

# For the Love of the Hobby

Last year the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History offered a one-day symposium prior to the Boston, Massachusetts area Philatelic Show. Based on the success of their first event, a second symposium will be held this year on Thursday, May 1 on the campus of Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts.

The theme of the symposium, co-sponsored by the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, is "Transition Periods in American Postal History." The presenters include Alfredo Frohlich, "Panama: The Path Between the Seas"; Gordon E. Eubanks Jr., "Creating the Postal Age and the Introduction of the Issue of 1851"; Douglas N. Clark, "The Transition of the Whaling Industry from Nantucket to Martha's Vineyard"; and Ron Cipolla, "William F. Harnden's Express: The Dramatic Catalyst that Changed America's Postal System."

The Spellman Museum's galleries also will be open to the public. Admission to the symposium is free but the Museum asks that attendees register at [stamps.org/Spellman-Registration](http://stamps.org/Spellman-Registration).

Congratulations to the Society for Czechoslovak Philately, APS Affiliate #18, which will celebrate its 75th anniversary at NOJEX, another upcoming World Series of Philately show, which will be held May 30–June 1. And congratulations as well to the Sacramento Philatelic Society, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year!

In recent years we have been lucky to have a single youth participate in our week-long Summer Seminar. This year we are delighted to have at least three youth interested in participating. We try to provide qualified youth with a scholarship to cover the costs of the course and lodging. Unfortunately, with greater interest than expected we are about \$2,000 shy of funds. About thirty years ago I benefitted from scholarship support and will make a contribution to help allow us to provide three scholarships this year. However, additional support from a few additional members would certainly help us out.

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This issue serves as our annual recognition issue for donors and volunteers. We are incredibly blessed by many generous members. One part of the special recognition section of this issue is the listing of special gifts received in honor and in memory of collectors. Because of space limitations we rarely include obituaries in this journal. As many of us were not fortunate enough to know most of these individuals, below I will try to provide at least a sentence or two about many of these special people who gave so much to the hobby and the APS/APRL.

**Penni Berman** was a long-standing member of the CHICA-



Buy, Sell, Trade Night at the Summer Seminar.



GOPEX Show Committee and served on the AMERIPEX and World Columbian show committees. Her primary philatelic interests were in the music topical (especially the great classic composers) and foreign stationery. Penni received the prestigious Newbury Award for meritorious service to Chicagoland philately in 1993.

Germany Philatelic Society Chapter 5 remembered two other Chicago area collectors with memorial gifts: **Wilbert Dalum** and **James E. Duffy** were both APS members for more than forty years. Dalum served on the CHICAGOPEX show committee and collected Scandinavia and naval covers, and Germany. Duffy's collecting interests included military mail and censored covers; he won the GPS grand award for his exhibit *Military Mail and Parcel Permit Stamps* in both 1979 and 1980.

The Collectors Club of Michigan remembered **John Cummings** with a memorial gift. An APS member for more than forty years, he collected France, Ireland, Socked-on-the-Nose cancels, and philatelic literature.

**Thomas G. Current** of Portland, Oregon founded the Great Britain Collectors Club, was a member and longtime APS representative for the Oregon Stamp Society, and was instrumental in founding the North West Philatelic Library. He also fought long and hard to make APS board

meetings open to the public.

While **Robert O. Devette** was never an APS member, his long love of stamp collecting led his nephew to make a gift to the APS in his memory. Devette taught in the Spanish Department of Wheaton College from 1947 until 1982 and was chairman of the Foreign Language Department from 1969 until 1972. He also served as president of the Illinois Foreign Language Teachers Association.

**Arnold Engel**, a 35-year APS member, resided in the Philadelphia area and specialized in Germany and the Baltic estates, especially Latvian postal history. His exhibits included German philately during the Third Reich and Latvian Air Posts.

The Oshkosh Philatelic Center gave a gift in memory of **Frederick C. Fischer**. Outside of stamp collecting, Fischer served in the U.S. Army and as a deacon for the Catholic church, performing service at many local nursing homes.

A 25-year APS member, **Joseph Frasch Jr.** of Columbus, Ohio was an APS accredited national judge. While best known for his *Corpus Juris* thematic exhibit he also exhibited *Usages of the One-Cent Parcel Post Stamp* and the *History of the Louisiana Purchase*. An attorney, he belonged to both the Columbus and Worthington Stamp Clubs and served as legal counsel for the American Topical Association.

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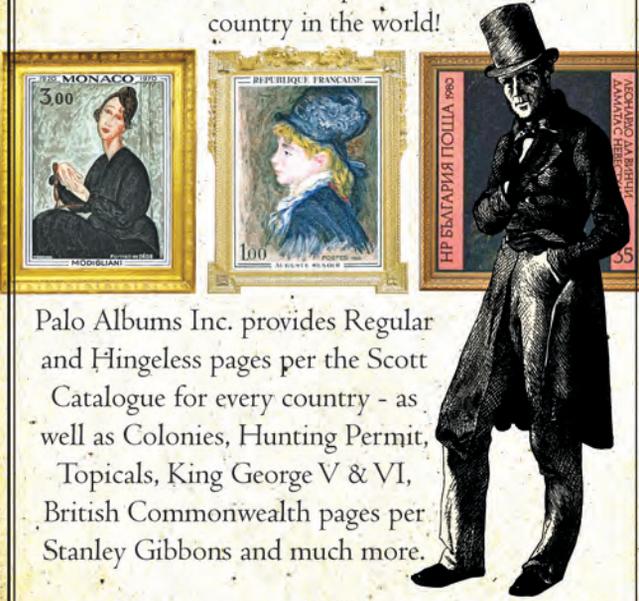
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**Tilghman Paul Genovese** of New Jersey was one of four collectors remembered by the Merchantville Stamp Club. His collecting interests included British Empire, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Germany, and Ireland. The Merchantville Stamp Club also lost **David Jacob** of Marlton, a 35-year APS member who collected United States stamps; **Rodney A. Stevens** of Cinnaminson an electrical engineer who collected pre-World War II stamps and did not join the APS until after he turned 75; and **Raymond Young**, an APS member for about twenty years whose collecting interests included United States, postal cards, Austria, British North America, Hawaii, and Germany. Young was also a member of the Vineland Stamp Club.

**David L. Herendeen** founded the Institute for Analytical Philately and specialized in worldwide postage due stamps and postal history. His exhibits of British Empire and French community postage dues won many national gold medals, grand awards, and two international gold medals. He was a nationally accredited judge and chief judge, serving in these capacities for more than fifteen years. He was also an active writer and published major research articles in many publications including the *London Philatelist*, *The Collectors Club Philatelist*, and *The Congress Books*. He was active in the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and served

as a member of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum Council of Philatelists.

**Edith Richland Loew** was not an APS member but successfully instilled in her son Gary a love of stamp collecting. Gary remembered her with a generous gift to support Stamps Teach.

**Ralph Merritt** of Bridgewater, New Jersey, son of member Hugh Merritt, joined the APS before age thirty. A collector of Russian material as well as flight and space covers, his father and others made generous gifts to name the Library's Russian book collection in his memory.

More than forty-five gifts were received in memory of **Michael R. Miley** of Waterford, Michigan. Mike was the president of the Pontiac Stamp Club and a major supporter of the APS Young Philatelic Leader Fellowship program. He is survived by three APS members: his son Michael and grandchildren Max and Miranda.

**Richard A. (Dick) Monty**, a pioneer in cachet research, was a longtime leader of the American First Day Cover Society. Monty was chairman of the Board of Directors 1986–1988 and again from 1991–2008. An avid collector of first cachets, he began documenting them in *First Days* in 1982, and then had an update in practically every issue for nearly thirty years. He was a co-author of *Mellone's First Cachets: A*

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*FDC Reference Catalog*, first published in 1980, and became its lead author by 1989. Monty was a recipient of the AFDCS Distinguished Service Award, and was named an Honorary Life Member in 2001.

**Michael Ruggiero** of Staten Island, New York was an expert who published several articles on Japanese stamps. He regularly assisted with setup at the American Stamp Dealers Association shows in New York and also helped out behind the dealers booths.

The Knoxville Philatelic Society gave gifts in memory of two of its members who passed away: **Ron Saron** and **Patria P. Rush**. Saron was not an APS member; however, Rush belonged for twenty-seven years. She collected British Africa, Ghana Gibraltar, and Hong Kong. Another chapter, The Philatelic Club of Will County (Joliet, Illinois) also remembered one of its members, **Ralph Sewell**, with a gift to the APS Building Fund. **Louis Stabiner** of Boca Raton, Florida was an APS member for fourteen years and was remembered by the Boca Raton Stamp and Coin Club.

**David A. Straight** served on the boards for both the American Philatelic Research Library and the American Philatelic Society. A fixture in St. Louis philatelic circles, David also served on the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Council of Philatelists and was one of the leaders in the development of the annual Postal History Symposium

co-sponsored by the NPM, APS, and APRL. The more than \$20,000 in gifts made in his memory have enabled us to endow an award in his name to be given at future Postal History Symposiums.

**Greg Sutherland** of Dayton, Ohio retired from the U.S. Air Force after twenty years in Flight Medicine. He was the owner of Freeman's Stamps for more than thirty years. He was well known and respected for his expertise and knowledge of Philatelic Postal History and was the recipient of the Tracy Simpson Cup for his outstanding service to the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society.

**Robert Toth** of Medina, Ohio was a member of the APS for nearly fifty years. A collector of air mails, special deliveries and Egypt, he was active in the Garfield Perry Stamp Club and was a volunteer for APS STAMPSHOW when it was held in Cleveland.

**George T. Turner** passed away in 1979 but the APS received a gift in 2013 toward our Library Rare Book Room named in his memory. Turner was the acting curator of the Smithsonian Institution's philatelic collection from 1959 until 1962, and owned one of the greatest private philatelic libraries ever assembled.

A specialist in the philately of New Zealand and British Oceania, **Paul E. Tyler** of Albuquerque, New Mexico was an exhibitor, accredited judge, executive director for the American Topical Association, and very active in the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors.

**Al Underberg** was a regular attendee of our annual Summer Seminar. He left \$10,000 and his entire collection to the American Philatelic Society. Al was a longtime member of the St. Petersburg Stamp Club and visited more than 200 countries as a member of the Traveler's Century club.

**Donald G. Vorhis** of Midlothian, Virginia was a lifelong stamp collector who belonged to the APS for more than forty years. His collecting interests included foreign postal history, Japan, and Sri Lanka. A member of the Springfield Stamp Club and the Greater Richmond Stamp Club, he was a frequent exhibitor at stamp shows, and a contributor to philatelic journals.

The above are just snapshots. All of these individuals — and four others for whom I unfortunately could not locate any information — enjoyed and served the hobby well. They can't be replaced, but hopefully the gifts made in their memory will help to cultivate new collectors who use their own special skills and talents to advance our hobby.

Thank you to all of you who remembered one or more collectors with a gift to the APS or APRL during 2013.

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