



# The Hamilton Hinge

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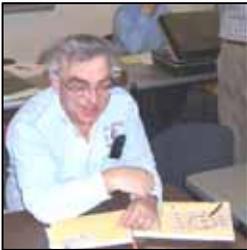
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## November Meeting

The year is moving to an end as we finish up with two months of celebrations and holidays. This month brings Veterans Day which honors veterans of the U.S. armed forces and those killed in battle. Check out the article on the history of this day including some stamps commemorating the event.

Don't forget – Society dues are due by January 1<sup>st</sup>. You can pay at the November meeting or send your \$10 check to the address in our masthead.



Long time HTPS member Sid Morginstin will be our speaker this month. Sid is a dealer/auctioneer who owns Negev Holyland and Button Stamp Company, and is an expert on Holy Land Philately.

He deals in all aspects of the topic, including the Ottoman Period, the British Mandate, the Interim period and Israel. As this is one area of philately that few of us are familiar with, we look forward to an interesting and informative talk from Sid.

## Stamp Identification

That's two months in a row for Bill Andersen. He was the first reader to correctly identify last month's stamp as Burma, Scott #2N29, issued in 1943 under Japanese occupation.

This month, we switch continents with this classic issue. Be careful – it looks like an easy one, but your first guess will probably not be correct.

\$1.00 in mint US stamps to the first correct responder.



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## President's Message

When the color of the leaves on the trees begins their annual change, my interest turns to my stamp collection.

At this time of the year, I promise myself to spend some amount of time in the course of the week with my stamps. I set some pretty basic goals like: mount any new material – update the want / need lists – make or add album notes of the unique or interesting items.

Pretty simple! Unfortunately, I never seem to fully accomplish this. Rather than just working on finishing these tasks, I continually find myself wandering, looking at the stamps, remembering when, from whom and where I found or purchased that stamp or cover.

May I suggest that you reacquaint yourself with your collection by opening up your albums and spending a little time looking through them? Hopefully, they will remind you of some good times and bring a smile or two to your face.

Look forward to seeing everyone on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

. . . 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.

## October Proceedings

... by Jack Sack

President Ed Murtha welcomed everyone to our October meeting. After the business formalities, Ed introduced our newest member, **Jim Hodges**, from Princeton Junction. Jim has restarted stamp collecting after a long hiatus, and collects "anything he feels like."

V.P. **Jeff Boyarsky** reported on a presentation he and **Andrew Boyajian** will be giving at the Elements Community Center in West Windsor on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

**Bob Stolarz** advertised a talk by **Cheryl Ganz**, Curator of the Smithsonian Philatelic Collections, at the Merchantville Stamp Club on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Ganz' talk is on the photography of Rell Sam Clements in Lakehurst, NJ during the 1920s.

Ed then reminded us about the upcoming meetings. This month **Sid Morginstin** will speak on Holy Land Philately. We will have our holiday party in December and an auction in January. Check out the calendar of events on the last page.



**Richard Micchelli** gave the evening's presentation. His topic was New Jersey Civil War Covers. Earlier this year, Mr. Micchelli presented his exhibit on "Civil War Patriotic Covers Postmarked from New Jersey" at the "Court of Honor" at NOJEX. He was also the featured speaker at the NOJEX annual meeting.

Richard has the largest collection of Civil War covers postmarked from New Jersey. He presented scans of many of the covers, stopping to describe special aspects of several items. For example, the cover show here at the right is postmarked from Lawrenceville and shows Abraham Lincoln in an apothecary, preparing a wide variety of anti-confederate concoctions. This is one of the few covers from Lawrenceville during this period.

We thank Mr. Micchelli for taking the time to visit Hamilton, and our meeting, and sharing with us his fascinating collection. Mr. Micchelli's presentation is now available for viewing on the NJPHS website at the following address:

[www.njpostalhistory.org/media/pdf/NJCWPats.pdf](http://www.njpostalhistory.org/media/pdf/NJCWPats.pdf).

## Boonton Show Review

... by Jack Sack

A new stamp show, organized by **Jim Chada** of "Stamps in the Attic" was held at the Sokol Hall in Boonton, NJ on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The venue, a gymnasium, located just outside downtown Boonton, was ideal for a show with free parking, a well-lit room, and free coffee and donuts.



As the show was held on the same day as the nearby Clifton Stamp Club show, **Tony Zingale** and I decided to "double-dip" and visit both shows. As promised, Mr. Chada arranged for ten dealers. Besides Mr. Chada, a number of local dealers such as Ross Wiessmann were present.



The show will be held every fourth Saturday of the month except in November and December due to holidays. Admission is free and the show runs from 10 AM to 3 PM. Ten dealers will be offering quality stamps covers and stamp-related items. There is a ten cent pick-and-choose table as well as a kid's table.



## APS "Philatelic Articles of Distinction"

The APS has developed a new program to promote philately. Clubs and groups who produce a publication, such as a newsletter, can submit an annual "best article" winner from the publication.



The 2010-2011 HTPS article nominations include:

- "The Richmond Show" by Les Timbres (Sept. 2010)
- "Expert Markings" by Tony Zingale (Nov. 2010)
- "Altered Stamps" by Jack Sack (Feb. 2011)
- "A Visit to the APS" by Joe Seliga (May 2011)

Check your Newsletter copies or use our website to review the articles. A vote will be taken at the December meeting or you may send an email with your selection. Votes for other articles are allowed.

Articles will be uploaded and archived on the APS website by topic with a link to the HTPS. A certificate of achievement will be presented to the author.

## Stamps Teach . . . Reprint from an APS email



A new addition to the APS website will be **Stamps Teach** with pages of lesson plans, learning center with activities, and worksheets.

The APS Education Department and the New Initiatives Committee of the Council of Philatelists, National Postal Museum, are partnering to build a philatelic resource for teachers.

If you know of a teacher, grades 3 to 5, who can help us test this new resource, please give them the [pre-registration link](#) or contact [Gretchen Moody](#), APS Director of Education.

### Membership Dues . . .

HTPS dues of \$10.00 are payable by January 1st. You can pay at the November meeting with cash or check (payable to HTPS), or send payment to Ron Gonzalez at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619.

## Veterans Day – 11/11/11

Over the years, the USPS has issued stamps commemorating U.S. military forces and, in some cases, Veteran's Day as evidenced by the Vietnam Veterans stamp on this month's masthead.

Another example is the 1946 World War II Veterans Commemorative on the cover below.



Source: <http://stamps.about.com> website

Originally called Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I, Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11. After World War II, it was recognized as a day to pay tribute to all service members.

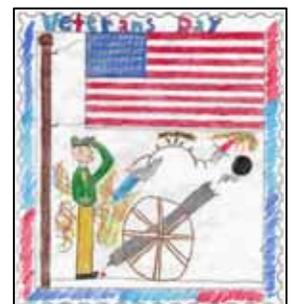
In Great Britain, Canada and France, it is called Remembrance Day, and is dedicated primarily to those who died in either of the world wars.

Other examples of USPS issued stamps commemorating Veterans or Veterans Day are show below.



A few years back, the Harris Middle School in Shelbyville, TN asked their students to draw pictures of a Veterans Day stamp they would like to see. Shown at the right is one example.

So take some time on 11/11/11 and remember those men and women who served and protected our country over the years.



## Upcoming Events

- 11/3 → MSC Meeting – St. Cecilia School – 4851 Camden Avenue – Pennsauken, NJ – Doors Open at 7 PM.
- 11/5 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran **CANCELLED** 30 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ.
- 11/6 → Garden State Coin, Stamp & Currency Show – PAL Building – 33 Baldwin Ave. – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM.
- 11/11-13 → Fall Postcard Show – New Yorker Hotel – 8th Ave. & 34th St. – NYC – Fri. 12 to 7 PM – Sat. 10 to 6 PM – Sun. 11 to 4:30 PM – \$7.00 Admission – [www.metropostcard.com](http://www.metropostcard.com).
- 11/12 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
- 11/13 → POSTCARD / Paper Auction – Prince of Peace Church Hall – Marlton, NJ – 1/4 mile East of Rt. #70 / #73 Intersection – Doors open at 1 PM – [www.sjpostcard.com](http://www.sjpostcard.com).

11/15 → **HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.**

11/16 → MSC Meeting (See 11/3 MSC meeting info).

11/20 → 3rd Sunday Stamp & Coin Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

11/20 → Clifton Money, Stamp and Postcard Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 3 PM

11/27 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

12/1 → MSC Meeting (See 11/3 MSC meeting info).

12/3 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran **CANCELLED** 30 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ.

**NOTE:** For updated or additional information, see: [www.stampshows.com](http://www.stampshows.com) – [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) [www.postal-history.com/showpage.html](http://www.postal-history.com/showpage.html).

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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 -----

- ⇒ Nov. 15 – "Holy Land Philately"  
(by Sid Morginstin)
- ⇒ Dec. 20 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 17 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 21 – "Postal History: French Colonial Allegorical Group Type - Use from Senegal & French Sudan (by Edward Grabowski)

We are looking for speakers for some 2012 dates.

### 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](mailto:hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org).