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## June 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

We had about 30 members attending the meeting and 3 called in on Zoom. The main event of the evening was the Club Auction which included many interesting and valuable lots. 55 Of the 74 lots were sold for a total of \$1594 and, together with strong raffle sales, nearly \$1650 was raised for the club.

**Marc Dochez** presented a short "Show & Tell" piece on two books he has recently acquired. The first was an excellent study titled "Understanding the Grills Stamps of the US" by Jan Hofmeyr. The embossed grills were introduced in 1867 as an early effort to foil counterfeiters and forgers. The second book concerned "The Reprints, Counterfeits and Forgeries of Mexico's First Design—Stamps of the 1856-61 & 1867 Issue" by Marc E Gonzales. (Our) Marc said that this was a difficult and complex area for collectors and this work was both clear, well illustrated and useful. It had already helped to identify a few forgeries in his collection of Mexican stamps.

**George Struble** showed members his very nice medal from his recent trip to Switzerland which combined exhibiting at a major stamp show and a family vacation.

George writes: The stamp show was BERNABA; it was in Bern, and was Switzerland's highest-level stamp show. They have those once every six years! I showed my two exhibits "Getting Swiss Airmail off the Ground" and "SCADTA Mail To and From



Switzerland." The SCADTA exhibit earned a Gold award (remember that that is the second-highest level, below Large Gold). The other exhibit earned a Vermeil award, its lowest result for a long time. I learn that all my first flight covers are out of style now; the judges prefer commercial i.e. non-philatelic covers. That reinforces my decision to leave both exhibits *contd.*

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*Contd.* plus about 30 pounds of other Swiss airmail stuff, with the Corinphila Auction House in Switzerland. The auction will be held in November. I was delighted to see a bunch of American friends -- members of the American Helvetia Philatelic Society -- who also specialize in Switzerland. And I didn't buy a single stamp or cover!

**George Struble**

### New Member.

We welcome **Dianne Sadler** to the club. She comes from the Albany area and collects Switzerland, US and post cards.

**Dave Morrison** encouraged members to visit the **Uptown Stamp Show** on Westover Rd in Portland. He said that they are one of the few remaining bricks & mortar stamp shops in the Pacific NW and a great company to deal with. The company is a strong supporter and sponsor of stamp shows in the western US including PIPEX and our own Willamette Valley STAMPEX.

### July 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Bob Reynolds reports that 62 lots have been entered into the July Members' Auction by 9 individuals. Bob has added a further 8 club items and the complete listing is given in this newsletter along with selected images. This is also available on the Society's web site.

Please see Lisa Janz or Danny Bisgaard if you have a "Show & Tell" item for the meeting.

### Lucien Klein & Steve Dulaney.

We send our best wishes to Lucien and Steve as they recover from serious illnesses, both are well known to most of us as long term members, officers and supporters of our club. We wish them well and hope to see them back in action shortly.

## July is a Big Month for the USPS.

This month marks the **250th Anniversary** of the founding of the US Post Office. On July 23rd 2025 a pane of 20 interconnected stamps will be released in a sheet titled "250 Years of Delivery". The stamps show a bird's eye view of a mail carriers progress through a town and as the seasons change from top left to bottom right.



On the same day the USPS will hold a first day of issue ceremony in Washington DC for the new Benjamin Franklin N.D. stamp. These will be issued in a 32 page Prestige Booklet (below) titled "Putting a Face on the American Experience".





### USPS Contd.

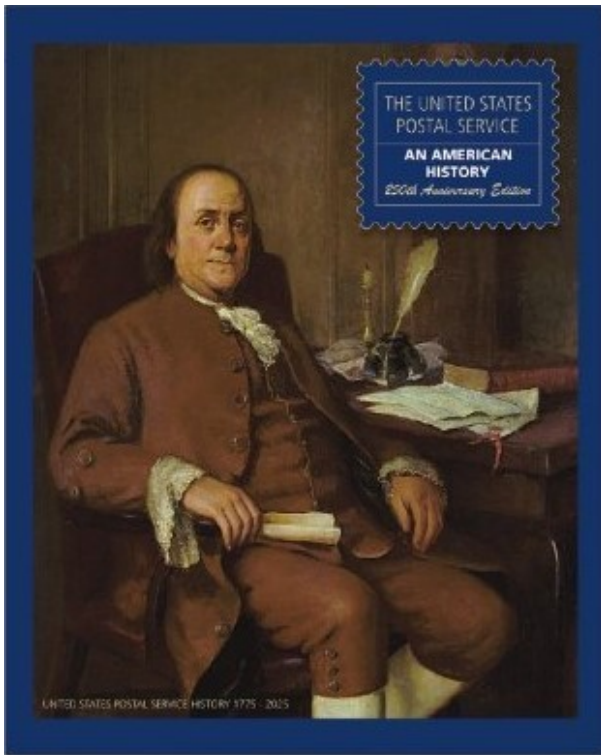
The new Franklin stamp is a modern interpretation of the 1847 5c issue (Scott #1).

The Prestige Booklet will only be available from the USPS web site:

<https://store.usps.com/store/home>

or by 'phone on 844 737 7826 or by mail through USA Philatelic.

The latest issue of Linn's Stamp News dated July 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 described the release of an advanced copy of the 250th Anniversary edition of Publication 100, "The USPS: An American History."



It marks a significant milestone in the organization's journey from its colonial origins to its modern service. In it, the outgoing Postmaster General Louis DeJoy describes recent initiatives, innovations and strategic directions for the USPS. The mission, he says, remains much the same—to provide all Americans, in all areas and communities, with access to prompt, reliable and efficient services.

A free copy of this publication is available at <https://about.usps.com/publications/pub100.pdf>

Print editions will be available soon through the USPS Postal Store.

**Rate Increase.** One of the last acts in its first 250 years of service is to increase the cost a postage on July 13<sup>th</sup> for a First Class letter by 5c to 78c, with 29c for an extra ounce and international letters to \$1.70.

The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary made me curious about the origins of the postal service in America. According to Wikipedia sources the focus in the early years of the North American colonies was getting mail to and from England. Attempts were made to set up a postal service between the main colonies but were largely haphazard and disjointed.

A central postal organization was set up in 1691 by the British Crown in the person of Thomas Neale who was given *letters patent* (a form of state monopoly) to establish offices in the colonies to receive and deliver mail for sums of money. The first postal service was established in 1692. Rates of postage were fixed but the system is said to have been imperfect. Neale's patent expired in 1710 and the Parliament extended the English postal system to the colonies. The chief office was established in New York and regular packets (mail ships) carried letters across the Atlantic.

At the time of the American Revolution there was a greater need to carry news, pamphlets, orders as well as letters and a new and better postal service was necessary. At the Second Continental Congress the United States Post Office was created by decree on **July 25 1775**. It was headed briefly by Benjamin Franklin who had previously been a colonial postmaster. He, along with others were responsible for developing a new postal system as an alternative to the Crown Post.

The Post Office Department (USPOD) was created in 1792 based on Constitutional authority empowering Congress to establish Post Offices and Post Roads. Samuel Osgood was appointed the first Post Master General. The 1792 law provided the entire country with low cost access to information on public affairs and established a right to personal privacy.



The cabinet level USPOD was replaced in 1971 by an independent US Postal Service under an Act signed by President Nixon.



# Salem Stamp Society

## July 2025 Members' Auction



Lot 30



Lot 31



Lot 32



Lot 33



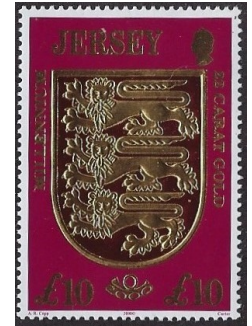
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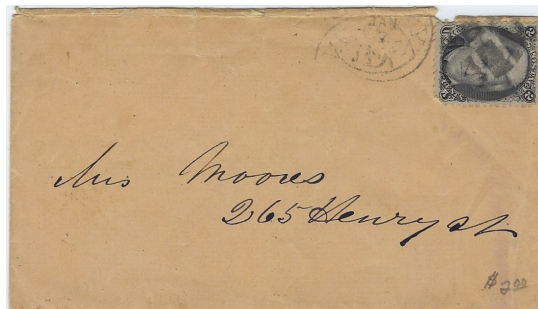
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Lot 66



Lot 55



**SALEM STAMP SOCIETY**  
**July Members Auction**

6/24/25 10:18 AM

LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT VALUE	MIN BID	NOTES	SELLER
1	PRC China	Scott, 1840-3, MNH, 1863 S/S Used, 1111 strip of 3 used		\$109.50	\$15.00		Buzz Oerding
2	United States	1914, \$10 Revenue Stamp, Used	R220	\$7.20	\$2.00		Doug S
3	Ukraine	Glassine with early 20th Cent Mint, some unissued stamps			\$3.00		Doug S
4	United States	60+ U.S. Covers from the 1950's in a binder on vinyl sheets			\$5.00		Aaron C
5	United States	9 Celebrate the Century Sheets 1900's-1980's			\$30.00	Face \$43.95	Aaron C
6	United States	Misc commemoratives, 1957-1979			\$5.00		Aaron C
7	United States	150 Misc covers in a small box			\$10.00		Aaron C
8	Foreign	Bag of Foreign stamps on Paper, some duplication			\$5.00		Aaron C
9	Canada	Ziplock bag loaded with Canada on paper			\$10.00		Rodney S
10	Ethiopia	Ziplock bag loaded with Ethiopia on paper - over 100 Diff			\$20.00		Rodney S
11	Kenya	Ziplock bag loaded with Kenya on paper - 130 Diff			\$25.00		Rodney S
12	Somalia	110 Different plus some duplicates, used			\$20.00		Rodney S
13	Somalia	A few covers and postage due cards			\$5.00		Rodney S
14	Worldwide	Shoebag loaded with???? Mystery Box!			\$5.00		Rodney S
15	Worldwide	Harris Statesman Album Several 100's mostly used			\$5.00		Ted S
16	United States	Liberty Album with 100's mostly used, some better stamps			\$35.00		Ted S
17	Oregon	Over 100 Advertising covers, good number of 19th Century			\$50.00		Ted S
18	United States	1982 -2 State Bird and Flowers Sheets, MNH	2002d	\$55.00	\$15.00	Face \$20.00	Ted S
19	United States	1970's-1990's Christmas Stamps, MNH			\$35.00	Face \$40.00	Ted S
20	Worldwide	Small lot of misc Foreign, Space and Diana topicals M & U			\$3.00		Ted S
21	United States	1983 \$9.35 Eagle Priority Stamp, MNH	1909	\$19.00	\$10.00		Bill J
22	United States	1986 Ameripex Presidential S/S, MNH	2216-9	\$26.00	\$20.00		Bill J
23	United States	1991-5 WW II Set of S/S, MNH, Scott #2569,2697,2765,2838	2981	\$55.00	\$30.00		Bill J
24	United States	1992 Columbus S/S Set, MNH	2624-9	\$30.80	\$20.00		Bill J
25	United States	1994 Norman Rockwell S/S, MNH	2840	\$4.50	\$3.00		Bill J
26	United States	1995 Civil War Pane of 25, MNH	2975	\$32.50	\$15.00		Bill J
27	United States	1998 Celebrate the Century - 1900's & 1910's S/S, MNH	3182-3	\$20.00	\$12.00		Bill J
28	United States	2003 American Film Making S/S, MNH	3772	\$12.00	\$6.00		Bill J
29	United States	2004 Lewis & Clark Booklet, MNH	3865b	\$9.00	\$5.00		Bill J
30	United States	1879 5 cent Webster unused, some remnant gum	185	\$500.00	\$35.00		Gary T
31	United States	1895 6 cent Garfield, Mint no gum	271	\$110.00	\$20.00		Gary T
32	United States	1898 6 cent Garfield, Mint no gum	282c	\$175.00	\$30.00		Gary T
33	United States	1899 10 cent Webster, Mint no gum	283	\$150.00	\$25.00		Gary T
34	United States	1923-26 Perf 10 set, Mint HR	581-91	\$ 170.00	\$30.00		Gary T
35	United States	1956 \$5 Hamilton, XF MNH	1053	\$47.50	\$20.00	Pretty Stamp!	Gary T
36	Great Britain	2003 QEII Booklet Pane MNH	2126a	\$72.50	\$25.00		Gary T
37	Jersey	2000 10 pound Coat of Arms, MNH	933	\$30.00	\$18.00		Gary T
38	New Zealand	1899 3 pence Victoria, orange, Used	63a	\$62.50	\$15.00		Gary T
39	New Zealand	1882 6 pence Victoria, brown Used	65	\$82.50	\$20.00		Gary T
40	United States	1983 \$9.35 Booklet Pane of 3 FDC	1909a	\$130.00	\$10.00	Nice Cover!	Dave M
41	United States	1918 16 cent Jenny, Mint HR, VF/XF centering!	C2	\$60.00	\$10.00	Nice Stamp!	Dave M
42	United States	1918 24 cent Jenny, Mint HR	C3	\$65.00	\$8.00		Dave M
43	United States	1994 \$9.95 Moon Landing Issue, MNH	2842	\$20.00	\$8.00		Dave M
44	United States	1998 Priority & Express Mail Stamps, MNH	3261-2	\$28.50	\$10.00		Dave M
45	United States	2013 Inverted Jenny Sheet, MNH	4806	\$24.00	\$12.00		Dave M
46	United States	1990-1992 Federal Duck Stamps, MNH	RW56,57,58	\$91.50	\$20.00		Dave M
47	Ascension	1948 Silver Wedding Set, MNH	52-3	\$ 55.55	\$5.00		Dave M
48	Bermuda	1948 Silver Wedding Set, MNH	133-4	\$ 47.75	\$5.00		Dave M
49	Muscat & Oman	1948 Silver Wedding Set, MNH	25-6	\$ 41.00	\$5.00		Dave M
50	United States	Box of postcards and prestamped envelopes - face about \$50			\$30.00		Danny B
51	United States	Aerograms 1970's and 1980's Face about \$20			\$12.00		Danny B
52	United States	Bankers box with Misc stamped envelopes Face \$50+			\$30.00		Danny B
53	United States	Misc Inauguration Covers			\$3.00		Danny B
54	United States	1934 National Park sets Mint, Perf and Imperf sets		\$35.00	\$8.00		Danny B
55	Great Britain	1840 Penny black stored in a Souvenir folder		\$375.00	\$50.00		Danny B
56	United States	1977 Fleetwood FDC set Presidents of the U.S.			\$5.00		Danny B
57	Canada	1986-7 annual sets, Face \$40 Canadian			\$30.00		Danny B
58	Cuba	Early collection,used, some nice material!		\$175.00	\$25.00		Danny B
59	United States	1992 Columbus S/S Set, MNH + FDC's			\$16.00		Danny B
60	Oregon	Bundle of Misc Oregon event Covers			\$5.00		Danny B
61	United States	Stockbook with Misc Early used US			\$5.00		Danny B
62	Worldwide	Sealed Bankers Box with??????????			\$10.00		Danny B
63	Supplies	Showgard Stamp Mount Cutter			\$10.00		SSS
64	United States	Stockbook with 350+ Used Modern Officials			\$5.00		SSS
65	United States	Stockbook with 150+ Used Coils and Coil pairs			\$5.00		SSS
66	United States	1869 2 cent Jackson on Cover	73	\$85.00	\$15.00		SSS
67	Spain	200+ Used mostly late 1800's-early 1900's		\$100.00+	\$15.00		SSS
68	Topical	W/W Collection of 1963 Freedom of Hunger, Looks all MNH		\$125.00	\$15.00		SSS
69	Topical	W/W Collection of 1974 UPU, Looks all MNH		\$125.00	\$15.00		SSS
70	Worldwide	100's and 100's of mint and used stamps in 2 file drawers			\$15.00		SSS

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## **Meetings**

**All meetings held at the Scottish Rite  
Masonic Temple,  
4090 Commercial St. SE, Salem, OR.**

**Wednesday 16<sup>h</sup> July 2025.**

**Starts at 7pm, Doors open at 6pm.  
Members' Auction; S&T**

**Wednesday 20<sup>h</sup> August 2025.**

**Starts at 7pm, Doors open at 6pm.**

**ADVANCE NOTICE!**

**Wednesday 3rd December 2025**

**Christmas Party, Starts 6pm**

## **Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2025-6**

### **Local Events**

**Evergreen Stamp Club, Summer Show. July 19-20, 2025  
Kent Commons Comm. Center, Kent, Washington 98032**

### **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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
at OSS clubhouse 9:00 am.- 3:00 pm**

### **2024-25 Major Shows:**

**GASS Aug 14-17 2025, Schaumburg, IL 60173**

**BOSTON 2026 World Expo, May 28-30 2026 at the Boston  
Convention Center**