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April 2024 Meeting.

About thirty-five members attended the meeting on April 17^h with another 4 on Zoom.

President Mike Braet gave a very interesting and informative program on “Identifying 3rd Bureau Washington-Franklins.”

His interest in this complex area was sparked by a small collection he won as a door prize at one of our meetings.



Positive identification of the stamps from the 190 varieties listed in Scott is no easy task. Mike sought help from Steven Unkrich who is an expertizer at APS. Steven was able to join the meeting late on by Zoom (and is our latest club member). Mike has bought templates developed by Steven that greatly help in the

identification of varieties of watermark, printing method and perforation.

These useful templates attracted a lot of interest and the Club has decided to purchase sets for the use of members.

Bob Reynolds reports that the April Bid Board went quite well. 44 Lots of the 60 on offer sold for a total of \$386. Along with raffle tickets this raised a total of nearly \$450 for the club.

May 2024 Meeting.

The main event of our meeting on Wednesday 15th May is the **Members' Swap Night**. This is a great opportunity to buy, trade or sell and to see what your fellow members are collecting. George Stellingwerf will be making a short presentation on US Precancels. A small but interesting Bid Board put together by Bob Reynolds. A list of the lots on offer together with images of selected lots is included in this newsletter and also on our club web site.

If you cannot attend in person you can enter bids remotely with Bob (503 580 6574 or by email at renroost@aol.com).

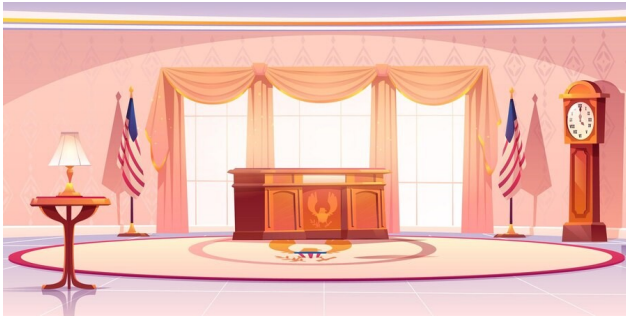
The May meeting will also

feature a **special Raffle Prize worth \$50** against future Bid Board or Auction successes

Last Call for 2024 Dues.

Treasurer Alan Maul will soon be reviewing membership lists for unpaid dues, check with Alan if you are unsure whether your dues have been paid for 2024. The club depends on your continued membership and participation in our auctions.

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From the President's Desk.

A huge "Thank You" to Bob and Lauren Reynolds for getting *OFFICE* installed on our laptop. Zoom and Power Point worked really well. I'm sure it was a great relief for Lisa also.

A warm welcome to our two new members **David Wolfson and Steve Unkrich**. Steven is an expertizer for APEX on 3rd and 4th Bureau stamps. Steve helped me tremendously with my "3rd Bureau Identification" presentation last month. (I have Template kits available for anyone interested.) Steve lives in Ohio, hope to see you often at our meetings on Zoom.

Lisa has informed me that we have a complete Exhibit to represent Salem Stamp Society at PIPEX! Congratulations and *Thank You* to all of you who contributed a page or two.

Two reminders - PIPEX May 3-5, and get your "Directory" information to Pete McCallum ASAP.

Mike Braet

Club News & Meetings.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of club member **Ken Boody**.

Ken and his wife Sandy were visiting their daughter in Georgia when he collapsed the day before Easter and died on Easter Day. He had undergone major bypass surgery recently, but his heart still was not fully functioning. There will be no memorial service. She will be selling or donating his entire postal history collection and will need some help in approaching that.

Gary Tiffin

Collections & Auctions.

We have been steadily working through the major collection we acquired from California about 2

years ago. Bob Reynolds will be putting together a manifest of the remaining material for distribution to the membership for sale. The Society has also bought other collections for breakdown and auction. As a result of all this activity the **June Club Auction** will include some very good lots and should attract much interest. Please remember previous comments about being fully paid up members to participate in these auctions.

Bob Reynolds will be accepting up to 10 lots per member for the **Members' Auction in July**.

Salem Stamp Society 2024 Program Calendar

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Program</u>
May 15	Swap Night/small Bid Board	George Stellingwerf US Pre-cancels
June 19	Club Auction	No Program
July 17	Member Auction	S & T: Steve Stanton Bosnia
Aug 21	Bid Board	Steve Stanton "History of Buffalo Soldiers"
Sept 18	Bid Board	
Oct 16	Swap Night/Small Bid Board	S & T
Nov 20	Club Auction & AGM	No Program
Dec ?	Christmas Party	

Membership Directory-Last Call.

Pete McCallum has extended the deadline for members to submit their Information Sheets to the end of May. You can include as much information as you wish to share with other members. The Directory and the information it contains will only be available to the membership. An Information Sheet has been included in the newsletter for you to use. Pete will be sending the output to the printers in June so please help him put together as complete a Directory as possible for the use of all members.

PIPEX 2024

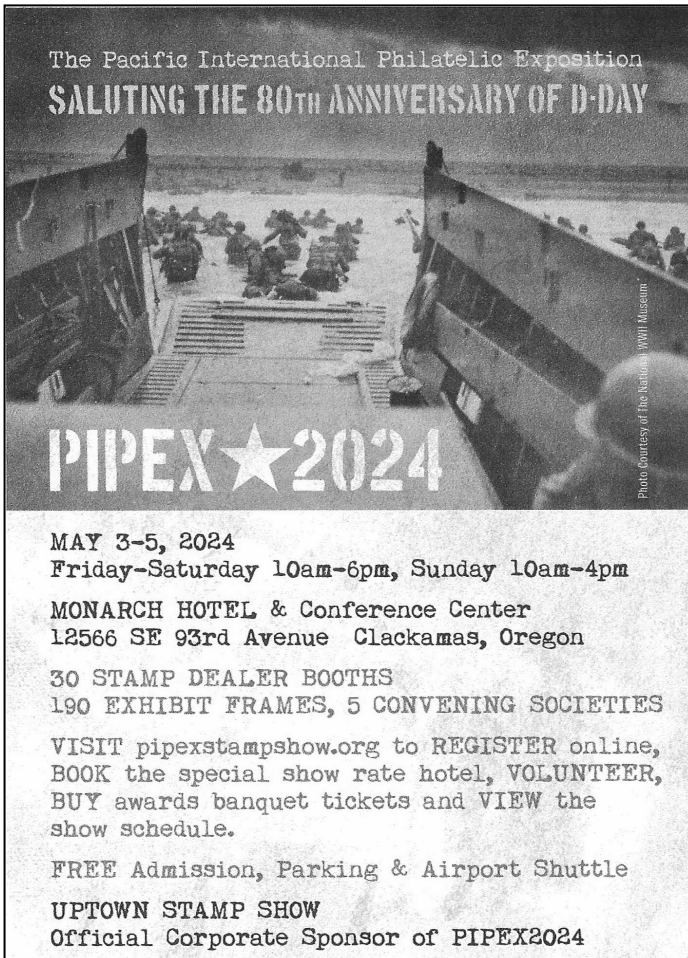
The largest stamp show in the Pacific North West starts Friday May 3rd at 10am and ends Sunday May 5th at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas.

This year's show has a full complement of dealers including two new to PIPEX: Worldwide Philatelics from Kansas City and Stamp Center of Texas from Boerne, TX.

There are 160 frames of Exhibits including one from our Club. There will be a Grandma's Attic booth and Phil Kumler will have a First Stamps youth booth for the younger collectors.

Plan to visit the Salem Stamp Society table to help talk about our club to the patrons. There are still opportunities available for volunteering activities at the show, contact Lisa Janz if you would like to help the smooth running of the show and earn a \$5 reward token for doing it! The token is redeemable at any of the dealers at the show.

Pre-Registration is advised, please visit the web site www.pipexstampshow.org to do this and find out more details about all the events scheduled for the show.



The Pacific International Philatelic Exposition
SALUTING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

PIPEX★2024

MAY 3-5, 2024
Friday-Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm

MONARCH HOTEL & Conference Center
12566 SE 93rd Avenue Clackamas, Oregon

30 STAMP DEALER BOOTHS
190 EXHIBIT FRAMES, 5 CONVENING SOCIETIES

VISIT pipexstampshow.org to REGISTER online,
BOOK the special show rate hotel, VOLUNTEER,
BUY awards banquet tickets and VIEW the
show schedule.

FREE Admission, Parking & Airport Shuttle

UPTOWN STAMP SHOW
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Photo Courtesy of The National WWII Museum

One of the dealers at PIPEX, Bob Beall, was recently honored writes **Phil Kumler**:

The 2024 Philatelic Heritage Award

On April 11th, Robert Beall, a Northwest based stamp dealer and estate appraiser became only the second Pacific Northwest resident to ever earn this prestigious award.

For twelve years, Bob has made monthly contributions promoting, supporting and guiding youth interest in Philately. Bob, a professional flutist, is pictured below in the civic center lobby after his recent 2024 free chamber music recital. He is shown surrounded by surviving family members.



Niko Courtelis combined one of Bob's favorite family pictures with the Award notation and the result framed and presented to Bob by First Stamps' youth volunteer, Phil Kumler.

For philatelic & numismatic estates over \$5,000 that need appraisals, Robert Beall is highly recommended. Then it's easy to sell your estate to a stamp dealer or consign significant items to an auction house and still have the security of a second professional opinion.

All too often, estates don't have that "lottery ticket item" or any significant residual value. In these situations Bob redirects clients to accept offers from dealers or donate their parent's childhood stamp collection to the next generation.

Bob also is an expert at describing and lotting improved collections for auction or on-line sales for both stamp and coin collections.

**May 2024 Bidboard
Salem Stamp Society**

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LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	United States	1919, 13 cent Franklin, MNH	513	\$21.00	\$5.00	
2	United States	1923, 5 cent Roosevelt, Mint HR	557	\$16.00	\$3.00	
3	United States	1925, Norse-American Set, Mint HR	620-21	\$12.00	\$3.00	
4	United States	1926 13 cent Harrison, MNH	622	\$19.00	\$8.00	Very Nice Stamp!
5	United States	1925-6, 13 cent Harrison & 17 cent Wilson, Mint HR	622-23	\$18.00	\$5.00	
6	United States	1929, 6 cent Kansas Overprint, Mint LH	664	\$25.00	\$6.00	
7	United States	1929, 9 cent Nebraska Overprint, Mint LH	678	\$35.00	\$10.00	
8	United States	1938 \$1 Prexie, MNH	832	\$7.00	\$2.00	
9	United States	1988 20 cent Pheasant Booklet, Plate#3243, MNH	3050c	\$35.00	\$8.00	
10	Abu Dhabi	1970 Expo '70 Short set Mint LH	38-40	\$26.50	\$5.00	
11	South Africa	9 Different Transkei & Venda MNH Sets		\$36.10	\$8.00	
12	Turkey	1930's-40's 8 Different Mint LH Sets		\$161.20	\$20.00	
13	United States	(2) opened packs of Disney pre-stamped postcards			\$10.00	
14	United States	Endangered Species Postcard Collection	UX278a	\$57.50	\$15.00	
15	Algeria	Pre 1970's Collection on pages, about 300 Mint & Used			\$10.00	
16	Grenada	About 150 Stamps & S/S most MNH		\$75.00	\$12.00	
17	Kuwait	1937-65 30 stamps, Mint and Used		\$250.00+	\$30.00	
18	Nevis	1980's Mint assortment,		\$110.00	\$15.00	
19	US Plate Blocks	Mounted on Pages looks all MNH Face \$20+			\$10.00	
20	Scott Blank Pages	One Sealed pack and one opened pack for Scott National			\$3.00	



Lot 1



Lot 2



Lot 3



Lot 4



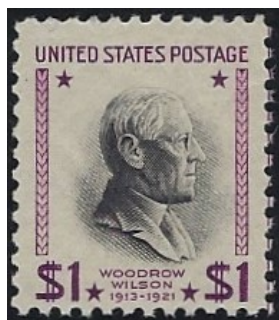
Lot 5



Lot 6



Lot 7



Lot 8

Salem Stamp Society

2024-2026 Membership Directory Information Sheet

If you have not sent in your information sheet, **YOUR INFORMATION SHEET IS NEEDED!** We would like to include you in the 2024-2026 Salem Stamp Society Membership Directory. Please fill out this form and include only information you wish to have published in the directory. Do not refer to previous directories. All information collected is for member use only and is not to be given out to nonmembers.

Please complete this form by May 31st and mail to Pete McCallum, 370 Ironwood Terrace, Woodburn, OR 97071, scan and email to pimac@web-ster.com, or bring to a monthly meeting.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: Business_

Home _____

Cell. _____

Email: _____

Collecting interests (please limit to 6 areas):

Other stamp memberships: _____

More Bad News for Royal Mail and the UK Post Office.

The UK is suffering the same problem as the US with an influx of counterfeit postage stamps, mostly, it is alleged, from China. One investigative reporter claimed that 4 Chinese suppliers were offering to print up to one million counterfeit stamps per week at very low cost. The fake stamps have been found on eBay, Amazon and web sites that looked suspiciously like the official Royal Mail on-line store.

Royal Mail has introduced various security measures into postage stamps especially the current definitives with barcodes attached. They have clearly not been able to meet the ideal solution for anti-counterfeiting for consumer items— “easy to identify but hard to replicate”.

The counterfeiters are capable of making very good copies of the new stamps. For the “honest” non-expert stamp user it is far from easy to distinguish the good from the fake. It seems there is no shortage of “not so honest” users happy to get a bargain rate for their postage stamps even if they are suspicious of the provenance.

Royal Mail developed technology that was nearly good enough for identifying fake stamps during the mail sorting process but then made a poor decision about what to do with the information. Their first course of action was to issue fines of £5 (about \$6) to the *recipients* of letters with stamps they deemed to be counterfeit.

Not surprisingly there has been a vigorous and vociferous public reaction to this. The fines were being placed on the easy target rather than the correct one i.e. the sender who knowingly or unwittingly bought and used counterfeit stamps. The famous British sense of “fair play” was further outraged when it was proved that genuine stamps (bought from the Post Office) had been marked out as fakes by the Royal Mail technology and fines applied!

The initial response from the Royal Mail was that their “*technology was robust*” and blamed the customers for buying bargain stamps on-line.

This was the same argument that the Post Office used in the Horizon scandal where they refused to believe that faulty software was causing real problems for sub-postmasters and many of whom were falsely accused of fraud and prosecuted. The problem went on for 20 years and is currently the subject of a public enquiry. A very moving program on this scandal called “Mr. Bates vs the Post Office” has just finished on PBS.

In this case however it does seem as though the Royal Mail has learned a lesson from history and has very recently announced that it has suspended these controversial fines for receipt of mails with fake stamps.

In this sudden policy U-turn, Royal Mail said it is developing a new counterfeit stamp scanner in the RM app to allow customers to scan the barcodes and check whether it is a recognized counterfeit. At the same time it will increase efforts to charge the *sender* of items posted with fake stamps.

This might prove to be more difficult in the UK than in the US since it is not common (and not required) to include the senders name and address on letters. Royal Mail will also put together a team of independent experts to verify whether a stamp is genuine and so better to address customer complaints. They are also recommending that customers only buy stamps from the Post Office and reputable high street retailers. It seems that small retailers have been allowed to buy stamps from wholesalers rather than from Royal Mail directly.

This lack of control of the supply chain is one of the main causes of the problem of counterfeit stamps both for the UK and US. The problem of stamp forgeries has a long history but the scale of the problem has changed enormously. There were fewer opportunities when stamps were provided by the security printers direct to a central organization and distributed only to the Post Offices. This could be done again if necessary and if the public were willing to tolerate fewer options for buying their postage stamps. As it is now counterfeits are providing one more reason for the public not to use postage stamps and another source of diminishing revenues for the postal services.

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Meetings

All meetings held at the Scottish Rite Center, Commercial St. S , Salem.

Wednesday 15th May 2024.

**7pm Start, Doors open at 6pm
Program: Members' Swap Night & Bid Board; George Stellingwerf on US Pre-cancels**

Wednesday 19th June 2024.

**7pm Start, Doors open at 6pm
Club Auction**

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2024

Local Events

Repetitive Events:

**Oregon Stamp Society: Rose City Stamp Fair -
2nd Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse
4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland 9:00am-3:00 pm
Collectors Corner - 4th Saturday of the month
at OSS clubhouse 9:00 am.- 3:00 pm**

2023-4 Major Shows:

PIPEX 2024, May 3, 4 & 5 2024 at The Monarch Hotel and Conference Center, 12566 SE 93rd Ave.. Clackamas, OR 97015