

The Messenger



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In Person or by Zoom
New Location
Johnson County Central
Resource Library
9875 W. 87th St.
Overland Park, KS 66212
Saturday, June 4th
See Details Inside
Zoom link Info will
come to your email

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Members present or on Zoom: 32 in attendance, 4 on zoom.

Treasurer: Armen made the suggestion that the club buy a laptop for club/meeting use. T-shirts should be delivered at the next meeting.

Secretary: nothing to report.

Librarian: contact Neil if interested in checking out a book.

Historian: Bob thanked Armen for passing along the notebook from previous treasurers.

1st VP: no report

2nd VP: Rodger is asking that you bring cash and small bills to pay for your auction lots.

Exhibiting Chair: Encourages all to participate in the December exhibiting.

Newsletter: Please consider submitting an article for the newsletter.

New Business: nothing to report.

Old Business: None

Announcements: Training materials for exhibiting are available. Please contact Bob if interested in a copy.

Show and Tell: George Corney demonstrated Springback Binders. Jim McKinzie showed a cover bought from Randy Neil's collection auction. Bill Johnson had an interesting Denver cover sent from a Parkville MO Express Company, only known existing cover from that company addressed to Denver. Howard Buhl had philatelic and event covers.

Program: Jeff Lough presented various philatelic books from the last century.

Respectively submitted by,

Jim McKinzie for Michael Keil

**Meet in person or log into Zoom on
Saturday, June 4th for
"Printing Stamp Production in Visual Presentation"
presented by Jim McKinzie**

New U.S. Issues for 2022:

Katherine Graham

Forever Two Ounce Rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date June 14th
Print Quantity –
10,000,000



\$2 Floral Geometry

Definitive
One Design, Pane of 10
Issue Date June 20th
Print Quantity –19,000,000

\$5 Floral Geometry

Definitive
One Design, Pane of 4
Issue Date June 20th
Print Quantity –2,000,000

ABOUT ZOOM:

Due to some technical and logistical problems, ZOOM will **NOT** be available for the June meeting. We are sorry for inconvenience.

Philatelic Happenings:

E and D Auctions

Sunday, June 6th—1:30pm
1901 Clay St. Suite A
North Kansas City, Mo

OKPEX

June 24th & 25th
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-4pm
Reed Conference Center
5800 Will Rogers Road
Oklahoma City, OK 73110

The President's Corner:

As we move from spring into summer, we enter a time of transition and reflection. This coming weekend is Memorial Day - originally known as Decoration Day - established in 1868 as a tribute to those fallen during the American Civil War. As philatelists, part of our work is to celebrate and preserve history. Each of us does that in our own way with our own unique collections. Collections of stamps and covers, medals and ephemera, letters and photographs. And indeed our collections of the friends we develop over our lifetimes. With Bob Burney's passing, we have all lost a special part of our collections, a dear friend and a good man.

Tomas

Club Exhibiting:

The exhibiting materials that Bob Burney referred to in last month's meeting and the minutes are now posted on our website. Please go to the "Exhibits" tab/page. You will find a great resource about exhibiting that Bob put together and is available for your use.

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

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

New Location for Meetings:

The meetings are now at Johnson County Central Resource Library in Overland Park. Next meeting on June 4th. Below is a map, showing the location of the library. It is a large big room with good media resources.

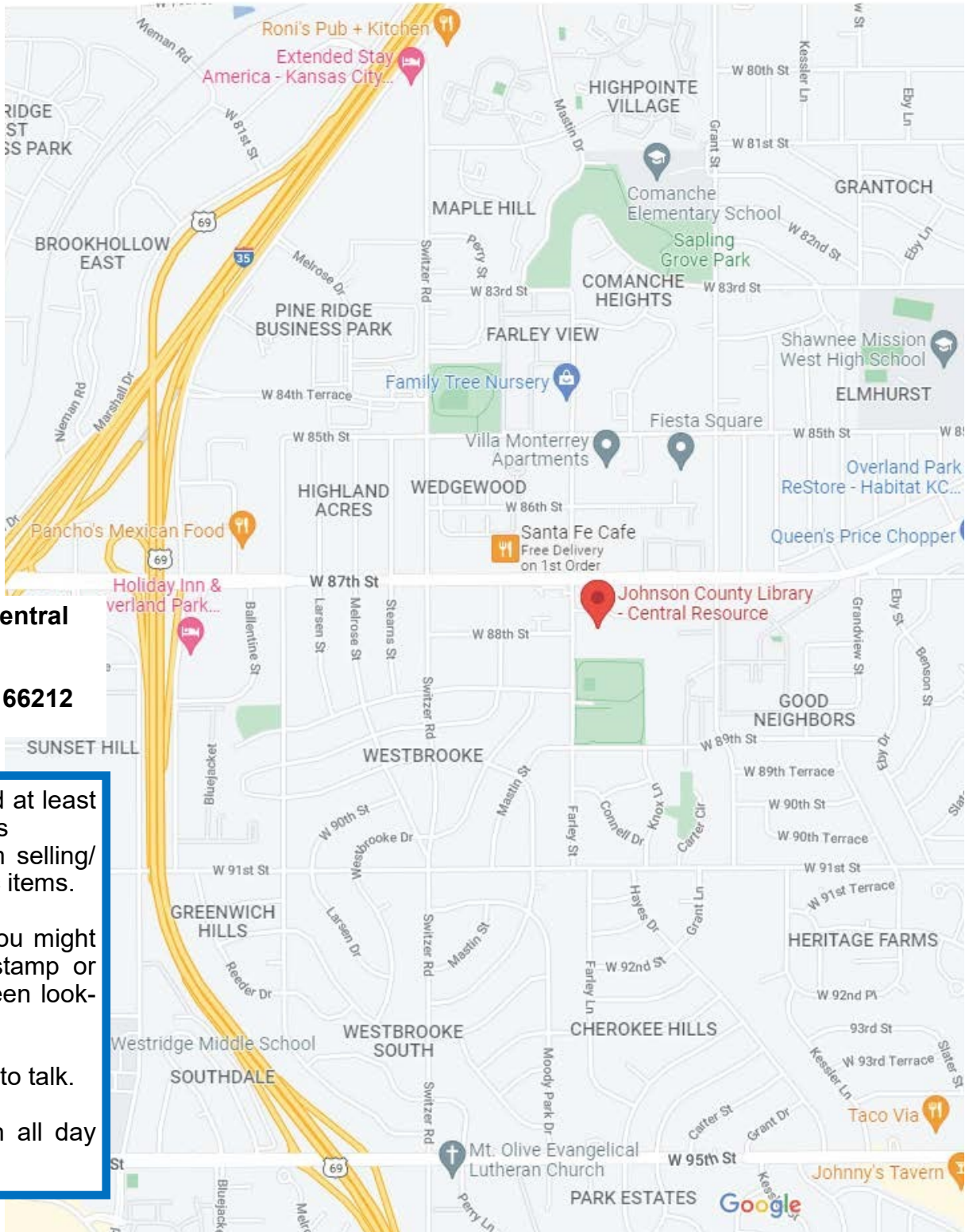
We will have early extended dealer/member time like we had at Westport Flea Market. It starts at 10am

There are several good places to eat in the area also.

The library is easy to locate. It is on 87th St. in Overland Park, just east of 69 and I-35.

Head out for a great stamp day to:

Johnson County Central Resource Library
9875 W. 87th St.
Overland Park, KS 66212



Last month we had at least six member/dealers from 10am to 1pm selling/swapping philatelic items.

Come early and you might find that special stamp or cover you have been looking for.

Or just come early to talk.

Make June 4th an all day stamp day.

MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, June 4, 2022

10am—1pm Member, dealer buy, sell and swap time.
1pm— 2pm Auction Lots displayed and available to view, dealers time.
2pm— 5pm Business meeting, show-n-tell and program with Auction to follow.

We must be out by 5pm, so be ready to bid, pay and pickup your auction lots.

In Memoriam

Robert Burney

1952–2022



It is with sad news we report that former President of MPS and fellow philatelist Robert “Bob” Burney passed away Tuesday, May 17th, 2022. The funeral service was held at Newcomer’s Noland Road Chapel in Independence, MO on Tuesday, May 24th with a committal with military honors at 12pm on May 25th at the Higginsville Missouri Veterans Cemetery.

Bob was a true philatelist, not just a stamp collector. He researched thoroughly whatever he collected, from early Chinese stamps to stamps depicting narrow gauge trains. His love of fly fishing showed in his exhibit on fly fishing stamps. Not satisfied with easy items to collect, he collected a particular type of the U.S. battleship proprietary issues that were overprinted by various railroads. He was currently researching the initials that were engraved on the plates of the Washington/Franklins.

Bob’s passion to get exhibiting for all started in our club drove him to teach seminars to members on how to get started. While president of the club, he ushered the club through the process of upgrading our by-laws. He forever was thinking and coming up with ideas for the club to raise revenues. He started the weekend breakfast morning group. The idea was for a small group interested in learning more about our hobby in an informal setting.

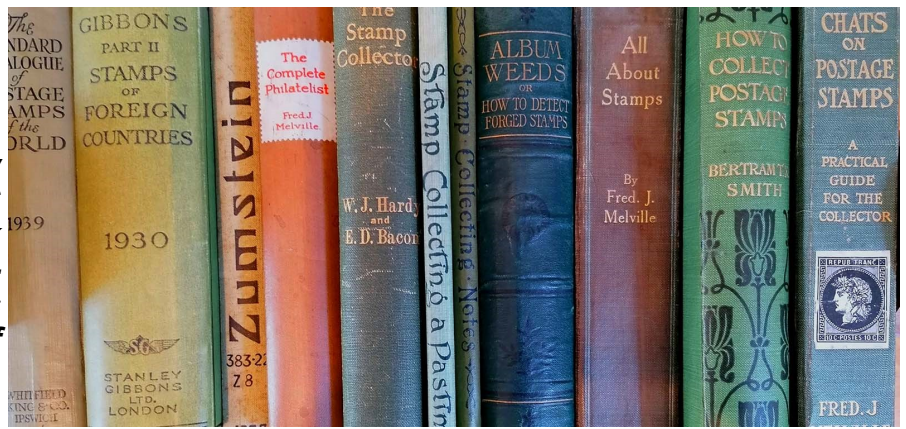


Bob (in jacket) with other members at an annual December Exhibiting meeting.

He will be missed by us all for his commitment to this organization and it will be difficult to replace him. Our sincere condolences to his wife Patty and the rest of the family. Rest in peace, Bob.

The Library Corner

Books reviewed in the Library Corner are books from the MPS library that are available for check out. Contact Librarian Neil Becker if interested. This month's book review is presented by Jeff Jaax.



FIFTY-SIXTH AMERICAN PHILATELIC CONGRESS
DOVER PRINTING COMPANY
1990
188 PAGES

This book contains a compilation of nine essays focused on philatelic subjects. Each essay is approximately 20 pages in length. The topics consist of ...

- (1) The history and usage of the rare Bermuda Postmaster Provisional stamps.
- (2) The methods and reasons employed by the USPS in the production of private revenue stamps.
- (3) The redesign of the 1890 definitive series of United States stamps. Includes the protocol used in submitting bids from the American and National Bank Note Companies along with detailed examination of these "specimen" stamps.
- (4) An essay describing the author's methods and difficulties encountered while plating the 1896 Haiti stamp series.
- (5) The influence of Edwin Madden on US philately. Before the Farley Follies, the Post Office was embroiled in a controversial release of the inverted 4-cent Pan-American issue. This article focused on Assistant Postmaster Madden's career and his involvement with this inverted stamp.
- (6) A detailed exploration of the stamps of early Sardinia before the unification of Italy.
- (7) The use of "tapeworm" revenue stamps in the 1860s banking system dealing with inter-bank check transfers.
- (8) The beginnings of the Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing featuring the US personnel hired by the Chinese government to design and control the production of postal stamps for the Chinese. This essay also matches many Chinese designs to these Americans.
- (9) An essay detailing portions of one man's collection along with associated historic musings and trivia.



GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW

August 25-28

LOCATION: SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, Hall C & D
1400 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

A few of us have already made plans to go to Sacramento in August, have you? If you plan on going contact Tomas G. or Jim Mc. We would like to meet up at the show and get a group picture plus maybe an evening out. The event schedule was just released and is on the APS website. As always there are more seminars and events than there is time for. And don't forget all the dealers, USPS post office and the multitude of exhibits. Hope to see you there.

Philatelic Ramblings:

This has been a difficult newsletter to get out. Bob Burney was a good friend that will be missed. I appreciated his contributions to this newsletter. His articles were always well researched. And most informative. Last month's article was a prime example. While I knew of and even own a paste-up coil pair, I didn't really understand how they came about. Bob's article brought me out of the dark and gave me new knowledge of what a paste up pair is. As knowledgeable as he was as philatelist, I was always surprised when I could teach him something. We enjoyed each other's company enough to attend stamp shows together out of town. The most recent was the Wichita show this past January. He was planning on going to OKPEX this month and was pestering me to go. He said to me, "Don't let your work commitments get in the way of enjoying your passions." How right he was, life is too short. Thanks, Bob for being my friend and thanks for all you did for MPS.

JMc

Are You a Stamp Collector, Philatelist or both?

What is the difference between a philatelist and a stamp collector? A stamp collector typically fills holes in an album or collects anything and everything without any organization. Maybe they are an organized collector, like the album filler but makes their own pages or uses vario pages or other dealer aids to organize their collection. But it usually ends there.

A philatelist, while a collector, studies why the stamp was issued, how it was produced or collects and studies the various varieties of a particular issue or series of stamps issued by a particular country.

Bob Burney was strongly on the philatelist side and was always willing to share his knowledge. That is what he enjoyed about the hobby. Bob sometimes got bored with his collecting and went back to one of his other hobbies such as fly fishing, woodcarving, model building or trains. But he always swung back into this hobby because something sparked his interest to study and start collecting.

While there is nothing wrong with being a collector, to keep your interest over a life time it may be necessary to find an aspect of the hobby to study. I certainly started out as a collector a long time ago and I am still a collector when it comes to parts of my collection but as an adult I have found several areas that have sparked my interest to the point of almost an obsession in learning more about. That is what has kept me interested in the hobby as parts of my collection became complete or as complete as I could afford. As an adult EFO's and tagging sparked my interest and because of that, my Bicentennial collection, a finite collecting area, has greatly expanded along with my U.S. collection.



Think about your collection. What part of it do you love the most. How could you expand it to keep yourself interested in this great and wonderful hobby.

JMc

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Jeff Jaax for his contribution. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the July issue will be June 15th.** Happy stamping! *Jim Mc*