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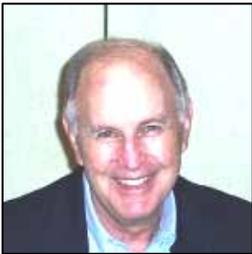
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## September Meeting



This month we are honored to have a prominent philatelist speak at our meeting. **Roger Brody** is chairman of the United States Stamp Society, president of the Collectors Club of New York and a board trustee of the American Philatelic Research

Library. You may remember Roger's talk to our group in April 2009 on the Prominent American Series.

Roger has written articles on U.S. postal history for *Linn's Stamp News* and other stamp journals and is active in the Westfield Stamp Club. Roger will speak on the definitive series of 1902. These stamps are commonly referred to as the "Second Bureau issue" as it was the second time the Bureau of Engraving and Printing produced US Postage stamps.

There are 14 stamps in the series. Roger will talk about the selection of subjects for the series and the design and printing process. This issue includes the first American woman on a U.S. stamp --- Martha Washington. We look forward to another fascinating talk!



The business portion of the meeting includes a review and vote on the proposed HTPS Budget for the 2012-2013 meeting year. Thanks to the Executive Committee members for their efforts in developing the budget.

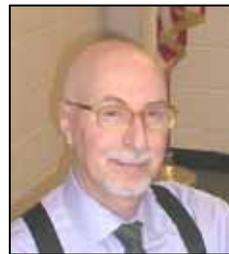
Our meeting starts at 7:30 PM, but come early to check out the display tables and chat with your fellow philatelists.

See you on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

## In this Issue . . .

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## President's Message



This is my first President's message. Let me begin by thanking **Ed Murtha** for his six years of service as our President. His ideas and creative energy have helped to make the HTPS the healthy and thriving club it is today; Ed is a very tough act to follow. We already have an award winning newsletter and, as you can see from the article this month, an award winning website. We have attracted some of the top names in the hobby to speak at our club.

More importantly, we have a great group of members who have made our club what it is today. It is why I can't wait for the third Tuesday of the month to roll around! Thanks to all our volunteers who devote enormous time and energy to make the club run as smoothly as it does. But we can't rest on our laurels. I would like to see the club increase its community outreach to help our hobby grow.

I am open to any ideas you have to keep our society as fun and productive as it is now. Please let me know what we might do to make our society even better. I can be reached at [jeff@hamiltonphilatelic.org](mailto:jeff@hamiltonphilatelic.org).

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff

## Summer Proceedings . . . by Jack Sack

The HTPS did not take a vacation over the summer. Instead we offered our members a variety of activities to keep busy in their favorite hobby. This included two informal HTPS meetings in addition to the almost weekly shows available in the tri-state area.

The July meeting consisted of an informal swap meet. A number of members brought in their extra stamps and other items to sell or swap. Some good bargains and purchases were on hand.

In August we held HAMPEX'12 which included exhibits from four of our members:

- ⇒ **Jeff Boyarsky:** Savings Bond Stamps
- ⇒ **Jim Cope:** Birds on Stamps
- ⇒ **Jack Sack:** Back of the Book India
- ⇒ **Bill McCarroll:** 1927 Solway Conference

**NOTE:** See the Solway article on the following page.



The judges awarded all entries first prize which will be handed out at the September meeting.

Later in August, President Boyarsky held his first executive board meeting (image below). Agenda items included the 2012-2013 preliminary program and the Society budget. Jeff also laid out his goal to increase the efforts of the club's outreach program.



## 2012-2013 Program

Our program schedule for the philatelic year is:

- ⇒ Sept. 18 – "1902 U.S. Series" by Roger Brody
- ⇒ Oct. 16 – "Prof. Victor Segno Mentalist" by Dr. Ed Grabowski
- ⇒ Nov. 20 – "Forgeries & Fakes from the Philatelic Foundation" by Bob Rose
- ⇒ Dec. 18 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 15 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 19 – Tom Deluca --- always a surprise!
- ⇒ Mar. 19 – WIP
- ⇒ Apr. 16 – WIP
- ⇒ May 21 – HTPS Member Presentations
- ⇒ June 18 – Society Auction

Check the HTPS website for updates and details.

## MERPEX XXXVI

As the end of summer nears, the MERPEX show beckons and this year was no different. The show is held over Labor Day weekend in Pennsauken, NJ. This year, the theme was the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War of 1812.

Five HTPS members (see image below) joined MSC members on August 30 to help set up the dealer tables and exhibit frames.



**HTPS members (from the left): Ken Steel, Joe Seliga, Jeff Boyarsky, Ed Murtha and Tony Zingale.**

MERPEX ran two days this year – August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. The show featured a variety of dealers ranging from Harry Tong's five table spread to one table "boutique" offerings. The 60 frame exhibit in the middle of the floor attracted many viewers.

## HTPS Web Site

... by Jack Sack

The HTPS website, [www.hamiltonphilatelic.org](http://www.hamiltonphilatelic.org), has been awarded a Vermeil in the 2012 APS Website competition.



This the first year that the American Philatelic Society has sponsored the "Chapter and Affiliates Web Awards" which recognizes web site creativity and excellence.

A total of 16 groups participated in this inaugural competition that was open to all APS chapter clubs, club or federation-run stamp shows and affiliates. Each site was evaluated in a variety of areas, including overall content, structure and navigation, visual design, functionality and interactivity.

Most of the 16 winners were large philatelic organizations, such as the American First Day Cover Society and the American Topical Association. The HTPS was one of the smallest groups receiving an award. The APS Web Competition icon is now posted on our website and the certificate will be given to our Webmaster at the September meeting.

The 2013 competition will be held next spring. We will be making changes to our website in an effort to "Go for the Gold" in '13. Suggestions and comments are welcome.



HTPS website home page.

## Stamp Identification

June's stamp was correctly identified by **Bill McCarroll** as Afghanistan, Scott #191, issued in 1898.



**Jack Sack** sent us a large group of stamps for identification during the coming year so we start off with this issue.

Admittedly there is not too much to go on here, except, obviously, that it is from the Asian continent, so check out those stamp catalogs.

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

## 1927 Solway Conference

One of the most famous physics conferences was held in Brussels in October 1927. Many of the world's most notable physicists, including Albert Einstein and Niels Bohr, met to discuss Einstein's newly formulated quantum theory and other matters.

17 of the 29 attendees were, or became, Nobel Prize winners including Marie Curie who had won Nobel Prizes in two separate scientific disciplines.



An HTPS member, **Bill McCarroll**, is searching for stamps showing participants at this meeting (see image above). His goal is to create an article for the *Philatelia Chimica et Physica* journal. Some stamps are easy to locate (like Einstein), but others have proved difficult. Why not help Bill out by looking for some examples?

## 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.

## Upcoming Events

9/6 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600  
Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) –  
Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM.

9/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post –  
Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ –  
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

9/14-16 → MetroExpo – Holiday Inn – 440 W. 57th St –  
NYC – Fri: 10 to 6 PM – Sat: 10 AM to 5 PM –  
Sun: 10 AM to 4 PM – [www.metroexpos.com](http://www.metroexpos.com).

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

**9/18 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township  
Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7PM.**

9/19 → MSC Meeting (see 9/6 MSC meeting info).

9/23 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) –  
Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 –  
Ft. Washington, PA – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

9/29-30 → Fall Stamp, Coin, Cover & Postcard Show –  
Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main  
Avenue – Clifton, NJ – Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM –  
Sun. 10 to 4 PM – [www.cliftonnj.org/stamp](http://www.cliftonnj.org/stamp).

9/29-30 → Garden State Postcard Club – PAL Center –  
33 Baldwin Ave. – Parsippany, NJ – Sat. 10  
AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM.

10/4 → MSC Meeting [see 9/6 MSC meeting info].

10/6 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM –  
[see 9/6 MSC meeting for location].

10/11-14 → Mega-Event (ASDA) – New Yorker Hotel –  
481 Eighth Avenue – NYC – Thur. to Sat.  
10 AM to 6 PM – Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM –  
<http://www.americanstampdealer.com/>.

10/13 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post –  
[see 9/8 show info].

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

We always welcome 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).