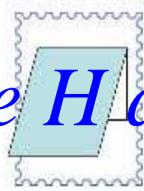




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## May Meeting

This month's presentation is our first "expanded" Show and Tell where members or guests speak about a philatelic topic of their choice. These tidbits of information run from 5 to 15 minutes using the Document Camera or PC for Power Point slides.

Ron Dobrowolski and Bob Stolarz are the featured speakers for this month's Show and Tell. We have time for one or two more so call us at 609-890-8211 or email to [htps75@gmail.com](mailto:htps75@gmail.com) if you want to give a talk.

If time permits, we may also show some YouTube philatelic-related videos. Many of these videos are on the APS website at [www.stamps.org/Videos/index.htm](http://www.stamps.org/Videos/index.htm).

Also on the May schedule is the election of Officers for the 2010-2011 business year. The nominations remain open and include the following candidates:

- President ..... Ed Murtha
- Vice-President ..... Jeff Boyarsky
- Secretary ..... Bob Stolarz
- Treasurer ..... Ron Gonzalez

See you on May 18th.

## Stamp Identification

Last month's stamp in our April Fools issue – US #3a – was a joke. Of course, it is the famous upside down "Jenny" which is known to collectors worldwide.

This month we get back to the real world with an interesting issue. The geographic area is obvious and it is a post-war issue. So get out your books and guides and send us the answer.

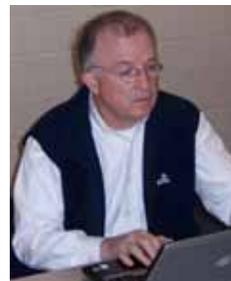
One dollar in mint U.S. postage from our face value box to the member or reader with the first correct answer.



## In this Issue . . .

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- *Hamilton Township Public Library*
- . . . and much more!

## President's Message



How much is enough? If we fill every hole in our albums, is that satisfactory? I do not think that any of us could really do this. We probably would never have enough money or the time to actually accomplish that task!

Personally, I ask myself a similar type of question regarding my personal finances. Do I have enough for my wife and me to live on for however long we are around? According to some analysts I do; others say I do not.

This same question is now being raised for HTPS. Many of you have been very generous in donating your time and money to help build our treasury, but we have no guarantees that this will continue. Future developments may require us to spend our accumulated funds.

First, if you have attended our monthly meetings recently, you have seen the increase in attendance. This is wonderful, but there is now a concern about space. Secondly, as you will read later in this newsletter, New Jersey libraries are facing some major financial issues that eventually may impact us. These are just two potential problems and we must prepare for them. Either one of them could impose a major cost to the Society if we need to find a new meeting facility.

It is for this reason that I hope you will realize that there is not an inordinate amount of funds in the HTPS treasury. So all of us must remove any thoughts of instituting monthly junkets to Las Vegas for HTPS Officers and members. . . . Ed.

## April Proceedings

by Jack Sack

It was great to see so many people at our April meeting. The business portion of the meeting was highlighted by the nomination of members for election as society officers for another term.

Several items relating to changes in meeting procedures were also discussed. A major concern is the length of our meetings and what we can do to insure they end by 9:30 PM. Some ideas included . . .

- ⇒ Shorten Show & Tell presentations for meetings with outside speakers, but add expanded Show & Tell for other meetings.
- ⇒ Conduct 50/50 sales before the meeting starts.
- ⇒ Take a shorter break between the business meeting and presentation.
- ⇒ Consider a possible change to meeting start time.

Joe Seliga spoke about gathering info for the October 2010 Newsletter issue which will be dedicated to the 35th anniversary of HTPS' first meeting. See page 4 for more information on this project and on how you can help make the October issue one to remember.

Len DeGroot passed around a 3-inch binder containing APS color album pages for stamps highlighting US states, cities, topics, etc. These are free and are found at: [www.stamps.org/Education/edu\\_AlbumPages.htm](http://www.stamps.org/Education/edu_AlbumPages.htm)



The presentation was an APS slide show titled "The American Revolution: A Glorious Undertaking" by Henry Fisher. The show highlighted many of the U.S. stamps that were issued to commemorate the American Revolution and the patriots who gave us our freedom.

While the audience was familiar with many of the stamps shown, much of the history behind the events depicted was interesting. One example, of local interest to the group, was the story of George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River on



Christmas Eve 1776 (pictured here on Scott # 1688) as the Battle of Trenton began.

We look forward to the next APS slide show to be presented sometime during the

upcoming 2010-2011 season.

## The PNSE Stamp Show

. . . by Les Timbres



After a year's absence, the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition (PNSE) re-emerged last month to outstanding reviews. The APS World Series Show, held on April 9-11, included over 200 exhibit frames and 30 dealers from across the U.S.

The new venue at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center was large enough to easily accommodate both exhibits and dealers in one room. The Center is located in Oaks, PA, about an hour's drive from Hamilton Township, NJ.

Along with the wide range of exhibits, there were enough seminars and presentations to keep you busy for the three day event. Several stamp groups, including the United States Stamp Society, held meetings at the show.



**HTPS member Tony Zingale checks out an exhibit.**

One of the big draws was the dealers who stopped in Pennsylvania on the way to the big New York show the next week. Among them were Michael and Cecilia Ball from Phoenix, AZ who brought their "Wall of Stamps" with 300 red boxes (see photo below).

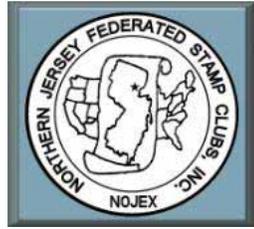


I had time to visit a number of the dealers and picked up some interesting items for my collection. The exhibits also held my interest particularly the three Washington Franklin collections.

I certainly look forward to returning next year for this event.

## NOJEX 2010

The 47th annual exhibition of the North New Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs is scheduled for May 28-30 at the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, NJ just off Exit 16W on the New Jersey Turnpike.



HTPS is a member of NOJEX and has worked with the organizing committee for several years on the setup and dismantling of the dealer tables and exhibits. It's a great way to meet fellow philatelists and also get a bit of exercise in the bargain. As usual, HTPS will cover the event with one of our international correspondents – this year Les Timbres has the honor.

Anyone interested in helping out this year, please contact Ed or Tony. For further details on NOJEX, check their website at [www.nojex.org/](http://www.nojex.org/).

### Hamilton Township Public Library

The Governor's proposed state budget reduces library funding substantially. These cuts eliminate internet access, electronic journals in hundreds of libraries and the inter-library loan program. The loss of these programs will put more pressure on local property taxes.

The proposed legislation, Assembly Bill A2555, will eliminate funding for libraries and will result in fewer books, fewer hours and fewer services. **THIS MAY DIRECTLY IMPACT THE USE OF THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM FOR OUR MEETINGS.**

More than 170,000 people in New Jersey use our libraries every day. The Hamilton library provides our meeting space and custodial services in setting up our work areas. Please help maintain this support by contacting your legislators asking them to restore library funding and oppose Assembly Bill A2555.

In Hamilton, call Wayne DeAngelo at 609-631-7501 and Linda Greenstein at 609-395-9911. You can also go online at [www.nj.gov](http://www.nj.gov) and enter the following:

- ⇒ Click 'Legislature' link under the Governor's picture.
- ⇒ Click the 'District Map' link on the left.
- ⇒ Click '14' on the map for Hamilton's representatives.
- ⇒ Select one of our representatives (Thomas Goodwin, Wayne DeAngelo or Linda Greenstein).
- ⇒ Call, email or write to ALL of them asking that they restore the library cuts.

Readers from other towns can select their own district number and contact their representatives.

## Philatelic Foundation

... by Tony Zingale

On April 15, Ed Murtha, Ron Gonzalez and I visited the Philatelic Foundation (PF) located at 70 West 40th Street in NYC. Our purpose was to tour the facility, noted for its expertise in philatelic identification, and to drop off some items for certification.

"The Philatelic Foundation was granted a charter in 1945 by the University of the State of New York as a Nonprofit Educational Institution. Over the decades the Philatelic Foundation has come to be recognized as the central source for expertise in philately. This confidence has been built through our certification service, reference collection and publications." (Source: PF Website)

We were met by David Petruzelli who guided us through this unique institution and introduced us to Betsy Diaz and Lewis Kaufman, two of the staff who work there. David explained the process of certification at the Foundation. We learned that most U.S. and many of the foreign items are expertized on site by the PF staff. When needed, items are sent to outside experts for further evaluation.



From the left: Lewis, David and Betsy work on those certs.

It's easy to see why most of the work is done on site. There were thousands of reference publications, correspondence, research notes and photographic records, including over 400,000 PF-certified items, housed at this location.

It was an enjoyable first leg of the day's philatelic journey that included a visit to the Collectors Club and a final stop at the Mega Show.

For additional details, check out the PF website at [www.philatelicfoundation.org](http://www.philatelicfoundation.org).

### HTPS Meetings . . .

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Hamilton Township Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way (off Whitehorse Mercerville Road) in Hamilton, NJ.

## HTPS Notices

**Anniversary:** October 2010 brings the 35th anniversary of the first HTPS meeting. We are planning a special issue for that month and would like to include as much information as possible on the activities of our group over the years.



Joe Seliga is heading up this project. Please contact Joe if you have any photos, notices, covers, meeting minutes, news clippings or other memorabilia of those times. Even recollections of members who have come

and gone during the 35 years would be helpful.

## Upcoming Events

- 5/2 → Garden State Stamp Coin & Currency Show – PAL Building, 33 Baldwin Ave., Parsippany, NJ 9 AM to 4 PM.
- 5/6 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – 7 PM.
- 5/7 → Philly Phriday Philately Phest – Radisson Hotel – Roosevelt Blvd (Rt. 1) & Old Lincoln Highway – Philadelphia, PA – 10 AM to 8 PM.
- 5/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

5/14-16 – Metropolitan Post Card Club of NY Show – Hotel New Yorker – 8th Ave. & 34th Street – NYC – Fri. 12 to 7 PM – Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun 11 AM to 4:30 PM.

5/16 – 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse – Holiday Inn – 129 Pehle Avenue (at Rte 80 & Garden State Pkwy – Saddle Brook, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

5/16 – Money, Stamps & Postcard Show – Clifton Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 5 PM.

5/18 → **HTPS MEETING** – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.

5/19 → MSC Meeting (See 5/6 MSC Meeting info).

5/23 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

5/23 → Coin, Stamp & Postcard Show – Ramada Inn – 1083 Rte 206 N. – Bordentown, NJ – 9 to 3 PM.

5/28-30 – **NOJEX 2010** – Meadowlands Crowne Plaza Hotel – Two Harmon Plaza – Secaucus, NJ – Fri. / Sat. 10 to 6 PM – Sun. 10 to 3 PM – Admission \$2.00 Fri. & Sat. (Sun. is Free).

6/5 – Postcard Show & Sale – Union Fire Hall – 1396 River Rd. (Rte 29) – Titusville, NJ – 9 to 4 PM.

6/5 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [See 5/6 MSC Meeting for location].

**NOTE:** For updated or additional information, see [www.stampshows.com](http://www.stampshows.com) and [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org).

The objective of this Newsletter is to promote philately, educate and inform our members and to encourage other like-minded individuals to join the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society.

### ----- HTPS Officers -----

President ..... Ed Murtha  
Vice President ..... Jeff Boyarsky  
Treasurer / Publicity ..... Ron Gonzalez  
Secretary ..... Bob Stolarz

### ----- HTPS Support Team -----

APS Representative ..... Jon Madsen  
Meeting Room Setup ..... Joe Seliga  
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Newsletter Editor ..... Tony Zingale  
NOJEX Contact ..... Andrew Boyajian  
Parliamentarian ..... Jerry McNew  
Philatelic Donations ..... Sherm Britton  
50 / 50 Handlers ..... Jim Cope, Ed Murray

### ----- HTPS Meeting Program -----

- ⇒ May 18 – YouTube Videos / Show & Tell
- ⇒ June 15 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 20 – Informal Meeting: Swap & Trade
- ⇒ Aug. 17 – Informal Meeting: HAMPEX '10
- ⇒ Sept. 21 – *"The ABC's of Philatelic Exhibiting"*  
(by Dr. Edwin Andrews)
- ⇒ Oct 19 – *"The Bordentown to NY Stage"*  
(by Robert Rose)
- ⇒ Nov. 16 – TBA
- ⇒ Dec. 21 – Holiday Party

**Looking for Speakers  
for the 2010 – 2011 Season.**