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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Geppetto's Italian Restaurant proved to be a fine setting for our 2009 Christmas dinner party. Our dining room was full of our members and guests. The food was good. The gift exchange was fun. We gained one new member. Everyone had a good opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of good people. Thank you to president Bob and his crew for putting the evening together.

JANUARY MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

The program at our January club meeting will be a members' auction. See inside for a listing of the 60 lots reported to Auction Director, Loren Meyer, in

time to be included here.

Loren says:

"Please join us for the January 2009 members' auction. We have some interesting lots including a valuable US BOB collection, some early MNH US, British Colonies, Europe and world-wide collections. Thank you to six members for submitting these lots."

Thank you, Loren, for serving as Auction Director and putting together your first auction for Salem Stamp Society.

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of the year. Dues for 2010 are due. Our yearly dues are \$10.00 for an individual member, \$15.00 for a couple, and \$5.00 for youth. You may bring your dues payment to our January club meeting, or

mail your payment to Salem Stamp Society at P.O. Box 202, Salem, Oregon 97308. Some members have paid dues ahead for more than one year. If you don't know whether you may have already paid dues for 2010, check with Treasurer, Jerry Gooley.

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If you are a new member who joined on or after July 1, 2009, your dues are already paid through December 31, 2010. Linda Geerlings, Frans Geerlings, Gary Tiffin, Mary Vassolo, and John Warren presented programs at club meetings in 2009, and have received credit for a one year dues payment, which applies either for 2010 or for a later year if dues were already paid ahead. If you would like to present the program for a meeting in 2010, please talk to Ray Berg.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CLUB MEMBER

Yadira (Yadi) Esparza joined Salem Stamp Society at our Christmas dinner party. She has previously attended our club meetings as a guest of Michelle Giammatteo. Welcome, Yadi, to Salem Stamp Society.

GEORGE STRUBLE EXHIBITS AT INTERNATIONAL STAMP SHOW AND RECEIVES HIGH AWARD

George Struble exhibited his Swiss airmail exhibit at the AEROPEX exposition, held in November, in Beijing. He received a small gold (also called gold) award. In international shows, there are eight levels of awards: large gold, gold, large vermeil, vermeil, large silver, silver, silver bronze, and bronze.

Only two exhibits received large gold awards. George was one of two first time exhibitors at the international show to receive a small gold award. Because this was the first time George exhibited at an international show, he was restricted to five frames (80 pages). Because of the award he received, he can now exhibit eight frames (128 pages) in future international stamp shows.

Congratulations, George for accomplishing this in your first effort at exhibiting at the international level.

OREGON STATE ARCHIVES OPENS NEW DATABASE

The Oregon State Archives have opened a new database on early Oregonians. The project started in 2004. The website was activated in December. At this time, there are 105,500 entries regarding early Oregonians. The project will include people living in Oregon from 1800 to 1860. The database will continue to evolve as new information is learned and entered. I searched for one person who was an addressee on an 1869 cover from Aurora Mills to Portland, finding that the person was born May 1, 1853, at Howell Prairie, and died November 8, 1939, in Mulino. It would appear that the information was derived from birth and death records, inasmuch as it listed in additional information only the names of the person's parents. The website is:

<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/news/eo/eo.html>.

2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY TO BE PREPARED

Please see, complete, and return the enclosed Membership Directory Information Sheet. The directory is being prepared in response to the request by several club members for a membership directory. This information form, prepared by Pete McCallum, who will assemble and process the information as received, is the first step in preparing the directory. Please note that the form says to include only the information you wish to have published in the directory.

MONTHLY ON LINE EXHIBITS AT THE NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

The Arago website of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum is found at:

<http://arago.si.edu>

On January 5, the site was still showing its December exhibit: *The Art of Christmas Stamps*. Exhibits scheduled for 2010 start with Sports, showing sports stamps that honor and celebrate athletic excellence and popular pastimes. Exhibits previously shown can also be viewed. All of these exhibits are described as special histories told through selected assemblages of museum objects and exceptional private collections. Scrolling through

the previous exhibits, I found the Benjamin Miller collection that was on display in the Smithsonian National Postal Museum when I visited it during Washington 2006. All the items in the exhibit can be viewed on line. If an object is clicked on, it will enlarge for even greater detail. This is a great way to visit some of the museum's holdings without leaving home. For even more information on the National Postal Museum, visit its website:

www.postalmuseum.si.edu

LINN'S STAMP NEWS PUBLISHES FINAL LIST OF 2009 U.S. SELF-ADHESIVE STAMPS THAT WILL SOAK OFF IN WATER

The list was published in the November 23, 2009 issue.

They are:

Scott No.	Description
4374	42 cents Alaska Statehood
4375	42 cents Year of the Ox
4376	42 cents Oregon Statehood
O163	1 cent Great Seal official mail stamp
4387	28 cents Polar Bear
4397	44 cents Wedding Rings
4399-	
4403	44 cents The Simpsons
4392	44 cents American Flag coil stamp by Sennett Security Products
4127m	(44cents) Liberty Bell forever stamp by Sennett Security

Scott No.	Description
4407	44 cents Celebrate
4293-	
4302	44 cents Flags of Our Nations
4425-	
4428	44 cents Winter Holidays (convertible booklet)
4433	Hanukkah

Linn's reports that all of these self-adhesive stamps were printed by Sennett Security Products, it being the only stamps manufacturer having a contract with the U.S.P.S. that still uses paper with a water-soluble layer that allows stamps to safely soak free.

LEARN ABOUT STAMPS WEBSITE

Continuing with a recurring theme in this issue, this website, that is found at: <http://learnaboutstamps.com> is a useful resource. It is sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, the Philatelic Foundation, the American Stamp Dealers Association, and the United States Postal Service. On the home page, it says: "Welcome to the Wonderful World of Stamp Collecting, a hobby where fascinating new stuff for your collection is as close as your mailbox! This portal to your entryway to finding out all you need to know to begin a collection or learn more about the stamps you have saved already. Stamps are beautiful works of art. They tell stories of heroism, daring

exploration, and important scientific advancement. Stamps are miniature ambassadors that travel the world. A stamp from a distant land is a connection to its people and the way they live. How can we assist you in discovering the story each stamp has to tell? How can we help you get more from your stamp collection? Your adventure begins with a click."

The topics that can be clicked on are: What is stamp collecting? What is postmark and cover collecting? How do I begin stamp collecting? How do I find stamps for my collection? How do I find out more about stamp collecting? What do I need to know when it comes time to sell my collection? How can I get more involved in stamp collecting?

If you click on What is stamp collecting?, the first paragraph answers the question by saying: "Collecting stamps is a hobby for people of all ages who are interested in history, geography, art and world cultures. Stamps have been issued from postal services from all over the world since 1840. Every subject you can imagine has been depicted on colorful stamps: animals, sports, maps, cars, ships, movie stars. No matter what your interest, there are stamps that will complement that interest. Stamp collecting is anything you want it to be." Each topic has helpful subtopics that will take you to other sites. This is a website worth a good look.

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2010

Sat	Sun	Firm	Show Name	Location	Type
Repetitive events					
			Rose City Stamp Bourse - 2 nd Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse 4828 NE 33 rd Ave Portland 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Portland	Bourse
			Collectors Corner - 4 th Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Portland	Bourse
2010 major shows					
			Feb 19-21, 2010 APS AmeriStamp Expo, Riverside, California		

Events JANUARY MEETING

Wednesday, January 13,
2010, 7:30 PM, Marion
County Fire District 1
Headquarters 300 Cordon Rd
NE Salem OR

FUTURE PROGRAMS

To be announced

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