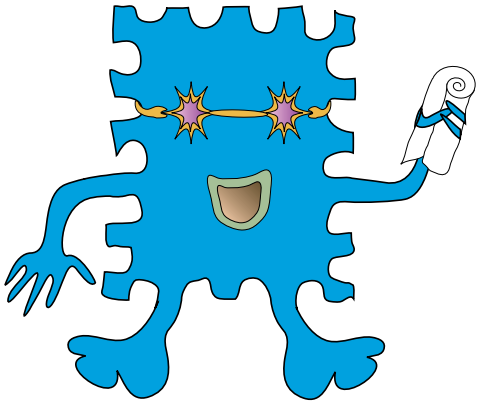
The Postal History Foundation's

Stamp Tracks

Summer 2005

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES

Inaugural Newsletter



We hope you will enjoy this "inaugural edition" of "Stamp Tracks". Congratulations to Lena Rogers for submitting the winning entry to name the newsletter! Although this publication differs from our previous journal "The Heliograph" (for which we all owe tremendous thanks to its editor Frank Mallalieu), we trust it will provide members with current information about the programs and activities at the Foundation. And, of course, your feedback and suggestions for "Stamp Tracks" are always welcomed.

Chairman's Message

We started this year with a bang! Our profit at ARIPEX 2005 was over $3000.

- **ARIPEX profits $3000**
- **WUNA open house brings nearly 300 visitors to PHF**

This was followed by an open house with the West University Neighborhood Association which brought us nearly 300 visitors from the local area. Many had never heard of us and were impressed with our facilities.

We just completed our first ever audit with a professional accounting firm. It is establishing new internal policies for the PHF. It is hard to believe that an audit has never been done before now. Daniel Stoleson, a new volunteer with accounting experience, will be assisting Bill Kohl, our Treasurer, to comply with the new rules. These efforts will bring us up-to-par with the financial community.

Paul Nelson, a new Board member, has agreed to serve as our Archivist and will be doing an inventory of our holdings.

The Postal History Foundation is undergoing some important changes that will help us acquire new funding and improved operations in the future.

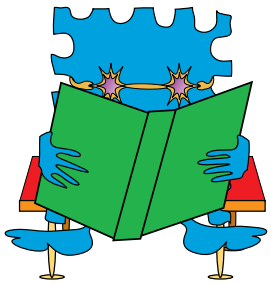
Welcome New Members!

PHF members are the life of our organization, so we want to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

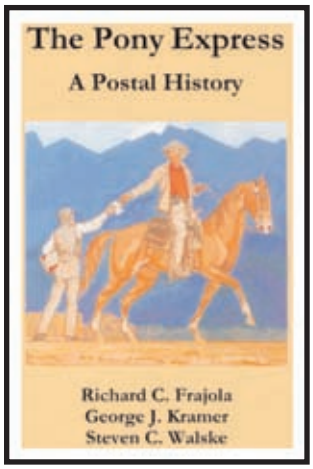
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The Library Corner



What's New in Acquisitions at the Slusser Philatelic Library? Recent additions to the Library collection include:



THE INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE METER STAMP CATALOG
Joel Hawkins and Richard Stambaugh 2005

THE PONY EXPRESS
A Postal History
Richard C. Frajola, George J. Kramer and Steven C. Walske 2005

Acknowledgements

The PHF thrives due to the generosity of our wonderful donors. Thanks to the following for their contributions of philatelic material and monetary donations:

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If we inadvertently missed or misspelled your name, please let us know so we can correct it!

Our Mission

The mission of the Postal History Foundation is to promote an appreciation of stamp collecting and postal history through the preservation of philatelic collections, literature and documents, and the enhancement of youth education using stamps as teaching tools.

Grow a Member

Do you know someone who would like to become a member of the Postal History Foundation? Spread the word to help us grow! We offer various membership options. For information, contact Lena Rogers at (520)623-6652 or at phf3@mindspring.com.

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M-F 8am-3pm

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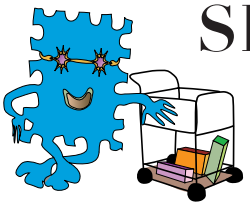
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Thanks to all our volunteers not listed here!

Shopping the PHF



The PHF has terrific philatelic material, books and gift items. Each time you make a purchase, you are supporting PHF programs and operations. Let's Go Shopping!

Philatelic Sales Material listed below by general category is not exclusive, so inquiries are always welcome. Purchases may be made by mail or by stopping by our Tucson facility. And don't forget – members get a 20% discount on all purchases! Call our sales staff for more details.

·Canada	**Mint or Used**	**·United Nations**	**Mint or Used**
·Worldwide	**Mint or Used**	**·Covers Worldwide**	**Used**
·Postcards	**Worldwide**	**·Picture Postcards**	**Worldwide**
·Packets	**Topical or Country**		**$10**
·Platinum Mines	**4 oz. of stamps cataloguing at .50 cents**		**-$9.99**
·$125 Gold Mines	**1 pound stamps under 50 cents**		
·$60 Titanium Mines	**1 oz.**		**$20**

People in the News

Congratulations to Alex Lutgendorf and Carl LeMar John who have been selected for the Arizona Philatelic Hall of Fame. This honor is bestowed on individuals who have contributed significantly to Arizona philately throughout their lifespan. Alex and Carl will be publicly honored at Aripex in Mesa, AZ in February 2006.

Thanks to our longtime friend and benefactor Don Soldwedel, who has recently retired from the Board of Directors due to health reasons. He will be greatly missed!

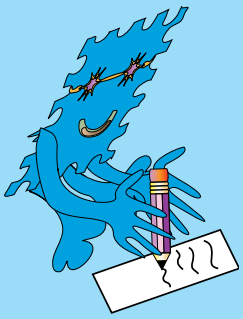
Well wishes to Betty Bernheim and Jane Quimby who are on leave from the Education Program while dealing with health issues.

Excitement Brewing Around *Stamps to Classrooms* Grant (adapted from Linn's Stamp News June 6, 2005)

The American Philatelic Society is spearheading a concerted effort to bring stamps to school classrooms across the United States. The APS and other influential philatelic groups recently submitted a U.S. Department of Education grant entitled *Stamps In the Classroom!*. The grant would provide funding for a three-year project that would integrate stamps into middle-school curricula. It would unite the independent stamp education programs, including the Postal History Foundation Youth Education Program, into a seamless product. Stamps, letters from the 1800's, postal stationery, postmarks and meter stamps would be used as teaching tools and organized so that educators can obtain stamps and other materials at minimal cost. The Postal History Foundation is pleased and honored to be a part of this national collaborative endeavor to strengthen the stamp collecting hobby and enrich the education of youth across America.

Dear Mr. Gohdes

Memorable Children's Quotes & Updates from Youth Education Program



"Dear Mr. Gohdes,

Hi, my name is Alec. I wanted to say thank you for the Geronimo stamp. I learned so much about stamps such as how to float them and how to tell what stamps cost. Thank you for all the things you taught us. I know you are retired, but you know so much! Thank you for the great experience with the stamps.....Alec "

The sixth graders in Ms. Power's class at DeGrazia Elementary School had completed their study of American History for the 2004-05 school year. To summarize their experience, with emphasis on the 20th Century, the students were given two postage stamps related to that subject, one about the wars during that time and the second on another significant event. These postally used stamps were selected from the large collection available to teachers at the Foundation on a wide variety of subjects. The student's challenge was to write four to five sentences about the subject depicted on the stamp and how it related to the history that they had studied. Thus it made use of their recall, but also had them use research tools-encyclopedias and resource books, as they developed their short story. It also gave those students so inclined an opportunity to arrange the stamps and text in an artistically pleasing way on the quadrille paper supplied. The project was preceded by a brief discussion of the history of the postage stamp and a few of the high points of philately so that the students could develop a perspective on the significance and value of stamps in general.

The resulting subjects ranged from space exploration to the use of codes in the Pacific War to women's rights to Arizona statehood. A representative sampling of the papers are on display in the Exhibit Room of the Foundation for the summer. The thank-you notes received after the class attested to the enjoyment the students derived from the activity.

Several classes have been requested for the summer, and, of course, we will resume our schedule of regular class availability again when the fall 2005-06 school year commences.

Making Tracks to PHF Happenings

Summer events are at a standstill while members and volunteers take vacations to escape the heat. Stay tuned for upcoming events!



Be sure to stop by the Tucson International Airport baggage area to see our BEAUTIFUL Postal History Foundation sign! We were selected by the Tucson Airport Authority to be featured alongside other local non-profit agencies and the results are truly striking. The PHF sign will increase our visibility to the thousands of tourists who visit Tucson annually. A huge thank you goes to Michael J.Riley, Ph.D from the University of Arizona Museum for donating his outstanding graphic talents towards this project!

May 21, 2005 heralded a new venture for the PHF when we held our first-ever wedding ! Encouraged by a nearby minister to consider using the beautiful PHF courtyard for small matrimonial ceremonies, we decided to give this a try. All the wellmade plans changed abruptly due to above-average May temperatures, and the event was held inside the Slusser Philatelic Library. The paintings of stagecoach and train mail robberies provided an interesting backdrop and the wedding party was quite pleased with the results. More ceremonies will be booked during cooler weather and bring the PHF an entirely new source of revenue.

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Summer Solstice Kickoff

Paul Gohdes and Kelly McLear braved the summer heat to man a Postal History Foundation table at the Arizona State Museum's "Solstice Multicultural Celebration". Over thirty organizations participated in this community event which drew a diverse crowd of over 1000 people. Activities included family-oriented art, science and cultural activities, and musical performances .Information about our programs was distributed to families from Tucson and other parts of Arizona. Children participated in a Design a Summer Solstice Stamp Contest and making bookmarks using stamps with a solstice theme. Winners of the contest received fun gift certificates and packets of stamps.



Two Different Worlds winning design by Allison Scott age 10

Stamp Buzz Items of Interest about Stamps

Operating on a hunch, Richard Amesbury, a longtime member and volunteer in the Youth Education Program, recently examined the perforations on over 2000 used 15 cent John Paul Jones stamps. The stamps had been filed for classroom use. However, he was intrigued by this particular stamp which was issued with three different perforation sizes, one of which has a high catalog value. Hoping to find something of value, his diligence paid off upon discovery of a 12 perf stamp with a broken perforation pattern. It is possible that such a stamp has never before been brought to light in the philatelic world. The JPJ issue (Scott 1789) is in excellent condition with only minimal cancellation marking that does not interfere with the stamp design. A similar stamp recently sold at auction for $2700 and the Scott catalog value is $3500. Ours will be available for auction later this year. Such unique discoveries occur because of the commitment of our outstanding volunteers, who patiently search our holdings for the betterment of our organization. Kudos to Richard Amesbury for sharing his unique talent and dedication with the PHF!



This image is not the actual stamp described in the article.

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