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JANUARY MEETING

The program at our January club meeting was a members' auction, with president Bob as auctioneer. New member, George Stellingwerf, was introduced and welcomed to membership. Guest, Annelisa Brown, was also introduced. Webmaster, Frans Geerlings, reported that more album page downloads have been added to our website.

FEBRUARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010

Postal historian, Larry Maddux, will present the program: "Moving the Mail Through Southern Oregon in the 19th Century". Fellow postal historians, Bill Beith and Len Lukens, may come with him. Also, Larry plans on bringing his Marion County postal history

collection, for viewing. There are 31 lots on the bid board. See inside for a listing of the lots.

MESSAGE FROM AUCTION DIRECTOR LOREN MEYER

Please join us for the February Bid Board. I have included some early US, used and unused Columbian Exposition, many Washington/Franklin issues and a small group of Iceland. Many of the lots came from the October 18, 2009 Harmer-Schau auction. Please let me know what you would like me to include in the next bid boards and auctions. As always, all lots are guaranteed to be as described.

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 February club meeting, or mail your payment to Salem Stamp Society at P.O. Box 202, Salem, Oregon 97308. Some members have

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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. 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.

2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

If you have not yet given the club your information for the new directory, please 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>

The January exhibit is:

American Sports and Athletes on (U.S.) Stamps. The February exhibit will be on *Black History: African American's pivotal role in the shaping of American history and heritage as seen through the museum's objects and story telling.*

SALEM STAMP SOCIETY LIBRARY LISTING ON OUR WEBSITE

At our January meeting, President Bob announced that our librarian, Lauren Reynolds had begun to list the 1200 to 1500 items in our library. Take a look at her progress so far. She is listing the book name, its identifying number, and an excellent description of what is found in the book. More books will be added to the library list from time to time. It already has many interesting and useful books listed. Some books noted: *A 1985 Facit catalog, written in Swedish and English, on cancellations and post offices of Sweden; Germany 1872-1900 A Philatelic & Postal History Handbook of Germany & Her Colonies; The Types and Varieties of the United States Ten Cents Issues of 1855-*

1859. There are many books of general interest listed. But in this article, the intent is to call attention to the special books listed above that are available for study and research when needed, or to expand a collector's knowledge, or to identify and learn more about that philatelic item just acquired.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Pacific Northwest Postal History Society members collect and study Pacific Northwest postal history. The society publishes a quarterly publication, *The Oregon Country Postal History Journal*. The journal includes articles on Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana postal history. From time to time, the journal will be a special issue, devoted to one subject. Such issues do not come very often, but when they do, they are a value added to membership. Some past special issues included: *Wallowa County, Oregon postmarks (fall 1997); Astoria, Oregon (winter 2005-06); Oregon City, Oregon (spring, 2007); a cover that was carried over the Oregon Trail, west to east, in 1847, from Linn County, Oregon to Illinois (summer 2007); a collection of letters written in 1883-1888, primarily from Mabel, located in Lane County, Oregon, but raising the question whether Mabel may have been located in Linn County for a time (winter*

2007-08); Wheatland County, Montana (fall 2008). A recent issue included an article, with postmarks and post office photos, on post offices closed within the last five years in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The issue also included the annual postal history auction with 360 lots. The members meet from time to time, in informal settings, and also have an annual meeting, often in conjunction with a stamp show. The annual meeting venue varies in order to accommodate members in all parts of the region. The meeting may include a program. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 per year. If interested in joining, contact Bill Beith at P O Box 301263, Portland, OR 97294-9263; email: wrbeith@comcast.net, or talk to Bill if he comes to our February meeting with Larry Maddux.

WESTERN COVER SOCIETY

Continuing with this theme of postal history societies, the Western Cover Society says, in its membership information: "If you collect Western Express covers, Territorials, Town cancellations, or anything pertaining to the mails of the Old West, you are invited to join the Western Cover Society and enjoy meeting other collectors". The society publishes a quarterly

publication, *Western Express*. This is a slick cover and heavy paper publication of about fifty pages that are full of well researched articles. The articles in the December, 2009 issue include "Northwest U.S. Ports of Entry for British Columbia and Vancouver Island Mail", by Bob and Dale Forster. It covers the period from 1858 to 1870, and is illustrated with many express covers of the period. Dale Forster, who deals in postal history, lives in Portland, and has a booth at larger stamp shows in the northwest and elsewhere. Another article in this issue continues with the second part of an article on the Alaska Pacific Express Company, and will continue in the next issue. All articles contain, if available, references for the research published, useful for further research by the reader. Membership in the Western Cover Society is \$35.00 per year. Western Cover Society offers members a DVD of 55 years of *Western Express*, with issues from 1950 to 2005, for \$40.00. It offers the same DVD to non-members for \$100.00. So, the bargain is to pay \$75.00 to join and order the DVD. If interested, payment for membership, with or without the DVD, would be sent to Oscar Thomas, Treasurer WCS, P O Box 604, Lake Forest, CA 92609.

POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Postal History Society was founded in 1951. It has more than 600 members scattered throughout the world. The society publishes *Postal History Journal*, which started as a once a year publication, and is now published three times a year. It contains original research, is illustrated, and is printed on high quality paper stock. It regularly wins high awards at international shows. The journal has articles covering research on postal history of all countries and regions of the world. The journal is edited by Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris, who grew up in Corvallis, and later moved to New York state. They also are postal history dealers who generally have a booth at the larger stamp shows. One feature in each issue of the journal is the publication of American postal history in other journals and foreign postal history in other journals, all indexed by state and country. This is an excellent way to find out about articles published in a collector's area of interest. This feature required seventeen pages in the October 2009 journal. One article in the same issue of the journal is: "Gathering Postal History: The Story of Vietnamese Refugees". This is a study in modern postal history dealing with refugees from the war in Viet Nam. Membership in the society is \$35.00 per year. Website: <http://www.stampclubs.com/phs>>

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2010

Sat	Sun	Firm	Show Name	Location	Type
Feb 6		Yes	Portland Winter Stamp Fest	Airport Way Shilo Inn	Bourse
Feb 27	Feb 28	Yes	Postcard Show	Armory, NE 33 rd Portland	Bourse
March 20		Yes	Spring Stampex	Pacific Hwy Inn, Salem	Bourse
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.					Bourse
Collectors Corner - 4 th Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.					Bourse
2010 major shows					
Feb 19-21, 2010 APS AmeriStamp Expo, Riverside, California					
June 4-6, Pipex 2010, Spokane, WA					

Events

FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 103,
2010, 7:30 PM, Marion
County Fire District 1
Headquarters 300 Cordon Rd
NE Salem OR

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March: U.S. 1851 3cents
issue, by Marc Dochez

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