

2016 SUMMER SEMINAR ELECTIVE SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTIONS

Monday June 20, 2016 Electives

Tips and Tricks for Using the APS Website *with Ken Martin*

The APS website is constantly being updated and provides a vast amount of information, if one knows where and how to look. Learn about the site's latest features, the member-only content, and tips for finding information to answer your questions.

Tour of the New American Philatelic Research Library *with Tara Murray*

The "grand opening" of the new library space is scheduled for October, 2016. Get an early look at the new facility and learn how it was designed to protect the APRL collections and help researchers.

Why Do Countries Issue Stamps, Anyway? *with Bob Lamb*

Explore the evolution of postage stamps; from the first attempts to make the mail more efficient, to the development of stamps as national displays of pride, to the eventual relaxation of postal monopolies. Lamb, as the lead explorer, will guide the journey and facilitate an examination of the future of the postage stamp.

Tuesday June 21, 2016 Electives

Philatelic History of the Soviet Union Collapse in 1991 *with John Seidl*

In the twentieth century most Americans used the name, Soviet Union, interchangeably with Russia. Stamp collectors know this is simply wrong. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (SSR) existed from 1922 to 1991 as a multi-nation state of 15 Soviet Republics. Its collapse in 1991 resulted in an amazing assortment of stamps and postal history items. This elective will provide a summary overview of this transition period.

Searching the Philatelic Union Catalog *with Tara Murray*

The Philatelic Union Catalog is your source for books, journals, articles, exhibits, online content, and more. Learn how to search like an expert and mine the catalog for research gold. Bring any search questions you have because the presenter will invite participation.

Stamp Clubs and Reaching Out – Grassroots Connections *with Paul Petersen & Jeff Stage*

Facilitate club cohesiveness, promote visibility, sustain membership, and mentor collectors of all levels – creative ideas for keeping a club growing and moving forward. Leave this session with a treasure trove of ideas to put into action.

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Wednesday June 22, 2016 Electives

Article Indexing for the Philatelic Union Catalog *with Betsy Gamble*

Volunteers can contribute to the APRL database of nearly 200,000 article citations. Learn how you can add to this database.

A Tour Through the Postmark Collector's Club Museum *with Gary G. Hendren*

The Postmark Collector's Club Museum houses the largest single collection of postmarks in the world. Enjoy a relaxing yet informative virtual tour with outside and inside views of the museum, from the curator himself. View select items from the collection of over 2 million postmarks. A handout of the list of collections will be provided.

Postal History of Wake Island, U.S. Possession in the Pacific Ocean *with Ken Lawrence*

Wake Island postal history began in obscurity with a Navy ship call in 1933; became important with the construction of a fueling base for trans-Pacific air mail in 1935, and became instantly famous for its defenders' heroic 16-day resistance to Japanese conquest in December, 1941. This elective will feature scarce air mail covers; poignant World War II civilian, military, and prisoner-of-war mail; and mail from the postwar period carried by air and sea.

Writing for *The American Philatelist* *with Jay Bigalke*

Learn some of the tricks of the trade on how to write for *The American Philatelist*. Article selection, style, and subject material, are some of the items to be discussed in this elective.

Thursday June 23, 2016 Electives

Collecting Local Postal History *with Tom Horn*

Interested in collecting your local postal history? Find out about available resources, how to set parameters on what to collect, and where to find items, from a local postal history collector who will share some of his own findings. Attendee participation encouraged.

First Day Cover Exhibits are More than First Day Covers *with Alan Warren*

How to prepare a first day cover exhibit of a single stamp issue; the U.S. 1926 John Ericsson stamp- production, first day and other uses.

How to Organize and Maintain Your Personal Library *with Tara Murray*

Learn from an expert the best ways to preserve and protect your personal library, and get tips on how to organize it for research.