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THROWING DOWN THE GAUNTLET

John J. Nunes, in his first column as *FEDERATION* president (on the facing page), and Central District Vice President Heather Sweeting, writing for the Oswego Stamp Club (page 29), have issued powerful challenges and suggestions to help revitalize the *FEDERATION* and its member clubs. *STAMP INSIDER* readers may anticipate a continuing dialogue from both quarters in future issues.

Who will accept these challenges?
Who will take these ideas one step further?
Who will assume roles of leadership?
Will you?

We must break the *Little Red Hen* concept, where “everybody wants to eat the bread,” but nobody wants to help bake it. These officers cannot bring about these needed changes to breathe new life into the hobby on their own, nor should they be expected to do so.

In conversations with at least one former *FEDERATION* club and member organizations that are participating only marginally I have been told candidly that they felt the organization did not offer them enough in return. Revitalization and expansion of the *STAMP INSIDER*, as well as the establishment of a *FEDERATION* research library and offices at the Rome Historical Society are helping to remedy this. The *FEDERATION* still offers speakers and show judges.

What more can you do?

- For starters, one word — recruitment. The every member-get-a-member concept should not be alien. It only requires a small commitment of your time.
- Talk up the hobby. Other clubs and service organizations are always in need of good programs. Try the Chamber of Commerce or Rotary.
- Create a National Stamp Collecting Month display in your local post office or library. Be sure to include your club's name and contact information.
- Offer to write a column for your local newspaper or shopper.
- Volunteer to be a Stamp Collecting Merit Badge advisor for your local Boy Scout troop. Requirements for the badge may be found at <http://www.meritbadge.com>. The Girl Scouts do not offer a similar badge, but have hobbies and collecting badges that could be awarded to stamp collectors.
- Offer to teach an adult education course on philately.

I have done all of the above and found the rewards far exceeded my labors. Most of all: *Share your hobby and have fun!*



PRESIDENT'S VIEWPOINT

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BUILDING THE FUTURE ON A SOLID PAST

As the *FEDERATION*'s new president, I am honored to accept the responsibilities of helping to guide the organization forward. It comforts me to realize that I can draw inspiration from the long list of prestigious philatelists who preceded me. The ideas that gave rise to the *FEDERATION* 64 years ago this past March 17 have inspired a regional movement of cooperative collegiality and sharing of ideals that have been overwhelmingly successful.

SERVICES KEY TO OUR SUCCESS

Our membership, which grew in leaps and bounds through the early 1990s, has declined in the last decade so that today we have active members from 21 clubs. We meet four times a year for a business, educational, social, and goal-setting exchange. Our success comes largely from the services we provide to our clubs, mainly through the *STAMP INSIDER*, speakers for meetings, and information to make member clubs stronger in services they provide. Today we live in a world where personal and professional cooperation is essential for survival with the many competitive diversions to our philatelic avocation.

SENSITIVITY, COMMUNICATION, AND TRUST

Although some claim the hobby is dying, clubs are dinosaurs, and the Internet has more services and information, camaraderie and interactive commonality of interest continues unabated for those of us who care and provide the services. All too often prediction of our demise is a catchword for exploitation and hegemony, but I am pleased to say that the *FEDERATION* has achieved an expression of cooperation rooted in sensitivity, communication, and trust. Our meetings — whether at our quarterly gatherings, at annual board meetings, or during our almost daily electronic communications between board and committee members — are models of civilized interaction, tolerance, and shared teaching for the clubs and their members. In essence, we have a formula for cooperation that works!

While declining membership continues to be a concern, there are compelling arguments to the effect that services are even more in demand. We have an aging population that is growing at an unprecedented rate. Life expectancy never before has been so long. Most are returning to their previous interests in the hobby and require assistance in downsizing. We continue to struggle with the challenge of providing time effective services to this interested population.

Fortunately our sophisticated membership cares and is still interested in knowledge provided by others to grow in the hobby. Challenges remain. Many of our services are

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expensive and inaccessible to those who need or want them. There are severe shortages of good speakers and topics in many regions. I will help to fill that void with our vice presidents' assistance.

Our educational traditions are under siege and suffering serious loss of curricular time and influence in most regions due to the very efficient Web, which actually helps the hobby. There are misunderstandings among officers in many stamp clubs as to the services and support we offer. These are issues that have the attention of the president, regional vice presidents, and committees, and will be our focus this year.

WHAT WE CAN OFFER

We have and will continue to provide topics and speakers for club meetings. We are providing a library for philatelic writers and research in Rome for use by the membership. This service provides links to national and organizational libraries by its mere existence. We are seeking ways through an ambassadorial initiative to attract members from other stamp groups and, of course, we are interacting continuously with other professional communities to maintain our relevance and influence.

These demanding activities that depend solely on the good will and time of our members, but they are activities that are progressing because of the enthusiasm within the *FEDERATION*. And so, our cry from the presidential office is, as always, *come forward and offer your ideas*. We are as progressive as the ideas you give us!

We have a remarkably continuing, strong connection in Tom Fortunato, our Webmaster and *free thinker* and in Al Starkweather our *STAMP INSIDER* editor and *pot stirrer*. Indeed, the goals of the *STAMP INSIDER* and of the *FEDERATION* are very similar, and we have been most fortunate for the opportunity to work closely and productively with Patrick Rourk and John Cali (*FEDERATION* secretary), the previous editors of *STAMP INSIDER*; and John Davis, the previous *STAMP INSIDER* treasurer; and *Silent* Joseph Christofaro who gets things done *backstage*.

THANKS TO MY PREDECESSORS

I would be remiss if I did not express publicly the board's gratitude to the three past presidents — Dr. Louis T. Call, William J. Apel, and Ronald J. Traino. Their contributions have been beyond the usual call of duty, and we are a much stronger organization because of their untiring efforts and mature guidance. We also acknowledge outgoing board members and committees who gave insights and contributions over the last several years that have made us strong and progressive.

Now, as Lou Call steps down from this role, we offer him our most sincere thanks and good wishes. Clearly, the times ahead will continue the traditions of the past and more importantly, we will serve the philatelic community of New York State and its environs!

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Stamp Collector's site was taken down earlier this year following its sale by Krause Publications to Amos Hobby Publications, publisher of *Linn's* and *Scott's*.

Subscribing to *Canadian Stamp News* — www.canadianstampnews.ca — is an easy procedure with a single screen form. For those unwilling to send credit card information online, there is an option to generate a printer friendly form to mail or fax. Links list current content, the text of one column, and the editor's current column. The resources section includes a bulletin board and a reader's survey.

Linn's Stamp News — www.linns.com — offers an extensive site with a full working demo of the online version. Unfortunately the online version is merely a graphic representation of the printed edition with hyperlinks to summon selected page items — far less user friendly than Adobe Acrobat PDF format being used for the *Stamp Insider*. Although *Linn's* approach doesn't require a PDF plug in, navigation is not intuitive and the links are misplaced and sometimes do not work. The balance of *Linn's* site is relatively easy to navigate.

La Posta Publications — www.la-posta.com — publishes *La Posta*, a journal of American postal history, and e-books in PDF format on CD-ROM. The site is limited, but provides a secure way to subscribe and purchase e-books through PayPal. Some article reprints are online, as well as subscribers' auctions.

Mekeel's and Stamps Magazine — www.stampnews.com/frames1.htm — is limited in scope with outdate information. The parent site — www.stampnews.com — is little better, having no link other than subscription information to the its other publication, *U.S. Stamp News*. The entire site is uneven and unprofessional in appearance and difficult to navigate.

Scott's Monthly — www.scottonline.com — is the easiest of the sites to use, including accessing customer service. The online version employs the same clunky approach as *Linn's*. However, it is likely that most subscribers will opt for the printed versions. The ActivePaper® solution Amos Press is using automates production of online content, but apparently offers less selective control than other alternatives.

To be fair to ActivePaper — www.olivesoftware.com — links to major national publications employing the software, including the Washington Post, return pages that are much more accessible than those for the Amos Press publications. An Olive Software spokesman indicated the problem might lie with the files being supplied to them.

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Earle L. Ovington

The 1911 Garden City Pioneer Airmail Flights

By Albert W. Starkweather

Pioneer aviator Earle L. Ovington is best remembered for his mail carrying activities during the nine-day Nassau Boulevard International Aviation Meet at Garden City Estates on Long Island in late September 1911. Flown postcards and covers from the event can be attributed solely to Ovington on only two days — the first and the third. The volume of mail generated necessitated the assistance of other pilots to carry the mail from Garden City to Mineola, some five miles distant.

Significance of the Garden City airmail experiment is that the mail was carried under official sanction of the United States Post Office Department, Ovington having been sworn in as the department's *first aeroplane mail carrier*. He took the oath on Saturday, Sept. 23 shortly before carrying 1,280 postcards and 640 letters, balancing the mail pouch on his lap and dropping it to post office personnel on the ground at Mineola from his Bleriot-style monoplane. From Mineola, the mail was consigned to the regular mail service for forwarding.

The series of flights were by special permission of Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock. However, there was a secondary purpose to the meet — to sell land. Special excursion trains had

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September 23 Card

This card mailed to Germany on Sept. 23, the first day of the meet, was underpaid by three cents. The one-cent green Franklin is imperforate.



Handing Over the Sack

Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock hands the mail sack to Ovington on Sept. 25.

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been arranged with the Long Island Railroad. Timothy L. Woodruff of Brooklyn, who was New York's Lieutenant Governor from 1897–1092, had real estate interests in Garden City. He was the driving force that led to the founding of Adelphi University there in 1896. Also of note was the fact that Woodruff was the manager of the pioneer airport and director of the aviation meet.



Advertising Card Reverse

Doubleday, Page, and Company, the publishing house, produced printed advertising cards for the meet. They generally were flown a day later than the printed date.

That the airmail experiment was a success with the public is evidenced by the fact that 43,247 pieces of mail were carried on the seven days that the weather permitted flying. Flights had to be cancelled on Sept. 29 and Oct. 1. Mail collected for the Sept. 29 flight was held and flown the following day.



The Meet from the Air

Ovington snapped this picture of the meet, a tricky process with one hand on the camera and one on the controls.

On most days when mail was carried Ovington was assisted by several other pilots, including Thomas

O. M. Sopwith, who had declined at first because the task was unpaid; Lt. Henry H. (Hap) Arnold, who became Army Air Forces chief of staff; T. G. (Spuds) Ellyson, the first Navy aviator; Eugene Ely, Thomas DeWitt, Edward Lee Hammond, and Lt. Paul Beck, whose stubborn engine robbed him of the right to carry mail on the first day.

Lt. Beck assisted on Monday, Sept. 25, when Postmaster General Hitchcock accompanied him as a passenger on his first visit to the meet. On the first day, Postal Inspector M. H. Boyle handed the mail to Ovington.

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For the Sept. 23 flight he flew an Indian-powered Queen monoplane copy of his Gnome-powered Bleriot, which he also flew at the meet. Both were designated No. 13. The Indian engine, built in Springfield, Mass., by the legendary motorcycle manufacturer, was such a good copy of the Gnome that the French successfully sued to block its production. However, the Queen, built on Long Island, was much heavier and less maneuverable than the Bleriot.



Queuing Up

Ovington made this picture of a portion of the crowd lining up to view a biplane built by Burgess, the first licensed U.S. aircraft manufacturer. The left most hangar was assigned to Lt. Henry H. (Hap) Arnold. The movie camera to the left of center is labeled Vitagraph Co. of America.

Destruction of the Bleriot by a novice pilot on Sept. 25 forced Ovington to cancel plans to carry mail from New York to Chicago in October 1911. The crash took the life of Dr. Charles B. Clarke, a novice pilot, who had not been unauthorized to use Ovington's plane or take the flight. Ovington soon retired from professional flying at the behest of his wife, the former Shakespearean actress Adelaide Alexander.

Ovington was born in Chicago on Dec. 20, 1879 and received a degree in electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His first position was as an X-ray laboratory assistant to Thomas A. Edison in East Orange, N.J. He was employed briefly by New York Telephone Co. before founding Ovington Manufacturing Co. in 1905 and Ovington Motor Co. in 1908.

He learned to fly at Bleriot's school at Pau, France, in January 1911, flying solo from Pau to Paris on Jan. 13, 1911. On the ship returning Ovington and his aircraft to the United States, he met Adelaide Alexander. The shipboard romance soon blossomed into marriage. Following his brief stint on the aviation meet circuit, he became president of the Curtiss Company in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where flying boats were manufactured.

After moving to Santa Barbara, Calif., in the late 1920s, he became the California distributor for the Laird Swallow airplane designed by Emil Matthew (Matty) Laird and built in Wichita, Kan., serving from 1925–1929. Ovington carried mail between Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz Island, a private resort about 30 miles offshore, from the late 1920s to early 1930s. Until his death at age 56 on July 21, 1936, he also had served as chief duty timer for the National Air Races, flying to the events in his Lockheed Vega.

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Exhortation of Ethan Allen

This 1940 mural in the Ticonderoga post office by Frederick Massa, "The Exhortation of Ethan Allen," depicts Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys after the capture of Fort Ticonderoga from the British in 1775.

WPA Murals Project

By Heather Sweeting

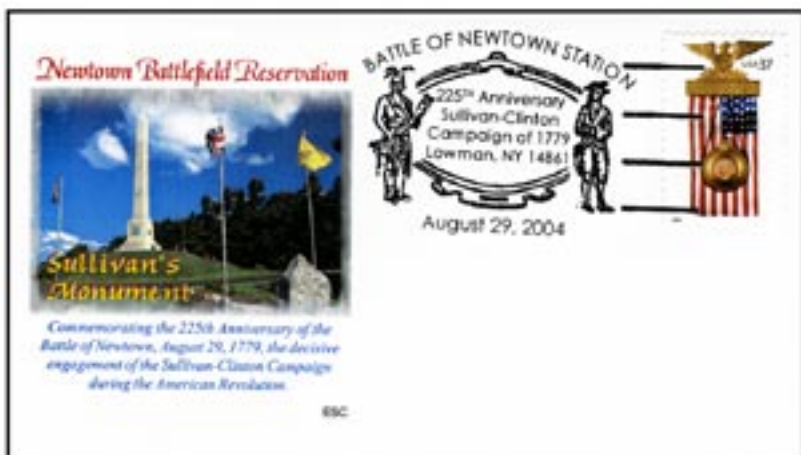
I am compiling a CD-ROM of all surviving murals depicting scenes of everyday life and local history in New York State post offices created during the Depression for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) between 1935 and 1943. Most still exist.

Those living near a mural are encouraged to take a digital or regular photo and pass it along to me. Anyone having additional information or images of murals that have been destroyed are also encouraged to contact me. My e-mail address is hsweetin@twcny.rr.com. The following list by county is of known murals:

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| Depew (Erie) | Garden City (Nassau) | Richfield Springs (Otsego) |
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| Angola (Erie) | Hempstead (Nassau) | Jackson Heights Station (Queens) |
| Lancaster (Erie) | Long Beach (Nassau) | Woodhaven Station (Queens) |
| Orchard Park (Erie) | Nassau (Nassau) 5 murals | |

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Photo by Kama Ingelstrom of Crown Point, NY



Battle Commemoration

Elmira Stamp Club commemorated the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Newtown on Aug. 29 at the reenactment site in Lowman, NY. The cover, which was sold at the battle site, is available by mail for \$2 plus SASE from Robert Barron, 147 West Gray St., Apt. 812, Elmira, NY 14901.

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STEPEX Commemorating 1779 Campaign

STAMP CAMP USA SCHEDULED OCTOBER 23

The 225th anniversary of the 1779 Sullivan-Clinton campaign is the theme of *STEPEX 2004* on Oct. 22 and 23 at the Arnot Mall in Horseheads. Sponsored by Elmira Stamp Club, the show will have a cacheted cover, pictorial cancel depicting an American Indian and a Continental militiaman, and program relating to the role of the campaign in the American Revolution.

The cover and program will depict a monument erected in 1912 at Newtown Battlefield Reservation to memorialize the campaign and its decisive engagement. The Battle of Newtown occurred on Aug. 29, 1779 in an area now known as Lowman, seven miles east of Elmira. The campaign's purpose was to eliminate attacks on frontier settlements by the British, loyalists, and Indians and secure unsettled areas to the north and west for the new republic.

The show will be Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the public area at the west end of the Arnot Mall at exit 51 of Interstate 86 (formerly Rt. 17). Admission is free. This will be the 29th consecutive annual show sponsored by the club at the mall. Its purpose is to bring stamp collecting to the general public. *STEPEX* is an acronym for Southern Tier-Elmira Philatelic EXhibition. There will be 60 exhibits in 16-page frames. The bourse will have 12 to 15 dealers primarily from New York and Pennsylvania.

Stamp Camp USA will be Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in a vacant store area adjacent to the show. The program is a joint effort by the U.S. Postal Service and the American Philatelic Society to introduce stamp collecting to grade school youngsters. Now in its ninth year, *Stamp Camp USA* is coordinated by former Knoxville, PA, Postmaster Cheryl Edgcomb, a lifelong collector and recipient of the APS Kehr Award for outstanding service to youth philately.

A *Stamp Camp* registration form for may be obtained from Edgcomb, P.O. Box 377, Knoxville, PA 16928-0377, telephone 814-326-0810, e-mail stampcampusa@intergate.com, or by contacting Alan Parsons, 809 Holley Rd., Elmira, NY 14905, telephone 607-732-0181, e-mail alatholleyrd@aol.com. Fee is \$15 (family rates available). Registrations close Oct. 15.

The U.S. Postal Service will have a booth for sale of current philatelic products and will provide the pictorial show cancel on a hand-back basis and will be applied to items mailed at the show. Cacheted show envelopes with pictorial cancel may be obtained for \$2 plus a business-sized SASE from Robert Barron, 147 W. Gray St., Apt 812, Elmira, NY 14901.

Collectors wishing to exhibit at *STEPEX '04* should contact Alan Parsons for an exhibitor information and entry form. Frames are free to club members and junior exhibitors; \$4 per frame to others. Club dues are \$5 and membership is open to all collectors. Adult and junior exhibits will be judged by a jury from the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies, and gold, silver, and bronze awards will be made in both categories. There also will be balloting by show visitors for the most popular exhibit. The judges will hold a critique on the afternoon of Oct. 23 for the benefit of exhibitors and anyone else interested in exhibiting.

BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

www.buffalostampclub.org

Contact Richard Cropp, e-mail — bumper@bumperland.com



MEETINGS BEGIN AGAIN ON SEPT. 3

First allow me to dispel the rumors ... It is *not* snowing in Buffalo yet. The weather has not been the greatest but it still has been a passable summer. The days are getting a might bit shorter so it's time to pull out the stamps. Meetings begin here in Buffalo at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 3 at the Leonard VFW post. The first meeting will host our monthly auction — always a great time and a great place to find some fantastic bargains so jump in your chariot and head on over ... everyone is welcome. Meetings will continue on the first (auction night) and third (fun and educational night) Friday of each month for the balance of the next nine months. Directions to the meetings can be found at www.buffalostampclub.org.



On a sad note, this summer we lost a long-time member and a good friend. John Nickel passed away in mid summer. John was a fixture at most of the local shows and most remembered for his nickel stamps. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Thanks John for all you brought to the hobby.

"It's a new catalog of censored covers, but unfortunately the dealer deleted all the important information with black Magic Marker."

— Ted Hibbard ©2004

CHENANGO VALLEY STAMP CLUB

Contact — Albert Guenzburger
P.O. Box 215, Guilford, NY 13780
607•895•6531



DINNER KICKING OFF CLUB'S NEW YEAR

The Chenango Valley Club will start the year with a dinner at Lewis' Restaurant, junction of routes 12 and 12B, Sherburne, on Sept.15. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m., with a Dutch treat dinner at 6:30.



ELMIRA STAMP CLUB

Meets at Bath National Bank Community Room, North Main and First streets, Elmira (use rear entrance). Doors open at 7 p.m., meeting at 8. Stamp circuit available.

STEPEX HELP NEEDED

Help is needed for *STEPEX '04* at Arnot Mall in Horseheads at 7 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the west mall entrance to bring in and assemble frames, at 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 22 in the west mall to organize, layout, and mount exhibits, and at 6 p.m. on Oct. 23 to take down the show.

SUPER AUCTION RETURNING

The super auction will return at the November meeting. Lot descriptions for the mini-catalogue must be turned in no later than the September meeting. The listing will be distributed at the October meeting and at *STEPEX*. Each lot must have a minimum bid of at least \$5. Prospective sellers and buyers needing the *Rules for Super Auction* may obtain them at meetings or from Dr. Donald R. Dolan, Jr., 169 E. Second St., Corning 14830, telephone 607-962-4701.

NEW JUNIOR MEMBER

Amy Rose Lester of Pine City is a new junior member who collects U.S., India, and Ireland.

SCHEDULE

- Sept. 21 — Auction
- Oct. 19 — Slide program *To Smoke or Not to Smoke-On Stamps*
- Oct. 21 — Work party to set up *Stepex*, 7 p.m., Arnot Mall
- Oct. 22 — *STEPEX* 10 a.m.– 9:30 p.m. (work party 7:30)
- Oct. 23 — *STEPEX* 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; *STAMP CAMP USA*, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. (work party 6)
- Nov. 13 — Awards banquet at the Crystal House, social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7

MEETING NOTES

JUNE — 20 attended. Vice President Don Dolan distributed proposed rules for the Super Auction in November, requesting comments no later than the July meeting. President Mike Breed reminded members of the club's participation in August at the reenactment of the Battle of Newtown in Lowman. Alan Parsons reported on APS and *STAMP CAMP USA* activities and upcoming upstate stamp shows. Following an APS slide show, *Collecting First Day Ceremony Programs*, it was noted that the Postal Service no longer produces such elaborate, individually designed programs.

JULY — 23 attended. Dolan reported only one change in the Rules for Super Auction he distributed in June. A donation to the club by former Elmiran and one-time stamp collector Vinson J. Friedman of 36 commemorative airmail covers from 1928 and 1929 was

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www.esphs.org
Membership information —
John Lange
373 Root Road
Ballston Spa, NY 12020



EMPIRE STATE
POSTAL HISTORY
SOCIETY

FALL MEETING SCHEDULED IN VERONA

Our fall meeting, open to all those interested in New York postal history, will be Sunday, Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. in conjunction with the Central New York Stamp and Cover Show 2004 at Turning Stone Casino, Resort & Conference Center in Verona, just off Thruway exit 33. The meeting will be held in a room adjacent to the show.

In addition to reports on society activities, the meeting will include a talk on an aspect of New York postal history and balloting for the annual Kenneth R. deLisle four-page exhibit award. Four pages of New York postal history by each competing member are arranged for viewing in the meeting room and balloting is open to all those at the meeting.

ESPHS WINS ROPEX COMPETITION

Twenty-three postal history exhibits from six state societies responded to Empire State's invitation to a multi-state postal history exhibiting competition at *ROPEX '04* in Webster on June 18–20.

Empire State filled 33 frames with nine exhibits; Ohio Postal History Society, 27 frames with six exhibits; Vermont Philatelic Society, 20 frames with two exhibits; New Jersey Postal History Society, 14 frames with two exhibits; Maine Philatelic Society, seven frames with two exhibits; and Massachusetts Postal Research Society, eight frames with two exhibits.

By sheer quantity (home field advantage) Empire State won the competition. In scoring based on medal levels alone, ESPHS got 65 points, Ohio 56, New Jersey and Vermont, 20 each, Maine 18, and Massachusetts 15. Empire State thus becomes the first entry on the *Charles H. Sweeting Memorial Award*, a privately donated perpetual award to encourage postal history exhibiting competition between New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the six New England States.

WEBMASTER PRAISED

Last but not least in this month's page: Visit the society's website, www.esphs.org! Webmaster Glenn Estus has done an excellent job describing the society and providing numerous links to other postal history sites. Since it's always a work in progress, he's happy to receive comments and editorial contributions from his viewers.

— Alan Parsons



FINGER LAKES STAMP CLUB

Meetings at Geneva

Les Morse, President — John Bourke, Vice President
Gary Chicoine, Treasurer — James Darnell, Secretary
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315•923•7355 — e-mail — jdarnell@novocon.net

CLUB READY TO RESUME SCHEDULE

Club members are anxious to resume their regular meetings after being *on vacation* in July and August. We are looking forward to swapping our individual summer stamp collecting experiences when again we meet.

We haven't been completely inactive as club. We have been involved in two summer events.

On July 10, some of the club members conducted a special pictorial cancellation celebrating *Peppermint Days* in Lyons.

We also produced a first day of issue cover for the *U.S.S. Constellation* stamp. Limited quantities are still available for \$2 each by sending payment and SASE to Gil Lewis, 502 Rt. 88 S., Newark, NY 14513.



Peppermint Days

FLSC president, Les Morse, left, and newest club member Don Morgan, both of Lyons, conduct a special cancellation in the village park at the Lyons Peppermint Days celebration on July 10.



PROGRAMS

- Sept. 22 — *Sharing Summer Philatelic Experiences*
- Oct. 13 — *Philatelic Scavenger Hunt*
- Oct. 27 — Member speaker TBA



FORT ORANGE STAMP CLUB

P.O. Box 5475

Albany, NY 12205-0475

Don VanHoesen, President — George McGowan, First Vice President
Rick Harringer, Second Vice President — Ray Coco, Treasurer
Maris Tirums, Secretary — mxtirums@hotmail.com

CLUB LISTS PROGRAMS FOR 2004–2005

The club has announced its program schedule for the 2004–2005 year. The club meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays at Bethany Reformed Church Community Center, 760 New Scotland Ave., Albany.

2004 SCHEDULE

- Sept. 14 — *Inverts* by Bob Markovits
- Sept. 28 — Single Page Night
- Oct. 12 — *Fiji* by Steve Gray
- Oct. 26 — *War Covers* by Bob Borden
- Nov. 9 — APS slide show — *Post Office Murals of the 1930s*
- Nov. 17 — Tri-Club auction at Uncle Sam Stamp Club in Troy
- Nov. 23 — *Tax Pairs* by Ray Majors
- Dec. 14 — Holiday banquet

2005 SCHEDULE

- Jan. 11 — *The Consolidated PBY* by George McGowan
- Jan. 25 — *Submarine Mail* by John J. Nunes
- Feb. 8 — TBA by Maris Tirums
- Feb. 22 — TBA by John Lange
- March 8 — *U.S. Stamp Club History* by Herb Trenchard
- March 22 — *Heligoland* by Joe Rudnick
- April 12 — UPSS slide show — *Levitt Cancels*
- April 26 — Spring auction
- May 10 — *Cape Triangles* by Guy Dillaway
- May 24 — Spring banquet
- July 10 — Tri-Club picnic and auction

CONTACT INFORMATION

The club contact is Maris Tirums, P.O. Box 5475, Albany, NY 12205-0475, who may be reached by e-mail at mxtirums@hotmail.com. Telephone is 518-438-1657.

The club will note its 79th birthday on April 9, 2005.



FT. STANWIX STAMP CLUB, INC. OF ROME, NEW YORK

*Steven Stawiarz, President — Joseph Occhipinti, Vice President
Joe Christofaro, Secretary — Lavinia Tilton, Treasurer*

CLUBS GEARING UP FOR CNY SHOW

As you read this, the Fort Stanwix Club and its sister club, the Utica Stamp Club, are gearing up for the Central New York Stamp, Coin & Cover Show 2004 (see advertisement on page 15).

We are producing two different covers to commemorate the show at the Turning Stone Casino and Resort. These covers are what many seem to think are the most beautiful yet and depict two native American related scenes. These covers are \$3 each or two for \$5 and may be ordered by sending a check or money order and a sase to Joseph O. Christofaro, c/o Mideastern Galleries LLC, 607 E. Dominick St., Rome NY 13440.

We need exhibitors for this show. If your club members exhibit or have even thought of exhibiting, this would be a golden opportunity. A prospectus and application are available for exhibitors on request from Christofaro. His telephone numbers are 315-339-1628 (day) and 315-337-9608 (evening).

FORT STANWIX COVER AVAILABLE

Our club also is still taking orders for our 47th annual Aug. 3 Fort Stanwix Day full-color cacheted and special cancel cover. This year's cover is adorned with the architect's vision of what the under-construction Willet Education and Visitor Center will look like when it is completed next summer. The center is adjacent to the Fort Stanwix National Monument, which was dedicated on July 4, 1976.

The cover commemorates the siege of Fort Stanwix in 1777 by the British Army. It was during this siege that Gen. Nicholas Herkimer was fatally wounded at the Battle of Oriskany. The famous book and movie adaptation of "Drums Along The Mohawk," written by Boonville resident Walter D. Edmunds, tells this fantastic historical story.

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FULTON STAMP CLUB

P.O. Box 401 — Fulton, NY 13069

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



CLUB EMBARKS ON A NEW YEAR

The Fulton Stamp Club embarks on a new philatelic year when meetings resume at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 22 at in the Hughes Building, 314 Pratt St.

The new season promises many challenges to our membership as we are striving to rebuild the club at a time when unemployment is high. We are seeing a return to some normalcy. The new chocolate company is hiring the former Nestlé employees. However, that does not mean we can just sit back and expect collectors to join us. We are not a priority.

LOOKING TO MANY AREAS

Looking for potential members from our schools is only one area to increase membership. Our focus is likely to be on as many areas of the populace as possible to regain our former status of a solid membership. October is a traditional time to engage in this type of seeking.

Fort Stanwix Stamp Club — Continued from Page 26

Cost for the cover is \$2 or two covers for \$3.50. Send orders to Phil Brown, 400 Mayberry Rd., Rome NY 13440. Please include a sase.

LAVINIA TILTON

We ask that your thoughts and prayers go out for one of our most active members, Lavinia (Vinnie) Tilton, who is experiencing some serious medical problems.

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!

This will be a short insertion this time ... seems the busier we are, the less we have to say! We hope that you all have had a great, healthy, and happy summer and wish you all the same for the fall and coming winter seasons!

WPA — Contd. from Page 18

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LEATHERSTOCKING STAMP CLUB

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

*Bill Samuelson, President — Bill Highfield, Vice President
Peter Craig, Treasurer — Albert Keck, Youth Program*

*Ellen Tillapaugh, Newsletter Editor; e-mail: kuchtill@capital.net
Correspondence — 28 Pioneer St., Cooperstown, NY 13326*

COMMEMORATING BASEBALL'S CENTENNIAL

Roger MacMillan told the story of the 1939 Centennial of Baseball stamp at the August meeting. His article on the 1939 stamp was published in the summer edition of *Memories and Dreams*, official magazine of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, where he is a volunteer.

The stamp is closely linked to the formation of our club in 1934 with the express purpose of promoting a baseball stamp for the centennial celebration. In his article, Dr. MacMillan notes that “on April 19, 1937 ... the Board of Directors of the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution encouraging the federal government to consider issuing a commemorative baseball stamp to coincide with centennial plans in 1939. Two weeks later the Leatherstocking Stamp Club endorsed this resolution.”



The club's charter members formed a committee and contacted Alfred R. Cobbett, a local architect and draftsman, to design covers. He designed the first for National Air Mail Week in May 1938, promoting the baseball centennial. Cobbett also submitted three other designs, one of which was selected by the club and became the official cover of the centennial.

PROGRAMS

Sept. 7 — *Induction Day Covers* by Albert Keck

Oct. 5 — *Carl's 10 Most Unique Covers* and *The Belgian Congo* by Carl Johansen

OSWEGO STAMP CLUB

*Meets the fourth Monday at 6 p.m.
at Faith Heritage Church, 12 Fitzgibbons Drive*

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



MEETINGS RESUME SEPT. 27

The Oswego Stamp club will resume its monthly meetings on Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. The tentative topic will be an APS slide show.

MINETTO ENCOURAGES COVER COLLECTING

Hats off to the Oswego County Town of Minetto for encouraging their residents to start cover collecting! The Minetto Town Board decided to endorse the production of 50 color cachets to be given away to town residents on the first day of their *Magic in Minetto* pictorial cancel on Aug. 7. This is a great way to introduce folk to the fun and enjoyment of cover collecting!

PHILATELIC IDEAS AND A CHALLENGE

Local historical/genealogical groups in your area are a great place to meet and entice new members. See what activities these groups are planning and find out what anniversaries/events are happening in your area. Why not try hosting a joint meeting some night? Ask a local historian for information about post offices in your town or swap some scans of covers from your own collection. You may have a cover or postcard from a famous local person.

If an anniversary event is soon occurring why not design a pictorial cancel? Most postmasters are more than eager to help with this community service. Bring in a sample print out of your proposed cancel at least three months ahead of time to broach the subject. For example, in 2006 it might be neat to have a pictorial cancel featuring the much famed Oswego *Blizzard of '66*. Cachets could be made with pictures from that era or event.

Many local history buffs are happy to have any souvenir or item featuring with the name of their town on it. Most history buffs are collectors by nature. So tap into this tendency. Invite a history buff to a stamp or a postcard show. You might just make some new friends and inspire some new collectors!

Here's a challenge to all *FEDERATION* clubs. Within the next year can each club find a local event and produce a pictorial cancel that is related to a community event/anniversary — not a stamp show? Go for it!

— Heather Sweeting

CANCELLATION NOT ISSUED

The Charles Sweeting memorial cancellation scheduled at the Oswego County Fair on July 3 was not issued because of a U.S. Postal Service error.



ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 10206 – Brighton Station
Rochester, NY 14610-0206

Meets at 12 Corners Presbyterian Church,
1200 South Winton Road

<http://www.geocities.com/rpastamps>
e-mail — jdoles@rochester.rr.com



CLUB'S ANNUAL BANQUET SET

The annual awards banquet will be Sept. 18 at Old Country Buffet, 2255 East Ridge Road (Ridge Culver Plaza). Guest speaker John Babbitt's topic will be the *100th Anniversary of the Wright Brothers*. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$9.50 (\$9 for seniors) at the door.



"Dusty Miller" Bike Rack

RPA members christened the Betty V. "Dusty" Miller Bike Rack at the new APS headquarters in Bellefonte, PA, on Saturday, June 26. The longtime RPA member and avid cyclist died in November 2003.

PROGRAMS

- Sept. 9 — *Question & Answer Session* — Moderator Mark Hull
- Sept. 23 — Visual APS headquarters tour and *What Can the APS Do for You?* by Ada Prill
- Oct. 14 — *Weather & Philately* by Tom Fortunato
- Oct. 28 — *Nauru Postal History* by Robert Stein, of Tonawanda
- Nov. 11 — *Let Us Remember: The Vietnam Wall and Stamps* by John Babbitt
- Nov. 25 — No Meeting
- Dec. 9 — *Definitions in Philately* by Mark Hull and Joe Doles
- Dec. 23 — No Meeting

SCHENECTADY STAMP CLUB

Meets first Monday at 7:30 p.m.
at Union Presbyterian Church, 1068 Park Ave.

Michael Mellnick, President — Steve Gray, Secretary
Dr. John J. Nunes, Treasurer — Ron Ratchford, Historian
Dr. Joseph Y. Rudnick, Librarian.



CLUB SCHEDULES PROGRAMS FOR COMING YEAR

Schenectady Stamp Club has announced its program schedule for the 2004–2005 year. The club meets the first Monday of each month rather than the first and third Mondays as previously listed.

2004 SCHEDULE

- Sept. 6 — Single Page Night
- Oct. 4 — *Fiji* by Steve Gray
- Nov. 17 — Tri-Club auction at Uncle Sam Stamp Club in Troy
- Dec. 6 — *Submarine Mail* by John J. Nunes

2005 SCHEDULE

- Feb. 7 — Winter auction
- March 7 — *Heligoland* by Joe Rudnick
- April 4 — UPSS slide show — *Levitt Cancels*
- May 2 — *Philatelic Journeys* by Ron Ratchford
- July 10 — Tri-Club picnic and auction

CLUB CONTACTS

The club may be contacted by e-mail through John J. Nunes at nunesnook@aol.com. Secretary Steve Gray may be contacted by mail at 10 Hillcrest Village C-1, Niskayuna, NY 12309-3831.

Stamp Insider Deadlines Reminder

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

Please note the July–August issue is a permanent addition!

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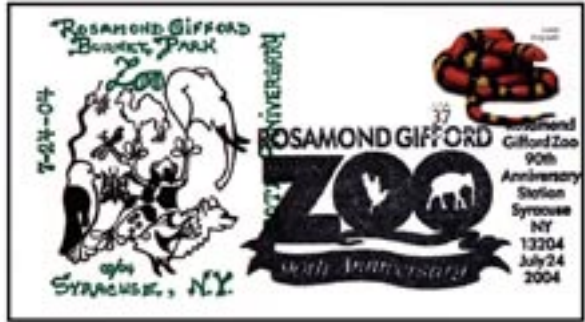
SYRACUSE STAMP CLUB

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

*Correspondence — President Lynn Goodfellow
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CLUB COVER HONORS ZOO'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

The club issued a cover on July 24 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnett Park. The cachet is by club member Vincent Juchimek. The postmark incorporating the zoo logo, was created by the zoo's graphic artist, Kate Woodle.



Covers franked with reptile stamps are available for \$2 each from Jim Steele, 4222 Barber Hill Rd., Jamesville, NY 13078. His e-mail is: jasteale@twcny.rr.com.

BOARD MEETING

The SSC Board of Directors will meet this fall to discuss upcoming club events, plans for 2005, and other items of interest to the club. Members are requested to talk to the officers about any subjects that they would like brought up at this meeting — future club-sponsored covers, club events, or any item of interest.

PROGRAMS

Sept. 3 — *Swap and Shop* with pizza and soda

Sept. 17 — Auction

Oct. 1 — *Art Nouveau Philatelique: Alfons Mucha and the Stamps of the First Czech Republic* by Daniel A. Piazza

Oct. 15 — Open House — Bring a page or cover to show; members bring food and beverages

Oct. 29 — Auction

Nov. 5 — Lewis Josephs speaker; subject TBA

ONE OF THE OLDEST CLUBS

The Syracuse Stamp Club is one of the oldest in the *FEDERATION*, having been organized in 1919. It held its first meetings in the Onondaga Historical Society building.

TRI-COUNTY STAMP CLUB

Sidney, New York 13838
Meetings at Sidney Civic Center

Contact — Albert Guenzburger
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607•895•6531



SOCIAL MARKS END OF CLUB'S YEAR

The Tri-County Stamp Club had its end of year social in June at the Sidney Golf and Country Club and all members attending had a most wonderful dinner.

PROGRAMS

The program committee met in June to determine the program for the 2004–05 year.

- Sept. 20 — APS slide presentation, *Designing the U.S. Birds and Flowers Issue of 1982*
- Oct. 18 — *Collecting U.S. — Changing Habits*
- Nov. 15 — APS slide presentation, *Irish Philately*
- Dec. 20 — *Back of the Book Items*, light social
- Jan. 10 — *Linn's Stamp Poll and Show and Tell Night*
- Feb. 14 — *Colorado Travelogue IV*
- March 21 — *How To: First Day Cover Collecting*
- April 18 — *Philatelic Game Night*
- May 16 — Preparing stamps for *WORLD PHILATELIC EXPOSITION 2006* or *Youth Night*
- June 20 — End of year social

More information about each program will be detailed in the club's monthly newsletter. Members are reminded that dues should be given to the treasurer at the Sept. 20 meeting. Dues are \$8 per year without the *STAMP INSIDER* and \$12 for those wishing to receive the *STAMP INSIDER*. The officers hope everyone had an interesting and enjoyable summer.

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described and displayed. They will be included in future club auctions. Clayton Spangenberg reported on an item in John Hotchner's column in *Linn's* July 19 issue, which recalled his childhood in Detroit. The column illustrated a Postage Currency token worth 50 cents toward a purchase of \$5 or more from Albert C. Butzen in Detroit. Since the token did not identify Butzen's business, Hotchner was asking his readers for help. Clayton knew the answer: He'd visited Butzen's stamp store in his youth! The meeting ended with an auction of 53 lots, testing the endurance of auctioneers Dolan and Breed and auction teller Judy Stewart. They managed well, selling 42 lots for \$171.25, including three club lots from the Sherman donation for \$7. Sale of the three lots plus commissions on the other lots enriched the club treasury by \$22.05. The auction gross was by far the best this year.



UNCLE SAM STAMP CLUB

P.O. Box 335 — Troy, New York 12181-0335

Terrill Miller, President

Phil Hicks & George McGowan, Vice Presidents

John Mangione, Secretary — John J. Nunes, Treasurer

CLUB PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED FOR COMING YEAR

The Uncle Sam Stamp Club has announced its program schedule for the 2004–2005 year. The club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays at Holmes & Watson Ltd., 450 Broadway in Troy. Visitors are always welcome.

There is one irregular meeting date in the schedule. The club will meet on March 9, 2005, a week later than usual. The club's second meeting of the month will follow the normal schedule the next week.

2004 SCHEDULE

- Sept. 1 — Appointment of board of directors and work meeting for Uncle Sam
Parade covers
- Sept. 12 — Uncle Sam Parade
- Sept. 15 — *Tax Pairs* by Ray Majors
- Oct. 6 — *Fiji* by Steve Gray
- Oct. 20 — TBA by Maris Tirums
- Nov. 3 — *Love Stamps* by Vicki Miller
- Nov. 17 — Tri-Club auction
- Dec. 1 — *Submarine Mail* by John J. Nunes
- Dec. 5 — Victorian Stroll
- Dec. 15 — Holiday banquet

2005 SCHEDULE

- Jan. 5 — Competition Night
- Jan. 19 — *The Consolidated PBY* by George McGowan
- Feb. 2 — Winter Auction
- Feb. 16 — *Philatelic Quiz* by Terrill Miller
- March 9 — *U.S. Stamp Club History* by Herb Trenchard
- March 16 — *Irish Philately* by Tom Handley
- April 6 — UPSS slide show — *Levitt Cancels*
- April 20 — *This 'n That* by Phil Hicks
- May 4 — Election of officers and *George L. Haber Night*
- May 18 — Spring banquet
- July 10 — Tri-Club picnic and auction

UTICA STAMP CLUB

*Jerome Wagner, President — Richard Drumm, Vice President
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Rick Snow, Treasurer*



FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPT. 7

Our first fall meeting will be on Sept. 7 at the New Hartford Public Library at 7 p.m. The program for the meeting will consist of a slide presentation by Francis Kolarits involving French architecture on French postage stamps.

Although dues were payable at the June meeting, some members still have not paid. Those who have not paid the \$12 membership fee are asked to do so at the meeting on Sept. 7.

JOINT STAMP SHOW

The Utica Stamp Club will be joining with the Fort Stanwix Stamp Club, Inc. of Rome in the combined second annual CNY Stamp, Coin & Cover Show at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona on Oct. 9 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. More information is available from Joseph Christofaro of Rome at 315-337-9608 or by e-mail at jozep_midwestern.net.



Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies, Inc. Fall Meeting

**3 p.m. Oct. 10 — Turning Stone Casino & Resort
5218 Patrick Road, Verona, New York**

Agenda

1. Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors
2. Illnesses and Deaths
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
4. Communications
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Report of District Vice Presidents
7. Report of Standing / Special Committees
8. Old / Unfinished Business: Amendments
9. New Business
10. Calendar of Coming Events

Please consider this advertisement as an unofficial announcement.

Any delegates who do not expect to attend the meeting are requested to submit their proxy to protect their club from being marked absent during the roll call. E-mail is acceptable.

A silent auction will be conducted following the meeting. Please bring as many lots as you wish. Steve Gray will act for John J. Nunes.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Cali, Secretary

613 W. Fourth Street, Fulton, NY 13069-3104

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SHOWS & BOURSES

ROCHESTER — SEPT. 5

RS Stamp Show, Eagle's Club, 1200 Buffalo Rd., 10-4. Bourse. John J. Nunes, 518-399-8395, e-mail: nunesnook@aol.com

SYRACUSE — SEPT. 12

Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show, Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, Thruway exit 35. Hours: 10-4:30. Bourse. Ed Bailey, 315-452-0593

ALBANY — SEPT. 19

Capital District Stamp Show, Quality Inn, 3 Watervliet Ave., 10-4. Bourse. John J. Nunes: 518-399-8395, e-mail: nunesnook@aol.com

OLEAN — SEPT 25

OLEPEX 2004 sponsored by Olean Area Stamp Club. John Ash Community Center, 12 N. Barry St. Dealers, exhibits, U.S. Postal Service, show cancel, and cacheted envelopes. Fred Printz: 716-372-1782, e-mail: printz@netsync.net

WEST SENECA — SEPT. 26

Stamp, Coin & Postcard Show. Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, 965 Center Rd., 10-4. Free

admission and door prizes. Bill Biddle, 716-674-2940, e-mail: blbiddle@aol.com

VERONA — OCT. 8-9

CNY Stamp, Coin & Cover Show 2004 sponsored by the Fort Stanwix and the Utica stamp clubs. Turning Stone Casino, 5218 Patrick Rd., 10-5. Joe Christofaro, 315-337-9608, e-mail: jozep_mideastern@verizon.net

ALBANY — OCT. 17

Capital District Stamp Show, Quality Inn, 3 Watervliet Ave., 10-4. Bourse. John J. Nunes: 518-399-8395, e-mail: nunesnook@aol.com

WEST SENECA — OCT. 24

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CORRECTION

Price of the covers to be
issued at the CNY Stamp,
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9 and 10 was omitted in the
July/August issue. They are
\$3 each or \$5 per pair.

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**Jun. 1 Festival
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**Jun. 6 D-Day 60th
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**Jun. 18 Traversée Int'l de
Lac St-Jean**

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**Jun. 26 French Settlement
at Île Ste-Croix 400th
Anniversary**

joint issue by Canada and
France, 49¢ sgl.

**Jul. 19 Canadian National
Exhibition**

49¢ sgl.

Jul. 28 Olympic Games
40 & 49¢ stamps

Aug. 12 Golfing

49¢ sgl. two designs

**Sep. 15 Montréal Institute
of Cardiology**

49¢ sgl.

Oct. 1 Stamp Collecting

49¢, eight designs

**Oct. 4 Nobel Laureates
Michael Smith and
Gerhard Herzberg**

49¢ pair

**Oct. 22 Painter Jean-Paul
Lemieux**

domestic rate?, set of stamps

**Oct. 25 150 years of
Canadian Victoria Cross**

49¢ pair

**Nov. 2 Toronto Santa
Claus parade centennial**

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