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November-December Meetings



November's presentation is provided by **Jack André Denys** who has been president of the American Topical Association (ATA) since 2008. He is a lifelong philatelist, writer, speaker and exhibitor. In June of this year, he received the ATA's highest honor – the Distinguished Topical Philatelist award.

Under his leadership, the ATA has expanded member services and increased membership. These accomplishments include the creation of electronic and archived versions of *Topical Time*, a comprehensive checklist database of topical stamps, and the TopicalsOnLine website for buying and selling topical stamps at www.topicalsonline.com.

Jack's exhibit on the *Bayeux Tapestry* has earned numerous awards at national and international shows.

For **December's** meeting, we will have a member show and tell, and our annual Holiday party.

Stamp Identification

Congratulations to **Bill McCarroll** for correctly identifying last issue's stamp as Cilicia #99d issued in 1920. Some responders missed the fact that the surcharge was inverted.



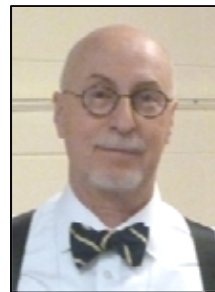
This month's issue is more difficult. You need to identify the stamp and the surcharge. Note that the surcharge value is '70' Kapeikas.

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

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President's Message



Past year-end newsletter issues have often suggested creating a philatelic gift for those on your holiday list.

Framed stamps, covers or postcards with some link to the recipient is always a good idea. Why not design or create something that complements or highlights their activities, hobbies or lifestyle interests. Give it some thought and effort, and surprise the recipient.

Please join us for our Holiday party on December 16th. We promise a variety of foods, drink and sweets. Bring some items for show and tell. We also are planning a demonstration on setting up an exhibit frame as preparation for April's Princeton exhibit.

On behalf of all of your fellow HTPS members, I hope that you and yours have a wonderful holiday time and a very happy and healthy New Year.

HTPS Meetings . . .

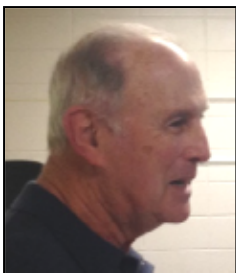
Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Hamilton Township Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way, off Whitehorse Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ (Mercer County).

Meeting Proceedings . . . by Jack Sack

September's meeting kicked off the 2014-2015 HTPS philatelic season. After the business portion, mini-presentations were provided by our members on a variety of items. Below is a stock sheet containing matchbox covers presented by **Jeff Boyarsky**.



The **October meeting** included a discussion on the planned exhibit at Princeton High School in April. We agreed to provide a demonstration, at the December meeting, on setting up an exhibit frame.



Our speaker for the evening was **Roger Brody** who spoke about the development and use of U.S. embossed revenue documents (example at the right). These items were in use primarily from the 1750s to the 1860s.

The documents were required for a variety of dealings including bills of exchange, bonds, stock certificates, leases, mortgages, liquor licenses and commissions.

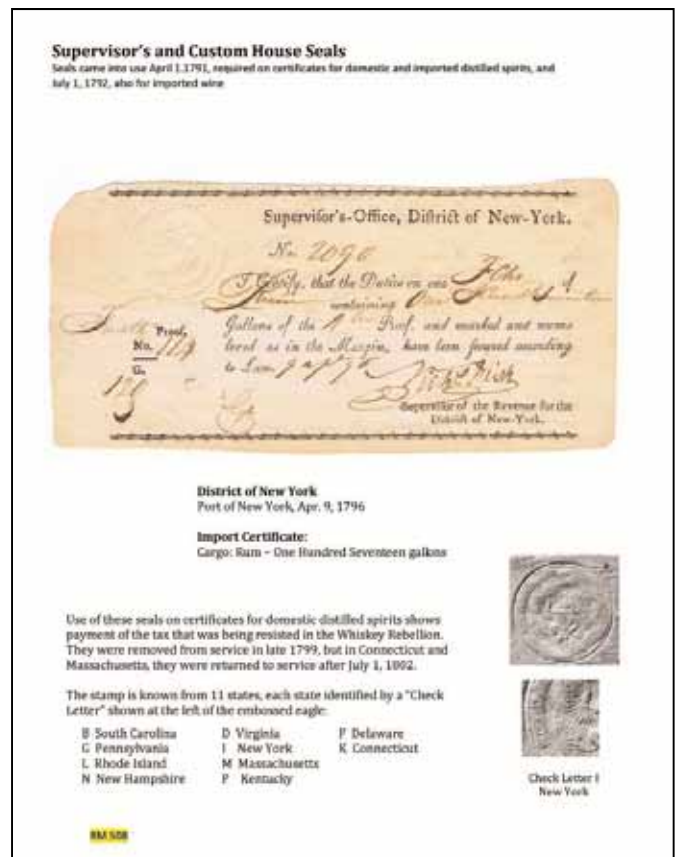
Roger noted that the APS has a series of books describing the embossed documents. You can acquire the books on loan for a nominal fee. Some of the publications are also available for sale on Amazon.

The Scott U.S. Specialized catalog lists these items with a "RM" prefix.

HTPS 2014-2015 Program

We are finalizing a few speaker dates, but do have commitments for the full HTPS philatelic season as follows:

- ⇒ Sept. 16 – Member Mini-Presentations
- ⇒ Oct. 21 – “U.S. Embossed Revenues”
by Roger Brody
- ⇒ Nov. 18 – “Topic Presentation”
by Jack André Denys
- ⇒ Dec. 16 – Holiday Party / Show & Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 20 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 17 – Tom DeLuca – Always a Surprise!
- ⇒ Mar. 17 – “The Bathurst Connection: The
Centrality of Gambia to the Development of
Transatlantic Air Mail” by Gary Loew
- ⇒ April 21 – WIP
- ⇒ May 19 – HTPS Member Mini-Presentations
- ⇒ June 16 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 21 – Sell & Swap Meeting
- ⇒ Aug. 18 – HAMPEX' 15



NY import certificate for 117 gallons of rum.

ASDA Show

... by **Jack Sack**

The ASDA held its 100th anniversary show in New York City on October 23-26 at the Hilton Hotel. This was a welcome change in venue from the New Yorker hotel in that over 200 exhibit frames were well placed for viewing.

Several HTPS members attended (shown below) and had varying degrees of success in obtaining material.



From the left: **Dennis Kennedy, Tony Zingale, Jack Sack, Ron Gonzalez and Ed Murtha.**

Tony, Jack and Ed finished off the day with a hearty lunch at Wolfgang's Steakhouse.

Princeton High Exhibit ... by **Hank Applegate**

Planning is underway for an exhibit at the Princeton High School (PHS) on April 16 of next year. The target audience includes art and history students.

The Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC) has agreed to furnish frames to hold the exhibits. Each frame can hold up to 16 letter-sized (8.5 x 11) pages. HTPS will accept responsibility for the frames during the time of the exhibit.

We have commitments for exhibits on the Statue of Liberty, U.S. Bicentennial, the Olympics and four other frames. This is an excellent opportunity for HTPS members to create an exhibit to showcase their collecting interests. We can help you develop and build your exhibit.

We will require some help in transportation and erection / knockdown of the frames. Further details will be available over the coming months at HTPS meetings, via newsletters and email bulletins.

Batsto Post Office

... by **Roger Randall**

Members of the Merchantville Stamp Club are providing support for the Batsto post office which is one of the oldest post offices operating in the US.



The post office was opened in 1852 by Jesse Richards, one of Batsto's most prominent ironmasters. It closed in 1870 when the local economy failed. It re-opened in the 1880s, closed again in 1911, and was re-opened in 1966 by the [Batsto Citizens Committee](#). As a historical structure, it was not assigned a zip code so all stamps are hand-canceled.

The post office is part of the Batsto Village site which includes a general store, blacksmith shop, 32-room mansion and other buildings. The village hosts a variety of events and shows during the year.

For more details, check out the website at www.batstovillage.org/default.htm which was the source for much of this material.

What is Phillumeny?

... by **Jeff Boyarsky**



What is **Phillumeny**? No – it is not a disease related to Ebola. Phillumeny is a hobby that includes the collecting of matchbox

related material including labels (example at left), covers, boxes and holders.

In the 1800's, travelers brought back matchboxes as souvenirs from other countries. After WW II match factories worked with local **phillumenists** to issue non-advertising sets. The hobby enjoyed worldwide popularity in the 1960's-1980's.

For detailed info on this hobby, check out this site: www.phillumeny.com/beginners_guide.html. For supplies, go to: www.hobbymaster.com/about.htm.

Upcoming Events

November 2014 . . .

11/1 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – www.merchantvillestampclub.org.

11/2 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.

11/6 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – www.merchantvillestampclub.org.

11/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

11/16 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM.

11/18 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7:00 PM – Philatelic Presentation.

11/19 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – see 11/6 meeting for details.

11/23 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

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12/12-14 → MetroExpo – Holiday Inn – 440 W. 57th St – NYC – Fri: 10 to 6 PM – Sat: 10 AM to 5 PM – Sun: 10 AM to 3 PM – www.metroexp.com.

12/13 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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January 2015 . . .

1/2-4 → Garden State Stamp & Coin Show – Bethwood Manor – 38 Lackawanna Avenue (off Union Blvd) – Totowa, NJ – Fri. 10 AM - 6 PM – Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM – Sun. 10 AM - 4 PM.

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1/20 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7:00 PM – Auction.

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

HTPS Member Activities

Todd Tucker has relocated to Connecticut. We wish him the best in his new endeavors. He is continuing his membership with HTPS.



For the month of **November**, **Andrew Boyajian** will set up an exhibit at the Hamilton Township Public Library in the three display cases located in the main lobby.

One case highlights “Stamp Collecting” and includes stamps, covers, magazines, catalogs, perforation guides, magnifiers and other philatelic items. The other cases will contain a display of Olympic philatelic material, a selection of Christmas stamps and a grouping of vintage postcards.

So make sure you stop by and check out Andrew’s creative displays.

New Member . . . Welcome to Robin Rowand as the newest HTPS member. Robin collects U.S. and Canada used / mint stamps, and also U.S. PBs.

Stamp Donations

Over the last few months, we sold some of the philatelic material that was donated to us. As a result, we sent a check for \$130 to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) program.

Our thanks to **Ellen, Nancy, Rita** and **Terry** for their generous donations of philatelic material.

We submitted more donated material to the Stamp Center’s November auction and have some items for sale at our monthly meetings. Proceeds will be sent to the SFTW group.

Ken Steel, the new Philatelic Donations chairman, sent out his first package to SFTW. Thanks to all those who provided material for this worthy group.

Membership Dues

It’s that time of the year again! HTPS dues remain at \$10. This is a great bargain considering all that we offer to the philatelic collector. Please make your check payable to “HTPS” and send to P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619. You can also give your check, or cash, to Jack Sack at our meetings.

The objective of our 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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We are looking for speakers for the 2015-2016 season. Please contact us if interested.

Newsletter Articles . . .

We always welcome philatelic articles, ideas or suggestions. Contact Tony Zingale at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619; or call 609-586-7663; or email us at hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org.