.m. Cooperstown Fire Hall; bring salad or dessert to pass
February 3 — *British Coronation Stamps* by Ellen Tillapaugh
March 2 — APS video *Intro to Stamp Collecting*
April 6 — *Philatelic Travelogue* by Peter Craig
May 4 — TBA
June 1 — APS slide show *Plate Number Coils*

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Leatherstocking Stamp Club met at 7:30 p.m. on October 7, 2003, at 28 Pioneer Street. Present were Al Keck, Peter Craig, Jim Gates, Carl Johansen, Ellen Tillapaugh, Ed Roberts, Daniel Blacksmith, and three guests.

As planned, this was an informational meeting for individuals with questions about their collections. It was quite successful in providing information on first day covers, commemoratives, plate number coils, and luminescent stamps. Several individuals indicated an interest in attending our meetings and learning more about stamp collecting.

Stamp Insider Deadlines Reminder

All copy — editorial and advertising — is due on the first of the month prior to the date of publication.

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Please clip and save this information for future reference. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

OSWEGO STAMP CLUB

Leigh LeClair, President
Matt Roy, Vice President
John A. Cali, Secretary
Matt Roy, Treasurer



Charles Sweeting Dies

Charles Sweeting, Professor Emeritus at SUNY–Oswego, died on November 29 at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. His wife and two daughters were by his side.

After graduating from Auburn High School as an Eagle Scout, he received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the Oswego State Teachers College. He did postgraduate work at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

After graduation, Charles taught automotives/technology at Ilion High School, Trenton (NJ) State College, McGill University in Canada, and SUNY–Oswego, from which he retired after 30 years. He served as Chief Final Judge of the Plymouth Troubleshooting Contest and consultant to the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills contest at the state and national levels for more than 25 years.

Mr. Sweeting was a founding member of Empire State Postal History Society, former president of Oswego Stamp Club, a founding member of the American Philatelic Research Library, and past president and judge of the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies.

While waiting for a heart transplant in 1999, he authored two books, *200 Years of Cayuga County Postal History* and, with his daughter, Heather, *Oswego County Postal History*. He also contributed many articles and columns to various philatelic publications. He was an active researcher in local history and a member of the Sterling Historical Society. He currently was Minetto Town Historian.

He is survived by his wife, Betsy; daughter, Heather Sweeting; daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Greg Kuczawa; two grandchildren, Charles (Chaz) and Ashley Kuczawa; brother and sister James F. Sweeting and Mary Baumes of Auburn; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be sent in memory of Charles Sweeting to the Fair Haven Fire Department, Fair Haven, NY 13064, or the Coalition on (Organ) Donation, 700 N. 4th St., Richmond, VA, 23219.



ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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MEETINGS

Doors open 7 p.m., meeting begins at 7:30.

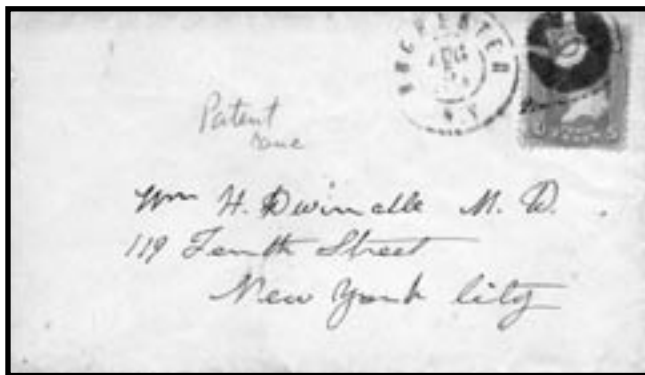
January 8 — Topic TBD

January 21 — Topic TBD

February 12 — Topic TBD

February 22 — *Lighthouses on Stamps* with John Babbitt

WANTED: Your exhibit for *ROPEX 2004!* The show can hold up to 250 frames. Single frame — \$20; multi-frames — \$8 per frame. Contact exhibits chair Ada Prill by e-mail at aprill@rochester.rr.com; fill out the online application at the RPA Web site, or write her at 130 Trafalgar St, Rochester, NY 14619-1224. Exhibits accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



ROCHESTER POSTAL HISTORY

Here is another interesting cover from Rochester.

Cancelled on August 5, 1863, this is an example of the famous patent security punch cancel used between 1862–1863.

Join us for Ropex 2004, June 18-20 at the Webster Community Field House.

See details at: <http://www.geocities.com/rpastamps/ropex.html>

SYRACUSE STAMP CLUB

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first
and third Fridays



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- January 2 — Mini-auction & History Committee report
- January 16 — *My Favorite Stamp or Cover* — members bring a favorite Item
- January 30 — Auction
- February 6 — *Stamp Collecting and the Internet* by Lynn Goodfellow
- February 20 — APS Slide Show — TBA
- March 5 — *STAMPO* game, like Bingo.

SYRAPEX 2003 was a great success. The exhibits were enjoyed by all. Most of the dealers were pleased with attendance and sales. Many stamp club members participated in making the show memorable. (See show report — Page 7)

SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM

We plan to continue with the Senior Center Program for 2004. To date we have met with two Senior Centers and have had moderate interest. I believe that once we follow up with the centers we will generate more interest in this program. Our board will outline goals and share them with our club members in January.

STAMP COLUMN CURTAILED

As our members now know, the stamp column in the *Stars Magazine* that we have enjoyed for close to 20 years has been reduced in content. This decision was made by the upper echelon of the *Post-Standard*.

If we disagree with this decision, we need to contact the *Post-Standard* and explain our displeasure. For additional information please contact, Lynn Goodfellow at 315-458-4719.

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TRI-COUNTY STAMP CLUB

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PROGRAM LINEUP

January 12 — *Post Office Operations and Collectibles*

February 9 — *Linn's Stamp Poll and Show and Tell*

March 15 — *Philatelic Games* by Bob Finnegan

April 19 — *Fascinating Highlights of First Day Cover Collecting*

May 17 — *Youth Stamp Night* (Pending)

June 21 — Picnic or Dinner

GOOD PROGRAMMING

The past several months have been of great interest to club members as the result of some excellent programming shared by Bill Bauer. His *Colorado Travelogue*, an exceptional tribute to the postal history of much of Colorado along with a slide presentation with great visual appeal was source of much enjoyment in October. He followed up with an excellent presentation of the *German Building series* and all the varieties out there in November. The club is extremely fortunate to have such a knowledgeable individual within the membership.

The January meeting will be of great interest to stamp collectors as Kathy Hoy of the Sidney Center post office will present a program dealing with *Post Office Operations and Collectibles*. She will answer questions members may have relative to post office regulations and items of interest dealing with philatelic sales.

SHOW AND TELL

In February the annual *Linn's Stamp Poll* will take place. Members will be able to vote on their most popular philatelic items as well as the most important and least important. Club members will be able to "share the stage" so to speak, as each member is to bring in a philatelic item of interest to them and share it with the group.

The club is awaiting news as to whether there will be a junior stamp club this year so that plans for its May meeting can be formulated.

UNCLE SAM STAMP CLUB

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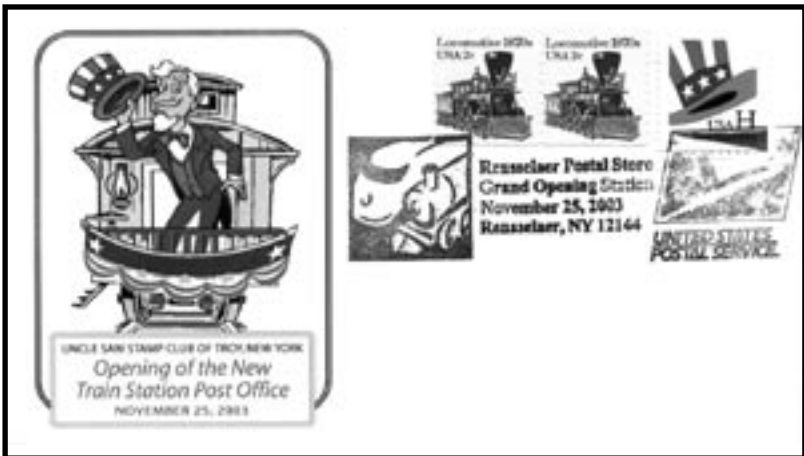
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Phil Hicks & George McGowan, Vice Presidents
John Mangione, Secretary
John Nunes, Treasurer*



TRAIN STATION POST OFFICE CACHETS ISSUED

The club issued seven full color covers for the grand opening of the new Train Station Post Office in Rensselaer on November 25, 2003.

To purchase these covers by mail, send a request to Uncle Sam Stamp Club, Train Station Covers, PO Box 335, Troy, NY 12181-0335. Please specify how many sets you want at \$10 per set. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope with 60 cents in postage or add 60 cents to your payment. Philatelic covers from past events are also available. For more information, contact: Terry Miller, UncleSamTy@aol.com.



The seven cachet designs:

- revenue stamped paper showing old locomotives (two designs)
- photographic collage of current Amtrak trains
- different models (scales) of collectible trains (two designs)
- caboose with Uncle Sam
- collage with different images of trains



UTICA STAMP CLUB

Art Baker, President
Jerome Wagner, Vice President
Wayne Turkowski, Recording Secretary
Jerry Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary
Rick Snow, Treasurer
vacant, Program Chairperson

MEETING PLACE AND TIMES

Club meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the New Hartford Public Library.

BY PONY EXPRESS

The monthly meeting of the Utica Stamp Club was held on November 4, 2003, at the New Hartford Public Library. It was anticipated that a slide program entitled — *Swedish Postal History* — would be presented because of several members' interest in collecting stamps from various Baltic countries. However, a prior showing of the slides suggested that it was not in the club's interest to review them again. The title of the program was not what we anticipated.

BY PONY EXPRESS

In place of this program, club member Jerry Cunningham presented a brief history of the Pony Express Stamp, Scott No. 894, in addition to showing several slides of first day covers produced by many designers and photographers of the era.

The Pony Express lasted only 19 months — from April 1860 to October 1861. Only two recorded covers from the inaugural trip from Sacramento, CA, are known to exist. One of the two recorded covers known to exist was auctioned in 2000 and was expected to realize between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The Post Office Department (USPS) printed 46,497,400 of these stamps.

DINNER MEETING ENDS YEAR

A dinner meeting at a local restaurant concluded another year of success for our club. In addition to the banquet, a slide show from APS — *Cats on Stamps* — was presented.

In closing, on behalf of the club we hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas and happy New Year.

NON-JUDGED SHOWS & BOURSES

ALBANY — JAN. 19

Albany Capital District Stamp Show. Quality Inn, 3 Watervliet Ave. Hours: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. E-mail: nunesnook@aol.com

SYRACUSE — JAN. 25

Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show, Holiday Inn–Carrier Circle, Thruway exit 35. Hours: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Contact Ed Bailey: 315-452-0593.

ALBANY — FEB. 21-22

Cover Mania 6. Quality Inn, 3 Watervliet Ave. Hours: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Thirty-two dealers in post cards, stamps, postal history & ephemera. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. E-mail: nunesnook@aol.com

ST. CATHARINES — JAN. 17-18

55th CATHEX show in Ontario by St. Catharines Stamp Club, Fairview Mall, Geneva St. Hours: Saturday 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. 14 Dealers, club circuits. Bourse.

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The postcard illustrated here was postmarked at a post office which was created after the introduction of RFD was essentially complete, and was discontinued the day before World War II began. The Mapledale post office began service on July 19, 1910 and was discontinued on August 31, 1939.

Mapledale is located in the Ulster County town of Hardenburgh in the western frontier of the County near the Delaware County border. This is a rural area in the midst of the Catskill Mountain preserve, miles from any sizeable populated place. It's a wonder that a post office was ever established there in the first place, and hardly surprising that Mapledale subsequently became a DPO.

When a post office discontinues operating, the people who received their mail from that office are assigned to another nearby post office from which to receive service. When Mapledale closed, service was transferred to Arkville, a nearby community in adjacent Delaware County.



CLUBS & CONTACTS

ADIRONDACK STAMP, POST CARD & EPHEMERA CLUB

Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays most months at 7:30 p.m. at Glens Falls National Bank Community Room.

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BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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CHENANGO VALLEY STAMP CLUB

Meets first Monday of the month at Alana Cultural Center, Colgate University Campus.

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ELMIRA STAMP CLUB

Meets 3rd Tuesday at Community Room, Bath National Bank, North Main and First streets (rear entrance).

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EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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FORT STANWIX STAMP CLUB

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FULTON STAMP CLUB

Meets 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Hughes Building, 314 Park St.

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ITHACA STAMP CLUB

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 7:30:30 p.m. in Room 384, Morrison Hall, on the Cornell University Campus. Parking available in back. Front door locked after 8 p.m.

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LEATHERSTOCKING STAMP CLUB

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OLEAN STAMP CLUB

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OSWEGO STAMP CLUB

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ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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ST. LAWRENCE INTERNATIONAL STAMP CLUB

Meets 1st Thursday at the Massena Library at 7 p.m. and on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. at the Cornwall, Ontario, Library.

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SCHENECTADY STAMP CLUB

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SODUS STAMP CLUB

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SYRACUSE STAMP CLUB

Meets 1st & 3rd Friday at 8:00 p.m. at the Reformed Church of Syracuse.
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TRI-COUNTY STAMP CLUB

Meets the 3rd Monday at 7 p.m. at Sidney Civic Center.
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