

PRIOR EVENTS

... by **Joe Seliga**

[**Editor's Note:** We start the meetings with a flag salute. Then, financial reports are presented and approved. Minutes are not read, but are posted at the meeting and on our website.]



Our third **Stamp Evaluation** program was held in room 2 at the Hamilton Township Library on Saturday, **April 27, 2019**. The evaluators were Dr. Donald Getzin, Dr. Ronald Kane, Dr. Ronald Gonzalez and Mark Spinner. Joseph Seliga signed people in and directed them to an evaluator. Only six people showed up – a big drop from the two previous programs.



June 18 meeting: The auction was a success with some good buys. **Dr. Ronald Gonzalez** showed his recent publication on covers from ships that visited or are named after towns in Puerto Rico. The publication is available from Ron for \$15.

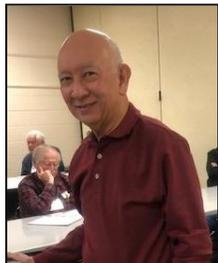
Below is a postcard showing the SS Coamo. The ship transported Puerto Ricans to NYC in the 1930's. It was sunk by a German U-Boat submarine during WW II.



Sept. 17 meeting: President Kennedy advised the membership of our participation in the **Hobby Day** on Sept. 14 at the Hillsborough

Library (Somerset County). 71 people attended. The APS provided us with a large box of stamps and other philatelic items. Of the 71 attendees, possibly two may be interested in joining a stamp club.

At the **Oct. 15 meeting**, **Mac Sarreal** gave two presentations. The first was about Stamp Collecting Strategy giving reasons and methods used by collectors to pursue their hobby.



Mac also showed a ten minute video about the Outreach program sponsored by the Merchantville Stamp Club (MSC). The program speaks about the joy, fun and educational value of Stamp Collecting.

FRENCH PACIFIC COLONIES [SOURCE: **Ed Grabowski**]

On April 16, **Ed Grabowski's** talk on the **French Pacific Colonies** continued his presentations on the French Colonial Groups. This time, he covered New Caledonia & Dependencies (Loyalty Islands, New Hebrides and Wallis & Futuna).



Most of the covers used Allegorical stamps showing two figures – one representing Navigation (female) and the other Commerce (male).

A wide range of philatelic material was shown (some unique). One such item was a Printed Matter form noting the arrival of a parcel post package.



This post card was sent by ship (PACQUBOT) from Fremantle, Western Australia.



This 1893 letter from Noumea to Paris was franked with the 15c Military Concession rate. Note the military etiquette in the upper left corner.



Below is a letter showing the 75c rate for a 1911 double weight registered letter from Makatea, Tuamotu Islands to Yokohama, Japan.



We plan to add Ed's talk to our website, but the file is very large. Send us an email if you want a copy.

At the Sept. 17 meeting, **Ken Kamholz** gave a presentation titled *“Japonica: What it’s all about Philatelically”*? The talk covered non-Japanese postal issues that are somehow connected to Japan.



Ken identified two major Japonica types. First are: Non-Japanese issues with designs that relate to an event that did or will occur in Japan. An example is Latvia #461 issued for the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics.

Another example of this type is Dominica #326 issued in 1971 for the 13th International Scout Jamboree held in Japan.



Non-Japanese issues that relate to an event held in Japan are the most common type of Japonica. They are the easiest to identify.

Ken defined the second type of Japonica as: Non-Japanese issues with designs that are wholly or partially Japanese. The earliest identified Japonica stamp falls into this category.



Marienwerder #1, issued in 1920, commemorates a plebiscite to determine the fate of this small territory. The process was managed by an International Commission that included Japan.

Another example of this Japonica type is Honduras #378 issued in 1995 to acknowledge the 20th anniversary of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers in Honduras.



Ken listed other Japonica types and identified stamps of tenuous relevance. An example is Bhutan #1137 issued in 1997 to honor Kristi Yamaguchi’s Gold Medal in the 1992 Olympics. Other than having a Japanese family name, there is no tie-in to Japan.

Our thanks to Ken for an interesting presentation. We will place his talk on our website.



The presentation for the Nov. 19 meeting was on fakes and forgeries given by HTPS members **Bill Chrietberg** (shown) and **Mark Spinner**.

Their main theme was that collectors come and go but fakes and forgeries live on. It is likely that you have at least one fake or forged stamp in your collection. When you sell the collection, that stamp moves on to another owner.

Bill began the presentation showing some fake U.S. Stamps – real stamps altered to make the stamp appear to be a more valuable issue. A good example is this 15c Lincoln definitive from 1866 (Scott # 77) which is actually a plate proof that has been perforated to make it look like the regular issue.



He spoke about Raoul Charles de Thuin, a stamp forger from Mexico, whose exploits are outlined in the “Yucatan Affair” by Chemi, Beal & DeVoss. The APS purchased his stock and equipment removing them from circulation.



Mark’s topic was forgeries of Confederate States stamps. He spoke about the “Springfield Forgeries”, created in the 1930’s. They were based on a set of drawings made by August Dietz in 1919, rather than on the original issues. Dietz purposely included minor differences in the drawings which the forgers copied. Thus, it is easy to distinguish between the originals and the forgeries.

The presentation ended with advice to have expensive philatelic pieces expertized. But be careful – even some certificates have been forged!



Bill (at the left) and Mark receive thanks from President Kennedy for their talks.

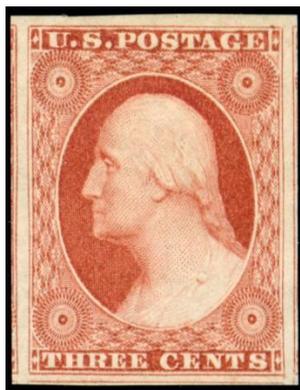
We plan on placing their presentations on our website in the near future.

Plating the Imperforate 3c Washington Stamps Issue of 1851 by Robin Rowand

At one of our meetings, **Don Getzin** (shown) offered to present a workshop about plating the 3-cent Washington stamps issued in 1851. Two of us signed up for it. After aligning our schedules, **Bill Chrietzberg** and I met with Don on Monday, April 29th. **Mark Spinner**, who lives down the street from Bill, also joined us.



Bill was kind enough to open his home for the workshop, so we met at 5:30 for dinner and the presentation. Don brought tuna subs from Tastee Subs in Edison. It was nice to meet with fellow stamp collectors outside of our club meetings.



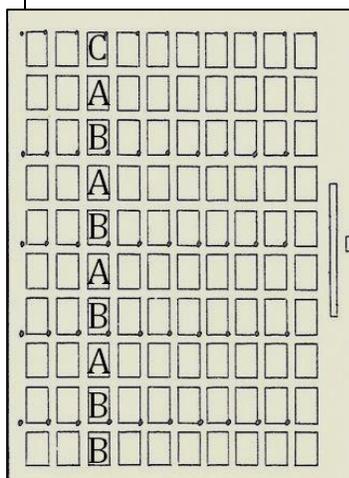
After dinner, Don presented **"Plating the Imperforate 3c Washington Stamps, Issue of 1851."** Don, is a member of several societies and clubs, and has written articles about plating with Wade Saadi (section editor of *The Chronicle's* "The 1851-57 Period").

Besides his educational presentation, Don supplied us with copies of three articles about the topic from *The Chronicle*. He also showed us some essential literature including *the 3c Stamp of the United States 1851-1857 Issue* by Carroll Chase and the (Carroll) Chase Plates which are used to identify the various plated varieties.

After discussing the history of plating, we learned about the thirteen plates (0-8 with varieties) used to print the 3c Washington issues which include:

- Scott #10, 10A, 11 and 11A (imperforate).
- Scott #25, 25A (perforated 15.5).

Don showed us how the master dies were placed on the 13 plates (positions A, B C) and how the dies were recut to deepen and widen details, plate cracks, rust marks, etc. At the right is the detail of the die positions used on Plates 4, 6, 7 and 8. The "B" position has guide dots at the bottom of the stamp impressions except for B-relief stamps in the right column and bottom row. The guide dots were used to align the transfer roll for the proper placement of the impressions



We were then given some 3c Washington issues to see if we could identify from which position (A, B or C) the stamp was printed. Using the information from Don's presentation and looking at the flyspeck details, we tried to identify the plate and position out of the 2600 possible positions of the 13 plates. Not an easy thing to do, but I was able to identify the position (A, B, C) in 2 out of the 3 stamps we examined.

The image at the right is from plate position 42R3. This was identified by first determining the color to help identify the type and possible plates. We then looked to see if a guide dot was visible on this stamp. Detecting other details like recuts and flyspecks helped in the identification.



This nice example with wide margins on the sides shows some details about the stamps to the left and right, which is very helpful. The final step is to use the Chase Plates to match the identified details to the possible positions. Hence we get position 42R3 – 5th row, 2nd position (**42**) from the right (**R**) side of the sheet layout, plate **3** making this stamp – Scott #11A.

We were running late and did not have time to look at all the examples Don had for us. So he emailed the presentation and 30 examples for us to identify.

This workshop sparked an interest with me so I purchased, from auction, some examples to try my new knowledge skills. Big helpful hint from Don – when you purchase these issues, make sure that all four sides of the frame are visible to help properly plate the stamps.

Thank you Don for providing us with a skill set to further enjoy our hobby.

For further information on the 3c Washington stamps, including some incredible images, check out the website of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society at:

www.uspcs.org/stamps-covers/

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2019 . . .

12/1 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 8 AM to 4 PM – (973) 644-0099 (Joe Brattole).

12/5 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.

12/7 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Martin Luther Chapel (School Gym) – 4100 Terrace Avenue – Pennsauken, NJ 08109 – 9 AM to 3 PM – merchantvillestampclub.org.

12/14 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Senior Center – 3 Municipal Drive – Bordentown, NJ – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM – 215-287-9326 (Ryan) – hamiltonphilatelic.org/bordentown.
LAST SHOW AT THIS LOCATION !!!

12/15 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (3rd Sunday) – Sheraton Bucks County Hotel – 400 Oxford Valley Road – Langhorne, PA – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM – (305) 393-6290.

12/15 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Fire Company #1 – 93 Parrish Drive – Wayne, NJ – 9 AM - 4 PM – REW Stamps-Coins LLC – STAMPREW@aol.com – 973-875-3793.

12/17 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – Holiday party.

12/18 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 12/5 meeting for details.

12/22 → Old Bridge Coin, Collectibles & Stamps Show – First Aid & Rescue Bldg. – 200 Marlboro Road – Old Bridge, NJ – 8 AM to 1 PM – 732 740-4604.
(Does anyone know how many stamp dealers are at this show?)

January 2020 . . .

1/2 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 12/5 meeting for details.

1/2-4 → Garden State Stamp & Cover Show – Bethwood Manor – 38 Lackawanna Avenue – Totowa, NJ – Thurs / Fri. 10 AM to 6 PM – Sat. 10 AM to 4 PM – tjacks@verizon.net. – 908-419-9751 (Tom).

1/4 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Pennsauken, NJ – see 12/7 bourse for details.

1/5 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – see 12/1 show for details.

1/11 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Town Inn (formerly the Ramada) – 1083 Rte 206 North – Bordentown, NJ – 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM – 215-287-9326 (Ryan) – hamiltonphilatelic.org/bordentown.
NEW LOCATION FOR THIS SHOW !!!

1/15 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 12/5 meeting for details.

1/19 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show – Langhorne, PA – see 12/15 show for details.

1/19 → Wayne Stamp & Collectibles Bourse – Wayne, NJ – see 12/15 bourse for details.

1/21 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – Society auction.

February 2020 . . .

2/1 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Pennsauken, NJ – see 12/7 bourse for details.

2/2 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – Parsippany, NJ – see 12/1 show for details.

2/6 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 12/5 meeting for details.

2/8 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – Bordentown Town Inn – see 1/11 bourse for details.

2/18 → HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:15 PM – Tom DeLuca talk.

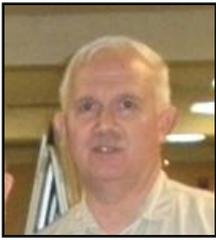
2/19 → Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Pennsauken, NJ – see 12/5 meeting for details.

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

HTPS Meetings . . .

Meetings are held on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at the Hamilton Township Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way, just off Whitehorse Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ (Mercer County). Doors open at 6:30.

DONATIONS



Ken Steel keeps shipping stamps to the Stamps for the Wounded group (SFTW) including a recent 23 pound batch. We also sent a \$300 check to the SFTW from sales of donated material. President Kennedy spoke to **John Hotchner** who said that most stamp donations are used to create collages in both Veterans Administration Hospitals and Clinics

Many thanks to HTPS members **Jack Sack** and **Angelo Sanelli** and to **Roseann Loporte** and **Kim Walker** for their stamp donations. Kim donated her grandfather's collection of stamps and various cover binders.

New Members . . .

We recently welcomed three members to the HTPS.

David Duncan collects U.S., Czechoslovakia, Greece, Nepal, WW Postage Due, 1961 Europa and Mushroom topicals.

Jeff Pappano collects U.S. Issues.

Kishore Yalamanchili is a member of the India Study Circle and collects India, U.S., Germany, France and the British Commonwealth.

U.S. NON-DENOMINATED STAMPS

Starting on Oct. 14, 1975 with a 10-cent Christmas stamp, the U.S. has issued a number of non-denominated issues.

Check out the full list showing Scott #, issue date and denomination at . . . <https://alphabetilately.org/G2.html>.



AMAZON WAREHOUSE VISIT . . . photo from **Jeff**

On October 4, a group of HTPS members toured the Amazon distribution site in Robbinsville, NJ. We saw the "robots" hard at work.



From left: **Jim Cope, Tony Zingale, Dennis Kennedy, Don Getzin, Bill Chrietberg** and **Jeff Boyarsky**

Check out . . . <https://www.aboutamazon.com/amazon-fulfillment-center-tours/> for tour information.

The objective of our Newsletter is to promote philately, educate and inform our members and the public, and to encourage other like-minded individuals to join the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society.

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HTPS Meeting Program

- ⇒ Dec. 17 – Holiday Party
- ⇒ Jan. 21 – Society Auction
- ⇒ Feb. 18 – Always a Surprise . . . by Tom DeLuca
- ⇒ Mar. 17 – **"Border between the Two Irelands"**
 . . . by Robert Benninghoff
- ⇒ April 21 – **"Mini Presentations"**
 . . . by HTPS Members
- ⇒ May 19 – **"The U.S. Postal Inspection Service"**
 . . . by Nick Lombardi

We are looking for speakers for the 2020-2021 stamp season (starts in September). Contact us at the masthead email 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.