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President's Message



I'm sorry I missed **Dr. Andrews'** presentation last month. I understand it was very enlightening, and I hope it has sparked your interest in preparing your own philatelic exhibit.

This month marks the 35th anniversary of the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society. We will have a special event to mark this auspicious occasion at the October 19th meeting. I thank **Joe Seliga** for preparing a history of the HTPS which we will make available on the website and will send out as a special issue of the *Hamilton Hinge*.

For our presentation this month, our old friend **Bob Rose** will speak on "*The Bordentown to New York Stage*" route. I heard Bob give this talk early this year at the Westfield club. Much of the material involves the postal history of our own backyard. You are in for a delightful evening! With these two events scheduled, this is one HTPS meeting not to be missed.

Bob is sure to make a pitch for volunteers for the **World Stamp Show** to be held in New York City in 2016. It sounds like a long time away, but the planning for a show of this magnitude begins years in advance. Several HTPS members have already signed up to help. I hope you will consider being part of this once in a lifetime philatelic event. Check out their website at www.ny2016.org.

See you on the 19th . . . Ed.

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.

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October Meeting

This month marks the return of **Robert Rose** as our featured presenter. Bob's talk is titled "*The Bordentown to New York Stage*" which describes the land portion of a three day trip from Philadelphia to NYC in the 1700's. Bob will show some unique Trenton area postal history from that period.

We also plan to finalize the member speakers for our November mini-presentations. These talks range from 5 to 15 minutes and can cover any aspect of philately. The Document Camera, a PC and a projector are available for your use.

Help is always available to format your ideas into a Power Point program or display ready media. Contact **Bob Stolarz** at our email address for further details.

Try to attend the October 19th meeting.

Stamp Identification

No one correctly identified last month's stamp although a few readers were close. The stamp was Austria Offices in Turkey #4 issued in 1867.

This month we have another tough test. Check the design and text, and send your answer to the email address on the masthead.



The first correct identifier can select an item from the gift box.

September Proceedings

by Jack Sack

The first HTPS meeting of the year brought out a large crowd. The room was abuzz with members discussing their summer stamping adventures. The business meeting included the approval of the 2010-2011 budget and a short demonstration of our new website.

A moment of silence was held in memory of **Bob Lee**, a long time member who passed away in August. Bob was instrumental in the resurgence of our Society over the last five years.

We had a brief "Show and Tell", which included **Andrew Boyajian** showing an old folded letter with cross writing, where the author wrote the letter in one direction, and then rotated the paper 90 degrees, and continued his letter. This saved on both paper and postage costs but made the letter difficult to read.



September 14th FDC of the Julia de Burgos issue.

Ron Gonzalez showed off a self-made cachet for the recently issued 44-cent Julia de Burgos stamp (see above). Ron attended the First Day ceremony in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He is looking for other FDC cachets for this stamp and also commercial uses, so check out those dealer boxes for Ron.

Ron Dobrowolski received a hearty round of applause for his first attempt at exhibiting. He created a one frame exhibit for the MERPEX show. See the article on the next page for details.

Our speaker for the meeting was **Dr. Edwin J. Andrews**, an APS accredited judge who spoke on "Exhibiting for Fun." Dr. Andrews presented some reasons why you might consider preparing an exhibit including the satisfaction of showing your material (and possibly winning a medal). He also discussed exhibiting procedures to follow as



detailed in the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging*.

There are different types of exhibits. For example, a Traditional exhibit might document the design, production, and use of a single stamp. A postal history exhibit would describe postal routes and rates, or a macrophilily exhibit describes the various postmarks used at a particular location and time.

More unusual exhibits include Aerophilately (the development of airmail routes), Illustrated Mail (e.g., Advertising, Patriotic, or Event covers) and Maximaphily (picture postcards postmarked with a related stamp as shown here). In all cases, the exhibit must tell a story.



Dr. Andrews spoke about some of the resources available to help prepare and assemble an exhibit. He also described the criteria used to judge exhibits.

He urged anyone interested in exhibiting to spend time viewing exhibits at shows and also attending the judge's critique. This will give you a better idea of what constitutes an award winning exhibit.

Dr. Andrews' presentation will be posted on our website, along with his email address in case you wish to contact him. We thank him for an interesting and very enjoyable evening.

MSC Outreach Program

by Bob Stolarz

Ken Martin's column in the September issue of the *American Philatelist* included a description of the Merchantville Stamp Club's Outreach program.

This effort includes a series of PowerPoint presentations for school children that show different aspects of philately. The article mentioned the two driving forces behind this effort – **Mac Sarreal** and **Hank Applegate**.

Stamp Collecting Month

In 1981, the USPS designated October as National Stamp Collecting Month. Many other countries also celebrate this event. At the right is one stamp from Australia's six part set scheduled for release on October 5th.



Perhaps this theme interests you. If so, why not collect stamps issued for Stamp Collecting Month, or perhaps a collection of Stamps on Stamps – a very popular topic!

MERPEX XXXIV

by Les Timbres

My favorite American holiday is Labor Day – a time for saying goodbye to summer by going to the beach or having a cookout in the backyard. Best of all, the weekend begins with a visit to the MERPEX stamp show sponsored by the Merchantville Stamp Club, and held on the Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend at the Saint Cecilia School in Pennsauken, NJ.

Some HTPS members helped with the setup of the dealer tables and exhibit frames during the Thursday afternoon before the show.



Ed Murtha, Ken Steel, Tony Zingale and Joe Seliga take a break during the MERPEX setup.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, and there was a special show cachet and cancel commemorating the event. The school gym was ringed by 20 stamp and cover dealers, including several that I had not seen before.

The center of the gym held the 48 exhibit frames of competitive and non-competitive entries. There was a wide variety of topics covering many areas of philately.

Of particular note was the exhibit titled, *"Birthdays of a Sadistic Monster"* by HTPS member **Ron Dobrowolski** (pictured at right).



This was Ron's first exhibit and he did very well indeed.

His exhibit earned the following awards:

- ⇒ Silver Award
- ⇒ 2nd Best Single Frame Exhibit
- ⇒ 2nd Best in World Exhibit
- ⇒ Best in Class Novice Award
- ⇒ Apfelbaum Award – Best Novice Exhibit

Ron's exhibit will be scanned and put on our web site over the next few weeks.

A "MERPEX STATION" Post Office was on site with the new Hawaiian Rain Forest sheetlet for sale as well as other recent USPS commemorative issues.



I had an enjoyable time at the show and look forward to attending some of the other shows and bourses scheduled for the coming months. Hopefully you will also find time this autumn and winter to visit some shows, work on your collection and, most of all, to attend our HTPS meetings.

Library Exhibit

by Tony Zingale

Hopefully you were able to see our annual exhibit at the **Hamilton Township Library**. This year's exhibit included:

- ⇒ Cover Types
- ⇒ New Jersey Postcards
- ⇒ Topical Stamps
- ⇒ WW Souvenir Sheets
- ⇒ A Montage of Stamp Collecting Items



NJ postcards from the early 1900's.

Some of the exhibited items were obtained from our HAMPEX 2010 meeting in August. Others came from HTPS member collections. Our thanks to **Jim Cope, Bob Stolarz and Don Bunker** for their contributions.

HTPS Notices

Presentation: A talk on Holy Land stamps will be given by fellow HTPS member **Sid Morginstin** on Tuesday, October 26th, at the Hickory Corners Library, 138 Hickory Corner Road, East Windsor, NJ 08520-2416. The scheduled time is 7 PM to 8:30 PM.



All HTPS members are cordially invited by Sid's Chabad Study Group to attend his presentation.

Upcoming Events

10/2 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM –
[See 10/7 MSC Meeting for location].

10/2-3 → Money, Stamps & Postcard Show – Clifton Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – Sat. 9 to 5 PM – Sun. 9 to 4 PM.

10/7 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – 7 PM.

10/9 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

10/15-17 → WESPNEK – Westchester County Center – 198 Central Avenue – White Plains, NY – Fri. 12 – 6 PM – Sat. 10 – 6 PM – Sun. 10 – 3 PM.

10/16 → POCAX 2010 – Double Tree Guest Suites – 515 Fellowship Road North (near I-295 & Tpke Exits) – Mount Laurel, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

10/17 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse – Holiday Inn – 129 Pehle Ave (at Rte 80 & Garden State Pkwy – Saddle Brook, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

10/19 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.

10/20 → MSC Meeting (See 10/7 MSC Meeting info).

10/21-24 → Mega-Event (ASDA) – New Yorker Hotel – 481 Eighth Avenue – NYC – Thur. to Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM.

10/23 → BuxMont Stamp Show & Bourse – Benjamin H. Wilson Center – 580 Delmont Ave – Warminster, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

10/24 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

NOTE: For updated or additional information, see www.stampshows.com, www.stamps.org, www.cliftonnj.org/stamp/stampshow.htm and www.postal-history.com/showpage.html.

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.

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

- ⇒ Oct 19 – "*The Bordentown to NY Stage*"
(by Robert Rose)
- ⇒ Nov. 16 – HTPS Member Mini-Presentations
- ⇒ Dec. 21 – Holiday Party
- ⇒ Jan 18 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 15 – Tom DeLuca – Always a SURPRISE!

Newsletter Articles . . .

We are always looking for philatelic articles, ideas or suggestions. Contact Tony Zingale at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619; or call 609-890-8211; or email us at hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org.