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## This Month's Program



Tom DeLuca, HTPS member and owner of Trenton Stamp and Coin, will be our guest speaker at the February meeting. Tom has been a frequent speaker at our meetings and has always come up with an interesting

topic to tell us about. In past presentations, Tom has shown off a collection of New Jersey postcards, and given us some advice, from a dealer's point of view, on how to build up your stamp collection. He is a great proponent of the appreciation phase of stamp collecting, where one allocates time to take out your albums and admire the stamps you have acquired. We look forward to another great presentation.

The formal meeting starts at 7:30 PM in the basement community room of the Hamilton Library. Come early if you would like to pick up some free publications, check out the APS circuit books or to chat with your fellow philatelists.

HTPS meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Hamilton Township Public Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way (off of Whitehorse Mercerville Road) in Hamilton. NJ 08619.

## President's Message

Thank you for the wonderful selection of material that was offered at last month's auction. A special thanks to all who donated their proceeds from the auction to the Society. I thought the auction was much livelier and thus more enjoyable than any of our previous auctions and that is thanks to all of you who participated.

If you receive this newsletter via the United States Postal Service, please take notice to the stamp on the cover. The Society intentionally uses current US issues in its mailings. Some day they may become true collector's items.



Why? Try creating a set of the recent commemorative stamps on covers that are correctly used during their time of issue. You will soon come to appreciate the difficulties of the task and the reason for the possibility of future value. If you do not save the covers, please consider saving them and bringing them to the next meeting. You will make someone very happy especially if it is a se-tenant issue.

Tom DeLuca of Trenton Stamp & Coin plans to make his annual visit and presentation to the Society. As of this moment, his topic is still undecided but it will be something on US philatelics. No matter the topic that Tom talks on, it will be interesting and informative talk. I am sure of that!

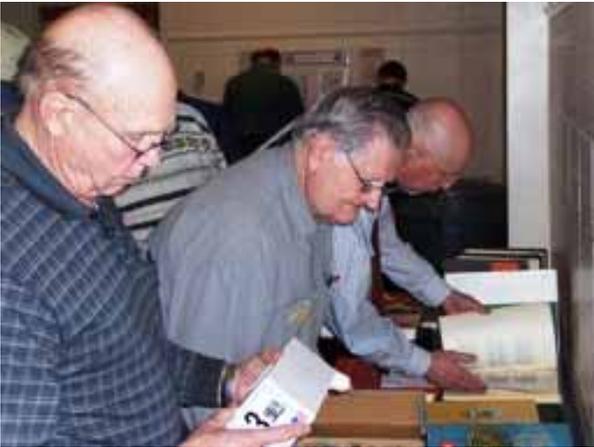
I look forward to seeing you on February 19<sup>th</sup>...Ed

## January's Auction

Last month's auction was a great success. There were over 70 lots, including many stamp packets, albums, and catalogs. Several lots, including a page of world-wide revenues, had very active bidding. A number of the items were donated to the club. Along with the commission on the member's lots, this added over \$90 to the club treasury!



HTPS members examine lots before the bidding



Close examination of the albums and bulk lots



Auctioneer Zingale and Assistant

## Stamp Identification

Bob Stolarz identified the stamps from last month. They are both from Bulgaria. The one on the left is from the regular issue of the 1910 series with a 1913 overprint noting the victory over the Turks in the Balkan War of 1912-13 (Scott #104). The one on the right is a revenue stamp. While not listed in Scott, it is listed in the Barefoot guide to Bulgaria and Romania Revenues.



Here are this month's unidentified stamps. If you can identify them, please let us know.



## Stamp Out Cancer Auction

The Quad City Stamp Club of Moline, IL will be holding its annual "Stamp Out Cancer" auction in April. All proceeds from the auction go to cancer research. Over the past 30 years, the auction has raised over \$175,000. If you wish to donate material for the action, please see club member Andrew Boyajian for more information or visit their web site at <http://www.qcstampclub.com>.

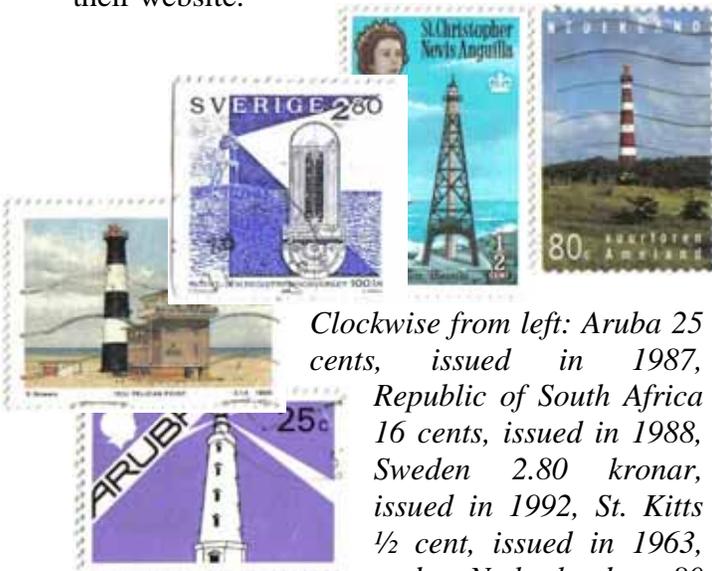
## Pharos Philatelic Corner

... by Jim Cope

Did the recently issued US Pacific Coast Lighthouse stamps whet your appetite to collect more Lighthouse stamps? Many nations throughout the world issue Lighthouse stamps during the year. Some depict their own lighthouses while others picture various lighthouses throughout the world. Some issue sets, like the recent US ones, and others just issue one stamp from time to time. A few countries, China and the USSR, have issued quite large sets in the past.

There are many sources to get these stamps, and related philatelic material, such as the Internet, stamp dealers, stamp papers and publications, stamp clubs, and trading with others. The Lighthouse Stamp Society, Dalene Thomas, *President*, 8612 W. Warren Lane, Lakewood, CO 80227-2352 sends out a very informative bi-monthly newsletter, *the philatelic BEACON*, with color photos of new stamps and lighthouses.

The annual dues are \$12, donations accepted to continue the color printing. FMI <http://www.LighthouseStampSociety.org>. A part of the Lighthouse Stamp Society deals with the trading of Lighthouse postcards, more info on their website.



*Clockwise from left: Aruba 25 cents, issued in 1987, Republic of South Africa 16 cents, issued in 1988, Sweden 2.80 kronar, issued in 1992, St. Kitts 1/2 cent, issued in 1963, and Netherlands 80*

*cents, issued in 1994.*

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## Collecting Postal Stationery

...by Jack Sack

Many of our club members collect U.S. stamps. Have you considered collecting postal stationery as well? Postal stationery is generally defined as any type of envelope, card or other stationery item with the postage prepaid. Postal stationery predates the penny black of 1840. Depending on your definition, the first piece of postal stationery is from New South Wales in 1838 or even the Venice lettersheets of 1608!

In the United States, embossed stamped envelopes were first issued in 1853. The early US issues are noted for numerous colors and die variations. In addition to deciding if you want to collect mint or used stationery, you can also collect either the entire envelope or simply the corner with the postage marking, commonly referred to as the cut square:



Postal stationery collectors have their own society, the United Postal Stationery Society (website <http://www.upss.org/>). This is the first place to look for information, as well as to order their various publication and newsletters.

The definitive catalog of postal stationery is the 19 volume Higgins and Gage, "World Postal Stationery Catalogue" Unfortunately, the set is out of print and very difficult to find, but is available for loan from the APS Research Library.

The Newsletter Editor is interested in any news, items of interest, articles, suggestions or ideas you might have.

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## Club Notices . . .

**Stamps for the Wounded:** Please save your extra stamps for the Stamps for Wounded Vets program. Sherm Britton is also interested in other worthwhile organizations which are looking for stamp donations.

**Spray-on Cancels:** Please remember to save those city spray-on cancellations in your everyday mail. A number of our members are attempting to collect the nearly 300 different city spray-on cancellations.

**Stock Pages and Binders:** We are looking for contributions of binders and stock pages (manila or black poly). Recycled items are fine. The purpose is to supply new collectors with a "storage kit" before they decide on an album.

**Library Notices:** We have a stack of flyers and notices advertising our club to be posted on library and community center bulletin boards across Mercer County. Please take a few of these and pin them up as appropriate.

**Date-Type Cancels:** Tony Z. is working on a collection of 20<sup>th</sup> Century date cancels. He has 97 years and only needs 1912, 1913 and 1918 to complete the collection. Please keep a lookout for those dates. Also, any four-year dates are always welcomed.



**HTPS Web Site:** Please visit our website at [hamilton.home.att.net](http://hamilton.home.att.net). It still needs some work. If you would like to help out with this endeavor, or have some favorite websites you'd like to tell us about, please contact Tony Z.

## Upcoming Stamp Events

There is a new pair of stamp bourses in New Jersey. On the third Saturday of each month, there is a show at the Sheraton near Newark Airport, and on the third Sunday at the Wyndham Hotel in Saddle Brook. While these shows have many of the same dealers from the former Hasbrouck Heights show, there are a number of new dealers as well

2/07 – Merchantville Stamp Club – Temple Lutheran Church – Pennsauken, NJ

2/09 – Hightstown Stamp Bourse – American Legion Hall – Hightstown, NJ

2/10 – Sunday Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn – Cherry Hill, NJ

2/16 – [Third Saturday Stamp Show – Sheraton Four Points Hotel – Rts 1&9 – Elizabeth](#)

2/17 – [Third Sunday Stamp Show – Wyndham Hotel – Route 80 & GSP – Saddle Brook](#)

2/19 – [HTPS Meeting – Library – Hamilton](#)

2/21 – Merchantville Stamp Club – Temple Lutheran Church – Pennsauken, NJ

2/22-24 – Metro Expo – Holiday Inn – NYC

2/23 – Woodbridge Show – Hampton Inn – Woodbridge, NJ

## HTPS Schedule

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> – Steven Rod "Walk Along Nassau St"

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – Cachet Maker Fred Collins

May 20<sup>th</sup> – APS Slide Show

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Society Auction

July 15<sup>th</sup> – Informal Meeting - Swap Meet

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – Informal Meeting – HAMPEX '08

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The purpose of this newsletter is to promote philately, inform our members and to encourage other like-minded individuals to attend the monthly meetings of the Society.

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