The Postal History Foundation's

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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES

CENTENNIAL STAMP UNVEILED

Valentine's Day, February 14, 2012, was the Statehood Centennial Day for Arizona. The USPS postage stamp celebrating this occasion was issued on that date. The Postal History Foundation held an event with a special cancellation on a cacheted cover shown here. The cachet design is by Dave Bennett, a well known cartoonist and cachet designer, who works for Disney in Los Angeles. The special cancel is designed by local artist Don Regole. The unveiling of the stamp was done by Carl Griegle, the Tucson Postmaster, assisted by Rodger Freitag, also from the Tucson Post Office.

Covers are still available. *ATTN: Alex, 920 N. First Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719-4818. Send $2 and a #10 SASE.*





Postmaster Carl Griegle on the right and Contract Officer Rodger Freitag.



See related article and photo on page three in the education report.

ARIPEX 2012 Wrap Up

ARIPEX 2012 was successful for the Postal History Foundation. We had a very active sales table with good returns. The number of donated collections and accumulations that were brought to us at the show was much larger than in past years. Many thanks to those of you who made the donations. The Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs, sponsoring organization of ARIPEX, voted in Mesa to change the schedule for future years. For a number of years the show has moved between Tucson and the Phoenix area, even years in Phoenix and odd years in Tucson. Now, for the next four years at least, the show will be held in the Phoenix area. As of this writing, no date or exact location has been determined. Please watch the Postal History Foundation website www.postalhistoryfoundation.org for current information as it changes.

Four philatelic organizations have agreed to hold their national meetings at ARIPEX 2013. These are the American Air Mail Society, the American Revenue Association, the State Revenue Society, and the American Society of Check Collectors. Invitations have been published internationally to suggest that revenue stamp enthusiasts from other nations should consider visiting Arizona for this show.

Chairman's Message

The centennial for Arizona's admission to the union was February 14th, 2012. There are 134 official celebrations connected with the centennial and these range from a few months before to a few months after. The next centennial celebration will be on April 18-21 at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio at the Cliffs resort in Phoenix. I will give a presentation of the three previously known cancels of February 14th, 1912 in Arizona. Marge Sente presented a fourth centennial cancel from the Grand Canyon at ARIPEX in Phoenix on February 25th.

Yours in philately, Bob Bechtel

Library Corner

New Postal History Foundation Website

Thanks to funding from the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Division, and with the help of Cero Wood Graphic Design Inc., the Postal History Foundation has been able to redesign and update its website. The new website contains up-to-date news on PHF events, links to philatelic resources and an archive of *Stamp Tracks* back issues. It also has pages for our Museum, Education and Library departments as well as links to philatelic sales which benefit the PHF. The website even offers a new facility for paying PHF membership dues online, and information on how you can further support our goals. We want your input. Please take a look at www.postalhistoryfoundation.org and let us know what you think!

Spreading the Word:
Arizona's Post Offices in 1912

An exhibit celebrating Arizona's Postal Service in 1912 is currently on display at the Slusser Library. Highlights of the display include two covers postmarked February 14, 1912 (the day Arizona was granted Statehood) and a postcard describing Statehood Day celebrations in Phoenix. The exhibit is also an opportunity to see items from the Slusser Archive including ledgers and account books from Arizona post offices as well as photographs of Arizona post offices and towns in 1912.

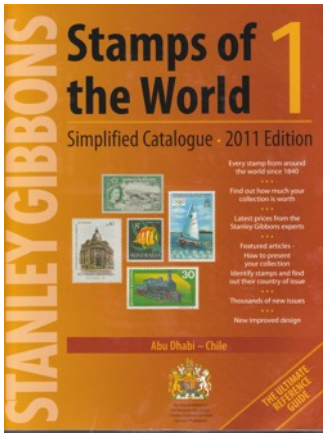


McNeal Post Office 1912

New Books

Through the generosity of the Collectors Club of Chicago, the Slusser Library received a number of Chicagopex award winning philatelic books including:

A complete 2011 set of *Stanley Gibbons Stamps of the World*



The Classic Postage Stamps of Bokhara (2011) by Wolfgang Baldus

Private Auxiliary Markings on Hollywood Fan Mail (2010) by Regis Hoffman and Thomas J. Richards

Firmenlochungen Bayern=Perfins of Bavaria (2010) by Rainer von Scharpen

Posting It: the Victorian Revolution in Letter Writing (2009) by Catherine Golden

The Nuclear Option: a Philatelic Documentary (2010) by Reverend John Walden

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Education Notes

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ARIZONA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



What an exciting winter! It is not every year we have the opportunity to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Statehood, and in Arizona we did it the philatelic way. Philatelic celebrations occurred on the same day in Phoenix, Tucson, and Show Low. Here at the Postal History Foundation over 200 public and private school students and adults celebrated by unveiling the new Arizona stamp and singing happy birthday. Our contract station sold out of its 3,000 stamps in one hour and this happened at the other philatelic celebrations in Arizona as well. After the unveiling kids enjoyed learning more about Arizona through unique stamp activities. There are over a hundred different U.S. stamps that have some connection to the history and nature of Arizona. What a terrific way to learn about Arizona through the study of stamps!

Summer Fun is Around the Corner!

Two annual summer events will be happening at the PHF. Local youth can enjoy activities and learn at Stamp Camp and/or compete in the fifth annual Tucson Birthday Stamp Design contest.

Summer camp will start June 4 with beginners and June 11 for the Super Camp. Beginners will have fun learning about stamps through activities designed to enrich their history, geography, art, and math skills. The Super Camp is designed for camp returnees and will give them an opportunity to work on projects of their choice with stamps such as organizing their collections, researching with stamps, designing cachets and stamps or creating a cartoon series using stamps. There are many ways to integrate stamps into everyday learning and thus get children and parents interested in stamp collecting. If you know students between ages 8 and 13, turn them on to Stamp Camp. Contact Lisa Dembowski at phfeducation@comcast.net for more information.

Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest

Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest is now officially open to entries. This is a youth only competition. The rules and outline are available from our web site. Awards will be presented in August in the Slusser Library. First through fifth place for each age group will be awarded ribbons and prizes. The grand award winner design will be printed on custom postage that can be used on U.S. mail. Last year we had over 150 entries and we hope to have more this year. The student work is colorful and exciting. We are looking forward to seeing the new entries. The entry deadline is August 1, 2012. Spread the word to all the children you know. They are budding artists, waiting to bloom.

Library Corner Notes (cont'd)

Treasure from the Archives:

Recently found in the Slusser Library Collection is a card written in 1912 to suffragette and Arizona State Senator Frances Munds from Clara Bewick Colby, Secretary of the Federal Women's Equality Association in Washington,DC. Frances Munds was instrumental in winning the vote for women in Arizona, and Colby's card congratulates Munds on her success.

Although Munds' home was in Prescott, this card was redirected to Nelson, Arizona (Yavapai County). A post office had been established at Nelson in 1904 to service a community based around several quarries and a lime kiln. The post office was discontinued in 1954 but the lime kiln is still in operation today.

New Members!

Emilio Rodriguez Alvarez
Galicia, Spain

Carolyn Biester
Tucson, AZ

Stanton G. Bolle
Tucson, AZ

Lisa Hodgkins
Marana, AZ

Stuart Hufner
Green Valley, AZ

Fred La Marco
Lordsburg, NM

Arnold Sorensen
Suzanne Sorensen
Newburgh, IN

B. Thangamani
El Paso, TX

William Whitman
Barbara Whitman
Green Valley, AZ

PHF Calender

April 21
Saturday
Board Meeting
Annual Luncheon
Westward Look 12 p.m.

May 21
Monday
Civil War Cover Event

News + Notes

Philately and DNA

Fellow PHF member Rob Bell has co-authored a very interesting article on Philately and DNA. You can read the article in the March 2012 issue of the American Philatelist.

Civil War Cover

Plans are underway at the PHF to celebrate a special event of the Civil War. Having endured the occupation of the Confederacy for four months, Tucson was liberated on May 20, 1862, after Confederate General Henry Sibley was forced back to Texas. The USPS is issuing the second in a series of Civil War stamps commemorating 150 years since the war began. These stamps will be issued on April 24th and will be on sale in our post office. The PHF is planning a special Civil War cancel and cachet event to be held on May 21, 2012 to remember the liberation of Tucson.

Tucson Stamp Club

March 17
12 - 2 p.m.
PHF Education Program

April 3
5-7 p.m.
White and Green Seals of the Mexican Revolution by Tony Benz

April 14
12 p.m.
STAMP AUCTION

May 1
5-7 p.m.
First Day Programs
by Alex Lutgendorf

In Memoriam
Phillip McCarty

Died February 2012
Philatelic Ranger
Membership:
APS AAMS
JKS AAPE
AFA
Philatelic Specialties:
Interrupted Air Mail Flight
Guam U.S.A.

PHF Family Portfolio

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