



# The Hamilton Hinge

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## President's Message



I hope that all of our members remain safe throughout the enormous storm that is upon us as I sit down to write my president's message. The storm reminds me of the fragile nature of the stamps, post cards, postal history, and ephemera we love to collect and study.

The safekeeping of the items that we own is our responsibility before they are passed on to someone else. We only have the gift of present value and study, and perhaps to pass some added knowledge with our particular accumulation.

What have you done to safeguard your collection? As we know, it is a bad idea to touch stamps, covers and cards, because the oils from our fingers will gradually stain the item and cause them to deteriorate. So use tongs whenever possible. Normal humidity in a basement or attic, or a damp house can also create mold on the paper.

It is best to keep your collectible items in archival plastic mounts and binders. Never let the binder get so packed that it will cause high pressure on the collectible item. Also, do not store albums flat or in a stack.

Temperature extremes can also cause damage. Obviously, liquids can destroy a collection, so make sure you keep them in a safe environment.

It is your responsibility to keep your collectibles in the best possible condition for future collectors to enjoy. So please look at your collectibles from time to time to see if they are being negatively affected.

See you on the 20<sup>th</sup> . . . Jeff.

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## November Meeting

. . . by Jack Sack



This month, we are honored to have our friend **Bob Rose** speak on "Fakes and Forgeries" from the Philatelic Foundation's reference collection. This is always an interesting and informative topic making this a "can't miss" meeting.

You may recall Bob's previous talk on the Bordentown and New York Stage. Bob is president of both NOJEX and the NJ Postal History Society, and a member of the National Postal Museum Council of Philatelists. Bob has written and lectured extensively on a variety of philatelic topics.

Also – don't forget – **2013 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.

Please join us for what promises to be another exciting talk on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 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**



A great crowd was on hand for our October meeting. The business portion included a presentation to our past president, **Ed Murtha**, thanking him for his efforts and service to the club. The award cited Ed

for his outstanding work as president of the HTPS from 2006 to 2012.

There was also a demonstration by **Jack Sack** on the “Dotto” adhesive dispenser as an alternative to using hinges. The dispenser contains a large continuous strip of gum dots that are applied to album pages enabling stamps or mounts to be affixed onto the pages. Jack enlisted the aid of **Jim Cope**, as an impartial judge of the benefits of the device.

In one test, Jim attempted to remove stamps from an album page that had been attached using the Dotto device. He found stamps that were “lightly” attached (with 3 or 4 glue dots) could be removed easily, but others that were attached using a larger group of adhesive dots were more difficult to remove.

In a second test, Jim attempted to hinge five stamps to a page using old-fashioned hinges, while Jack used the Dotto dispenser. Jim was able to hinge only one of the stamps by the time Jack had completed his five using the Dotto.

We are selling Dotto dispensers for \$10.00 each with any net proceeds going to the HTPS.

Our speaker for the evening was **Ed Grabowski** from the Westfield club. His topic was “Victor Segno”. While collecting covers from former French colonies, Ed noticed that some were addressed to a Dr. Segno in Los Angeles. Ed started to investigate exactly who



**Victor Segno** was, and why there were so many covers addressed to him from around the world.

Professor Segno was a self-proclaimed mentalist who started the “Segno Success Club” in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. For \$1.00 a month, he would send out brain waves to help members improve their lives. The scheme was so successful that he employed a large staff and built a spacious home in Los Angeles.

Ed showed some of the covers addressed to Victor Segno (see the example below). What remains a mystery is what happened to Victor Segno after his scheme fell apart. Ed ended his talk with a request for club members to keep their eyes out for covers addressed to The Segno Success Club or to Victor Segno. We thank Ed for entertaining us with a fascinating and entertaining talk.



## Stamp Identification

October’s stamp was a difficult problem. There were five possible answers based on paper type and color / shade. **Bill McCarroll** chose Romania (Moldavia-Walachia) #13, but **Ron Kane** answered with our choice --- Romania #20 issued in 1864.

Further information on stamp **paper types** can be found on the next page.

This month we have another unusual issue with enough clues for the reader to hazard a guess.

Nice cancel on this one which gives you the time period for your search.

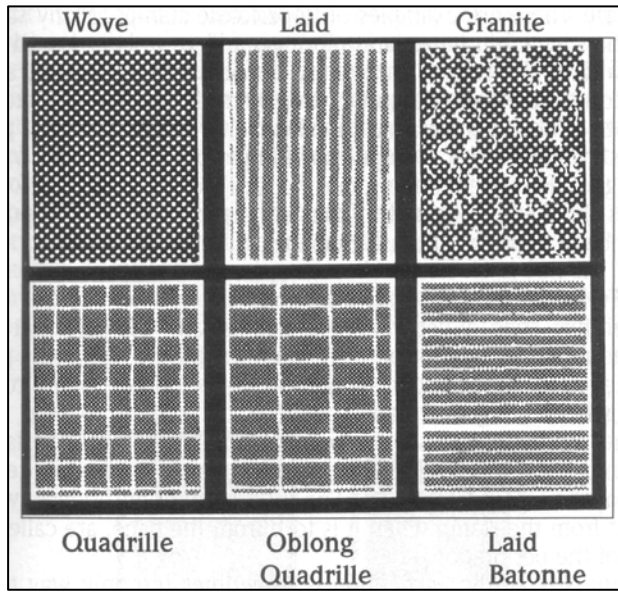
\$1.00 in U.S. mint stamps for the first correct answer.



## Stamp Paper Types

Of the many factors in identifying stamp issues, paper type is one of the easiest to understand (as opposed to color / shades which are a lot more difficult).

The preface pages in all Scott catalogs contain specific information on paper types. Below is an image from a Scott catalog which identifies some common paper types.



**Wove paper** uses a screen to collect the pulverized chipped wood and other fibers that are used in papermaking. The pulp moves through a series of rollers that remove excess liquid to produce paper.

**Laid paper**, batonne paper and quadrille paper are produced in a similar way as wove paper. The difference is the type of screens used in the process. Laid paper has horizontal or vertical wires that are spaced further apart than the wove paper screens.

The **batonne paper** screen has strong vertical wires spaced widely apart. **Quadrille paper** has wires that are spaced to make a checkerboard pattern.

**Granite paper** includes colored fibers in the mixed and screened pulp. These “threads” are more noticeable on the back of stamps.

Other types of papers used in stamp production include silk, pelure and chalk.

For further information, check out the following site:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postage\\_stamp\\_paper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postage_stamp_paper).

## Website Info

Here is a website that may be of interest to our readers. Created by the USPS, “**Beyond the Perf**” is an online extension of the *USA Philatelic* catalog. Check it out at <http://www.beyondtheperf.com/>.

The site contains information about USPS stamp issues, special cancellations (see image below), postal rate changes, upcoming issues, and other items of interest to the U.S. collector.



The site currently covers the last four years of issues and contains stories on the artists and art directions who work on the design, creation and printing of the stamps. You can view and copy stamp images in many formats including panes, blocks, FDCs and ceremony programs.

You can also sign up for emails notifying you of updates to the website and stories about the upcoming USPS stamp issues.

For those without internet access, the quarterly *USA Philatelic* catalog is available free of charge from the USPS.

Just call 1-800-782-6724. Each issue contains an order form to purchase USPS stamps, stationery and stamp products without leaving your home.



### 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.



## Upcoming Events

- 11/1 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM.
- 11/3 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [see 11/1 MSC meeting for location].
- 11/4 → Garden State Coin & Stamp Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 10 AM to 4 PM – 201-584-0424.
- 11/9-11 → 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).
- 11/10 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
- 11/16-18 → 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.metroexp.com](http://www.metroexp.com).
- 11/18 → World Money, Stamps & Postcard Show – Community Recreation Center – 1232 Main Avenue – Clifton, NJ – 9 AM to 5 PM.

11/20 → **HTPS MEETING** – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7PM.

- 11/21 → MSC Meeting (see 11/1 MSC meeting info).
- 11/25 → Tri-State Coin & Stamps – Holiday Inn – 530 Pennsylvania Ave. (PA Tpke Exit 339 & Rt. 309) – Ft. Washington, PA – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.
- 11/25 → Stamp Show – Hilton Garden Inn – 530 West Pennsylvania Ave. (PA Tpke Exit 339 & Rt. 309) – Ft. Washington, PA – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.
- 12/1 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 10 AM to 4 PM – [see 11/3 show info for details].
- 12/2 → Garden State Coin & Stamp – 10 AM to 4 PM – [see 11/4 show info for details].
- 12/6 → MSC Meeting [see 11/1 MSC meeting info].
- 12/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – [see 11/10 show info for details].

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

- ⇒ Nov. 20 – “Forgeries & Fakes” by Bob Rose
- ⇒ Dec. 18 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 15 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 19 – Tom Deluca --- always a surprise!
- ⇒ Mar. 19 – TBA
- ⇒ Apr. 16 – TBA

### 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).