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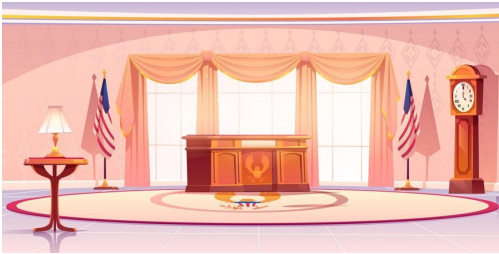


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From the President's Desk **Happy New Year Everyone!**

I'm looking forward to getting back together after the Holidays. I hope everyone has a wonderful time with family and friends.

Just a Reminder that Club Meetings in January and February are the third Saturday of the month starting at 10 am.

January 17th at 10am and February 21st at 10 am.

I would like to welcome Daniel Edwards to the 2026 Board. We look forward to getting to know you.

This holiday I spent some time trying to find an app that helps with stamp Identification. So far I have tested 2 and found both lacking.

World Stamps App:

I would Rather use the Scotts Catalog-I spent more time trying out how to find the stamps than it would have taken just to open the

Catalog.

Stamp Identifier app:

OMG! I never made it past the mandatory ads, the mind-numbing frustration just trying to figure out how to get to the actual app . I **deleted** it with great satisfaction.

My journey will continue and I will let you know as I check each application out.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

From the Library

Nothing new to add at this time. I'm still looking for ideas on books that would be good to add to our library.

If you have a book in mind just let me know at the meeting.

Lisa

December 3rd Party.

Over 40 members and friends sat down to dinner at our annual Christmas party. The food provided by the Scottish Rite Center was greatly appreciated by everyone. Bob Reynolds had assembled an impressive array of prizes appealing to both philatelists and non-collectors alike. The star

prize, a valuable and dramatic color error stamp from 1990 was eventually won by our Treasurer Alan Maul. A special prize was awarded to Loren Reynolds in recognition and thanks for of all the excellent work she does for the club during the year.

Lisa Janz took photographs during the evening and some of these are reproduced on Page 2 of this newsletter.

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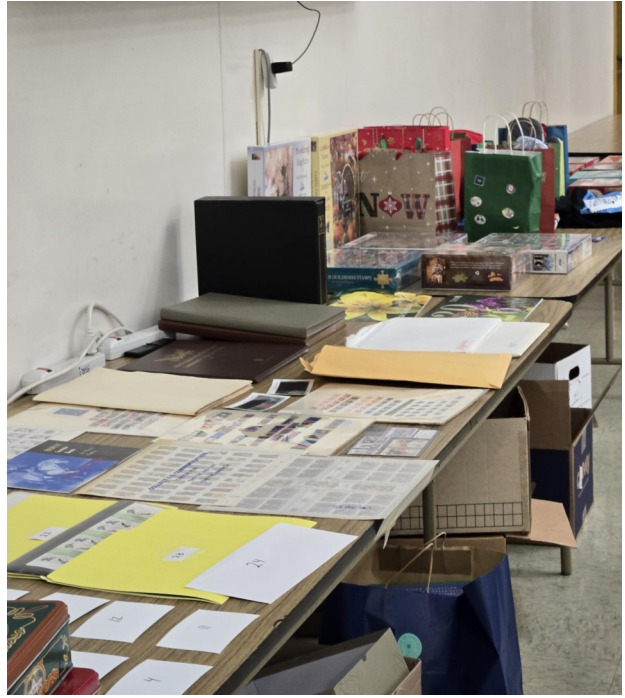
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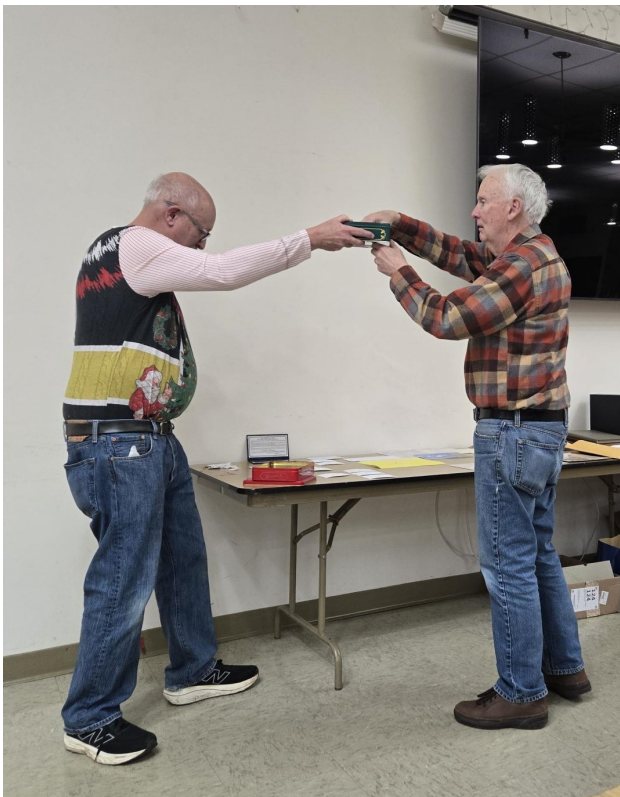
Christmas Party, December 2025
Photographs by Lisa Janz



Waiting for Dinner



The Prizes



Prize drawing with Bob Reynolds & Ian Finseth



Winner of Star Prize—Alan Maul

Club News & Meetings.

Saturday 17th January Meeting

The main event of our first 2026 meeting is a Members' Auction, a full list of the lots on offer is printed in this newsletter along with images of selected items. You are reminded that you need to be a fully paid up member to place bids. Alan Maul will accept checks or cash at the meeting or sent in by mail to the address on the front page.

There will be no program at this meeting but if you have a brief "Show and Tell" item to share with the members please see Lisa or Danny at the start of the meeting.

Programs

We have programs arranged for the February and March meetings please see Danny Bisgaard if you are interested in presenting a program later in the year.

On the morning of Saturday 21st February **George Struble** will give a program based on his award winning exhibit on "SCADTA Airmail".

On Wednesday 18th March **Marc Dochez** will describe "The 3c 1851 Stamp Printers, Toppan, Carpenter and Casilear's First Year Difficulties with Color Changes and Damaged Plates".

Confederate Stamps & Covers.

Worth Mathewson

1. Confederate Stamp from Lenoir, NC

From January 1, 1861, until May 31, 1861, the U.S. Postal Service handled the mail in the seceded states. On June 1, 1861, the Confederate government took over all post offices in 11 southern states. However, this left Confederate postmasters with a problem. They had no stamps and did not receive the first of government stamps until late October, 1861.

During this period of lack of stamps the southern postmasters did three things: Hand wrote or stamped "paid" on the envelopes, or created two types of what is now called "postmaster provisionals." In the case of the first type, postmasters acquired commercially made envelopes and stamped the postage rate on them. The second type was an actual adhesive stamp. Forty six postmasters had these adhesive stamps printed. Among these was Lenoir, North Carolina. I have a special interest in these Lenoir stamps because my grandmother lived there for most of her life, and my mother was born there as well as one of my brothers.

The assistant postmaster of Lenoir, George Washington Finley Harper, printed 500 of these stamps on September 19, 1861. He placed the first one made on a dated note pad and wrote in pencil a brief account of making the stamps.



Today there are 26 known Lenoir stamps; 16 are on cover, 5 mint and 5 used. Harper sold the first stamp to a dealer in 1886. Since that time it has only changed hands on a few occasions. It has been in some very important collections, (certainly not mine!) including the famous Caspary collection.

2. An Interesting Cover

The cover illustrated is interesting for two reasons. First, it is an uncommon Confederate usage of a mourning (black border all around) envelope. The south experienced severe paper shortage soon after the war began. In most cases people were forced to make their own envelopes out of whatever paper they could find. That included ledger sheets and wallpaper. Such homemade envelopes didn't have the black border as did commercially made mourning envelopes.

Second, this cover was mailed from Martinsville, Virginia. It is of great interest to me as I lived in Martinsville from 1948 until 1956.



Editors note: Interesting! I lived in Martinsville for 15 years

**SALEM STAMP SOCIETY
JANUARY 2026 MEMBERS AUCTION**

12/16/25 9:26 AM

LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	United States	1925 15 cent Special Delivery, MNH	E13	\$75.00	\$25.00	Nice Stamp!
2	United States	1908 10 cent Special Delivery, Mint LH	E7	\$50.00	\$20.00	
3	United States	1902 1 cent thru 13 cent Issues. Mint No Gum	300-8	\$150.00	\$35.00	
4	United States	1882 5 cent Garfield, Mint No Gum	205	\$90.00	\$20.00	
5	Canada	1859 1 cent Victoria, Used	14	\$90.00	\$25.00	
6	Fiji	1872 6 cent Victoria Overprint, Mint No Gum	19	\$90.00	\$25.00	
7	Vatican	2022 Pope Francis Set, MNH	1789-92	\$17.00	\$7.00	
8	Germany-Berlin	1951 Berlin Semi-Postal Stamp Collecting Set, MNH	9NB6-7	\$35.00	\$10.00	
9	Spain	1958 Madrid Philatelic Show S/S set of 2, MNH	877a,878a	\$55.00	\$15.00	
10	Monaco	2019 Grand Prix S/S MNH	3869	\$14.00	\$6.00	
11	U. S. Misc	Binder with late 19th century covers and correspondence			\$10.00	
12	U. S. Misc	Binder with early 20th century covers and correspondence			\$10.00	
13	U. S. Misc	Binder with 1920's era covers and correspondence			\$10.00	
14	U. S. Misc	Binder with 1930's era covers and correspondence			\$10.00	
15	US/Egypt	Small lot of covers/FDC			\$1.00	
16	Stamp Mounts	2 size 25's, 2-27's, 1-35, 3-36's, 1-55, look complete			\$20.00	
17	United States	1945 3 cent Army Issue, MNH, PSE Cert Graded Superb 98!	934	\$0.30	\$3.00	
18	United States	1913 10 cent Parcel Post, MNH	Q6	\$90.00	\$15.00	
19	United States	1948 Federal Duck Stamp MNH	RW15	\$60.00	\$10.00	Plate # Single
20	Aden	1948 Silver Wedding Set, MNH	30-31	\$40.40	\$10.00	
21	Ascension	1948 Silver Wedding Set, MNH	52-53	\$55.55	\$15.00	
22	Barbados	1859 1sh black, Used	9	\$85.00	\$15.00	
23	Canada	1897 24 cent Salmon Fishing, MNH, XF!	71	\$75.00	\$15.00	
24	Malta	1886 5sh Victoria with Maltese Cross, Mint LH	14	\$125.00	\$20.00	Nice Stamp!
25	Malta	1921 2sh George V, Mint LH	72	\$75.00	\$15.00	
26	Malta	1921 1sh George V, 2 shade varieties, Mint HR	59a,59b	\$32.50	\$8.00	
27	Sarawak	1918 \$1 Sir Charles Brooke Mint VLH	70	\$42.50	\$8.00	
28	Virgin Islands	1948 Silver Wedding Set, MNH	90-91	\$16.25	\$4.00	
29	United States	Box w/ First day covers, Comm Panels, Face Value of \$15+			\$15.00	
30	United States	Commemorative Album-America's March to Freedom			\$20.00	Face \$21.07
31	United States	1970's Plate Block collection - Face \$25.16			\$20.00	
32	United States	Bag of Cancelled airmails on pages and loose			\$5.00	
33	United States	1970's Misc Blocks, Face Value 38.30			\$30.00	
34	United States	Bag of Misc of Back of the book items, 2 full sheets MNH			\$15.00	Face \$15.00+
35	United States	1976 BiCentennial Album + Stamps			\$5.00	Face \$6.30
36	United States	1960's-1990's Collection on Manila Stock Sheets			\$45.00	Face \$65.50
37	United States	1992 Columbian S/S set of First Day Covers	2624-2629	\$20.50	\$5.00	
38	United States	1992 Elvis Presley Full pane of 40, MNH	2721	\$24.00	\$10.00	Face \$11.60
39	United States	(3) different 19th Cent, Used Scott #'s 146,183,211		\$47.50	\$8.00	
40	United States	1931 small lot of 11, cpl shade varieties, Mint LH, Mint NG	692-700	\$62.50	\$10.00	
41	United States	(5) 5"x7" envelopes with Commems, back of book etc		\$500+	\$40.00	
42	Supplies	Thor Stamp Press			\$3.00	
43	Canal Zone	Small lot of Mint and MNH in Folio and on cards		\$55.00	\$10.00	
44	Canada	2007 Commemorative Year Book and Stamps Sealed!			\$25.00	
45	Germany-Berlin	1951-2 Freedom Bell Set, MNH	9N75-9N79	\$110.00	\$25.00	
46	Germany-Berlin	1953 Freedom Bell Set, MNH	9N94-9N98	\$77.50	\$15.00	
47	Topical	Beatrice Potter - Some nice Great Britain sets & Booklets		\$ 216.00	\$30.00	
48	Monaco	100's Mint and used on pages late 1800's-1970's			\$25.00	
49	Canada	1899 5 cent Victoria, Bluish Paper, Mint HR		\$ 250.00	\$40.00	
50	Ireland	Pre 1963 Mint and Used collection		\$ 295.00	\$40.00	
51	United States	1857 12 cent Washington, Used, Misc Faults	36	\$ 300.00	\$30.00	
52	United States	1866 15 cent Lincoln, Used	77	\$ 175.00	\$25.00	
53	United States	1893 15 cent Columbian, Mint No Gum, 1 short perf	238	\$200.00	\$25.00	
54	United States	1893 50 cent Columbian, Mint No Gum	240	\$450.00	\$70.00	
55	United States	1923 \$1 Capital, MNH	571	\$70.00	\$20.00	
56	United States	1929 Nebraska Overprint Set, Mint LH	669-679	\$260.25	\$60.00	
57	United States	1894 1 cent deep claret, Postage Due, Mint HR	J31	\$72.50	\$25.00	Nice Stamp!
58	United States	1938 Federal Duck Stamp, Straight Edge, Mint HR	RW5	\$200.00	\$30.00	
59	United States	1920-25 Misc Issues Mint and Used		\$130.00	\$20.00	
60	United States	Assorted Washington/Franklins Mint and Used		\$50.00+	\$10.00	

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January 2026 Members' Auction



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Lot 2



Lot 4



Lot 5



Lot 6



Lot 3



Lot 8



Lot 18



Lot 7



Lot 19



Lot 9



Lot 10

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January 2026 Members' Auction

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Expert Committee

We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
Scott 934	1945	3c	Olive

GRADE: Superb 98, Mint OGNh

"It is genuine unused, o.g., never hinged."

Shirley
For The Expert Committee

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Meetings

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

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**Members' Auction, S&T,
Starts 10am**

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Bid Board
Starts 10am**

Wednesday 18th March 2026

**Program: "The 3c 1851 Stamp Printers, Top-
pan, Carpenter & Casilear's First Year Diffi-
culties with Color Changes & Damaged Plates"
Marc Dochez. Bid Board. Starts 7pm**

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2025-6

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**

2025-2026 Major Shows:

PIPEX 2026, May 1-3 2026, Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, OR

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