

The Messenger



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February 2020

Waldo Public Library
Gather at 1:00
Meeting Starts 2:00
Saturday, February 1st

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Meeting Attendance: 48 (Great Attendance)

Treasurer: \$7656.02 balance reported. Armin gave the financial report detailing income and expenses for 2019. The Dec. auction brought in \$1152. Expenses for the year were down, primarily due to lower costs for the Web server and emailing the newsletter. A detailed report can be obtained from Armin. Armin suggested the club consider putting some of the money on hand to use for the club, possibly purchasing some new books for the library, paying for the October luncheon, and mentioned a few other possibilities.

Membership: We have 4 new members, Gary McGruder, James English, Charlie Brown, and Hans Vergara.

Secretary: Mike reminded members that when dating important documents and checks this year to be sure to write out 2020, not just 20, to avoid any possible issues in the future.

Librarian: The library collection is online and current. Let Neal know if you want to borrow a book and he will bring it to the monthly meeting for you.

Historian: Nothing new to report.

First Vice-President's Report: There are still 5 months in 2020 that need programs. A sign-up sheet is available.

Second Vice-President's Report: Monthly club auction guidelines were reviewed. Domain name for the web site needs to be renewed. There was a brief discussion on how we might use the internet to target new members.

Newsletter: Jim is looking for members to make brief article submissions for the newsletter. Deadline is the 15th of each month.

Dec. Exhibits: Barbara handed out the certificates and pins for the December show. Congratulations to everyone on their awards and thank you for participating.

Old business: Scott reported that he is looking at April for the show. Further details will be forthcoming when available.

New Business: Tomas will be appointing 3 new board members.

Announcements:

Frank Sheeran passed away on Nov. 19, 2019. Kelleher will be handling the auction of his collection.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the refreshments at the monthly meetings. Talk to Barbara if you can help out.

The next meeting will be Feb. 1. The meeting in July will be on the 11th as the first Saturday is July 4th.

The Cessna Coin and Stamp show in Wichita is Feb. 14 & 15.

LINPEX 2020 is Feb. 29-Mar. 1 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The St. Louis Stamp Expo is March 27-29.

APS Summer Seminars are June 21-25 at the APS Center in Pennsylvania.

Show and Tell: Mike showed some covers from the USS Relief, the navy's first purpose built hospital ship. Neal shared that the value of some US stamps has increased considerably since they were first purchased (forever stamps whose value has increased because the cost of postage has increased). Victor showed some U.N. Environmental covers and Koala bear stamps and expressed concerns over the wildfires raging in Australia. Armin showed a recent Italian cover with overlapped pre-Euro stamps. George had a framed clown that he acquired in an auction lot to give away-Scott took it. Bob had a letter from Warren Buffet thanking him for the Franklin Roosevelt cover that Bob had sent him. Roger talked about a couple of inexpensive tools for stamping, a UV flashlight for detecting tagged stamps (sold as a pet urine detector on Amazon and other sites) and a digital caliper for making measurements.

Program: Ted Right talked about California on stamps. Thank you, Ted.

Respectively submitted by Michael Keil



What You Will Miss (if not there):

February's meeting we will have the auction, show and tell and the program by Barbara Crompton, *Great Americans*. Snow or sleet, sunshine or cold, come and join the fun.

Sweden Scott #2763a

Upcoming New U.S. Issues:

Just three for February have been announced.

Presorted Star

10c Presorted Standard
One Design, Coil of 3,000 & 10,000
Issue Date February 3rd
Strips of 25 with plate no. in both
coils are available from the caves.



Let's Celebrate

First Class, Forever rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date February 14th



Wild Orchids

First Class, Forever rate
Ten Designs, Booklet of 20
Issue Date February 21st



Philatelic Happenings:

Somewhere to go for some philatelic fun. Pray for good weather for the dealers and collectors alike.

February 14 & 15
Cessna Coin & Stamp Show
Cessna Activity Center
2744 George Washington Blvd.
Wichita, KS

Usually a good show even though there is a multitude of coin dealers. Scott Couch of Tiger Collectibles says he will be there. AND remember this is now a Friday-Saturday show, NO Sunday.



Grenadines #81

February 29 and March 1
LINPEX 2020

Country Inn & Suites
5353 N. 27th St.
Lincoln, NE



US #PR110

Answer from Last Month's Quiz:

Last month we asked, "When did the U.S. start producing and using newspaper stamps and when did that end?"

Known as Newspaper and Periodical stamps, these were first issued in September of 1865, for prepayment of postage on bulk shipments of newspapers and periodicals. The practice was discontinued on July 1, 1898.

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.

The President's Corner:

Dear MPS Colleagues –

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe 2020 has arrived. I'm honored to have the privilege of serving as MPS President this year. Our newsletter Editor and Immediate Past-President, Jim McKinzie has invited me to contribute some thoughts each month, so we are relaunching the 'MPS President's Corner' column.

What a terrific January meeting! We had what I think is a near-record turnout for our monthly gathering with 48 people, and we elected 4 fellow philatelists into MPS membership. The program was excellent (thanks Ted!) and the business meeting, Show and Tell, and auction were all quite lively.

As we reviewed during the meeting, the MPS Board will be working on both ongoing and some new initiatives this year, and we welcome your input. If you have ideas for programs, fundraising, membership growth, community outreach, or philanthropy among other things, please let us know.

My late mother was very involved in charitable and civic organizations throughout her life, and often held leadership positions within those groups. I vividly remember when she had been elected Chair of the Friends of Library Board for our local community, she mailed out a call to arms stating,

'Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of Wilma!!'

I would echo that and ask all our members to continue to step up and provide help or ideas for MPS. Your enthusiasm and active participation are what make ours a strong and vibrant club and will continue to sustain us all well into the future.

Best, Tomas (email: TLGINKC@yahoo.com)



Frank was a fascinating guy. If you never had the pleasure of sitting next to him at club, you missed a great opportunity to learn about this wonderful world of philately. Although sometimes when you were trying to hear the program you missed something because Frank was commenting about an item presented. But it really was with the best intentions and always entertaining. He will be missed from this organization.

If you have an interest in any of Frank's extensive collection, it is in an upcoming auction. You can look at this through stampauctionnetwork.com or at Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC Sale-732, Collections, Stocks and Accumulations of the World

A Word from our 1st Vice-President:

Sale Date: January 31 - February 1, 2020

JMC

Programs! Stamps! Fellowship! Auction!...I know we all look forward to our monthly stamp club meeting but we all need to be reminded that our allotted time in the meeting room at the library is from 1:00PM to 5:00PM. This means that we cannot access the room until 1:00PM (except in October and December when we have made arrangements to have access at 11:00AM and 10:00AM respectively). Often, the library will have another group in the meeting room until 1:00PM and those meeting-goers should not have to be disturbed during their meeting just as we would not want that happening during our meeting. Please be mindful of this and not attempt to enter the room early. The space we have at the library is a great and fairly central location in the Kansas City area and it would be nice to keep it as our meeting space for the future. Happy Stamping! Michael M.

Kansas City Chief's Hot Corn Dip – by Andrea Smith



**US #1382
Football Centenary**

When fall is in the air – It's Football season! And in Kansas City that means barbeque, beer, and the Kansas City Chiefs. This is one of my favorite football foods to take to a tailgate party *or for a Super Bowl Party.*

K.C. Chief's Hot Corn Dip.

- 15 oz can white corn, drained
- 15 oz can yellow corn, drained (figure 2)
- 1 can of Ro-Tel Tomatoes (figure 3)
- 8 oz package of cream cheese
- ½ cup shredded Cheddar Cheese (figure 4)
- ½ tsp. chili powder (figure 5)
- ½ tsp of cumin (figure 6)
- ½ tsp. garlic powder (figure 7)
- ½ tsp of coriander
- ¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1-2 bags corn chips



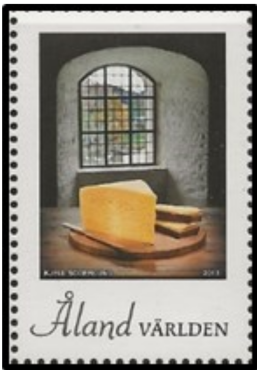
**(figure 2)
Ghana #418
Corn & FAO Emblem**



**(figure 3)
Dominican Republic #733
World Food Program,
10th Anniversary**

Mix all ingredients except the fresh cilantro and corn chips. Bake in oven at 350 degrees until all melted and hot. Add the fresh cilantro and serve with the corn chips.

Dip tastes best if served with beer, soda or Box wine.



**(figure 4)
Åland #342
Personalized Stamp**



**(figure 5 & 6)
Turkey New Issues**



**Australia #3034
Australian Inventions Series
Esky (insulated cooler), wine cask**



**(figure 7)
Poland New Issue**



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CHIEFS**

A Question of Terminology by Tomas Griebing:

One of the fun parts of our hobby is identifying different and often subtle aspects of stamps and related materials. There are so many variations and the creativity of stamp designers is almost overwhelming. Most of you know my primary collecting interest is the Olympic Games. As I was preparing my first WSP exhibit for the APS / ATA national show in Omaha this past summer, I wanted to make sure I was using correct terminology for all my items. One set of stamps I planned to include is shown in [Figure 1](#) (Scott Romania 1326-1330). This set is one of my favorites, and was issued in 1960 in honor of the summer Olympic Games being held at Rome, Italy. The design is unique because it contains five stamps, and shows the Olympic rings, but the full design is only complete if all stamps and the selvage labels are included and in the correct orientation.



Figure 1

It was actually the first set of Olympic stamps to feature this design technique. I assumed there was some specific philatelic term for this type of design format, but I could not find it in any of my resource books. So I turned to a number of our more experienced MPS members for their wisdom. All of them were similarly stumped. It eventually took several months of research to find an answer, and it turns out there are several terms that are used in different ways. Some are quite specific and others are more general depending on context of use. Most terms were familiar, but a couple were new to me.



Figure 2

Se-tenant refers to stamps that are attached and printed next to each other, but are different in some way. This is in contrast to a full pane of just one stamp. It could include differences in design, denomination, color, or any other aspect. The term se-tenant translates from the French meaning 'holding together'. [Figure 2](#) (Scott Cameroon J38-J39) shows two se-tenant stamps. In some cases, a design element may cross more than one stamp. [Figure 3](#) (Scott Australia 830-831) shows an example where part of the design crosses between the stamps. Although collectors may tend to think of se-tenant as pairs, the term can also be applied to sets of more than two stamps. Some of these have



Figure 3

more specific terms.

Tête-bêche stamps are printed in such a way to be linked 'head-to-tail' (again from the French), with one upside down in relation to the other. The recent joint issue from Canada and the USA shown in [Figure 4](#) depicting the history of ice hockey is a great example (Scott Canada 3040-3041; USA 5252-5253). One stamp shows a hockey player in modern garb and ready to play. Reflected in the ice is the same athlete from an historical era, wearing a vintage uniform from perhaps a hundred years ago.



Figure 4

Triptych describes a se-tenant set of three stamps. The well-known set shown in [Figure 5](#) of the fife and drum soldiers of the Revolutionary War taken from Archibald M. Willard's painting, 'The Spirit of '76' (Scott USA 1629-1631) is a classic example of a triptych.



Figure 5

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Quadripartition is used to define four stamps arranged in a way to form a pattern. The stamps honoring the Boston Tea Party shown in [Figure 6](#) (Scott USA 1480-1483) are a classic example of a quadripartition. Another good example are the stamps shown in [Figure 7](#) (Scott USA 1448-1451) depicting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore from the 'National Parks' series.



Figure 6

However, none of these terms fully describe what is shown in the Romanian stamps with the Olympic rings in [Figure 1](#). There are five stamps and two labels in the selvage that form the continuous design, which is only complete when all components are present. Although this is a type of se-tenant, they are not tête-bêche, triptych or quadripartition. Do you know the correct term for this design? More info to come in future newsletters.



Figure 7

From the Editor:

Thanks so much to all of you that have submitted ideas or articles for the newsletter. In fact there was so much I am having to push some of it to a future newsletter, so don't despair, you will see your submissions soon. Thanks again.

As someone who enjoys history and was taught at an early age to ask when you don't know and to always be curious of the world around you, it is frustrating when reading an article and a term is used that is unfamiliar. I find that many of the writers of the philatelic world tend to assume that you know everything they do. Case in point, a recent article in Linn's about the stamps of Channel Islands off the coast of France referred to a "British pillar box". Now I was somewhat certain what that probably meant but there was no explanation or picture of this in the article. So I looked it up. Google is good for that! See the pic on the right. According to the author the first pillar box was in Jersey, the idea borrowed from France.



Drop your mail in a "British Pillar Box" or Post Office Box

Tomas's article about philatelic terminology fits right with where my brain was going this month. We will try to include this year more of the same. Knowledge is power and makes you better at your hobby when you use the correct words or phrase. *JMC*

This month's quiz is from MPS Historian Bob but unrelated to the club.

**What popular stamp was collected by millions of Americans for over a hundred years that no longer has any value as of October 2019?
Hint, it is not a postage stamp.**

Find out in next month's newsletter.

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Andrea S., Bob B., & Tomas G. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the March issue will be February 15th.** Happy stamping and see you Saturday, February 1st. *Jim Mc*