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February 3 Meeting - Preparations for Knoxpex '98

February 3 Meeting Agenda -

- 7:00-8:00 pm Trading and swapping
- 7:30-8:00 pm Silent Auction
- 8:00-8:20 pm Business Meeting - planning for Knoxpex '98
- 8:20-8:30 pm Silent Auction settlement
- 8:30-9:15 pm Program - Cachets

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 - Frank Doyle - '99
 - Stuart McNeil - '98
 - Paul Reyling - '99
 - Bob Toal - '98
 - Tom Copas - past President
- Editor: Tom Broadhead

Upcoming Meetings and Events --

Feb. 17 - KPS Board Meeting at First Presbyterian Church - all members are welcome to attend.

March 3 - KPS Regular Meeting. The agenda will involve final details for Knoxpex '98.

March 7-8 - Knoxpex '98 - Howard Johnson Plaza (formerly the Quality Inn), 7621 Kingston Pike, across from West Town Mall. Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm, Live Auction at 6:30; Sunday 10 am - 4 pm. The show features 16 dealers, postal service booth, cachet, and special cancellation. Gerald Schroedl is the Show Chair.

The show theme is the 150th Anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement and Women's History Month.

March 17 - KPS Board Meeting. All members are invited to attend.

March 31 - Fifth Tuesday Meeting - swapping and trading, no business meeting.

April 7 - KPS Regular Meeting. Review of Knoxpex '98, program to be announced.

Volunteers Needed for Knoxpex '98

The volunteer efforts of KPS members are needed in order for Knoxpex '98 to be a success. Members will be asked at the February meeting to sign up to help in a variety of capacities.

Exhibit set-up and take-down will require transporting the exhibit frames to the hotel on Friday and setting them up that evening. Exhibits will be installed on Friday evening and on Saturday morning. Help also will be needed taking down the exhibits and frames on Sunday.

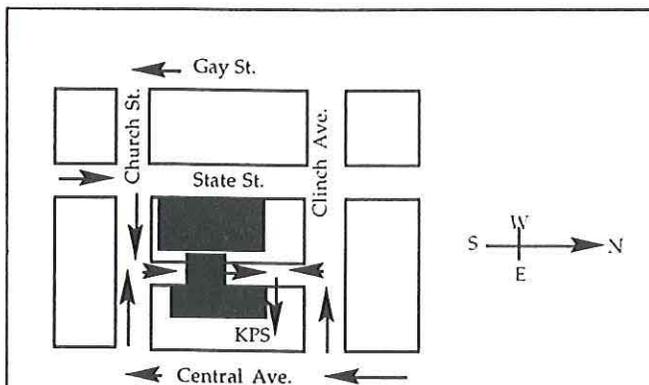
Handbills will be available at the meeting for you to distribute to friends and local businesses.

The registration table will need to be staffed every hour that the show is open. Table staffers will welcome visitors, distribute programs, and sell cachets.

Other needs will be announced at the February meeting.

Hotel Name Changes!

Our regular Knoxpex host hotel is under new management. The former Quality Inn across from West Town Mall is now the Howard Johnson Plaza. Tom Copas has confirmed all of our needs with the new hotel staff.



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Stamp of the Month - Netherlands 10c Queen Juliana issue of 1953

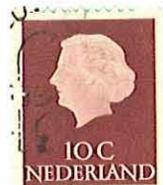
This month's stamp is provided to partly commemorate the theme of Knoxpex '98 - women's rights and Women's History Month in March.

Following the Napoleonic Wars, the Kingdom of the Netherlands was formed in 1815 by the union of Holland and Belgium. Dissent from the mostly Catholic Belgians against rule by the mostly Protestant Dutch and King William I ultimately resulted in separation of the two countries in 1831. William was succeeded in 1840 by his son, William II, who in turn was succeeded in 1849 by his son, William III.

William's two sons, William and Alexander, predeceased him, and he was succeeded in 1890 by his ten year old daughter, Wilhelmina. Wilhelmina married Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin in 1901, and their child, Juliana was born in 1909. Juliana married Prince Bernhard of Lippe-Biesterfeld in 1937, and the oldest of their three daughters, and current queen, Beatrix was born in 1938.

One of the longest living European monarchs, Wilhelmina abdicated in favor of Juliana on September 4, 1948. Juliana ruled for thirty-two years, abdicating in favor of Beatrix on April 30, 1980. The Dutch royal family has been criticized occasionally for their close ties with Germany, particularly for having granted asylum to Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1918 and refusing to hand him over to the allied powers in 1920.

The Queen Juliana definitive issue showing a cameo portrait of the queen was issued from 1953 until 1971. Stamps are printed by photogravure on paper watermarked with small circles and perforated 13.5 x 12.5. The 10 cent stamp shown here is Scott 344, issued in 1953, and printed in dark red brown.



Enjoy!

Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March) Tennessee Connections



Ida B. Wells

She campaigned to end violence against blacks.

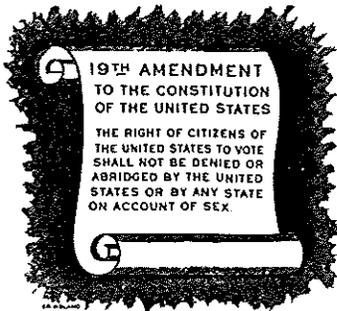


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Black Heritage USA

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Ida B. Wells, featured on the 1990 Black Heritage stamp, lived in Memphis between 1884 and 1894, where she wrote for the newspaper *Free Speech* and worked for the establishment of anti-lynching organizations. She later was a co-founder of the NAACP.

*One Hundred Years of Progress
by the
American Women*



Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott issued a call for a Woman's Rights Convention at Seneca Falls, New York July 19, 1848.



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

The US Postal Office issued a stamp in 1948 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first women's rights conference at Seneca Falls, New York. Seventy-two years later, Tennessee became the final state of the three-fourths required to ratify the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

Silent Auctioneer Needed!

Well, not exactly a silent auctioneer, but KPS needs a person to administer the silent auction at each regular monthly meeting. Treasurer Lillard Harvey has been performing this task recently, but it is particularly difficult to handle the auction, dues payments, and the financial report at the same time! Requirements are a clear voice to announce the end of the auction, and basic arithmetic skills to help settle the finances at the end.

Knoxpex '98 Dealers

Now is the time to start planning your shopping at the Knoxpex '98 dealer bourse, expertly assembled by Bourse Chair, Bruce Roberts.

B&W Stamps, Joelton, TN
Richter Stamp Co., Athens, OH
Tony Crumbley, Newell, NC
Stamp & Coin Haven, Waverly, TN
William Callahan, Troy, AL
Starnes Stamps, Winchester, KY
Dennis Hillen, Lexington, KY
Zim's Stamp Co., Columbus, GA
Stone Mountain Stamps, Tucker, GA
Traders Guild, Huntsville, AL
Robert Toal, Knoxville, TN
Bruce Roberts Stamps, Knoxville, TN
Cowboy Stamps, Findlay, OH
Dunwoody Stamp Co., Dunwoody, GA
Connexus, Tryon, NC

Due to a late cancellation, Bruce is in the process of arranging for an additional dealer, to be announced.

Connexus debuts at Knoxpex '98

The Tryon, North Carolina philatelic auction house, Connexus, will have a table in the bourse at Knoxpex '98. Proprietors Throop Brown and Marje Newman will be featuring lots in their upcoming March auction and are interested in talking to both collectors and dealers who are interested in providing consignments to their future auctions. For more information, they can be reached by e-mail at Connexus@aol.com.

Our Early Club History

This continues the information that Recording Secretary Richard Ehrlich has gleaned from early club records.

The Third Year - the club changed its name from Expo City Stamp Club to the Knoxville Stamp Club in April, 1983. Officers serving from April, 1983 - March 1984 were: President - Todd McDougal, Vice President - Dean Treadway, Treasurer - Hazel Large, Secretary - Jo Mynatt, Directors - Stan Brookshier, Harry Sanders, Don Gray. The Newsletter editor was Jo Mynatt. APS representative was Ray Ritter.

A philatelic show, ORPEX '83, cosponsored with the Atomic City Stamp Club of Oak Ridge, was held October 1-2, 1983 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Oak Ridge. The show theme was the 40th Anniversary of the Development of Nuclear Reactors. No other information is known.

KPS Members Express Preferences in Linn's 1997 U.S. Stamp Popularity Poll

The program for the January KPS meeting was a discussion of US postal issues for 1997 and participation in the popularity poll published by *Linn's Stamp News*. The results of our local members are:

Commemoratives:

Best design: tie - Stagecoach & Ship, Dinosaurs

Worst design: Marshall Plan

Most important: Women in Military Service

Least necessary: Bugs Bunny

Definitive/Special Stamp:

Best design: Merian botanical prints

Worst design: Mountain (coil)

Most important: Kwanzaa

Least necessary: Flag Over Porch (coil)

Postal Stationery:

Best design: Golden Gate Bridge card

Worst design: Movie Monsters cards

Most important: tie - Golden Gate Bridge card, Fort McHenry card

Least necessary: Bugs Bunny card

Favorite Stamp for 1997 - Stagecoach & Ship

KPS Silent Auction Rules

(revised December, 1997)

The silent auction held at each regular monthly meeting has proven to be an enjoyable activity for sellers, bidders, and onlookers. The following are revised rules for the auction developed by Treasurer Lillard Harvey.

General

1. The Silent Auction is scheduled from 7:30 to 8:00 PM, but the ending time may vary according to program need. An effort will be made to keep members advised of the time remaining for bids.
2. After the auction ends, please allow the auction handlers time to tally and organize the lots before inquiring about lots you have entered for sale or have bid upon.
3. After the tally of the lots is complete, please make settlement with the auction handlers and pick up the money and lots.
4. Auction handlers and KPS cannot be responsible for lots left behind after everyone else has settled.

Owners:

1. All lots should be prepared and placed on the table upon arrival.
2. Each lot should be mounted upon a sheet of paper (cardboard etc.) with the printed auction for attached showing Owner Identification Number (KPS Membership Number; shown on membership card or Newsletter mailing label). Give an accurate description of the lot, catalog value (if known) and catalog used, and minimum bid (if any).
3. The fee for each lot is 10 cents, regardless of lot value, sale or no sale.
4. After the collection of money for sales, the owners will be paid for lots sold less fees and should pick up unsold lots.
5. Only KPS members may place lots for sale.

Bidders:

1. Bidding may begin as soon as the lots are on the tables.
2. Use your KPS membership number as your bidder identification to place a bid. Non-members (visitors, etc.) of KPS may bid by

requesting a temporary identification number.

3. Please examine each lot carefully before bidding.. All lots are sold "As Is" and KPS makes no guarantees as to the contents or value of any lot. Bidders are responsible for making sure lots are correctly described.

4. Please observe all minimum bids. In addition, please note:

(a) The minimum acceptable bid on any lot is 25 cents.

(b) Bids must be in increments of 25 cents; non-conforming bids will be disallowed.

5. Time will be called to end the auction and no other silent bids will be permitted. The highest acceptable silent auction bid takes the lot, except in the case of contested lots:

(a) The auctioneer will identify each lot having contested bids and ask only those bidders if they wish to place additional bids.

(b) The auctioneer will announce the amount of the last silent bid on the lot.

(c) The second highest silent bidder will state his/her bidder number (KPS member identification) and make an oral bid which must be at least 25 cents higher than the last silent bid.

(d) Other individuals who had also bid on that particular lot during the silent auction can raise the bid by stating their bidder number and raising the bid. The auctioneer or his assistant will record the bids on the bid sheets.

(e) The lot will be awarded to the highest bidder, and the auctioneer will move on to the next contested lot.

It is expected that only a few lots will be bid on during the oral auction and most likely will include only those lots on which bidding was very active up to the very last moments of the silent auction. Taking the extra few minutes for the oral auction should ensure that a lot goes to the highest bidder and not simply to the person who was able to write the last bid before time ran out. It will also help ensure that a lot owner received the best possible price for the materials they entered in the auction.

Minutes of Meetings:

December 2, 1997. The annual holiday party and December regular meeting, held at Shoneys on Chapman Highway was festive, but rather sparsely attended. A major highlight of the celebration was the presentation by President Gerald Schroedl of distinguished service awards to longtime and devoted members Richard Ehrlich, Lillard Harvey, Ray Ritter, and Bruce Roberts, Bill & Effie Rule, and Bob Toal

The gift exchange brought great surprises at what could be purchased for \$2 or less!

Tom Broadhead administered a contest, with prizes to test members' philatelic knowledge. The quiz asked for the meanings of the Scott Catalog prefixes for different categories of stamps (won by Lillard Harvey), plus the year of issue (won by Tom Robusto) and current Scott unused catalog values (won by Nicole Pendleton) of several #1's of the world.

January 6, 1998. About 20 members gathered for the first meeting of 1998, including a guest, Bryan Smith, who decided to join as a youth member. In addition, member Paul Reyling changed his membership to Family type to include his daughter, Susan Rice. It should be noted that only 10 or 12 lots were offered in the silent auction; and our treasurer, Lillard Harvey, had to do double duty - run the silent auction and accept checks from those members paying dues at the meeting.

Tom Broadhead showed a copy of the proposed cancel for our Knoxpex '98 Show. It won general approval of the members present. Now to the USPS for their approval.....

The program proposed by Lillard Harvey was a discussion of the US stamps issued in 1997 and participation in *Linn's* poll of best design, worst design, etc. Perhaps it was appropriate that Lillard won the door prize.

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Come to Knoxpex '98 - March 7-8 - Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel

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Upcoming Meetings and Events --

- April 7 - KPS Regular Meeting. Review of Knoxpex '98, program to be announced.
- April 21 - KPS Board Meeting. All are invited to attend.
- May 2-3 - **Nashville Stamp Show '98** - Howard Johnson-Airport Plaza, 733 Briley Parkway - hosted by the Nashville Philatelic Society. Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5. Cachet and show cancel. Free admission. For information, contact Bob Picirilli, 301 Greenway Ave., Nashville, TN 37205. Phone - 615-297-0183.
- May 5 - KPS Regular Meeting. Program to be announced.
- May 19 - KPS Board Meeting. All are invited to attend.

AmeriStamp Expo Awards

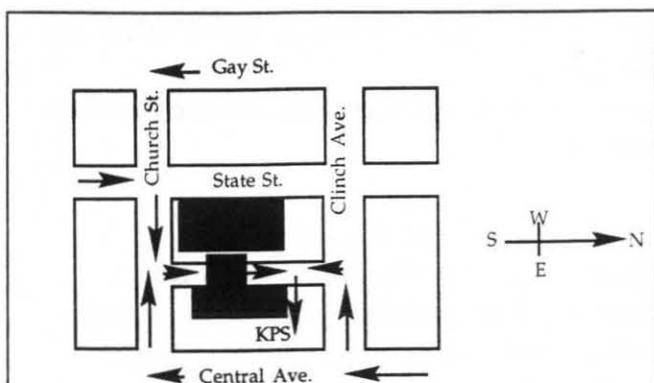
KPS Members Tom Broadhead and Ron Sarson received awards for their exhibits at the APS winter show in Houston. Tom received a gold award for his single frame exhibit - "France, the 1925 Decorative Arts Exposition" Ron received a silver award in the display class (multiple frame) for "CAM 9 - Chicago-Minneapolis.

Kent Fearey - 1917-1998

KPS Member Kent Fearey died January 15 in Knoxville. Kent was born in Detroit and attended high school in Utah. Although he had been a double amputee since 1936, Kent completed college at Kansas State Teachers College in 1939 and pursued graduate work in marketing at the University of Colorado.

In 1942, Kent began a long employment with the federal government that encompassed several agencies, including the U.S. Department of Labor, the Office of Price Administration, the U.S. Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, the National War Labor Board, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Economic Cooperation Administration and Office of Price Stabilization. He retired in 1976, having moved to Oak Ridge, where he worked for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission as a nuclear material auditor in the Materials Management Division.

Kent was a dedicated member of the Oak Ridge community and gave generously of his time and efforts to many causes, including the Boy Scouts and the Arthritis Foundation. He was a member and past president of the Atomic City Stamp Club in Oak Ridge. We will all miss his presence as an active member of the KPS.



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Stamps of the Month -

German Presidents before and after World War II

April's newsletter features two stamps - each of you will receive one - featuring former presidents of Germany. Paul von Hindenberg is the better known; Theodor Heuss is the more recent, but less well known.

Following the armistice at the end of World War I and the flight of Kaiser Wilhelm II to the Netherlands, a republic declared, and Friederich Ebert was chosen president. Following six years of turmoil and frequent political assassinations, Ebert died in 1925. Former army field marshal Paul von Hindenberg was elected president in 1926 and re-elected in 1932, defeating Adolf Hitler and the Communist Party's Ernst Thalmann. The following year, Hitler became Chancellor, and Hindenberg died in 1934. Hindenberg was first depicted on stamps of the 1928-32 definitive issue, but is best known for the cameo profile of the 1932-1934 German definitives. The 30 pfennig stamp, printed in olive green by typography, is known in two watermark varieties: Scott 409 (network watermark) and Scott 426 (swastika watermark).

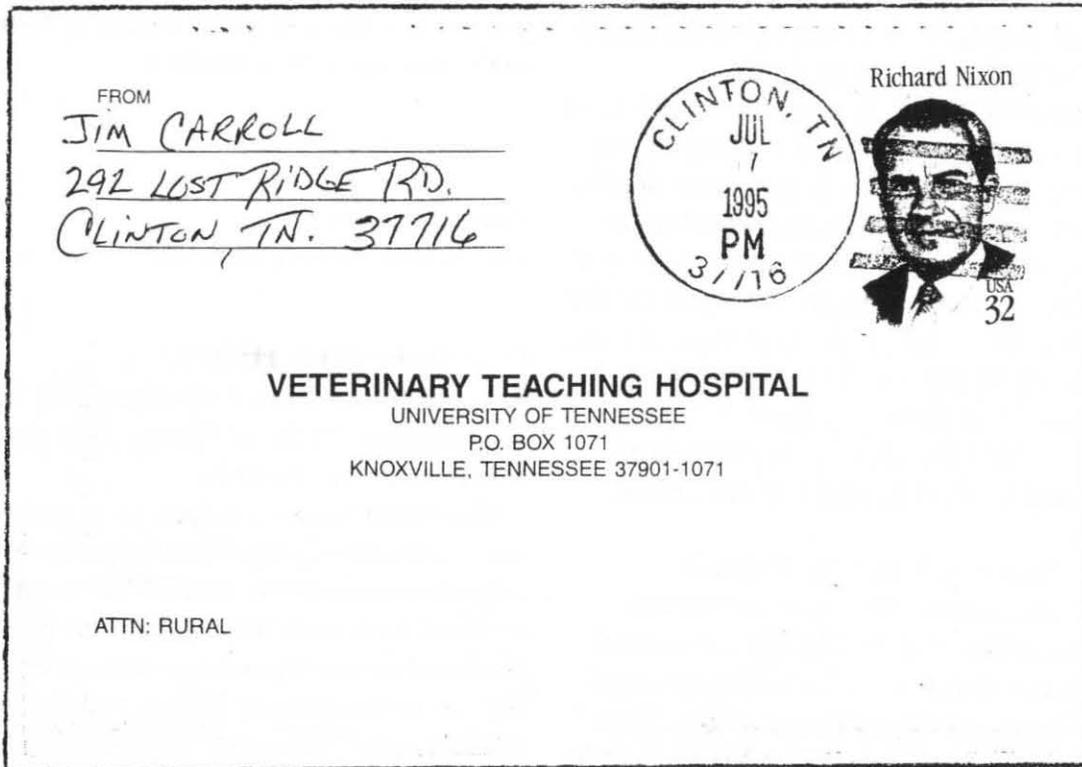
Following the defeat of Germany in World War II, the country was partitioned into zones of allied occupation. The "western zones," occupied by Britain, France, and the US became the German Federal Republic in 1949. President Theodor Heuss was elected in 1949 and served until 1959. Two series of definitive stamps showing his profile were issued between 1954 and 1960. The first issue included low-value typographed stamps, one of which is featured here. The 10 pfennig stamp, printed in green by typography occurs in one principal variety with a watermark of zig-zag lines and the initials BP - for Bundespost or Federal Post. It occurs most commonly as a sheet stamp (Scott 708), but also is known as part of a booklet pane with other values.



Enjoy!

"Cover Story" - Embattled Presidents by Bob Toal

Pictured below is a routine commercial billing envelope mailed in July, 1995. This envelope, with the Richard Nixon memorial stamp and its 4-bar cancel from Clinton, Tennessee, makes a most remarkable topical item.



First: The Tennessee state cancel is significant because the first President to undergo impeachment proceedings was Andrew Johnson of Tennessee. His confrontation with Congress during reconstruction over the Tenure of Office Act and other issues resulted in an impeachment trial. He was acquitted due to fewer than 2/3 of the 53 senators voted to convict.

Second: the Nixon stamp shows his face behind 4 bars of the cancellation. Nixon resigned the Presidency on August 4, 1974. He faced the prospect of impeachment for his involvement in the cover up of the Watergate scandal. Impeachment hearings began in October 1973, and three articles of impeachment were drawn. Nixon is the only U.S. President to resign during office.

Third: The Clinton town cancel is germane to our discussion owing to recent scandals surrounding President Bill Clinton. Discussions continue concerning the possibility that he may be impeached for alleged offenses including lying under oath or witness tampering. The final "chapter" has not yet been written, but it is fair to say that he also is an embattled President.

Lost and Found at Knorpex

Found at Knorpex on Sunday March 8: a manila envelop containing four glassines with topicals; two miniature sheets; and a Washington coil stamp. Owner can claim by calling G.F. Schroedl, 974-4408(W) or 577-9585(H).

Scholarship Award

Congratulations to KPS President elect Nicole Pendleton, who has been awarded a Tennessee Scholars scholarship to pursue her college studies in the University Honors Program at UT this fall.

19 March 1998

Members of the Knoxville Philatelic Society,

The Society can be proud of Knoxpex 1998, and I thank everyone who attended the show and who helped with its production.

I am grateful to Bruce Roberts for making all the bourse arrangements, and to Tom Copas for working with the hotel to meet our needs. Tom also arranged for the rental of tables as well as helping with the registration desk and live auction. Tom Broadhead arranged for the design and production of the show cachet and special canceling device. Tom also designed and produced the show program and flyer, and saw to it that the show was publicized in Linn's, Stamp Collector, and the American Philatelist.

Paul Reyling, Ray Ritter, and Nicole Pendleton assembled and dismantled the exhibition frames. Stuart McNeil delivered the frames to the hotel. Lillard Harvey organized the auction and auction catalog. Tom Robusto, Mary Ann Toal, Stuart McNeil, Dale Kangas, and Tom Broadhead helped with the auction, and Bob Toal and Bruce Roberts, as they have done for many years, conducted the auction in a smooth and efficient manner.

As always, Lillard Harvey, our treasurer, did a wonderful job handling all the show income and expenses, as well as organizing the auction. Bill Douglass graciously assembled and delivered lunches to the dealers each day of the show. Tom Robusto made sure that there was plenty of coffee and donuts for everyone.

I appreciate Nicole Pendleton for managing all the youth activities. Sebo, Nicole's parrot, was popular with the children. Also of great help was Mary Ann Toal who once again supervised the String Pull which so many children especially enjoy.

Bobbie Martin, Jean Byrne, Richard Ehrlich, and Effie Rule graciously handled most of the duties at the registration table. Their warm welcome is a major reason why so many people enjoy the show and why many return the next day.

Knoxpex was a success because so many people contributed to the effort, and I personally appreciate the time and attention that everyone gave to the show. The Society has signed a contract with the I know that next year everyone will do as much or more to make Knoxpex 99 a success.

Gerald F. Schroedl
Preseident and Show Chair

Our Early Club History

This continues the information that Recording Secretary Richard Ehrlich has gleaned from early club records.

The Third Year - the club, now named the Knoxville Stamp Club had officers serving the calendar year, 1984. Todd McDougall served as President until his resignation in May; Vice President Dean Treadway succeeded him. Treasurer was Hazel Large, and Secretary was Jamie Large. Directors were Jo Mynatt, Richard Tipton, and Stan Brookshier. Jo continued as newsletter Editor. In May, Richard Tipton was elected Vice President to fill Dean Treadway's position, and Jocelyn King was elected Director to fill Richard's position.

Knoxpex '84 was held October 6-7 at the Sheraton Inn West on Cedar Bluff Rd. The theme for the show was the 50th Anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Bruce Roberts was bourse chair; the cachet was designed by Dean Treadway.

The following year, Dean Treadway, Richard Tipton, Hazel Large and Jamie Large continued in their positions from 1984. Directors were Jocelyn King, Jo Mynatt, and Stan Brookshier; Jo Mynatt continued to serve as newsletter editor. Knoxpex '85 was held on March 2-3 at the Sheraton, and a second show was held October 12-13, cosponsored by the Atomic City Stamp Club in Oak Ridge. The fall show featured General Henry Knox on the cachet, with a cancel honoring the Technology Corridor.

KIDSTAMP Benefits

from Knoxpex 98 Live Auction

The live auction on Saturday evening of Knoxpex 98 held more than the usual surprises. In addition to raising more than \$150 for KPS, it proved to be an important event for KIDSTAMP - the nationally recognized youth stamp collecting program founded and organized by KPS president-elect Nicole Pendleton.

A very large lot of bulk stamps, sorted in glassine envelopes - at least one hundred of each stamp - was purchased at the auction by bourse chair, auctioneer, and KPS member/dealer Bruce Roberts. Bruce promptly turned it around and donated the entire lot to the Kidstamp Program!

The next excitement developed over an antique chair, which Nicole had painstakingly covered with thousands of copies of the recent "flag over ..." definitives. Spirited bidding developed between members Bill Douglass and Wilson Mulliniks, with Bill winning the bid. Then ... Bill donated the chair back to the auction, where it was promptly purchased by Wilson, who in turn made a monetary donation that doubled his bid! Those wishing to see the chair will need to visit Wilson at Stamp & Coin Haven in Waverly.

KPS Finances Strong in 1998

Lillard Harvey, KPS Treasurer, reports a strong financial statement for KPS this year. End of February statement showed \$2932.79 in the checking account, plus the \$2500 CD. Preliminary income and expenses from Knoxpex 98 were:

Income	\$4,956.45
Expenses	<u>\$3,620.69</u>
Net	\$1,335.76

This figure will change as a small number of final bills and proceeds from cachet sales are included.

Welcome New KPS Members

Two new members joined KPS at Knoxpex 98. They are Kenneth Perkins and Pete Sothman, both residents of Knoxville. We look forward to seeing them at the monthly meetings.

How did we do?

In January, KPS members voted in the *Linn's* poll concerning the 1997 postal issues of the USPS. The following is a comparison:

Best commemorative design - KPS: Stage-coach & Ship triangles (*Linn's* poll was the same).

Worst design - KPS: Marshall Plan (*Linn's* poll was Helping Children Learn).

Most important - KPS: Women in Military Service (*Linn's* poll - Helping Children Learn).

Least Necessary - KPS: Bugs Bunny (*Linn's* poll was the same).

Best definitive design - KPS: Merian botanical prints (*Linn's* was Swans Love stamp).

Worst definitive design - KPS: Mountain coil (*Linn's* was Kwanza - the Mountain coil was the 2nd worst).

Postal Stationery best design - KPS: Golden Gate Bridge (*Linn's* poll was the same).

Worst postal stationery design - KPS: Movie Monsters (*Linn's* poll was the same).

Most important postal stationery design - KPS: tie - Golden Gate and Fort McHenry (*Linn's* poll had Fort McHenry first, the Golden Gate second).

Overall, KPS members tastes in issues were quite the norm in comparison to the *Linn's* poll.

Did you pay your dues?

If you did not, a big red dot
will appear to the
right ----->

Minutes of Meetings:

February 3, 1998. The meeting was called to order, with 21 members present, including new member Ken Perkins. The program consisted of discussion of progress and preparations for Knoxpex 98. It was noted that the Quality Inn West has changed affiliation and is now the Howard Johnson Plaza.

It was noted that Kent Fearey, a longtime and loyal KPS member had died January 15 - he was 80 years old. KPS charter member Les Lebo had been hospitalized, but now resides in an assisted living facility.

The membership approved a \$150 donation to the First Presbyterian Church in thanks for hosting our meetings.

There will not be a silent auction at the March meeting. KPS is in great need of a volunteer to be in charge of the silent auction.

Treasurer Lillard Harvey has been handling that responsibility, but it interferes with his participation in the officers reports at the beginning of the business meeting.

March 3, 1998. The meeting was called to order with 23 members present. The program focused on final preparations for Knoxpex 98. Nicole Pendleton announced that she had received a \$500 donation from the Collectors' Club of Chicago to help with the expenses of the Kid Stamp Program.

Tom Broadhead showed examples of the two cachet designs that will be on sale at Knoxpex. Five hundred of each were printed. They will be available with women's issues stamps (\$2.00) and without stamps (\$1.00).

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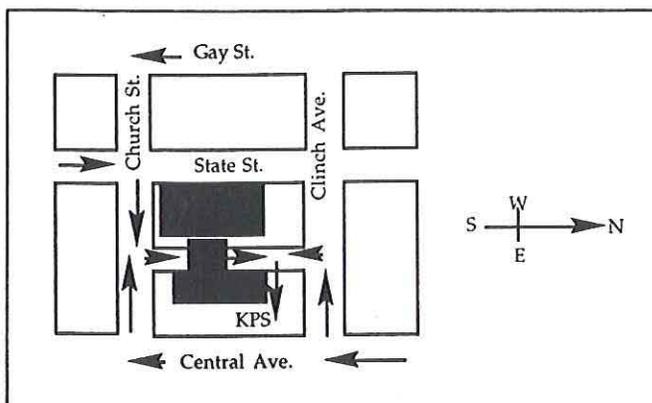
Knoxpex '97 Show Program Wins APS Award

Each year, the American Philatelic Society's Chapter Activities Committee holds a critique of the programs prepared for stamp shows. Show programs are submitted in three categories: single page sponsored by an APS chapter, multiple pages sponsored by individual APS chapters, and multiple pages sponsored by an APS chapter, federation, or higher level show. Programs in each division are evaluated by three judges.

The Knoxpex 97 Show Program, written and compiled by Tom Broadhead, was one of two programs receiving a gold award in Class I, the competition for single page programs. Judges graded the program highly on the lead article - Cave Johnson and the first US postage stamps, the floor plan, format, and readability. Noted as missing were the list of judges and awards, mention of the cachet and cancel, and more information about the KPS. These are all things that can be worked on to improve the quality of the program for Knoxpex '99 - March 6-7.

Europa Study Unit at Knoxpex '99

KPS President Nicole Pendleton reports that discussions are underway for a meeting of the Europa Study Unit of the APS at Knoxpex '99. See related article here on the Europa stamps.



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Stamp of the Month -

1 Penny Queen Elizabeth II - Machin design with syncopated perforations

Special thanks go to Ray Ritter who purchased these stamps on a recent trip to Britain and donated them to the KPS.

The first British definitive stamps to mark the reign of Queen Elizabeth II in 1952 featured a three-quarter face portrait, and are known as the Wilding issue, after that photographer. The Wilding portrait continued to be used on both definitive and commemorative issues until mid 1966, when it was followed by a profile silhouette used on commemorative stamps. In 1967, the Wilding definitives were replaced by a left-facing cameo profile of the queen, designed by Arnold Machin. The Machin designs have become an immensely popular collecting area owing to different printing types and denominations.

One of the most recent changes in the production of these stamps has been the introduction of measures intended to prevent counterfeiting. Beginning in 1992 with the high value definitive castle issue, followed by the Machin issue in 1993, British definitives have received irregular or "syncopated" perforations on the sides. The "Machins," perforated 15 x 14, show along the sides eleven perforations, followed by a large oval perforation equal to three normal holes, followed by two perforations at the bottom. The security purpose and form of these is quite different from the early syncopated perforations on stamps of the Netherlands from 1925-1930, which were used for coils. Those syncopations involved unperforated areas intended to better hold the stamps together.

This month's stamp is Great Britain 623f - a variety of the original 1971 "pence" denomination, redenominated in decimal currency in 1984, and issued with syncopated perforations in 1993.

Enjoy!



What is "Europa?"

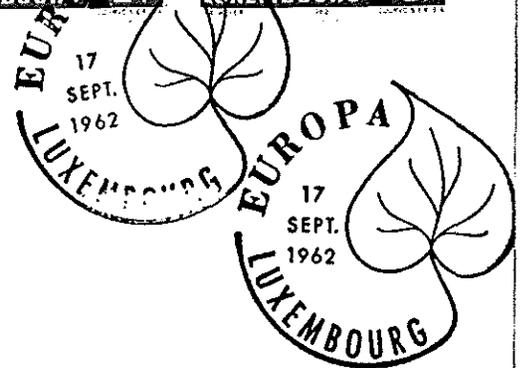
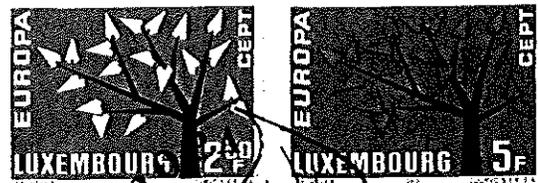
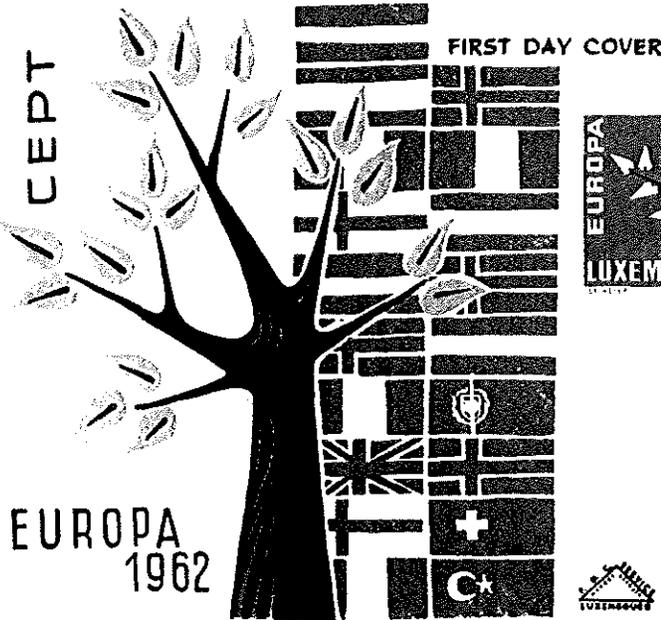
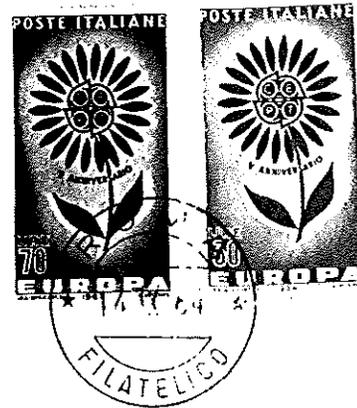
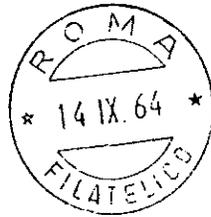
The prospect of hosting the "Europa Study Unit" of the APS at Knoxpex '99 would be only the second time that the KPS has hosted a philatelic organization; the first was the immensely successful show a few years ago that included the Tennessee Postal History Society.

"Europa" had its foundations in western Europe following World War II, when 10 countries established the "Council of Europe" to promote cultural and economic unity. The original name "Europa," however, comes from the ancient Greek legend where Zeus, in the form of a bull, carried away Europa, a Phoenician princess - a bronze statue and fountain of Europa and the Bull graces the McClung plaza on the UT campus!

In 1956, the 6 countries belonging to the European Coal and Steel Community issued a common design stamp intended to symbolize the post-war rebuilding of western Europe. Since that time, the number of countries issuing annual Europa stamps has continued to increase. Now, many eastern European countries also issue Europa stamps. Recent articles in *Linn's* have highlighted new Europa issues, and the June 22, 1998 "Trends of Stamp Values" in *Linn's* featured an update of Europa stamps.

primo giorno di emissione - first day cover

REP. ITALIANA



Europa first day covers of 1962 and 1964, courtesy of Nicole Pendleton.

Silent Auction Needs Your Lots!

The silent auction at KPS regular meetings has seen a great decrease in lots over the last few months - there was no auction in June due to no lots submitted! What is the cause of this? Lack of interesting material? Lack of material? If you have comments or suggestions, please be prepared to share them at the August meeting or mail a note to the KPS post office box. What would make the silent auction more enticing for YOU?

The lotting fee of 10 cents/lot is waived for the August auction. Please gather up those odds and ends and try them at the auction. Without increased participation, the silent auction may be held less frequently.

Do You Want Specialized Catalogs?

Have you ever needed a specialized country catalog? Do your requirements go beyond Scott's, but you don't want to spend the money for something you may only need once or twice?

Currently, KPS has funds that would allow it to purchase specialized foreign and other catalogs (e.g., Gibbons, Michel, Sasonne, Mellone) for the library. If any of these, or others with which you are familiar, would be useful to you, mention them at the August meeting, or send a written request.

This is a great way to help create benefits and opportunities for you and other KPS members.

KIDSTAMP Update

The KIDSTAMP youth program, originated by KPS President Nicole Pendleton, has grown to a membership of 400. This has necessitated additional staffing, provided by KPS member Jim McNaughton of Florida. Volunteer help is always needed in preparing packets and providing philatelic puzzles for students to complete to earn more free stamps.

If you are interested in actively supporting this organization, contact Nicole at 986-0110 or PO Box 948, Lenoir City, TN 37771.

Minutes of Meetings

April 7, 1998

Catalogs to purchase this year were discussed; we did not buy any 1998 Scott's Catalogs (Don Rugh donated Vol. 1 & 2 of the 1998 Catalog). Gerald Schroedl said that the club had passed a plan concerning which catalogs to buy each year; Richard Ehrlich is to look in the past minutes to determine what measure was passed. The discussion also mentioned the possibility of buying such catalogs as Michel's, etc.

Gerald announced that, on April 4th, Bill Rule fell and broke his hip. He is recovering but will miss several club meetings. Founding member Les Lebo is not feeling well (several weeks ago, Les has moved to an assisted living facility).

The program consisted of a scavenger hunt, using the boxes of world-wide stamp mixture, to find birds, scenery, etc. on stamps.

April 21, 1998 Board Meeting

There was a discussion of the slate of nominees for officers in the June election. Suggestions were made for people that Tom Copas could contact. Nominees are needed for President-elect, Recording Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and two Directors.

In 1996, the membership passed a motion that determined which Scott's Catalogs would be purchased each year. Board Meeting Minutes tell about the board discussion in November & December 1995. Unfortunately, nothing was published concerning a decision by the membership. Our collective memories indicate that KPS would buy a complete set of Scott's in odd-numbered years and just the Scott's U.S. Specialized and Classics in even-numbered years. It was decided to buy the '98 Specialized to go with the Volumes 1 & 2 that Don Rugh donated, and buy the complete set of '99 Scott's Catalogs. The membership would be polled at the May meeting regarding the purchase of Specialized European or other catalogs.

Planning for Knoxpex '99 will be discussed at the May meeting as well as updating our show mailing list

May 5, 1998

About 20 members were present when President Gerald Schroedl called the meeting to

order. The primary business topics were the slate of nominees for office (election is to be at the June Regular Meeting).

The nominees are:

- President: Nicole Pendleton
- President-elect: (tbd) (to be determined)
- Treasurer: Lillard Harvey
- Assistant Treasurer: (tbd)
- Recording Secretary: (tbd)
- Directors (2-yr term): Richard Ehrlich, Stuart McNiell
- Past President: Gerald Schroedl

It was announced that the club would buy the 1998 Scott's U.S. Specialized and 1998 Scott's Classics catalogs and the complete set of 1999 Scott's catalogs as they become available this fall. There was discussion of what additional, specialized European/Asian catalogs the club would buy. Gerald said that, if any member thought he could use such specialized catalogs (Gibbon's, Michel's, etc.), he/she should bring it up at the next regular meeting for approval. Gerald also announced that he would be leaving soon for field work in the Caribbean and would miss the June - August meetings.

Tom Broadhead said that another storage place is needed for the club's exhibit frames as his basement is not climate controlled. He said that the boxes are beginning to deteriorate and he fears mildew attack on the display backing paper within the individual frames. Commercial storage units are not climate controlled and range in price from \$30 - 37/month. Another possibility would be a storage container at Gouffon Moving & Storage at \$30/month plus an access charge whenever the frames are to be used. Any member who can find climate-controlled storage space for the frames is urged to contact either Tom or Nicole Pendleton. This led to a brief discussion of possible themes for the 1999 Knorpex in March next year. Two possibilities mentioned are the 50th Anniversary of the NATO Treaty or the 300th Anniversary of French colonization of Louisiana.

Thanks to Ray Ritter for donating material for door prizes. The door prize on May 5th was won by Bettie Ann Logan. Bob Toal presented a 15-minute slide show on the historical C.M

McClung buildings; his interest developed as he discovered philatelic materials (post cards, envelopes, etc.) showing the buildings and images of the McClungs.

May 19, 1998 Board Meeting

The meeting opened with a report by Past President Tom Copas on the status of the slate of candidates for the June election. As of May 19th, he had not obtained volunteers to run for President-elect, Recording Secretary, or Assistant Treasurer. Several suggestions were made of members names for him to contact.

Nicole Pendleton reported that she has had preliminary contacts with Stephen Luster, President of the Europa Study Group concerning the possibility of their co-sponsoring Knorpex '99. This would be appropriate if the show's theme is the 50th Anniversary of NATO. Nicole said that he had indicated they might have 8 to 10 exhibits, perhaps requiring all 32+ of our frames. It would also require that we have APS-certified judges. Nicole was authorized to continue her discussions with Luster, including such questions as meeting space for special group meetings, seminars, etc., as well as obtaining a block of rooms from the motel with a fixed-in-advance rate. There was additional discussion of show organization.

Following up on the question of frame storage, Nicole volunteered to contact Effie Rule to find out who to talk to at the church regarding the possibility of storing the frames at the church in a controlled environment.

Tom Copas volunteered to provide signaling buttons connected to small lamps (night-light or Christmas-tree bulbs) for the proposed "Game Show" meeting.

The annual report to APS is due soon. KPS has a total of 56 memberships in all grades (Regular, Family, and Youth), of which 28 are APS members. Richard Ehrlich volunteered to put together the membership list which is to accompany the report to APS.

June 2, 1998

President-elect Nicole Pendleton called the meeting to order. Tom Copas read the list of nominees for office: Past President - Gerald

Schroedl, President - Nicole Pendleton, President-Elect - Dale Kangas, Treasurer - Lillard Harvey, Recording Secretary - Jean Byrne, Assistant Treasurer - Tom Broadhead, Directors (2-year terms) - Stuart McNeil, Richard Ehrlich. All were duly elected.

It was announced that Board Meetings were under consideration for rescheduling to the same days as monthly meetings. Nicole announced that Newsletter Editor Tom Broadhead sent apologies for not producing a June Newsletter. She has written to APS for a current list of available programs and asked members for additional ideas. Nicole, who also manages the KidStamp Program, received a letter of thanks for KPS support of the Children's Philatelic Education Fund in Arizona.

Bruce Roberts presented a program, which featured a Scott stamp album of 1898. He discussed differences in Scott catalog values and the values that collectors place on stamps. Bruce also initiated a discussion on grading of centering and other quality issues. As a dealer,

he has noticed that inconsistencies with Scott's policies and ambiguity with the currently accepted grading system lead to confusion and misunderstandings during stamp sales transactions.

June 16, 1998 Board Meeting

President Nicole Pendleton presided. The decision was made to hold the KPS Board Meetings at 9 pm on regular meeting dates, rather than mid-month. The relative lack of lots in the monthly silent auctions is a source of concern, and possibilities were discussed to hold silent auctions bimonthly or quarterly. A proposal was approved to poll the membership for interests in KPS purchasing specialized foreign catalogs. Mr. Slegel at the church will be contacted concerning the possibility of long-term, secure, climate-controlled storage for the exhibit frames. Nicole presented an update on her discussions with the Europa Study Unit, which has been invited to meet and exhibit at Knoxpex '99.

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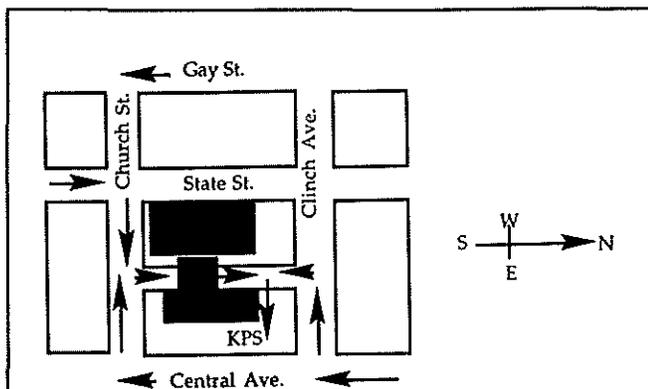
Bob Toal attended Balpex in Baltimore. Bob and Tom Broadhead both have submitted exhibits to Peach State Stamp Show in Athens, Georgia.

Former KPS member and regular Knoxpex judge, Paul Phillips, received a gold medal at Indypex and APS post 1940 award for his exhibit "Fragile Reminders," which deals with internment camp and concentration camp mail from World War II. Paul's exhibit of postal history from his home town, Carlisle, in England, was on display at StampShow in California in the APS Champion of Champions competition.

Tom Broadhead's show program award for Knoxpex '97 earned him an invitation to serve on the APS committee for those awards for 1998.

Are You Celebrating the Century?

The U.S. Postal Service has mailed order forms and brochures for a subscription to the "Celebrate the Century" stamp series to be issued through January, 2000. KPS member Tom Robusto showed the nice album provided in the \$54.95 subscription (the cost of the stamps, alone would be at least \$48.90). The other subscription - not such a great deal - is \$34.95 for each sheet and album - a total of \$349.50!



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Stamp of the Month - First US Semipostal Stamp - Breast Cancer

This issue's stamp of the month is on the outside, rather than the inside of the newsletter. It is significant as a reminder of a major health issue and as the first semipostal, or "charity" stamp issued by the U.S. Government.

The history of semipostal stamps, issued at a cost above the postal face value, dates back to June, 1897. Then, the British colony of New South Wales, now part of Australia, issued two large and colorful stamps to raise money for a home for tuberculosis patients. The two stamps, a 1 shilling and a 2 shilling-6 pence, sold for twelve times their postal use of 1 penny and 2.5 pence.

Few countries took advantage of this opportunity to support worthy causes until World War I. France, for example, has issued semipostals on a regular basis to raise funds for the Red Cross since 1914. Other causes included the abolition of war debts, support for war widows and orphans, monuments, and cultural activities.

The use of semipostal issues to raise funds took a sinister turn in Germany during World War II. Standard postage stamps became largely limited to definitives showing the profile of Adolf Hitler. In contrast, several semi-postal issues during that time honored everything from horse races and cultural events to Hitler's birthday. The extra funds from those stamps are reported to have been given to Hitler for his personal use.

How effective are semipostal stamps in raising funds? Currently, the US Breast Cancer stamp will provide 8 cents above its postal value, but that will decrease to 7 cents next year with the rate increase. At least some of those funds will be required to cover accounting costs! At a 25% surtax, the cost of these stamps is still modest. How would you have liked to be asked to purchase semipostals, such as Croatia B18, with a 400% surtax, or France B27 with a 567% surtax?

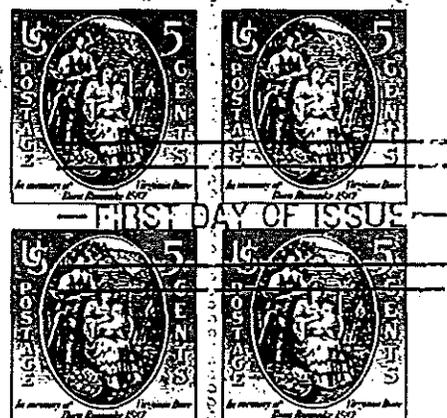
Enjoy!

Postage Stamps Tell Our History - The Lost Colony - by Bob Toal

The first day cover shown below was issued to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the settlement of the Colony of Roanoke Island in July, 1587 and the birth of the first English child in the New World on August 19, 1587. By 1590, the colony and virtually all traces of its settlers had vanished, and it has since been known as the "Lost Colony."



MYSTERY OF THE LOST COLONY. ROANOKE ISLAND, BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICA'S FIRST WHITE CHILD.



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Roanoke Island, off the North Carolina coast, was first explored by the English in 1584, and a temporary settlement was established in 1585 to serve as a supply base. In July, 1587, Sir Walter Raleigh sent a group of 121 men, women, and children to establish a permanent colony in the area of Chesapeake Bay. Instead, they landed at Roanoke Island. August brought the birth of Virginia Dare - the first English child born in America, marking the beginning of Anglo-American civilization in the new world.

Queen Elizabeth was pre-occupied with fighting the Spanish, and no further support was sent until John White's arrival in August, 1590. He found only the word "Croatoan" carved on a tree.

Several theories postulate the fate of those early settlers. The three most popular are: (1) massacre by other Indians as they set out to obtain aid from the friendly Croatoans, (2) extermination by Spaniards in retaliation for Sir Francis Drake's sacking of St. Augustine the previous year, and (3) they moved inland with the friendly Croatoans, intermarried, and produced descendants that populated the coastal mainland. Supporters of the third theory mention local Indians with beards, which were all but absent in the native populations and Indians with English surnames from the original colonists.

Paul Green's play of 1937, "The Lost Colony," commemorated the 350th anniversary of the Roanoke Island colony and the birth of Virginia Dare. President Roosevelt, who enjoyed the play immensely, is said to have played a direct role in the design and color of the stamp.

Minutes of Meetings

August 4, 1998. President Nicole Pendleton opened the business meeting at 8 pm. Mr. McElrod of McMinnville is interested in contacting members who have FDC's of the Tennessee Statehood and USAF 50th Anniversary stamps.

Nicole met with members of the Europa Study Unit. Several members are interested in participating in Knoxpex '99, and wish to have their own cachet, in addition to ours.

Paul Reyling showed a fascinating collection of errors of overprints representing a great range of countries. Errors included inverted and double overprints, plus printing varieties.

August 4 Board Meeting. Nicole Pendleton opened the meeting at 8:55. The first four volumes of the 1999 Scott Catalog are in the library, and the board approved the purchase of the two volume Stanley Gibbons British Commonwealth catalog.

Paul Phillips has agreed to judge at Knoxpex '99, and Nicole is contacting other

APS judges in the area. Travel reimbursement and honoraria for judges were discussed.

Europa Study Unit will have its own cachet at Knoxpex 99. The KPS cachet will feature an artist's rendition of the Europa and the Bull statue on the UT campus. Gerald Schroedl will send exhibit and other information to ESU for its forthcoming newsletter.

The show mailing list is being updated at a cost of \$50. Cards will be sent out in advance, and about 200 cards will be sent to ESU for mailing to their members.

Lillard Harvey has a quote of \$42.50/single, \$49.50/double for hotel rooms at the Howard Johnson's.

The agreement on exhibit fees was that non-competitive exhibits would be free of charge, and that competitive exhibits would be \$7.00 per frame.

The decision was made to sell old cachets, particularly unserviced ones, at a very low price in order to reduce storage needs.

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